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Youth discarded by state, fed govts

Hans Lovejoy

The alarming trend throughout wealthy western countries to axe essential services that assist the most vulnerable is now hitting Byron Shire.

For 26 years, Byron Youth Service (BYS) has run programs, courses, events and activities which have nurtured talent and provided life skills for young people.

With a meagre budget and dedicated staff, they have supported the area's young adults by offering alternatives to binge drinking and drugs.

They have provided mentorship and guidance.

But funding cuts by both state and federal governments now threaten their ability to provide these services.

'We are now in crisis time,' says youth worker Deb Pearse, 'and it's down to the wire.'

One of Deb's many jobs is running five groups a week, both for boys and girls, out of The Cottage in Mullumbimby. She says because of government funding cuts, she is the sole worker at The Cottage, where she provides individual support and case management, runs programs and activities and liaises with the school, families and the community.

'At The Cottage I try to work with other agencies as much as possible, but it's hard. There are lots of changes and restrictions happening, so we all have to work our way around them to actually do what we do.'

'I take drug and alcohol sessions with all my groups, with an Intra

worker from the Buttery outreach service, and Tweed Sexual Health Service for sessions on sexual health.

'Ideally we would love to have the funding for co-facilitators; it has been the most productive model until this year. All groups also have a meal together at The Cottage; this adds to costs but is essential for participants who, more often than not, haven't had breakfast.'

Street Cruise reduced

Outreach program Street Cruise provides early prevention and assistance for young people on Byron's streets where binge drinking, vandalism and violence may occur.

And while young people, police, businesses and the community generally speak highly of the service, it has been reduced to just a Friday night service. Deb says, 'Our best model for this program is a Friday and Saturday night service, as well as during festivals, holiday periods and special events.'

So what else has been lost?

According to Stephanie Sims from BYS, Links to Learning is gone, which included hospitality, events management and fashion courses.

They were funded by the state government. Stephanie says, 'They were aimed at kids who were not working or at school.'

'They were accredited and they were free.' Another vital service which is about to end is the federally funded Youth Connections. Deb says, 'Youth Connections worked with young people at risk

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A week for mums and midwives



Two big days in a week! International Midwives Day was celebrated on May 5 while mums got their love on May 10. Locally, the Mullumbimby Community Birthing Service midwives celebrated in the early hours with the homebirth of baby Joshua. Pictured is mum Yonit and baby Joshua, with bachelor of midwifery student Saria Austin (left) and midwife Ti Harrison (right). Photo Eve Jeffery

Diesel train plan meets opposition

Sunrise residents in Byron Bay say they have significant concerns with plans to run a World War II heritage diesel train from the North Byron Beach resort into Byron's CBD.

Among those concerns is that it will be an exclusive service for the operator's patrons, owing to only a two-way station being constructed.

The soon-to-be restored train will be operated by Elements Of Byron, a new boutique villa resort which is being developed on the North Byron Beach Resort at the end of Bayshore Drive.

The rudimentary website for

Elements Of Byron claims the resort will be Byron's 'first world-class beachfront resort.'

The *Echo* previously reported that the 3.4km railway project will come in just under \$1m, according to the resort's manager Jeremy Holmes.

At the time he said the 100-seater two-car currently being restored is, 'Technically not light rail, but is regarded as lighter than normal rail.'

A one-way passenger fare will be approximately \$3, and the project is expected to be completed later this year. In December 2013, Council

voted unanimously to support the project, which is under state government jurisdiction. It also gained the support of Trains On Our Track (TOOT). And with the physical work expected to start in August, Elements Of Byron recently posted a letter to residents in the area.

Frequency of service yet to be determined

It stated that frequency of the service is yet to be determined; however, will be based around demand.

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Deb, pictured third from the right, celebrates a birthday last year with the BYS women's group at the Widow's Cottage in Mullum. Photo Eve Jeffery

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of disengaging or who have disengaged from school. It helped through the provision of activities, girls' and boys' groups, case management, referral, liaison, school and family support, individual support or any matters pertaining to enhancing their quality of life.

Additionally a similar federally funded program called Youth Enterprise will finish after its funding runs out at the end of June. 'Youth Enterprise provided programs for young people struggling to remain engaged at school or out of school and interested in learning new skills through Trail Blazers, creative catering, creative girls' group, Rock the YAC, SNAP photography competition, and assisted them with work placements.'

Buildings at stake

Deb says, 'The buildings are under threat in the sense that if BYS closes its doors and can no longer operate, I can't imagine anyone is going to let either of those building sit empty for long.'

'Council own The Cottage, so it would go back to them, and the state government owns Byron's Youth Activities Centre (YAC).'

'A few years ago, they tried to zone The Cottage as residential and we had a bit of hooah to keep it. Currently I have a lease there until 2017, but we have to have the funds to keep running programs.'

Learn, earn or go hungry

Deb explains that similar services help young adults at risk, many of which have been slashed or merged. 'Under the "learn or earn" policy, young people receive nothing if they're not at school, alternative education or working. Byron Emergency Accommodation Project (BEAP) has merged with the Tweed Family Centre and now operates differently.'

'But it only takes those who are over 18 years old.'

'The Youth House has also been "absorbed" into the Tweed Family Centre, and now only has two beds they can use. It used to be five.'

'And it's a very slow turnover and is in Ballina. There are no rentals there at the moment.'

'As for support, there are BYS workers, school counsellors, Reconnect (which also covers Ballina these days, I believe) and then there are professional counsellors, psychologists and psychiatrists, which most people can't afford.'

Options if leaving home

'If kids leave home really there's nothing, especially in the north. They mainly couch surf. Links to Learning is finished, Youth Connections is finished and Youth Enterprise will finish its funding at the end of June. They were all great programs.'

'All in all it's a sad and sorry picture; even young people who are at risk and unsupported financially at home find it very hard to get benefits. Usually I have to advocate strongly for them just to keep them safe.'

'All the workers that are left in any of the services are working so hard for the same or less money. BYS are down to three core workers. That's bad... we have to work our arses off let me tell you. Luckily I love the kids, I love my job and I really don't want to lose it.'

And luckily, a crowdfunding effort is underway to raise funding for The Cottage and Street Cruise.

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2015/16 Operational Plan, Budget and Fees and Charges

The Draft 2015/16 Operational Plan, Statement of Revenue Policy, Budget, and Fees and Charges, is on exhibition for public comment from 7 May, 2015. Members of the public are encouraged to send in a submission.

The documents on exhibition outline the 2015/16:

- budget estimates
- proposed rates and charges, borrowings and fees and charges
- details of the programs to be provided by Council; and
- an overview of the capital works program.

The plan can be inspected at Council's community access points throughout the Shire and on our website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au

Submissions Close: 4.00pm on Thursday 4 June 2015 Enquiries: Mark Arnold 02 6626 7000

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Mullum gears up to help Nepal

Joanne Langton

A benefit concert will be held this Saturday, May 16 at the Mullum Civic Hall from 5 till 11pm to directly help those affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal.

It's a collaboration between the Mullum Chamber of Commerce, Mullum Music Festival and the Byron Spirit Festival.

The night will feature Wild Marmalade, Gabriel and Cecilia, Walrus & The Carpenter, The Hottentots, Amir Paiss, Avishai Barnatan and Shai Shriki. MCs will be mayor Simon Richardson and comedian Ellen Briggs.

Prizes and food

There will be a huge raffle with prizes including double passes to Mullum Music Festival, Bello Winter Music, Byron Spirit Festival, Falls Festival, a \$500 gift voucher from Crystal Castle and more.

A giant Nepalese curry



Byron Spirit Festival director Alex Grant, Glenn Wright from Mullum and Bello Festivals, with Lila and Phil Preston from the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce. Photo Jeff Dawson

will be prepared by Stream Cameron, with Santos providing the ingredients.

Donations of up-cycled quality goods, art, garden produce and services are welcome for our Give, Get, n' Gift Market.

For transport assistance or to donate a prize to our raffle, contact Phil on 0414 809 330.

Proceeds will go to Friends of India, Giving it Back, who are trucking in canvas and sewing machines for tents, Bumi Sehat Foundation, who

are providing midwifery services, and Amma's charity, Embracing the World.

If you would like to help at the event contact joannelangton1@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/mullumlovesnepal.

Triathlon brings in the crowds, traffic delays

Chris Dobney

While glorious sunshine greeted more than 1,000 people who took part in the Byron Bay Triathlon on Saturday, long delays, lack of signage, dangerous driving and seemingly uncoordinated traffic control were just some of the complaints *The Echo* received about the event.

Bangalow and Broken Head roads were closed in both directions for almost four hours to enable the 20th-anniversary event to go

ahead, with just short stints for local traffic to cross.

Just four police were scheduled on to provide escorts for a host of needs, including a wedding party, sporting teams and a doctor, despite the event attracting 1,100 participants.

Echo video reporter Sharon Shostak said she saw a few incidents as temper-frayed drivers attempted to escape the maddening traffic.

'One man tried to do a U-turn in an already-crowded street as soon as it was opened for traffic, which simply cre-

ated another roadblock that jammed up traffic further,' she said.

But Byron Bay Triathlon organiser Mike Crawley told *The Echo* that road closures were an inevitable part of any such event, and that ultimately the residents just had to get used to it.

Mr Crawley said his organisation abided by its traffic management plan, which had been approved by Byron Shire Council, and the traffic management was done by a 'reputable business' [JHA] not by the SES.

Mr Crawley said that ultimately the pain produced gain for Byron Bay and its residents, or at least its businesses. 'The event generates a significant number of tourists for the weekend and the week prior and a sizeable economic return for the overall Byron Shire. That's proven through external research that's conducted every two years.'

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Resort's diesel train plans raise concerns

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They wrote, 'Once we start operating we encourage residents to contact us to suggest operating times that would be suitable to them.'

Some fencing of the track will be undertaken, and the train will be 'relatively quiet at the speeds it will operate... There will be a suburban whistle used at Kendall Street level crossing.'

Project manager Jermy Holmes confirmed with *The Echo* that pollution levels were not submitted as part of the DA to the state government, and that a storage facility for the diesel fuel, 'is yet to be determined.'

He says the train will travel 'between 10 and 60km/h [as there will be] different speeds at different sections of the track.'

No formal submissions

As for public submissions for the overall project, Mr Holmes said, 'There was not a formal public submission period as a part of our state government application.'

'We understand that consultation is a two way street. Our public information sessions - private site tours for the general public - were extensively advertised in July and December 2013. The community came and met with me and Peggy, asked questions and gave us feedback, both written and verbal.'

'Our newsletters and website make it clear that we need to hear feedback to improve our operations. Our contact details are readily available, as are we.'

Residents' group formed

Meanwhile Lee Cass spoke on behalf of a recently formed residents' group which aims to inform residents about the rail.

'This train service will affect everyone,' he told *The Echo*.



The actual train which has just been repainted and is under restoration. Photo supplied

'There may be problems with diesel particulate contamination, owing to the old technology 1940-1970 diesel motor.'

Also Mr Cass claimed that contrary to the resort's claims, the frequency of operation has been indicated to him by management as two trips per hour, 8am to 10pm, seven days per week from Sunrise to Byron.

'This equates to 48 trips per day,' Mr Cass said. 'This is quite different from two trips per day in total, prior to the track's closure in April 2004.'

'They certainly didn't take a survey to ask residents what use of a train they may need because there has been very little community consultation.'

'That is the proof there has been little community consultation.'

'Any business that was providing "public rail" would have pages of consultant's findings on the viability of a rail system. Usage and then a timetable would be high priority. They have not done this because the rail is for transport for the resort and bistro customers, not

for residents of Byron Bay.'

The Elements Of Byron have, however, provided to *The Echo* a community consultation 'log' of newsletters, media releases, an advertising schedule, public meetings and extensive media coverage.

But Mr Cass remains unconvinced.

'There will be noise from steel wheels on steel tracks, noise from braking on steel wheels, noise from horn warning every 15 minutes at the Kendall Street crossing and noise from the diesel engines. The dirty diesel will have to be stored somewhere too.'

'There is no mention of EPA rail operations guidelines in a current DA which is only about rail platforms and buildings.'

He also says that community consultation has been inadequate. 'The meetings held were just to tell us what they are going to do and were not about giving feedback. This is being marketed as community transport; however, this is actually about transporting patrons and guests from their private property into town.'

Won't relieve traffic

'There are only two stations planned: one their end and one in town. I can't see locals using this service as the distance is too short, and the price will be too high for families to use.'

'This won't relieve Byron's traffic congestion one bit.'

As for the recent letter to residents, he says many likely to be affected didn't receive it from the resort.

'Many people don't realise what is being planned,' he says.

To get involved with the residents' group, email sbrg2481@gmail.com.

