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Nat MP asked to please explain

The pressure isn't abating on councillors Sol Ibrahim, Rose Wanchap, Alan Hunter, Di Woods and Chris Cubis, who are pushing to erect a rock wall in front of Council land and private property at Belongil.

About 300 people braved blustery weather on Sunday to show their opposition to the controversial plan, which they say comes without community input, is overblown in cost and lacks due process.

The gathering heard speakers Cate Coorey from Byron Residents' Group, Delta Kay representing the Arakwal people, Greens MLC Jan Barham and Byron Shire councillor Duncan Dey (Greens), before walking to the site of the existing rock wall, past a sign reading 'keep the rocks'.

Ms Coorey told *The Echo*, 'People don't want engineering on their beaches, and are appalled at the actions of the councillors, doing all this in secret without community consultation.'

Meanwhile, Greens MLC and former Byron Shire mayor Jan Barham has put on notice questions for minister for Crown Lands, Kevin Humphries (Nationals) about his approval for the works.

She told fellow MPs in parliament last week that the proposed rock walls would be built without a NSW government-approved Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP).

Ms Barham also said experts had warned that the so-called 'interim' rock walls proposed by Council could increase coastal erosion, cause the loss of the beach and impact on public safety. 'Will this project put Council and the community at risk of further legal challenges or proposals for additional rock walls?'

Arakwal woman Delta Kay, former mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham with environmentalist Dailan Pugh. Photo Jeff Dawson

Champions of the marble

Brunswick Heads School reigned supreme after a gruelling marbles tournament which saw Jordan O'Hearn and Sam Pheill victorious. It was all part of Brunswick's Old and Gold Festival held on Saturday. Photo Jeff Dawson

EPA investigates spill at former Metgasco site

Chris Dobney

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has commenced investigations into a suspected spill of contaminated water from a storage tank at Metgasco's decommissioned Corella exploration well near Dobies Bight.

But the authority told *The Echo* last week 'there is no current pollution taking place requiring booms or other devices to be activated.'

A spokesperson said results are yet to be received back from samples it took at the site, which is located northwest of Casino. North coast environmentalist and scientist Alan Roberts, who took samples of his own at the site before alerting the EPA, says his tests are 'demonstrably repeatable' and is accusing the authority of 'facilitating environmental damage.'

The Corella test well was decommissioned in June 2013, and on November 6 that year Metgasco submitted a statutory declaration that the site had been rehabilitated.

On November 28 the landowner, Mark McCaughey, confirmed to the department of resources and energy that the rehabilitation had been conducted to his satisfaction.

But a large plastic tank that is thought to have contained fluids associated with the CSG test well was left at the site. Early last month nearby residents noticed that it had tipped over, apparently leaking its contents in the direction of a nearby dam. After taking radiation readings and other tests of his own, Mr Roberts alerted the EPA last week.

Mr Roberts is calling on the EPA to release its figures. 'The nuclear radiation in samples of the material from within the tank was up to 2.6 times background which increases the risk of DNA damage 2.6 times more than a person only exposed to background radiation. I would like to be aware if I was to be exposed to this level.'

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Council's GM responds to paid parking critics

With plans for paid parking in Byron's CBD sparking a flurry of complaints from residents, Council's general manager Ken Gainger has responded to a letter to *The Echo* by Paul Gannon and has sought to explain some of the issues raised.

They ranged from why residents should have to pay the fourfold increase in the existing parking fee and comparisons to Sydney.

Council will soon increase fees to $4 per hour for on-street and Council-owned car parks.

The existing off-street parking residents' $25-per-year coupon will increase to $100 per year.

It's expected to yield up to $2 million per year and, according to mayor Simon Richardson, will be used to pay for the impacts of tourism 'and to provide better amenities for us.'

Mr Gainger said the rationale behind paid parking was to better manage parking availability in Byron and to generate additional revenue to invest in roads and associated infrastructure.

'In the absence of a paid-parking scheme, Council would have no alternative but to significantly increase rates.

'This would just compound the current lack of equity in infrastructure funding whereby our 1.5 million visitors don't contribute to infrastructure renewal. Council has restrained growth in rates to the basic annual rate peg limit (this year 2.4 per cent) since 2008/9.'

Mr Gainger explained why residents will need a voucher to park. 'It is not viable to introduce a paid-parking scheme that only charges visitors. The technology, signage and enforcement costs are significant and a "visitor only" scheme would provide a very low net return to Council.'

'This would not support the additional expenditure required for our roads and other infrastructure.

He says the annual $100 parking exemption fee entitles residents to park free in any on-street/off-street car-park as long as they park in accordance with the signed time limits.

As for the fourfold increase in the existing parking fee, Mr Gainger said, 'The current $25 pa voucher scheme has a very low take-up by residents and is unrealistically low by any standards.