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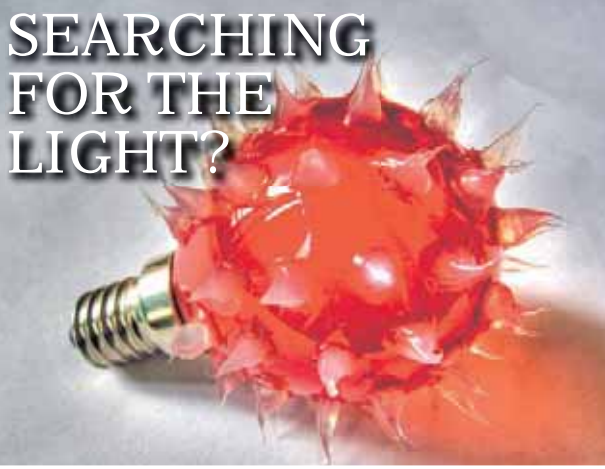
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Lighthouse to get LED lighting, spruce up

Renovations are underway at the Cape Byron Lighthouse, and will involve removing the existing paint from the inside of the lighthouse and repainting the exterior walls.

Undertaken by The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), the painting works are expected to be completed by early June 2015.

AMSA say they will also be upgrading the light source of the lens to a modern LED (light emitting diode) after painting works are complete, as part of a trial.

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Yogis in the making at Main Arm school

Following a successful trial at Main Arm Public School last year, the school has introduced yoga as a permanent addition to the timetable for every student.

Principal Virginia Pavlovich explains, "There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating how effective yoga is for children in developing social-emotional well-being and building resilience, which is one of the five foundations within the school's "You Can Do It Program".

'By releasing stress and clearing the mind students become calmer, more focused and can learn more easily.

'We are planning to further expand our mindfulness program to include short meditation sessions between lessons.'

Karen Wightman of Creative Yogis delivers the program at the school and as a children's yoga teacher specialist, she is delighted that the school is prioritising yoga.

'It is very exciting to share



Students ready for breath and stretches. Photo Jeff 'Bend Like Beckham' Dawson

the tools and benefits of yoga with the students on an on-going basis.

Useful for dealing with emotions

'Our increasingly busy lives mean that children's systems can be under a lot

of stress and yoga can help children to self-regulate, empowering them to begin to manage their wellbeing in a sustainable way.

'Working with the breath is an important strategy for children and it can be useful if feeling upset or angry to let that feeling or mood just fade

away,' said Karen.

As well as the many outcomes demonstrated in the research, the children have a lot of fun, as Luna, who attends kindergarten, explained.

'I love yoga. I especially like the cat game when Karen tells us a story and we pretend to be cats.'

Further drug charges laid against bikies

In the wake of last week's Lismore symposium on the drug ice, two alleged Rebels bikies will face further charges of manufacturing methylamphetamine (speed and ice) in the Lismore Local Court on Tuesday, July 7.

The extra charges were laid by officers from Strike Force Badim, which was formed in 2014 by investigators attached to the Richmond Local Area Command drug unit.

They are tasked to investigate the alleged supply of methylamphetamine by out-

law motorcycle gang members in the region.

A 34-year-old man, and Rebels OMCG Ballina chapter president, was charged with manufacturing a large commercial quantity of a prohibited drug and supplying large commercial quantities of a prohibited drug.

A 47-year-old man was charged with manufacturing a commercial quantity of a prohibited drug. Both men remain in custody.

Since late 2014, police say they have executed ten search

warrants and arrested and charged seven Rebels members, as well as one associate. To date, police say Strike Force Badim has made 13 arrests.

And as a result of the Lismore ice symposium, a working group has been formed and will draw up a submission to the National Ice Taskforce meeting in Lismore on May 19. *The Echo* understands the group has been promised \$200,000 to implement a four-point plan aimed at limiting the availability of the drug, reducing its impact

and improving the capacity of healthcare workers to deal with its effects.

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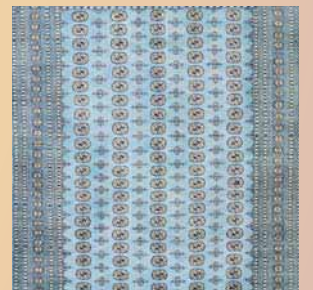
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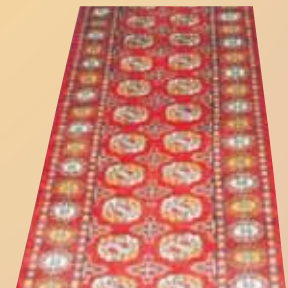
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Some of the world's most prestigious vintage cars graced the Byron at Byron Resort and Spa recently as the Bentley Car Club of Western Australia rolled through town.

Rally organiser Peter Briggs brought his 1922 W.O. Bentley. 'This is not just any old Bentley,' he said.

'They go up to 1931. After that, Rolls-Royce took over the company and started making Bentleys with Rolls-Royce engines, but they were never the same as the W.O.s.

Mr Briggs says the business of motoring is a five-dimensional art form.



Rally organiser Peter Briggs with a bevy of Bentleys.

'You can touch them, smell them, hear them, see them and drive them.

'There is no art form that I know of that you can get

that sort of enjoyment out of. Every car has its personality, its character. To the day I die I'm a car enthusiast.'

He said Bentley enthusi-

asts shipped their cars from all corners of the world to take part in the rally, which will see 45 Bentleys and their owners visit 17 towns, from the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria to Thredbo and up to Port Douglas.

'From Bentleys to Bluesfest to the Bangalow Billycart Derby, it all happens in the Byron Shire and we just love the diversity,' said Byron at Byron's Heath Batterham.

'I did observe that their passion for motoring was followed closely by their passion for marmalade. We are restocking.'

Newly added police numbers disputed

The Richmond and Tweed-Byron local area commands will each get nine new police officers, the state government announced last week.

And the numbers going into other LACs in the north of the state will be even higher, with the big winner being the Coffs-Clarence Command, which will receive 15.

Overall, the government claims there will be 90 officers assigned to the north coast.

But the opposition has slammed the number, saying the calculations made for the north coast include the Hunter and the central coast.

NSW Labor's Walt Secord said, 'No-one can honestly believe that the central coast is the north coast.'

Read more on this story at Echonetdaily.net.au

Aquathon in Byron's sunshine



Aquathon participants at last Saturday's event at Main Beach. Photo Annie Korff

Last Saturday saw perfect conditions for Byron's fourth Aquathon, held at Main Beach.

It was sponsored by Byron Coastal Real Estate, and realtor Annie Korff said, 'The weather was absolutely stun-

ning and it's a great opportunity for children to have a taste of multi-discipline sports.'

'The race is a run, swim, run with three age groups: 7-9-year-olds, 10-11-year-olds and 12-15-year-olds.

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For more information on the stocktake project, please contact Council's Environmental Programs Officer, Lloyd Isaacson, on 6626 7084.

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Between two worlds

Australia, once known as the lucky country, has aspired to become the smart country, but has been hamstrung in the process by recent federal governments, albeit with the support of an electorate which seems to fear getting smart as well.

We have some of the smartest scientists in the world, particularly in the fields of solar cell technology and medicine, but we had education (sic) minister Christopher Pyne holding science infrastructure funding hostage to his higher educational reforms being passed. How smart is that? Fortunately pressure from the scientific community and the public forced him to backflip, which has often been the case with government proposals over the last few years.

We hang between two worlds. The world of the past represented by political adherence to old-school energy resources and a brighter world which has the technology to tackle the impacts of climate change through renewable energy.

Whether or not we will succeed is a moot point. There are so many variables in climate systems that some scientists believe we have gone beyond the tipping point. However, the only sane option is to have a go at it.

It doesn't help that the prime minister's business adviser believes climate-change talk is part of a UN conspiracy and that the government attempts to set up a 'climate consensus centre' at the University of Western Australia headed by a man whose climate scepticism – rather than a search for consensus – is founded upon dodgy information. In fact Bjorn Lomborg has been described as 'a performance artist disguised as an academic': <http://bit.ly/lomblast>.

The step from an old world to a new world will be painful, not least because of the extreme weather events which will accompany it. As old industries decline, workers will find themselves out of a job and there will be civil unrest unless governments are smart enough to implement retraining programs for entry into the sunrise industries. The Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries provides dramatic evidence of the tumult caused by technological and social change.

Multibillion-dollar industries may become stranded assets. While our major parties and the relevant unions argue over 'poles and wires', the citizens might abandon poles and wires altogether and, with the help of solar cells invented by Australia's smart scientists, go off the grid with a battery pack from Tesla or Siemens.

In times of great change it is individual and community resilience which help make that crucial step between two worlds. At a local level we have the tools to accomplish that step. Now all that remains is for the rest to this potentially smart country to find the necessary courage to vote for politicians who see the way to the future rather than back to antediluvian self-interest.

Michael McDonald

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Jovial Joe pours on the fertiliser

A treasurer's lot is not a happy one. His job description is, after all, to be contrarian.

Whatever the popular economic mood is, then he is against it. The bulls are roaring?

They must be sedated. The bears are slumbering? Time to stimulate them.

If the country is booming, if wages and profits are soaring and unemployment is down, there is a risk of rampant inflation, so the treasurer needs to inject a note of caution, even of gloom. But if things are down, with spending and investment constrained and recession a possibility, then the treasurer must be determinedly optimistic, predicting silver linings and good times just around the corner.

Hence Joe Hockey has spent the last few weeks exuding ebullience, however much it has forced him to grit his teeth in doing so. But in the last week his exuberance has got the better of him; as so often with the Abbott government, he has overdone it and drifted into self-parody.

When the Reserve Bank once more cut interest rates, bringing them to almost unheard-of lows, Hockey was cheering at the news. Bouncing into a press conference, he adjured the punters that this was their opportunity: borrow, invest, spend, spend! There were green shoots sprouting, and the now the fertiliser was being spread.

Immediately the stock market tanked, and Woolworths announced that it was laying off a raft of employees, and this was hardly a surprise. Next day, the Reserve Bank spelled it out: far from being good news, the interest rate cut was an attempt to stave off impending collapse: growth was declining and was predicted to get lower, and unemployment was rising and

could get worse.

No green shoots there; Hockey's fertiliser was revealed as unadulterated bullshit. And the offence was compounded by the inherent contradiction: while he was urging the already over-stretched borrowers to ramp up their own debts, the government was telling them that its own debts were a disaster and refusing to take advantage of what was, in international terms, effectively money in order to fix some of its own problems.

At the time of the last election – and how long ago that seems – Tony Abbott declared a desire to become known as

The voters are not mugs; they know things are grim, and they hardly need the Reserve Bank to confirm the fact.

by Mungo MacCallum



the infrastructure prime minister, opening up vistas of new projects throughout the wide brown land. In fact, the infrastructure building that was going on has basically stalled; just about the only things that are actually being built are the projects the previous Labor government initiated. All Abbott has done is to re-announce some of the ideas proposed by Anthony Albanese, and even those have been confined to roads, mainly around the major cities which is, of course, where the votes are – short-term political promises.

An ambitious agenda to persuade state governments to sell off their own infrastructure and replace it with sparkling new models has also come to very little: the jewel in the Liberal crown, Victoria, fell and the East-West connection trumpeted by Abbott before, during and after the last election was shelved

on the reasonable grounds that it had never been subjected to a cost benefit analysis and what examination there had been had denounced it as an extravagant and uneconomic folly.

The only silver lining is New South Wales, where Mike Baird is pressing on with his plans, to be financed through the thoroughly unpopular policy of flogging off the poles and wires of some of the electricity grid. But that will not even be the subject of legislation until August, and if it gets through – which is likely but not certain – will then have to find buyers and contracts before planning begins.

It will be many years from fruition – Abbott's legacy, if he in fact claims it, will be politically posthumous at best.

The voters are not mugs; they know things are grim, and they hardly need the Reserve Bank to confirm the fact. The Bank itself is verging towards the desperate, playing what is probably its last rate-cut card in the hope that finally consumer confidence may return, the Sydney and Melbourne housing bubble finally comes under control and the stubborn Australian dollar declines to what it considers acceptable levels.

So far there has been absolutely no sign of any of these happening; which puts it all back on jovial Joe Hockey and his budget. It will not, cannot, turn the economy around; but that is not its aim. The hope is only that it will provide a bit of political breathing space, that

the majority of those who are polled will decide that perhaps, just perhaps, the government is not really quite as hopeless and horrible as they have thought for more than a year, and that Abbott might indeed deserve another chance and that even Hockey, for all his buffoonery, can be tolerated – or, if not, that he can be decently uncoupled from his prime minister.

The alternative, the born-again sugar daddy Scott Morrison, has emerged as an almost acceptable alternative – and as a result, there is possible salvation not only for the government, but for Abbott himself. If there is to be another leadership crisis, which there almost certainly will be unless the government is declared a popular success, it will be in a very different context from the one that prevailed in February. Malcolm Turnbull, still unacceptable to many of his colleagues, has now been joined, if not surpassed, by both Morrison and Julie Bishop.

The contenders are divided, and this is seriously good news for the incumbent.

Add in the steady but remorseless decline of Bill Shorten, looking more and more like a cardboard cutout of an alternative prime minister, and it has to be said that things are starting to look up. Talk of an early election, in spite of the worries about the economy becoming still more dire next year, are almost certainly a furphy; the government is still a long way from genuine recovery.

But even if the Reserve Bank can find no green shoots, perhaps Abbott and his colleagues finally can.

So pour on the fertiliser and never mind the smell. If the winds strengthens a bit, it just may go away before the punters go to the polls.

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■ Re 'School's dangerous traffic conditions to be addressed' (*Echo*, May 6): I have witnessed firsthand the traffic danger posed to children, parents and staff directly outside both the Wilsons Creek Public School and the adjacent preschool. There have been dozens of near misses with drivers speeding through the 40km/h zone and cars overtaking stationary buses when children are crossing the road to alight or board the school bus.

With inadequate provisions for safe operation of the

bus service and parent parking in this zone, and the complete absence of a pedestrian crossing, there is a very real and immediate risk of injury or fatality. Until Council and the RMS address this with the addition of a bus turnaround lane, I implore *all* residents of the valley to exercise utmost caution, particularly during the school zone hours. Please!

Sharon McGrath
Mullumbimby

■ In response to the dangerous traffic conditions at Wilsons Creek Public School,

I ask for the people using Wilsons Creek Road in the school zones to slow down before someone gets hurt. We love our children and want them delivered home in one piece at the end of their school day.

Hopefully now that they have been alerted to the dangers to the children and teachers we can expect a quick resolution from Council, Department of Education and Transport NSW.

Claire Moore
President P&C
Wilsons Creek Public School

Conquest

Thanks to Charles MacFarland for his timely and informative reminder of our history (Letters, April 22). However, at the risk of being pedantic, I point out that the aggressive conquest of this Great Southern Land by our forebears by all accounts was not a Frontier War but a massacre.

Terry Hamill
Coorabell

Saving capitalism

In contemporary politics, the terms 'Left' and 'Right' are not without ambiguity. They

describe where the members of the French Legislative Assembly sat in 1791. Those on the right supported the King. On the left were the supporters of the revolution.

That said, I nearly choked on my quinoa when I read the *Echo* editorial of May 6 claiming the economic theory of John Maynard Keynes was leftist. So too would have Karl Marx.

Keynes was an emphatic liberal, an unreconstructed capitalist and talented stock trader to boot. His ideas were influential during the twen-

tieth century because of his determination that unregulated capitalism would lead to suboptimal outcomes for the owners of capital. As Paul Krugman, winner of the Bank of Sweden economics prize, often inaccurately referred to as the Nobel prize in economics, wrote, 'Keynes was no socialist - he came to save capitalism, not to bury it.'

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby

Change or lose

The International Energy Agency (IEA) warns 'The

energy-related infrastructure then in place (in 2017) will generate all the CO₂ emissions allowed' (in our carbon budget for limiting warming to 2°C) 'leaving no room for additional power plants, factories and other infrastructure unless they are zero-carbon, which would be extremely costly'.

Fatih Birol, the IEA's chief economist, put it bluntly: 'The door to reach two degrees is about to close. In 2017 it will be closed forever.'

In short, we either change now or we lose our chance. If we Earthlings do not get our emissions under control by 2017, our fossil fuel economies will 'lock-in' extremely dangerous warming.

How can we block that out of our collective consciousness? Anyone got a conspiracy theory handy? Nah, let's use it to propel us into more determined action to counter and replace our evil addiction to fossil fuels.

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Old-tech train

I saw on TEN's news on Tuesday May 6 that the North Byron Beach Resort (recently changing its name to Elements of Byron) is running a light rail between Sunrise and Byron Town. They showed a picture of a brand new tram.

The train to be used is not

light rail. It's a heavy diesel engine with 1970s old technology. Pretty weird to have a heavy diesel train running for a place that calls itself an eco resort.

Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Byron's masterplan

Byron Bay's traffic jams, parking, railway line, bypass, pedestrian movement and soul or vibe are interdependent matters requiring the holistic analysis being attempted in the Byron Bay Master Plan. Congratulations to Council, especially the mayor, for creating that process.

If a consensual master plan can be agreed then the nearby proposed developments at West Byron and Ewingsdale might adjust. Patience is essential when many ideas and concerns are balanced. Non-compromising positions can force dysfunctional agreements. One ad-hoc outcome may prevent preferred outcomes for larger concerns.

The traffic/parking disgrace inconveniences and wastes the time of thousands of persons per day. Street parking meters are an ad-hoc outcome. With no additional public spaces the cost

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High farce at the rockfront

■ We read your article last week entitled 'Cosy Corner could be sacrificed for Belongil' with shock and disbelief. We actually thought the article was a practical joke but alas, no.

We have lived in Byron for many years and seen some crazy decisions and non-decisions regarding development and infrastructure but this one beats them all. How anybody could contemplate pumping sand from Tallow Beach (within a national park!), possibly dumping the sand on Clarkes and then hauling the sand to Belongil, is beyond us.

Can you imagine a pumping station at Cosy Corner and trucks full of sand running from Clarkes to Belongil? Would we seriously risk damaging both the natural beauty and amenity of two very good beaches to possibly impact upon sand erosion at Belongil for the benefit of a very small number of people?

Anybody who takes the time to look at Belongil in a good storm surf and high tide knows that when mother nature decides, Belongil is gone. You cannot build houses on



the top of sand dunes on a sand spit and expect them to last.

The cost of this madness is estimated at more than \$2 million in capital costs to set up and then \$500,000/year to operate. This is a call to all locals who care about Byron to prepare for a serious fight. We especially call on all surfers and beach walkers to think about appropriate action.

**Meagan Hayward
& Steve Marshall**
Byron Bay

■ In 1954 a cyclone came in at the south end of New Brighton and wiped out a whole village of fishing and holiday shacks.

In 1974 waves pushed down Jonson Street as far as the Surfside Hotel (now the Beach Hotel) and smashed the concrete front of the then surf club. Several houses at Belongil went into the sea. The solution then was to drop rusted car wrecks onto

the sand. It didn't work. Then later, rocks were used. It didn't work. The ocean kept coming.

The beachfront at Cavanbah once boasted a full multiple rainforest dunal system. It has been degraded historically by sand mining, a railway line, four-wheel drives, illegal camping and now a rapidly warming climate. It is now down to its final back dune.

Another major cyclone event and we may well see the ocean enter Shirley Street. In surfing terminology these kind of monster waves are called 'Bluebeard Swells'; they happen once every 20 or 30 years. We are now more than overdue.

The proposal to dump further rocks at Belongil and take sand from Tallow Beach in an attempt to bolster properties is not only naive folly; it is simply nuts! It insults the Arakwal people across whose land the pipeline would go. It threatens a hugely popular surf beach and could subsequently disturb and destabilise every other beach in the area. It insults the ratepayers of this area, whose money will be used to pay for a hollow attempt to rescue the houses of a wealthy few who were short-sighted enough to build their houses there in the first place.

This proposal is a kneejerk reaction born of an unholy alliance of interested players in an unholy rush to embrace a

plan that is as deluded as it is doomed. The only rocks I can see in this proposal are the rocks in the heads of the pro-development bloc of councillors who are pushing this idea.

Surfers, residents and ratepayers – it is time to stand up! The Huns are at the door.

Ron Curran
Mullumbimby

■ The saga of the Belongil rock walls has entered the realm of high farce. Not only has the state government withdrawn their paltry \$300K, the landowners' wobbly offerings are still moot, the booster councillors have ratted any ratepayer funds they can find and still the amounts required are badly lacking.

And this was the case before the sand transfer system and groynes entered the equation – who is going to pay for the construction and operation of this little brain explosion?

Yes, I know the minister has inexplicably put the sand pumping on hold and one has to ponder whether he was conned by his bureaucrats or 'persuaded' by the Belongil lobby – but it still won't cut it financially.

At some stage one would have thought that at least Cr Ibrahim would get his head out of the rocks as on occasions he can exhibit an IQ at least equal to the sum of the Three Stooges. Just think, Sol, if you were to accept the reality of the situation you wouldn't have to vote for Rose's increasingly loopy grand visions.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

Online comment of the week

'What is stopping the council providing online information about the current time to drive from the highway into Byron CBD?' Google Maps should be able to provide traffic information in real time. Google Traffic currently covers the Pacific Highway from the Qld border to just south of Bruns, but doesn't cover Ewingsdale Road and Byron Bay for some reason. Perhaps there is some way to lobby Google to cover the Byron Bay area? They would certainly do a better job than Council.

■ Comment by David Michie in response to the **Echo**netdaily story 'Byron traffic management needs online info' – www.echo.net.au/2015/05/byron-traffic-management-needs-online-info

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per space can only increase until public parking is preserved for the rich. Streets earmarked now for meters may become pedestrian-only in the master plan.

Holistic in that regard means re-routing traffic; widening and building new roads and cycleways with pedestrian thoroughfares. Commercial opportunities for metered car parks abound in the Shire. Nomads backpackers building and the new cinema development are spot on, containing vehicles underground.

Greg Davies
Byron Bay

Save our koalas

It was with great surprise and sadness that I heard last week that the NSW government/RMS have been digging up Aboriginal sites for artefacts along the proposed Section 10 (Broadwater to Coolgardie) of the Pacific Highway Upgrade. In the year 2015, how can the NSW Government allow the RMS to destroy these sites and propose a highway deviation straight through the middle of Ballina's largest and most important wildlife corridor and a nationally significant koala colony?

If there was no other option available then I could understand, but in this case, the RMS have never investigated widening the existing highway between Broadwater and Wardell, even though it's the most direct route, would cost less money, and avoid the koala colony and Aboriginal sacred sites altogether.

The state government in its 'balanced' approach has valued marginal cane farm-

land beside the existing highway against all other factors (environmental, economic, cultural/social). While the owners of cane farmland adjacent to the highway can be generously compensated for any loss of land, our wildlife corridor (koalas) and Aboriginal sites can never be replaced or compensated.

A free concert and information day has been organised for Saturday May 23 at Missingham Amphitheatre from noon. This will be a family-friendly event with lots of local performers and a guest appearance by Kevin the Koala. Please come along and have some fun and find out how you can help save our iconic koalas and Aboriginal sacred sites.

Jeff Johnson
Save Ballina's Koalas
campaign coordinator

Anzac perspectives

Poor Dave Lisle (Letters, May 6). Traumatized in primary school in the early eighties by the then already-faint echo of Alan Seymour's play *The One Day of the Year* and, unlike the rest of us, unable to move on from the let's-all-think-ourselves-superior-by-hating-Anzac syndrome. Oblivious of the implications, for all time, of the reconciliation between protagonist and antagonist in that still very important play.

So incapable of distinguishing between the real world and his fantasies that he projects mature insight about grown-ups and their troubles onto a fellow primary school student. Dear, oh dear!

As for Duncan Shipley-Smith's oh-so-middle-of-last-century sniping (Letters, May 6), it is no more con-

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

Cheating has been in the spotlight this week, with the announcement by the world body FIDE that French GM Sebastian Feller would be allowed to play again.

Feller was banned after he pulled off a sophisticated scam at the Khanty Mansiysk Chess Olympiad in 2010 which resulted in him picking up a gold medal and 5,000 Euros.

Extensive legal manoeuvres led to no serious action being taken against Feller in France, although FIDE was eventually able to implement a two year nine month ban, extended until Feller returned the medal and the money, which he did last month.

While Feller was front of mind, FIDE VP Zurab Azmaiparashvili decided that the time was right to call for only a minor penalty against Georgian Champion Gaoz Nigalidze, who was caught red-handed using a chess program on a mobile phone during the Dubai Open. (Like Feller, Nigalidze has been under suspicion at earlier tournaments but nothing could be proven.)

While Azmaiparashvili, whose career on the wrong side of the law included winning a fabricated tournament and becoming European Champion by retracting a move, was calling for respect for the human rights of cheaters, Kazakh GM Vladimir Tkachiev was showing in a Chess24.com video just how easy it has become to use technology to cheat. Using an invisible earplug and the help of an accomplice, veteran Tkachiev's video showed him demolishing an unsuspecting Danii Dubov.

His efforts also show the absurdity of FIDE's anti-cheating regulations, which strongly discourage reporting suspicions. Under new FIDE rules, a player must report any incident to the arbiter in writing – preventing a player from doing so during a game when a cheater is most likely to be caught.

Accusers will also face a three-month ban if they twice report suspicions where the method of cheating cannot be identified.

FIDE seems to have taken a leaf out of the cycling's anti-doping book: if you target whistleblowers then all cheating will magically disappear.

structive to speak of an Anzac industry than of an Aboriginal industry. And where has he been if he thinks the catastrophic failure of the Gallipoli campaign is 'never mentioned'? Not at an Anzac Day commemoration.

As for the Gallipoli 'mythos' supporting military adventurism, the first thing cadets at Australia's military academies are told is 'Forget anything you ever believed about Anzac.' Finally, to answer the question 'Commemorating what, exactly?' The generosity of men and women who have died to ensure that, among other things, ill-informed opinions can be held and put about.

Paul Smith
Mullumbimby

Climate and rail

In the rail versus trail debate many people want a commuter train service but the Liberal government wants to rip up the train track for a bike path. An issue important to this debate is climate change and the carbon emissions produced by roads as compared to rail.

The Deloitte Access Economics Report of 2011 states that 'Australia is now the most intensive user of road freight in the world and has the least energy-efficient road passenger transport among members of the International Energy Association (DFAT 2008 and prime minister's task group on energy efficiency 2010).'

A national government report in 2014, 'The bottom line on energy efficiency,' says, 'Rail freight emits 75 per cent less greenhouse gas emissions per tonne of freight moved compared to the road freight transport sector.'

A rock wall is being built to save houses at Belongil, storms of fierce intensity are increasing and climate change is staring us in the face. How can we ignore the need to cut carbon emissions by invest-

Blast from the past



Bullocks in Dalley Street, Mullumbimby, for the 1983 Chincogan Fiesta, outside the old post office which is now the Brunswick Valley Historical Museum at the southern end of Stuart Street. This image is by longtime Mullum photographer John McCormick, whose work is now being uploaded by his son Hamish to the Facebook page John W McCormick Photographer. Other locals are invited to submit good historical photos for consideration – as long as they don't breach other news media's or photographer's copyright. They can be emailed to editor@echo.net.au with 'Blast from the past' in the subject window and a brief description of what's happening in the photo.

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Beth Shelley
Northern Rivers Railway
Action Group
Boorie Creek

Truth revision

In reply to Mizzi (Letters, May 6), the UN report into last year's Gaza blitzkrieg confirms that 20 rockets were found in three vacant UN-WRA schools. However, Miz-

zi omits UN secretary-general Ban Ki Moon's statement deploring the fact 'that at least 44 Palestinians were killed as a result of Israeli actions and at least 227 injured at United Nations premises being used as emergency shelters' and the fact that Israel refused, again, to co-operate with the UNHCR.

Under international law, an occupied people have the right to defend themselves by armed force (but not to attack civilians). Israel denies it deliberately targeted civilians but Breaking the Silence has published the testimonies of 70 soldiers who fought in Gaza. 'They were told.... every person that you see on the ground in neighbourhoods that you are about to enter, you are supposed to shoot and kill him or her.' ('Soldiers tell of "shoot to kill" orders', *Sydney Morning Herald*, May 5).

According to the UN, Israel killed 2,314, including more than 500 children, and injured 17,125. At least 19,000 homes were completely destroyed and 100,000 have been left homeless. When will we see the alleged rocket damage to Israel?

Yotam Feldman's film *The Lab* exposes Israel's weapons industry which pumped \$7.5 billion into the economy in 2012 and makes Israel fourth for global weapons sales. Its key selling point is that these weapons have been tested on Palestinian guinea pigs and therefore, if the Palestinian/Israeli conflict ends, Israel will lose money. In WWII both Japanese and Germans conducted medical experiments on their captives; today Israel is doing the same thing, but for profit!

Gareth W R Smith
Palestine Liberation Centre
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billycart, applied a bit of spit and polish, have the protective clothing ready and be ready for practice racing to begin Sunday 8am. An awesome team of volunteers have been preparing for a great day; we've streamlined the rules and specifications and introduced a Parent and Child category,

which we are really excited about. This race is designed to build confidence and encourage the young ones but if you're feeling competitive, don't hold back! The primary schools will be competing for \$1,000 again in the Primary Schools Challenge – always a crowd favourite (go Bangalow!).



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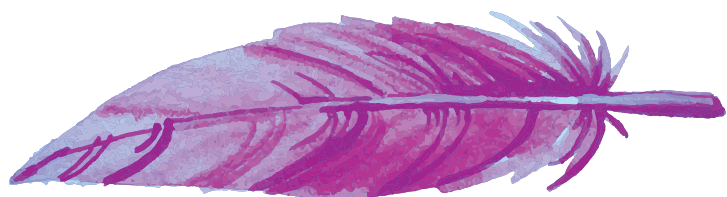
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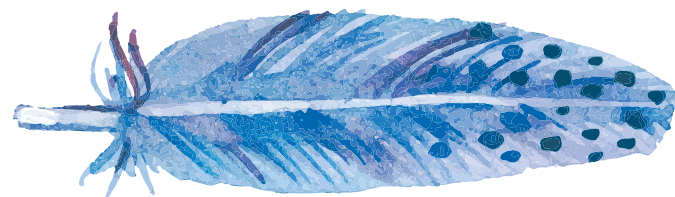
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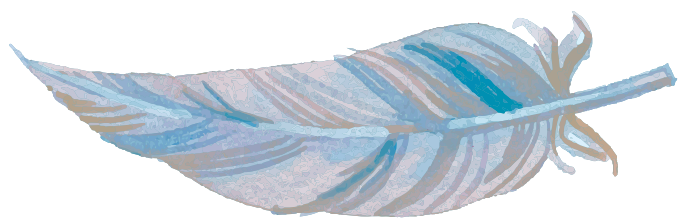
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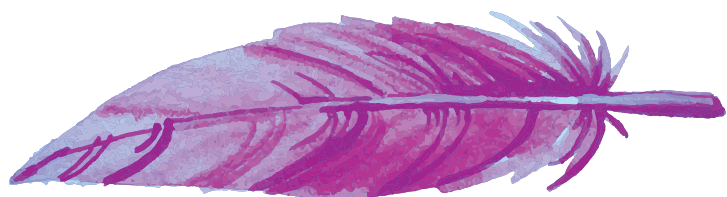
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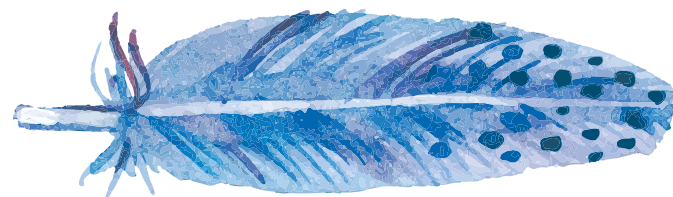
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What's new? Murwillumbah Country Roots Fest! This year over the long weekend in October, Murwillumbah will be hosting the inaugural Murwillumbah Country Roots Fest.

Along with Kingscliff project manager and businessman Gary Dahan, local musician Lou Bradley has jumped in as festival director and has put together an incredible line-up of artists that she says she has met and become friends with during her very productive ten years in the industry. Lou's vision is a little left of centre compared to the usual country music festivals. She says: 'We are hoping to strongly feature the roots side of the country

genre as I believe it is where the best music comes from. I have tried to incorporate as many great roots artists, singer/songwriters, bluegrass, alt country and of course local artists as possible.' The four-day festival will be held at the showgrounds.

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Lately the kitchen has been busy preparing some winter-warming daily specials, such as Homemade Pumpkin Soup, Asian-Style Lamb Shanks and Tomato and Vanilla Beef Cheeks.

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■ **The Sun Bistro:** Lunch & dinner 7 days a week, 61 Bayshore Drive, Sunrise A&I – 6685 6500

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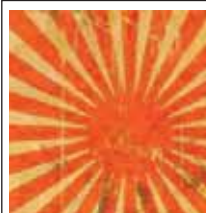
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VERY FUNNY WOMEN

FUNNY WOMEN GRETEL KILLEEN AND JACKIE LOEB JOIN FORCES FOR *IN SEARCH OF A G CHORD* – A COMEDIC COMBINATION THAT HAVE HAD THE CHALK-AND-CHEESE ODD COUPLE PERFORM TO STANDING OVATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY.



This year they are faster, stronger, more fabulous and even funnier than ever! Killeen is in demand as a regular guest on *The Project* and Loeb found her way from the screens with *Full Frontal* to being one of the most in-demand acts on the live circuit. As she spends most of her time in the US, this is a rare opportunity to catch her kooky comedy stylings!

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JACKIE LOEB:

The best thing about waking up every day is... having breakfast, lunch, snacks and anticipating what's for dinner.

Being a comedian is... not a choice.

As a woman, being a comedian I have noticed... how funny female comedians are.

My greatest strength as a driver is... my ability to express road rage in English and modern-day sign language.

What I love most about my body is... my fat is loyal and never leaves me.

Something I'd like to learn to do is... be mean.

God is... someone I pray to when there is turbulence on the plane.

My mother always told me... to sing a proper song.

When I dance I... become the greatest dancer on the dance floor.

When I am in love I have a tendency to... watch more TV.

Every Christmas I... wish I were of a faith that celebrated Christmas!

My favourite audience... are ones that really truly want to laugh and are not there to fill in time while they wait for their keno numbers to be called.

The weirdest thing that has happened to me onstage... was being tackled by a drunken uni student. I threatened to write a letter to the dean of the university unless he wrote me a heartfelt apology. I got my apology.

The strangest compliment I've had was... 'You are growing into your features'.

If I were to star in my own sitcom... What do you mean 'if'. This is my dream! It would be about a woman... wait a minute... I ain't givin' my ideas away!

My most annoying habit is my tendency to... check Facebook on my phone when I am already on Facebook on my computer.

I find it most difficult to... take shorter showers. That's where I perform my sold-out stadium concerts.

The world would be a nicer place if... cats could talk.

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GRETEL KILLEEN:

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As a woman being a comedian I have noticed... that some in the media still ask the quite ridiculous question 'can women be funny?'

My greatest strength as a driver is... correct use of the indicator!

What I love most about my body is... my funnybone.



Something I'd like to learn to do is... play more than one chord on the guitar.

God is... a woman.

My mother always told me... 'Behave!'

When I dance I... look like a food blender.

When I am in love I have a tendency to... feel very unsafe.

Every Christmas I... and my children donate to charity instead of buying each other gifts.

My favourite audience... is a laughing audience!

The weirdest thing that has happened to me onstage... was the first time an audience laughed at my work. I was reading a serious poem at the time.

The strangest compliment I've had was... 'From the side you look like Woody Allen'.

If I were to star in my own sitcom... I would like to play a cat.

My most annoying habit is my tendency to... analyse (some friends say I over-analyse; I'm currently analysing why they say it).

I find it most difficult to... shut up.

The world would be a nicer place if... people treated each other the same way that they themselves would like to be treated.

When I am on stage... I like to surprise both myself and the audience.

My audiences should expect... a very serious diatribe on the subject of sand single-cell amoebas!

Gretel Killeen and Jackie Loeb are joined by MC Mandy Nolan at the **Byron Services Club** for a slam-dunk comedy bonanza on **Monday** at 8pm. Tickets can be bought directly at the club, booked on 6619 0529 or at the door if any are left on the night!



YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS ON STAGE

Ice use has been a hot topic in the media in the last twelve months with health professionals and educators all grappling with the challenge of how best to address illicit drug use with younger people. Byron Youth Theatre have used funding from Nortec Employment and Training Services and the Northern Rivers Community Foundation to create *Altered States*, a show that attempts to tackle drug use head on. Director Lisa Apostolides and the Youth Theatre tackled some questions about their upcoming show.

Why did you decide to do the show on illicit drugs?

We always ask our audiences to fill out evaluation forms after watching our performances. From those we could see that many young people wanted us to do a piece on drugs. There is also a community concern about ice use, which was evident at the Community Matters discussion held in Mullum last month.

What were the key messages or stories that you wanted to communicate?

If you are going to do drugs, which most young people will do at some time, then know the consequences, what you may be getting into, look after each other and know where to get help, know you can call an ambulance without the police being involved. We also want to impress the importance of human connection and the environment we create for ourselves, how we live our lives, what we do with them. One article we came across in our research talks about the 'age of loneliness' and how it is easier than ever before for people to become disconnected. We also want to communicate that parents and community members need to be role models if they want to change the culture of drug use. We're not blaming or shaming anyone but the intention is to bring awareness, because you can't expect young people to not try drugs if people in their immediate community are showing them it's okay to do so.



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The two come together for their Sacred Chant performance at the **Byron Theatre**, Community Centre, on **Saturday**.

Show is at 8pm. Tickets are \$25.20 at byroncentre.com and at the door (if any left).

BACH TO BASICS

With a program that embraces much-loved works in the string repertoire, ACO2 returns to northern New South Wales and Queensland with *Around the World*. Taking the audience on a journey through America, Russia and Germany, and culminating in a voyage through Salzburg, Barcelona, Paris and Maputo with Berger's *Metropoles Suite* for Violin and Strings, *Around the World* will be led by acclaimed violinist Benjamin Schmid. Also featured on the program are works by JS Bach, Tchaikovsky and Barber.

Benjamin Schmid said, 'Bach's *E Major Concerto* is a classy classic – its second movement is eternal in its incredible beauty and quiet longing. Barber's *Adagio for Strings* is as popular as it is beautiful and it takes us to the music of the United States. The build-up in energy in Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* is compelling, merciless, and beautiful, and to experience that with an elite ensemble such as ACO2 will be an essential sensation!'

Making their debut with **ACO2** in 2015 are emerging artists Harry Bennetts, Madeleine Jevons, Amy Brookman (violins); Martin Alexander (viola); Ruben Palma (cello); and Aurora Henrich (double bass).

St John's Hall, Mullumbimby, **Sunday** at 3pm. Tix via Eventbrite, 6687 1393.



HEAVY WOODY STEREO

Hold tight, Byron – welcome to Heavy Stereo – a new regular night brought to you by the Ku team. Expect bass-heavy music, bands, DJs, producers, and our legendary production values at **Woody's Surf Shack** in Byron. For the first instalment, Ku presents Jacky Murda on the wheels of steel. Jacky is one of the most in-demand ragga

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CC THE MUSIC

The east coast's fave reggae feline Claire Cottone of CC the Cat is finding her feet in her new home in the northern rivers with a bunch of local shows. After winning best reggae track at the prestigious North Coast Dolphin Awards in November and showcasing at Byron Bay Falls Festival over New Year, CC's been prowling around this funky town looking for stages to get her paws on.

CC has reconnected with her original bassist of many years, Tracy Stephens (Hussy Hicks), for some duo shows in Byron Bay and surrounds, still kicking with the main band (based in Brisbane) for big stage shows. **CC the Cat** plays the **Mullumbimby Farmers Markets** on **Friday** morning, **Treehouse** that evening from 7.30 and as a duo at the **Brewery** on **Saturday**.



ACO2 AT ST JOHN'S HALL MULLUMBIMBY ON SUNDAY AT 3PM



MY WAY – MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY



ANGIE HART & DEAN MANNING COME TOGETHER FOR HOLIDAYS ON ICE

HOLIDAYS WITH ANGIE AND DEAN

Holidays On Ice is a collaboration between Angie Hart (Frente!), Dean Manning (Leonardo's Bride) & Stella Mozgawa (Warpaint). Their Hat & Hall tour will take in the Drill Hall in Mullum on Fri 22 May. The show will include the screening of a 40-minute film directed by Dean Manning. Angie is best known as the voice of Frente! The group achieved worldwide success with numerous records, and a US Billboard Top 10 hit for their version of *Bizarre Love Triangle*. Dean was the songwriter/guitarist for Leonardo's Bride, whose two critically acclaimed albums included the APRA Song of the Year *Even When I'm Sleeping*, which was also voted one of APRA's Top 30 Australian Songs of All Time. Los Angeles-based Stella Mozgawa is a member of indie rock band Warpaint as well as featuring on Kurt Vile's *Wakin' on a Pretty Daze*. While Stella is absent, Angie and Dean team up for a killer show. **Drill Hall**, Mullumbimby, **Friday** 22 May. Doors open at 6pm and tickets are available from www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1599.



STILL MATT

Matt Stillert is a Sunshine Coast-based alternative blues/roots musician who has been performing for more than 10 years. His unique style ranges from soothing folk melodies, to high-energy, foot-stomping blues, displaying a dynamic blend of roots music. His EP release *Don't Fear the Beard* from early 2012 demonstrated his promising debut, selling out the first pressing.

Since then he has re-released the EP as *Don't Fear the Beard* – reissued with three exciting new tracks on it. He uses a mixture of acoustic, cigar box, lap steel, electric guitars, percussion and soulful vocals with gusto. The opening track on his EP *Little Yellow Wand* maintained a number one position on the Triple J Unearthed Roots Charts with airplay on *Roots 'n' All*.

Matt Stillert plays **The Rails** Byron Bay **Thursday**, the **Bangalow Hotel** on **Friday**, **Nimbin Hotel** on **Saturday** and **The Haven** Murwillumbah on **Sunday**.

GETTING CONSERVATIVE

Behind the walls of the old school building in Lismore's CBD, quality music education is delivered to more than 800 students, from babies to grandparents, every week. The Lismore Conservatorium is holding a careers expo this Thursday and Friday and is inviting people to pop by the Conservatorium's stall at the Careers Expo at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre to find out all about their Cert III and diploma courses. The following weekend Conservatorium students are collecting sponsorship to perform in the third annual Music Marathon – the Northern Rivers Conservatorium's major fundraiser. This year's goal is \$7,000 and all money raised will go towards equipment for students. There is a prize of a whole term of free lessons for the student who raises the most money.

Twelve hours of performances will take place on two stages – acoustic in the Concert Room and a powered stage in the Keen Street Courtyard. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. On the day Lismore Makers' Market will be held in the grounds. The **Music Marathon** takes place on **Saturday** 23 May, 10am–4pm.

ROCKING OUT AT THE YAC

This **Friday** sees Byron-based band Big and the Bangs return to the **YacRockCafe** for their second all-ages show at the Byron YAC in a month. Big and the Bangs are a four-piece local band. Alt-rock, riff rock, heavy blues, psychobilly, rockabilly, mariachi, swamp, hard rock, metal – these guys are serious all-rounders with a massive sound and a stage act that needs to be seen to be believed!

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MY SNORE POINT

It would appear that I am turning into a bloke. After ten years of making unkind and insensitive jokes at my successive husbands' penchant for snoring, aka 'sawing the wood', it has been alleged that I also snore. I? A woman? Well of course initially I didn't believe it. Why would I? First of all – where is the proof? Sure, John taps me gently awake a few times in the night but I've just taken that as his devotion. He can't believe he's landed a middle-aged 90-kilo smoking-hot mother of four and he taps me to check I'm real.

He maintains it's to ensure I'm still breathing. It's not just snoring. He tells me that I do the apnoea thing. How mean. What's next? Testicles? I'm all for equal opportunity but not when it comes to snoring. It's so manly. I refuse to believe it, but then my Ivy tells me, 'Mum you were snoring! It was scaring me!'

According to the checklist I was ticking all the snore boxes. There was the dry mouth, the sore throat. Waking unrefreshed. Unrefreshed... what a joke.

I've been waking unrefreshed for nearly 20 years; I have children. I collapse after a 16-hour shift working and mothering, and on waking I have to face the morning routine and a dirty kitchen – of course I wake up bloody unrefreshed! If my bed were sprinkled with rose petals, I weren't woken in the night by a child, didn't have to do three wees, have to heat a wheat bag at least twice for my sciatica and were woken by the chirping of birds instead of the barking of my dog at the hot-air balloon then perhaps I may wake 'refreshed'.

This was the questionnaire I completed at the Sleep Clinic. After six months of resistance I finally acquiesced and submitted to a 'sleep clinic'. This is basically a weird place where I am certain they make snore porn. I am advised to arrive at 7.30pm at some desolate location near the Gold Coast airport, where aforementioned clinic is wedged between the servo and the car wash. I am told not to wear makeup or wash my hair.

Great. I snore and now I'm ugly. I should fit in nicely with the six fat men also participating in the study. These weren't the peers I had imagined attracting at this point of my life.

I am led to a small windowless room by the attendant who then proceeds to attach electrodes to my head, my chest, my legs and my face – all attached to a bedside monitor. It's the scene they don't show you from *50 Shades of Grey*. It feels kinky. There is a camera facing my bed. Somehow I am expected to sleep covered in wires. Oh wait, I forgot to mention the two prongs up my nose to measure nasal air. What a hornbag. I took a selfie straightaway. I figured if my husband ever felt like sex and I didn't I could just show him the pic.

The camera had me worried. They were making a video of me sleeping. Worse still, they sat in the other room and watched me on the monitor. Shit, what if I sleep-wank? Now I've thought of it I probably will. I've implanted a thought. It seems ironic that a sleep clinic should monitor sleep by creating so many sleep obstructions. I was starting to worry that I wouldn't sleep at all. I'd just lie there staring at the video camera.

Maybe this wasn't a sleep centre at all; maybe it was some sort of organ-harvesting operation – where they drug you and remove a kidney, whack it in an

esky and send it to Singapore. We are ridiculously close to the airport. If you were going to run an organ-harvesting business it would be the perfect cover!

Somehow I fall asleep. As I drift off I worry that I will have to wear one of those breathing masks – like some sort of intergalactic science fiction character. I can't imagine what that does to your midnight nookie. I guess if your husband were a *Star Wars* fan and regularly fantasised about making love to Darth Vader, it would be a winner. Someone suggested strapping a tennis ball to my back with a rubber band as some sort of snore remedy. I don't know how this works to stop snoring but I guess if John loses it and hits me with a cricket bat he might at least have a chance of scoring a six. This is what I think of as I fall asleep.

I wake several times to check I've still got my kidneys. Just before sun-up I'm woken by the sleep attendant/pervert who removes my monitoring device and sets me free with the other fat apnoea pigeons scrambling for keys in the misty dawn. I make it home. John is still asleep. On waking he reveals what a wonderfully restful night he had. As I hand John a cup of tea I say, 'so how was it without me?' He grins: 'I feel so refreshed'. I collapse in a heap. Apparently I am snoring in minutes. Refresh that.

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Big and the Bangs are a recipe fuelled by raw garage power, twisted tales from a country swamp, driven in the unbridled direction of psych-rock and executed with veracious proficiency. Big and the Bangs will be joined by Brisbane hardcore, metal and rock bands Dr Parallax, El Monstro and Flynn Effect. Doors open at 6pm and bands kick off from 7pm. This is a free-entry, all-ages, drug-and-alcohol-free show, supported by BUDDI Community Drug Action Team and Byron Youth Service.

FOREVER AT THE RAILS

Ripping through a 13-song explosion as a self-imposed challenge to write and record as fast as possible, Forever Since Breakfast have spewed forth an epic and melodic ADHD release that gives meaning to the term *pop stirrers*. Recorded in a farmhouse in Alstonville, the splintering pop sensibilities of the album are distinctly Australian with hints of the impressionistic darkness of REM.

Forever Since Breakfast play the Rails on Sunday with support Black Ghost Party.



ANNE MCCUE – AT THE COURT HOUSE HOTEL IN MULLUM ON SUNDAY 31 MAY

ELECTRONIC MUSIC FOR THE OCEAN

Dwellers of the Deep Electronic Music Fiesta showcases 10 Australian music producers who are donating their time and talent for Sea Shepherd Australia and Weasel Warriors. This ten-hour epic dance party will see all proceeds going to these two very worthy charities. Music will kick off on **Saturday 23 May** in the **Byron Brewery** beergarden from 2pm, showcasing some awesome producers such as Dub Farmer, Loud Zoo, Native Dog, Osy, Harmless Prankster and 3rd Eye. From 8pm the party moves inside to the main auditorium with its big pumping sound system cranked up to 11 for Spork, Itsu and Rich Curtis. Tickets are \$35 and include dinner at the Brewery. Earlybird tix are just \$25, although numbers are limited, so be quick! Tickets at www.goldcoasttickets.com.au or at the door until sold out!



NOVA & THE EXPERIENCE AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON FRIDAY

THE NOVA EXPERIENCE

The previous 12 months for the Sydney-based indie pop band was one of growth and significant achievement. It saw them release their third EP *There's Something Here*, their most popular and critically acclaimed release to date. They won a competition against 100s of bands to open for Stonefield and Amy Meredith at the Ben & Jerry's Openair

Cinema Charity Launch, as well as playing the sold-out Red Deer Music and Arts Festival with The Grates and Kingswood. **Nova & The Experience** infuse each show with their infectious energy and make sure that their fans are having a new and original 'experience' each time they come to see them play. They play the **Byron Brewery on Friday** from 7.30pm. Free entry.



BAND OF FREQUENCIES AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY

FINDING YOUR FREQUENCY

Sunshine Coast psychedelic surf roots and progressive rockers **Band of Frequencies** have played all over the world with the likes of Donovan Frankenreiter, John Butler Trio, Angus Stone, Bernard Fanning and Ash Grunwald, as well as some of the world's most amazing festivals and events. True believers in sounds beyond boundaries, Band of Frequencies draw their influences from a vast spectrum of blues, roots, rock, funk and psychedelic styles. Their signature blend comes from years of live experimentation, constantly pushing their influences into the creative fires to see what melts, what explodes and what merges. They have successfully forged a bond of sonic elements that represents their coastal roots and strikes a chord in the hearts of passionate music lovers around the globe. They play the **Hotel Brunswick on Sunday**.



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This week's mystery dance is combining and aligning out-there, get-it-done Martian energy with in-there, mind-changing Venusian moods...

♈ ARIES: If midweek Mars or late-week Aries moon activate your dragonish side, try to avoid flamethrower communicating. Self-control's essential when dealing with unwelcome news, critical views or undermining crosscurrents. Behave with patience, speak with dignity, choose your companions carefully and be wary of gossip or hearsay.

♉ TAURUS: Plenty of possibilities and opportunities on the boil so flex your imagination, dream big, but know projects won't immediately go into production with Mercury retro imminent. So for the moment let these new ideas brew, stew, simmer and distil in the Taurus masterchef kitchen while you enjoy the creative process.

♊ GEMINI: The high-octane energetics of midweek Mars meeting up with Mercury in your excitable sign call for stability, regularity and discipline. Most particularly in the area of verbal expression, where you could work miracles this week by editing utterances via the trusty triple criteria of: Is it kind? Necessary? Helpful?

♋ CANCER: Though you feel like hanging in the home zone, this week wrinkles you off the comfort couch into a bubbling brew of community doings, whose interactions may trigger touchy issues. While not a time to lash out verbally or financially, it's definitely conducive to breakthroughs from therapy, counselling or self-reflection.

♌ LEO: This week's Mars in the sign of networking, socialising and breaking information fizzles with new contacts and connections, the latest methods of merchandising and splendid commercial potential. Which may not immediately bear fruit, but will sow valuable seeds of future bounty, so keep links and deets for follow-through.

♍ VIRGO: While this week serves up another hearty helping of home truths, it renders them palatable with ordinary joys, affectionate pleasures and hearty belly laughs. Even if people seem by Virgoan standards bad mannered, you're perfectly capable of making decisions in your own best interests, no matter what anyone thinks.

♎ LIBRA: Livewire Mars and frisky Mercury moving to Twin City reboot your natural enthusiasm for bopping and shopping, but try to avoid impulse buys and focus on basic must-haves. Be choosy about whom you associate with, and be advised that careless comments can cause real strife in this week's life.

♏ SCORPIO: This week looks at partnerships: intimate, business and social. Honestly assessing the part you play in them by estimating what strengths you bring to the communal table and where there's room for improvement will be of real help in controlling responses to this week's exasperating inconsistencies.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Been feeling a certain lack of oomph lately, owing to stressy economic conditions? Take heart, because this lively week of social fizz and ferment will perk you up. Flirty Mars and Mercury crackle with electric new connections, and someone you've been out of touch with could make an interesting offer.

♑ CAPRICORN: Mercury in Gemini is the talker's transit, which means you'll benefit from listening: to relatives, colleagues, health professionals, sensible advice. In the sign of levity, frivolity and light-hearted dalliance, Mercury renders the emotional climate less defensive and more flexible, allowing your Capricornian leadership style full executive expression.

♒ AQUARIUS: Current astral directives suggest that the key to this week's peace of mind is easing up on judgments and assumptions – especially since others are already making more than their fair share. With your personal appeal and abilities peaking right now, a generous gesture is likely to have unexpectedly profitable repercussions.

♓ PISCES: It mightn't be easy distinguishing fact from wishful thinking from covert agendas this week, with reality checks only tending to suggest everyone's inhabiting parallel universes – but try to avoid a cavalier, oh-stuff-it approach to problem solving. Sympathetic, understanding midweek Pisces moon is your best time slot for fence-mending.



BLUE LOVE

Award-winning Australian choreographer Shaun Parker presents *Blue Love*. Infused with intense physical theatre, film and dance, Shaun Parker's *Blue Love* is a poetic and satirical take on the clichés of pop culture, romance, coupledness and suburbia. From a fantastic place where TV soap meets art-house film, Glenn and Rhonda Flune take the audience on an expedition in search of the perfect relationship. *Blue Love* is inspired by famous works of art, theatre, music and film, all of which deal with the concept

of love. Glenn and Rhonda draw on and reference all of these art forms, parodying the lip-service given to love and its incarnations. This quirky, character-based work is a multimedia physical theatre comedy: accessible, challenging and enormously entertaining.

Parker wanted to create a work about romantic love. 'I was inspired by how romantic love runs rampant through all art forms, both popular and high art, and provides such juicy thematic fodder for artists and audiences alike. It's a topic that everyone knows only too well. In romantic love the cliché becomes the poignant and vice versa. Enter our characters, Glenn and Rhonda Flune. They believe that they are the perfect couple, and in believing so become the tenuous, sometimes fabricated, sometimes real storytellers of *Blue Love*. They and their 'sketched-out' living room become the canvas for our story as they reference film, dance, text and song in playing out their relationship.'

Originally created as a short film, *Blue Love* has screened in Athens, London, Berlin, Melbourne, San Francisco, Krakow and at the Verona Film Festival, Italy. Awards include Best Dance Film, Australian Dance Awards.

Blue Love was then developed into a full-length physical theatre and dance work funded by Arts South Australia and the Sophiensaele Theatre in Berlin. Seasons have now been performed internationally at Sophiensaele Theatre, the Podweil Summerfestival and Tanzfabrik's Test um6 series (Germany), the Nelson Arts Festival (New Zealand) and the Singapore Festival.

One of Australia's youngest and most exciting dance companies, Shaun Parker & Company has exploded onto the international dance scene. The company creates critically acclaimed dance productions.

Byron Theatre, Byron Community Centre on **Thursday** at 8pm. Tix: 6685 6807 or byroncentre.com.au.



FUNDRAISER FOR NEPAL

Help raise money to support those in need in Nepal following the devastating earthquake that's affected the lives of millions. Organisers are presenting a rare screening of *When the Iron Bird Flies*. This beautiful feature-length documentary explores the dynamic point of exposure between Tibetan Buddhism and contemporary western culture. Taking its name from an 8th-century prediction about the eventual meeting of these two cultures, this film eloquently and sensitively explores what has shaped the arrival of Buddhism in the West, and what the future looks like at this exiting juncture. All proceeds will go directly to Karuna Shechen – a humanitarian aid organisation associated with Shechen Monastery, Nepal, whose monks and nuns are at the forefront of

the relief effort on the ground. Under the guidance of Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche and Matthieu Richard, this organisation has a far-reaching, immediate and direct impact in the Himalayan region. **Saturday 23 May** at the **Byron Community Centre**. Q&A with Buddhist teacher Jakob Leshcly. Tickets \$25; \$20 concession. For enquiries call 0412 003 404. For tickets go to byroncentre.com.au.

MORE HELP FOR NEPAL

The Brookfarm Byron Lighthouse run founded and run by locals Lisa Parkes, and Greg and Brigid Kramer is asking for our help. The lighthouse run has in the past few years been donating its funds to local charities as well as donating to an Australian charity, Langtang Valley Health, which our funds helped build, establish, and set up a primary health clinic in the remote region of Langtang in 2012. And in the more recent years to cover a nurse's wages at the clinic. The news from beautiful Langtang is not good. The village has been destroyed, as has the clinic.

Langtang village is an 8-hour drive and 3-day walk from Kathmandu. It is very remote, and unfortunately this earthquake has occurred right in the middle of the trekking season.

An Australian doctor, Erin Carroll (from Victoria), had been volunteering at the clinic for the past month. Fortunately she and her husband Ben were leaving the clinic when the earthquake hit. The good news is that she and her husband are alive and currently awaiting rescue from Syabru Besi. However, there are grave concerns for other staff, particularly local Nepali nurses.

Donations can be made on www.langtangvalleyhealth.org.

Lisa will be holding **The Full Monty** fundraising event on **Saturday 30 May** with an evening of Indian/Nepalese food, film, music, entertainment, and dancing.

Lisa is looking for event sponsors (venue, produce, staff, entertainment) as well as prizes, and donations for a silent auction, so to help with this event or for more information please contact Lisa on 0429 878 902.

CONTINUED FROM p.21 Why do you think so many young people use illicit drugs regardless of the messaging from the broader community?

Young people are curious; they want to experience new things, especially things that are forbidden and that make you feel great (if only for a short while). It has been the same way for eons. I think young people see through the facade of adults telling them not to do things that they do. It's pure hypocrisy! For some young people they use drugs to 'numb out' from stressful life situations, avoidance of pain, grief and sadness; for others it may be peer pressure or simply monkey see monkey do!

What are the issues that face young people in our shire in regard to drug use?

There's plenty available! Whether it is getting backpackers to buy you cheap booze or being able to get weed from an older sibling or parent, or buying pills from dealers at school for the party on the weekend.

The old excuse 'the kids are bored because there isn't much to do in rural areas' doesn't cut it any more because there are heaps of great things young people can get involved in around here. We do, however, live in a drug culture, not just here: everywhere. Somehow much of it has become so socially accepted that we never question doing things differently. How many people can imagine having a party without booze?

What is great is coming across more and more young people who are not interested in getting 'wasted' on any drug. They have already come to realise that nothing outside of yourself can make you happy, take away your sadness or complete your life.

Altered States at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby on **Sunday 24 May**. Entry over-18 \$10 with under-18s free. Followed by Q&A.

SEE ENTIRE INTERVIEW ONLINE AT echo.net.au/alterd-states



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ARTS



CALL OF THE WILD: THE OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO WILL UNLEASH THE WILD THING WITHIN.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ART

THERE'S a bit of the wild thing in all of us. There's also a bit of the artist.

Put them together and you'll be well on the way to winning a major prize in the Ocean Shores Art Expo in August. This year's theme is Wild Things and the expo committee is welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds to show their creative side.

'Don't be afraid to express yourself,' schools co-ordinator Richard Heazlewood-Ross said. 'This is a fantastic, fun theme that opens up an infinite number of possibilities in a range of art forms. It's a chance for everyone and anyone to unleash the wild thing within and let their imagination run wild.'

Committee secretary Mary Bernard said the art expo fostered emerging artists. 'It's an incredible showcase of local talent and a coming together of the community to share ideas, express themselves and have a lot of fun in the process,' she said.

But this is not a case of 'art for art's sake.' The expo puts heart into art by donating profits to charity. Last year's 'Home' theme not only provided a flurry of amazing artwork, but saw the Byron Youth House, Grace Space and the Mullumbimby Soup Kitchen receiving \$1,000 each as a result.

Sponsorship co-ordinator Clency Bernard said that being able to provide funding support for local organisations was a great way of giving back to the community.

The expo has six art categories, including Water Colour and Gouche, Printmaking, Drawing and Pastels, Oil and Acrylic, Mixed Media, Sculpture and Photographic, and Digital Art, with prizes in each to the value of \$700.

It runs from **Friday 28 August** to **Sunday 30 August**.

Answer the call of the wild and visit the expo website on www.osartexpo.com for more details on how to enter.

To sponsor the event, contact Clency Bernard on 0432 374 662.



Isle of Hollows, Skye Baker, 2015

Sam Sosnowski - Winter Workshops



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WHAT'S IN A MEMORY?

A group of three exhibitions explore that very question from three varied and unique perspectives this May at The Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) in Ballina.

AgX by Grayson Cooke is an art-science project about memory and forgetting; a multisensory digital art experience featuring time-lapse macro-photography of negatives being chemically destroyed.

The *AgX* project is a powerful and thought-provoking reflection on how photography works as a form of external memory. *AgX* is chemical shorthand for silver halides that are the light-sensitive compounds constituting the celluloid image. Silver halides are historically implicated in personal and collective memory – and could be viewed almost as the DNA of the modern archive.

The Passing by Skye Baker presents a series of contemporary drawings that focus on the geographical and psychological boundaries within the island form.

The mixed-media works form an archipelago, a cluster of islands, symbolic of the connectedness of humanity and nature.

Kate Hallen's evocative works in *Fight // Flight* investigate the psychological landscape experienced by a soldier's returning from battle to civilian life and the resulting tension that emerges as post-traumatic stress. Kate's works force the viewer to contemplate the sinister and often hidden complications of war. On first impression, the dark colour palette appears to be a graceful streamlined marine bird diving for fish, but later it transforms into a torpedo bearing down on an unseen target.

These exhibitions continue until **Sunday 24 May 2015**. For further information contact www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/nrcg or phone 6681 6167.



ASM, Kate Hallen, 2014



TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY

Glimpse – Christian Halford

Until Sunday 14 June

Glimpse explores the renaissance of candid moments bought about through the possibilities of paint.

The genres of portraiture and figurative painting have been primary foci in this series of work by Christian Halford. Tactility and expression through paint enables Halford to capture his subjects and to create works that are imbued with movement vitality and wonder. Between the dialog of under-painting and over-painting Halford creates works that ignite deeper complexities allowing Halford to take risks, use his intuition and generate an exciting experience for the painter and for the viewer.

'Painting offers moments that are alive; moments that are a *Glimpse* in time.' Christian Halford.

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Dear Bodhi: Judy Cassab. Cassab has an ongoing 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.

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 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.

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ROCK OF AGES TATTOO PARLOUR

In the last few years of its seven-year existence, Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour has proven itself to be the go-to tattoo studio of the northern rivers. With more than 35 years of collective experience between them and with a variety of styles catered for, they continue to push this beautiful and unusual art form to its outermost limits. The studio has recently been renovated to provide better service for clients and there is now a tattoo artist on call permanently for any walk-in tattoos.

Call the studio for an appointment: 6687 5872.

SAM SOSNOWSKI

Sam Sosnowski is an established artist and printmaker. He has taught classes in drawing and printing at university and TAFE and is a patient and effective teacher. Drawing workshops are tailored for beginners, presenting how to draw in a structured way covering point, line, perspective and finishing with a life model.

Printing workshops are over one weekend and are a great introduction to positive/negative shapes and hand printing without needing expensive tools and equipment.

Sam also holds regular untutored life drawing sessions every Thursday evening.

All classes are held in Mullumbimby. Call Sam for more information on 0411 725 500.

RAW EXPOSURE

RAW: Natural Born Artists is an independent arts organisation for artists, by artists. RAW's mission is to provide independent artists of all creative genres with the tools, resources and exposure needed to inspire and cultivate creativity. RAW connects artists with one another so that they might grow together. RAW hosts events in 60+ cities across the US, Australia, Canada and the UK. They also showcase their artists online via www.RAWartists.org.

The emerging arts showcase featuring 30 of Byron Bay's best emerging talent spanning genres such as fashion, music, visual and performing arts, and photography is at the **Byron Brewery** on **Friday 22 May**. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$16.50 (+bf) and are available through www.RAWartists.org/byronbay/sensory or are \$20 on the door.



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THURSDAY 14

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MATT STILLERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **BLUE LOVE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **RUMBLE FOR THE JUNGLE SUMATRAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FUNDRAISER WITH DJS SOUNDWAVE, HELLO WITH THE PUDDING, ED MOTIVE, DAYSNATCHA, PROG JUICER, FOWL PLAY**
- MASONIC CENTRE, BYRON 1PM **TAO THE KING'S ANCIENT WISDOM**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **DIREWOLF & WILLOWY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **SH*TS & GIGGLES COMEDY WITH FIONA MCGARY**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **NO DEPRESSION WITH THE ROMANIACS**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **COD SQUAD**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**

FRIDAY 15

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TROPICAL ZOMBIE, TEA SOCIETY, EDWARD THAT & THE SALVAGE, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **AKOVA 9PM RAGGA JUMP**
- YACROCKCAFE, BYRON 6PM **EL MONSTRO, DR PARALLAX, FLYNN EFFECT, BIG & THE BANGS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **NOVA & THE EXPERIENCE**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 7PM **LATINO N DA HOUSE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **CC THE CAT**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **VIKKI GRANT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **MATT STILLERT**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **BEN KELLY**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **CC THE CAT**
- ST MARTIN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **COMMUNITY CHANTING GATHERING**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **HONOUR**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **JAEJDEN**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **MONKEY & THE FISH BAND**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **MICAH DICK**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE

Gig Guide

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7.30PM FRACKMAN THE MOVIE

- NIMBIN HOTEL **THE ROMANIACS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **GLENN SHORROCK, BRIAN CADD, JOE CAMILLERI, KATE CEBERANO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL **SAN CISCO & CROOKED COLOURS, METHYL ETHE**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **JOSH WADE**

SATURDAY 16

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ROYAL ARTILLERY, THE VULTURES, DJ CHRIS BRADLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DEVILS KIOSK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ SAMMY OWENS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **CC THE CAT**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **SACRED JOURNEY THROUGH MUSIC WITH YANTRA DE VILDER & CARMELLA BAYNIE**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 7PM **BOSA NOVA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE FLUMES**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- COORABELL HALL 4.30PM **UNITY ROOTS BAND, SKAKSTARZ, KATIA & DANIDOO BUTTERFLY, OREN & DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKET 8AM **LOREN**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ANDY HOLM**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **HONOUR**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **NEIN BIGWUNS**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **THE MORTONS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **NITESTAR**
- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **COAST & BROWN**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- GOONELLABAH TAVERN 9PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
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- MARY G'S, LISMORE **PINK ZINC**
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- PHOENIX RISING CAFE, NIMBIN 12PM **MINUS 1**
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SUNDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**

- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **STEVE ANDREWS**
- THE HAVEN, MURWILLUMBAH 6PM **MATT STILLERT**
- PHOENIX RISING CAFE, NIMBIN 12PM **THE OUTBACK GYPSIES**

MONDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ZIGGY ALBERTS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DR BAZ**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB 8PM **COMEDY WITH GRETIL KILLEEN, JACKIE LOEB & MC MANDY NOLAN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

TUESDAY 19

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- SOUTH TWEED BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **DAN MCCOY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

WEDNESDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **TRISTAN O'MEARA BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **OPEN MIC WITH CHRIS FISHER**

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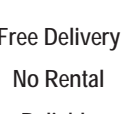
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3	S 0614	1712	1644	0504	0739,1.51; 2000,1.73	0143,0.50; 1336,0.49
4	M 0614	1711	1724	0557	0817,1.50; 2034,1.78	0221,0.46; 1410,0.49
5	T 0615	1710	1807	0653	0857,1.48; 2110,1.81	0300,0.43; 1445,0.51
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26	T 0627	1658	1223		0158,1.47; 1506,1.34	0844,0.62; 2053,0.83
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28	T 0628	1658	1331	0111	0358,1.41; 1650,1.48	1019,0.60; 2301,0.73
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CSIRO solar shines on Cyprus hill

CSIRO scientists have designed and installed a solar field in Cyprus which places the island nation at the frontier of solar energy research in Europe.

As most of the country's electricity is currently generated using oil, harnessing the sun's energy through solar-thermal technology is an attractive option for Cyprus.

It could also power energy-intensive desalination plants used to tackle perennial water shortages.

Cutting edge

'This project was a big step for CSIRO as it's the first time we've deployed this cutting-edge technology outside of our own backyard,' CSIRO solar research leader Wes Stein said.

'It's also the beginning of an exciting collaborative research program, having signed a MoU to undertake joint solar research with the Cyprus Institute.

'Our high-performance heliostats have a unique design that is well suited to the rugged terrain on Cyprus's south coast, allowing them to operate very efficiently.

'They are smaller than conventional heliostats, which gives the user more control over the intensity of the solar concentration.

'They also feature a low-cost design, which allows them to be installed more affordably.'

Professor Costas Papanicolas, president of the Cyprus Institute, said solar-thermal technology had enormous potential for sun-rich countries such as Cyprus.

'Like Australia, Cyprus is blessed with an abundance of sunshine, so increasing the penetration of solar energy is an attractive option both in terms of energy affordability and lowering greenhouse gas emissions,' Prof Papanicolas said.



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'We have enjoyed working with CSIRO to install this field in a professional manner, and we are extremely pleased with the performance.'

It took CSIRO, with local help, five weeks to construct the solar-thermal field, which spreads out over a half-acre plot of land at the south of the island, on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Consisting of 50 heliostats, the heat generated by the field could bring a two-litre kettle to the boil in less than five seconds.

Expansion planned

This is a suitable size for the Cyprus Institute, the country's premier research institute, to conduct their research, with expansion planned for the future.

The experimental facility will be initially used for demonstration purposes by the Cyprus Institute, with a view to longer-term commercial use of the technology in Mediterranean islands and the Middle East.

'The Cyprus Institute has been and will be an ideal partner for CSIRO as it is a research organisation with a similar ethos to turn new ideas into commercial products,' Mr Stein said.

'By working collaboratively through exchange of ideas and researchers, and now with common solar concentrating research infrastructure, we can accelerate the deployment of this technology and make big inroads in reducing global emissions of carbon dioxide.'

Solar-thermal tower technology uses many mirrors (heliostats) that accurately track the sun, reflecting light towards a receiver on top of a tower and heating a fluid.

Sea-water plant

The hot fluid is subsequently used to drive a turbine for generating electricity and, in the Cyprus Institute research, powering simultaneously a sea-water desalination plant.

Thermal energy can also be stored relatively cheaply compared to other technologies, improving potential for large-scale power generation regardless of when the sun is shining.

CSIRO's solar-thermal team have set a number of records in the past 12 months, generating pressurised air at 880°C and supercritical steam in research projects.

To satisfy European legislation, 13 per cent of Cyprus's total energy consumption must be derived from renewable sources by 2020.

Aussie workers sitting down on the job: survey

New data released by the Heart Foundation shows Aussie workers are more sedentary than ever, and they know it.

The report, from a national survey of workers aged 25–54 years, found close to 70 per cent of Australian workers are spending considerable amounts of time staring at technological gadgets rather than being physically active.

Of these workers, one in three is increasingly worried about the effect this is having on their health.

Mary Barry, National Heart Foundation CEO, said the research confirms the need for more physical activity-friendly workplaces, including environments where workers are encouraged to spend less time sitting down in front of screens.

'These results are truly eye-opening. Though Aussie workers say they aren't physically active because of a lack of time, it is also about the way they choose to spend the free time they do have,' Ms Barry said.

Ms Barry said the research shows that when workers did have some spare time, almost 42 per cent preferred to spend it with their tablets and gadgets.

Australian Medical Association (AMA) president, A/Prof Brian Owler, said that promoting the health benefits of physical activity and educating the community about the serious health risks of physical inactivity are priorities for the AMA.

'The AMA wants Australians of all ages and all levels of fitness to get moving to get healthy,' A/Prof Owler said.

'This research shows that isn't happening with nearly one in four reporting they do very little or no physical activity.

'It is too easy for people to get stuck behind a desk or remain seated or stationary at work or at home for long hours every day, and this is very bad for their physical and emotional wellbeing.'

One in two workers also said they had made a change to improve the overall healthiness of their diet in the previous six months.

The first part of the study, released this week, coincides with Heart Week (May 3–9) and aims to shine a spotlight on the growing epidemic of physical inactivity and sedentary behaviour in Australia.

See more at www.heartfoundation.org.au.

Paradise is not a place;
It's a state of consciousness
– Sri Chinmoy

Red Devil's taken to the cleaners at Casino

Story & photo John Campbell

In rugby league, it is not uncommon to hear the losing side attempt to console themselves with 'at least we won the second half'. The truth is, that pathetic old lament is not worth the toilet paper on which it is smeared.

If the Byron Bay Red Devils resorted to it on Sunday, after coming back from 20-nil at the break to be beaten 32-16 by the Casino Cougars at Queen Elizabeth Park, they had better take a reality check quick smart, because for most of the afternoon, when we were all meant to be celebrating the beauty and the wonder of motherhood, they played like old molls.

With their last fixture washed out and postponed to a later date, the Devils travelled west with their NRRRL card reading two victories and one defeat. After trouncing the premiers Ballina in



Sam 'Dolly' Dwyer batters down the hatches as the Casino defence prepares to swamp him at Queen Elizabeth Park on Sunday.

Round One, but appearing to have dropped back a gear, the boys needed to show that they were more than just show ponies against a workmanlike Cougars outfit. They looked keen in the warm-up

and oozed confidence, but as the great Mike Tyson observed, 'everyone's got a plan until someone punches them in the face'.

Metaphorically speaking, Casino punched Byron in

the face with an early try and the boys reacted like headless chooks thereafter.

Let us pray that they will not turn in another half of footy as bad as last Sunday's first forty.

A couple of wayward passes was all the encouragement the Cougars needed to jump to the lead. The boys in maroon then capitalised on one of their visitors' countless fumbles for an alarmingly easy barge-over try to make it 10-0, and when their dummy half put his head down and crossed through an on-line defence that would have struggled to repel an under-8s charge, the writing was on the wall.

The Cougars' second-rower and captain, Damien Benn, a brutish fellow who would not take no for an answer and who, along with their full-back with the zombie haircut, troubled the Bay all arvo, was next to score. He put his foot on the pedal and stormed through the ruck. Easy as that.

Footy fans always live by a fanciful logic, so Byron supporters would have thought that, behind 20-0 at orang-

es, things might have been worse.

For their part, before returning to the fray, the Devils did one of those huddles that look good on stage but rarely amount to anything. The attitude and application that they didn't show in the first half failed to miraculously appear in the second.

They were unable to complete their first two sets, got a relieving penalty but couldn't put it into touch and, in general, gave the impression that what they had worked hardest on at training during the week was playing like klutzes.

Out of the blue, Joey Gordon took an intercept and ran eighty metres for a try, but the iceberg had already struck and the ship was on the way down.

Further tries to Brad Lees and Fraser Jones only made the final score less embarrassing.

Tommo's five-minute hat-trick



James Tomlinson drives home the second of three goals he bagged within five minutes.

Story & photo Dogwhistle

They weren't the prettiest wins in their recent history but the Great Northern Byron Bay Rams did manage to totally overwhelm the battlers from Casino in both Premier and Reserve grades on Saturday.

The tough and determined Casino sides have just restored to the premiership level and were not to be taken lightly. Despite the Rams' clear superiority, it was no walkover for the table leaders in either grade.

In the Reserves, Will Ennis came off the bench at the 30-minute mark and immediately buried a cross from Jonno Pierce to give the Rams the lead into the break.

Five minutes into the second half, Herrick Schuene-mann controlled and turned a high ball in the crowded Casino box to take the score to 2-0. The Cobras responded with a quick counter keeping their hopes alive, but a power drive from prodigal Ram Jordy Campbell sealed the 3-1 win for the Rams.

The top-squad Premiers clash was an equally gritty struggle. The tough and physical Cobras' defence managed to hold out the relentless Rams and despite many early chances the Byron boys struggled to find the net for much of the first half.

Twenty-four minutes in, the Rams' striker James Tomlinson leapt above the Casino defenders to head in

the opening goal. Two minutes later, Tomlinson again found the net, pouncing on a deflection to drive the ball home. Tomlinson completed his hat-trick three minutes after that, with yet another soaring header.

Casino rallied and dug in for the remainder of the match and, despite countless flanking runs from Conor Cannon and Tyson Kaye, the Rams couldn't manage to break through.

With four wins from four outings, the Rams are top of the table in both grades going into this Saturday's clash with ambitious Anzac Cup winners, Lennox Head.

Reserves kick off at the Lennox Head grounds at 1pm and the Premiers at 3pm.

Byron victors in Beef to Reef

Story The Engeneer

Byron Bay Rugby Union have claimed the trophy and bragging rights in the inaugural Beef to Reef Cup, beating the Casino Bulls 43-5 at home on Saturday.

The cup was the brainchild of Byron's president Tim Ahern and Casino's coach Mick Russell as a way of generating a friendly rivalry between the two clubs.

Casino lost the toss and kicked off to a fired-up Byron forward pack and after some early pressure the Bay managed to find the line twice within the first 15 minutes through the electric Harvey Bell. Casino responded strongly with some forward pressure that slowed down Byron's momentum.

After a lull in the scores some great work from Byron's halves: Luc Boyer and Sion King had centres Chris Ealey and Jascha Saack hitting holes that in turn set up Harvey Bell for his third try of the day. But he wasn't done just yet!

Byron went into half-time with a fairly comfortable lead and after the break not even a pitch invasion from a pug could slow down Harvey as he crossed the line for another two tries shortly after the restart. This ignited the Casino Bulls who managed to string a number of phases together and pull off



Harvey vs The Pug. Photo Peter Moore

an attacking set play that had their winger cross the line in the corner for a well-deserved try.

Some strong running from Number 8 Mikey Karl set the way for Byron as they continued to mount pressure, resulting in the Bay's big winger Nick Fischer crossing the line for his first try. A tiring Byron pack saw the injection of some much-needed fresh legs in second-rower Ryan Betts, who showed some impressive footwork in his first game back for the season, returning from injury to score under the posts late in the game. Best on the field was Mikey Karl, Harvey 'the five-try scorer' Bell, Luc Boyer and

debutant Stefan Rayworth.

It was an incredibly strong showing from a Byron outfit that is continuing to grow as a team. The win puts the Bay in an even stronger position, moving into second place on the points table. The boys have a bye this weekend but will be back on 23 May, travelling away to take on Lismore City. For those with a car and no plans for a lazy Saturday afternoon the team would love your support in what is always a tough game against the lads in green at Lismore. Details of the match can be found on the club's Facebook page - Byron Bay Rugby Club.

Go The Bay!



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Biggest Morning Teas

Brunswick Valley Cancer Action Group's Biggest Morning Tea is on Friday 22 May from 9.30am at the Uniting Church Hall Mullumbimby. Proceeds to the Cancer Council NSW. **TinCAN**, the volunteer Community Aid Network in Tintenbar, Biggest Morning Tea at Tintenbar Hall on Saturday 30 May at 10am, \$5 entry fee. Info Marg 6687 8033. **Mullumbimby Golf Club** Biggest Morning Tea Friday 12 June from 9.30am, hosted by Ellen Briggs, \$5 a head, all proceeds to the Cancer Council.

Camera Club

The Ballina Camera Club print meeting Thursday 14 May at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome, Enquiries Mark 6686 6915.

ACO concert

The acclaimed and talented Australian Chamber Orchestra comes to St John's School Hall, Mullumbimby, on Sunday 17 May at 3pm. Bach, Tchaikovsky and more. Tickets \$40, members \$35, children \$15, available at The

Bookshop Mullumbimby, Mary Ryan's Bookshop Byron Bay and Barebones Art Gallery Bangalow.

Fish Habitat Workshop

Brunswick Valley Landcare free Fish Habitat Workshop in Mullumbimby Saturday 16 May, 1–4pm. Enquiries Bela 6684 7113.

Seniors Groove

A weekly activity day for seniors each Tuesday at the Byron Community Centre with drumming circle at 10.30am, followed by chair yoga at noon. Entry by donation, morning tea in between.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market corner of Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby, Saturday 16 May, 8am–2pm. Loren playing live. Great food, local handmade products.

Bollywood at Coorabell

Traditional South Indian cuisine with entertainment, community fundraising event, Friday 15 May, 6.30pm. Adults \$35, children U12 \$15. Booking essential: coorabellhall@gmail.com or Ouida 0408 612 043.

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors Association next market day sale 17 May, 10am–3pm. Mullumbimby Community Art Gallery open every Tues and Thurs 10am–2pm and on Mullum Market days 10am–3pm at the Drill Hall Complex, 2 Jubilee Ave. Enquiries mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au.

Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday 17 May from 9am till 12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

Lions street stall

Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby street stall and fruit raffle Friday 15 May outside Stewart's Menswear Mullumbimby 8.30–11.30. Lots of homemade cooking.

ADFAS talk

ADFAS Byron Bay presentation: Virtual Realities, the art of fresco, an illustrated talk by Nicole Mezey, 6.30pm at the A&I Hall, Bangalow. Guests welcome, \$25 includes drinks and a light snack.

Make change happen

Getting support for worthwhile projects, Wednesday 20 May, 6–9pm, CWA Hall, corner Tincogan and Gordon Sts. Info: jacki.dirckx@gmail.com or 0423 753 757.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Gertie Krebs will present a musical appreciation session on the life and work of Nicolo Paganini at 10am on 19 May in the meeting room of the RSL, Mullumbimby. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club will share lunch at 12.30pm followed by our meeting on Saturday 9 May at Byron Bay Services Club. Enq Jeni 6685 7816.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 19 May 10am–noon at the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Dr Liz Elliot and Colin Cook will discuss Changing Events in Our World. Phone 6685 1732.

Mufti Bowls Day

Mufti Bowls Day with Breakfast on Sunday 31 May at Brunswick Heads Bowls Club, \$10 per person in aid of Byron Shire Respite Service. See www.byronrespite.com.au. Please book 6685 1921 or service@byronrespite.com.au.

Hospital Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital on Monday 18 May at 2pm. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Tao – The King's Ancient Wisdom, presented by Celia Novy, Thursday 14 May, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Stall for Nepal

Music, cakes, chai and quality items for sale. 100% to Nepal. Sat 16, 8/2, Grevillea Ave, Mullum (weather permitting).

Op shop clearance

Uniting Church Op Shop Dalley Street, Mullumbimby, open each Saturday till 12 noon. All summer clothing half price, big clearance this week only.

TOOT AGM

TOOT (Trains On Our Tracks) Annual

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, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay. www.byrontoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic 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 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.codependentsanonymous.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 liberationlarder.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. information and meetings call 6680 7280.

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

General Meeting to be held on 19 May 5.30pm at Mullumbimby RSL. More info 6680 4358.

Miso making

Hands-on practical workshop, Sat 16 May, 9am–1pm at Mullum Community Garden. Contact Ko 0432 071 539 or knowledgempower@yahoo.com.

VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club next luncheon meeting Thursday 14 May 10.30am at Ocean Shores Country Club, guest speaker Ellie Wilkie (artist). Apologies to Rae 0427 103 072.

Pool Trust AGM

The Bangalow Pool Trust Annual General Meeting Monday 25 May 5pm at Barbican Legal Services, 16 Lismore Road, Bangalow. All interested welcome. Contact Peta Heeson 6688 4236.

Compassionate

The Compassionate Friends is a caring support group for any parent whose

child has died at any age. Next sharing meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 May. Enq 6621 4086 or 6621 5558.

Lone Goat Gallery

Lone Goat Gallery presents *Headwaters* by Rose McKinley until 27 May. Phone 0490 004 542 / www.lonegoat-gallery.com.

Freedom flotilla

Byron Friends of Palestine invite everyone to join the Gaza Freedom Flotilla in the Mullum2Bruns paddle event on 24 May. Details on our Facebook page.

Town garage sale

All-town garage sale Sat 6 June. Registrations for this year's Brunswick Heads Old & Gold Festival are now open at Byron Shire Real Estate. Phone: 6685 1003.

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Regular As Clockwork

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Connect Up

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is hosting Koori Murri Goori Connect Up, a time to reflect sharing experiences of doing creative work, energising oneself. For info call Robin 0459 962 428.

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc provides high-quality person-centred respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

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.

Spanish conversation

A Spanish conversation group meets every Monday evening in Mullumbimby in order to improve language skills and cultural knowledge. Phone Paco 6684 0242.

Toddler Time

Song and dance fun for 2–4-year-olds, Mondays 9.30–11am, Mullum Neighbourhood Centre. Donation. Enq: 6684 1286.

Impro

Improvisation & performance peer practice Mondays 4–6pm at Kulchajam, Byron ind est. More info: Gabrielle 0418 438 396.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop Dalley Street Mullumbimby Open each Saturday 8–noon. All summer clothing 1/2 price. Big clearance this week only. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm.

North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au



Australia's new banknote, the eleventy, courtesy One Term Tories Facebook page.

Volunteers needed. For more information contact Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

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 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerat2010@gmail.com.

Oneness blessing

Oneness blessing, meditation and healing every Thursday 7pm at Red Tent Yoga studio, Byron industrial estate. By donation. Ring Nura 0427 847 210 for info.

Bushdancing

Live music from Hide The Potato with dance caller, last Sunday of every month 3–5pm at Brunswick Heads RSL Hall. Next dance May 31.

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.

Free Yoga Nidra

Every Tuesday in Ocean Shores, 2–2.45pm. Contact Heidi 0426 977 575.

Food Box

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

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. One less weed wild in the Alps (9)

6. Moral matters and the others take in hot individual (5)

9. Got changed, had a beer and was embarrassed about the time (7)

10. Vehicle, a vehicle, a vehicle (7)

11. Merman swaps hands to do a number (5)

12. Ocean cruiser addict (9)

13. Ernie uses daughter in turn (5)

14. Silly about mum, in a distinctive style (9)

17. Dictator retreats in one defeat ... hesitation (9)

18. They steer the firm, and back gender (5)

19. Eccentric to copulate in two different ways (9)

22. Drug in a small weight produces hallucination (5)

24. Eastern strong mad fiend – Persian nobleman (7)

25. Supply base, needed by defence force belonging to us ... (7)

26 ... for lament, for instance, in cathedral city (5)

27. Toff, and one who brings precipitation? It's bleeding obvious (2-7)

DOWN

1. Eliminate leisure – about right (5)

2. Commonly drunk, Eastern workers secure casual help (9)

3. Alien rises in battle over old cutback, but it's only a game (5-4)

4. Sign covering abandoned mine (French); it's what 5 is meant to achieve! (15)

5. Farical, I'm Basil Fawlty – but more likely to be Jacob or Iphigenia! (11,4)

6. Mistake old student for Flynn (5)

7. If this sanctuary included the East, it would be paradise (5)

8. Shortens agreements (9)

13. The best swords hold back a violent outbreak (9)

15. First class crazy, a gear up – nuts! (9)

16. XAT, a necessary evil (3,6)

20. Steal a weapon (5)

21. Miss Darling or Mrs Murdoch (5)

23. Municipal chief a mother? Rene's back! (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Flowering plant found in Switzerland (9)

6. Moral precept (5)

9. Notified (7)

10. Mobile home (7)

11. Alcohol commonly used as anaesthetic (5)

12. Injecting drug addict (9)

13. Australian wild dog (5)

14. In a distinctive style of speech or language (9)

17. World War II Italian dictator (9)

18. Those who steer rowing boats (5)

19. Eccentric, nutcase (9)

22. Reverie, fantasy (5)

24. Style of Arabic nobleman, especially in Persia or Turkey (7)

25. Arsenal, storehouse for weapons (7)

26. Mournful poem, lament for the dead (5)

27. Blindingly obvious, needing no consideration (2-7)

DOWN

1. Rub out, delete (5)

2. Very large mammals (9)

3. Team sport played in a pool (5-4)

4. Freedom from obligation, compensation for loss (15)

5. Innocent victim killed to appease the gods (11,4)

6. First name of actor Flynn (5)

7. Shelter, sanctuary (5)

8. Shrinks, shortens (9)

13. Relating to the Syrian capital (9)

15. Nut native to Australia (9)

16. Annual statement required by Treasury (3,6)

20. Long barrelled firearm (5)

21. Heroine of Barrie's "Peter Pan" (5)

23. Chief municipal officer (5)

Last week's solution N071

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For anyone who's experienced bullying online or for parents interested in protecting their children, there's this: On Sunday May 17, 1-5pm, the Youth Activities Centre in Byron Bay will be hosting a special Anti-Bullying – Staying Safe on Social Media Forum, to coincide with the International Day Against Homophobia. MCs for the forum are Tobin Saunders (aka Vanessa Wagner) from ACON, Mae Wilde (aka Ilona Harker) and Tommy Franklin. The forum will have presentations from guest speakers, a panel session with audience Q&A, and a 'world cafe' event, where various topics will be discussed. To submit a question, email Nicqui Yazdi at nicqui@safeonsocial.com, and see more at www.facebook.com/buddicdat.

Salon.com takes on the anti-science myths related to climate change at <http://bit.ly/salonantiscience>.

The federal government wants us to believe we need to cut our foreign aid contribution when in fact it is only a minuscule portion of our overall budget expenditure – 0.22 per cent, in fact – and after next week's budget it will be at the lowest level of aid in our nation's history. In his ABC TV show, *The Weekly*, Charlie Pickering points this out in clever and amusing detail (<http://bit.ly/charlieaid>), his argument supported by, of all people, Andrew Bolt. It's in our own self-interest to be selfless, and as Oxfam Australia chief executive Dr Helen Szoke notes, 'Australia is surrounded by poorer nations – 18 of our closest neighbours are developing countries. In



Paving paradise: In a matter of minutes last Thursday, Council had all the trees chipped in the centre of its carpark next to the Poinciana Cafe in Mullum, prior to resurfacing. (Three weeks of dust and noise.) We have it on good authority the trees were the Coolamon (*Syzygium moorei*), Mullumbimby's protected floral emblem. Council's director of infrastructure services, Phil Holloway, said open carpark works are exempt development under the *SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007* so Council didn't require a DA. 'However, an independent ecological assessment was undertaken for options on keeping the sick and dying trees,' Mr Holloway said. 'A total of six trees will be removed and as four are Coolamons, a compensatory planting with 40 new trees is part of the works program.' A compensatory planting program is part of Council's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. Five Peanut Trees will be planted at the carpark. The Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants website notes that Aborigines in northern Queensland crushed leaves of the Peanut Tree and applied them to wounds. See more at <http://bit.ly/peanuttree>.

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