'With the introduction of paid on-street parking the value residents will derive over 12 months at $100 pa (27 cents per day providing a benefit of $4 per hour of parking) is considerably higher.'

Finally, comparisons to Sydney are not realistic, claims Mr Gainger, when population density and ratepayer base are considered.

'Byron has a population of 32,000 and only 14,000 ratepayers, he said, 'therefore our comparative ability to fund a viable paid-parking scheme that exempts residents and ratepayers is minimal.'

Extensive details of Council's paid-parking plans are available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/2015/05/26/pay-parking-in-byron-town-centre-to-go-ahead.

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Stepping up for the kids

With both state and federal govts abandoning the youth, locals are left to pitch in

Eve Jeffery & Hans Lovejoy

Savage cuts by current state and federal governments have eviscerated the vital work that Byron Youth Service (BYS) do for the area's young people.

It's hard to imagine that a wealthy country such as ours is unsupportive of the most vulnerable, but such is modern-day politics that lacks empathy, responsibility, or the knowledge that such actions create more social disparity and hardship in the long run.

In other words, everyone suffers when children are abandoned and their needs are ignored.

Byron Youth Service helps young adults when they are found drunk/stoned on the streets late at night, or when they are under threat at home. They also provide assistance to those who don't fall within society's narrow spectrum of 'fitting in'.

Local TV writer/producer Deb Cox has stepped up with a large cash donation to help BYS stay afloat. And she's asking those with the means to do the same. Photo Eve Jeffery

On the precipice

Deb Pearse and her small team at BYS are now on the precipice of folding and have asked the community for help.

The good news is that a current online Indiegogo fundraiser has raised nearly $8,000 and local high-profile TV writer/producer Deb Cox has stepped up with a large cash donation. Additionally, Byron's Bunnings have also contributed to the cause.

Ms Cox is calling on others with the financial means to dig deep. Ms Cox says, 'I was moved to donate to Byron Youth Services after I heard co-ordinator, Deb Pearse, speak about the government funding cuts to the service on local ABC radio.'

'I knew about their fantastic programs because I've been involved with them over the years wearing my professional "screenwriter" hat, but also because my husband and I raised our children here.'

Deb says she was both impressed and dismayed by the news that the BYS had launched a crowdfunding campaign.

Little raised so far

'It's a proactive and valiant attempt to survive, but I was disappointed to hear how little had been raised in the first few weeks. This is usually a generous and aware community, so perhaps it's because there are so many other demands for donations – and so many worthy appeals – like Nepal.'

The fundraiser has several levels of 'rewards' on the website and, for her generosity, Ms Cox will receive space for an advertisement on the BYS bus; this she has gifted to her husband Anthony D'Orsogna for his Byron South Physiotherapy services.

Ms Cox feels that in a region that thrives on tourism, with such a huge focus on visitors and their needs, that it can be easy at times to lose sight of the young people who are trying to make the most of their lives, rather than just here for a holiday.

She says she knows from discussions with youth in the region that some of them certainly feel like a lesser priority.

'The amount the BYS needs to survive is not huge and every dollar is multiplied by the help of volunteers, so if the service ends it will be such a waste of all that goodwill', she said.

'We know these programs make a difference because it's right under our noses. If anyone needs convincing just look at the short film on the crowdfunding site.

'There are young men and women with happier lives who might not be that way – or might not even be with us now – if it weren't for the support of BYS. What can be more important than that?'

Dinner/auction

A fundraising dinner and art auction will be held on June 22 from 5.30pm at the Sun Bistro to raise funds for much- needed youth programs.

Artworks are needed for the night, and to help contact Steffie on 6685 7777 or email stephanie@bys.org.au.

Flea market

Additionally, BYS have kicked off The Byron Flea, a new family-friendly market featuring retro, pre-loved, vintage, up-cycled and handmade goods.

The first Flea will be held at the Byron Youth Activity Centre, 1 Gilmore Crescent Byron Bay, on Saturday June 13 from 8am to 1pm. It will then be held on the second Saturday of each month.

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More details of Byron's new hospital revealed at public meeting

Chris Dobney

What can residents expect when the new Byron Central Hospital on Ewingsdale Road opens in a year's time?

Glad you asked – an audience of around 150 people last Wednesday night heard a progress update from an all-star cast of bureaucrats, its builder and its architect.

Touted as the first of its kind in regional NSW, the hospital will comprise 14 emergency beds, 43 overnight inpatient beds, a birthing suite comprising two beds, four chemotherapy chairs and four oral health chairs – plus a new 20-bed subacute mental health facility.

But what won't be opening in a year is the operating theatre component; its future remains uncertain.

An outcome will not be known until later this year, the crowd was told, and the service is currently being put to tender in the private sector.

The room was told that if a successful operator is found, the theatre will open in December 2016. Jeff Arthur, from Health Infrastructure, said that if the two-theatre day-only facility does go ahead, public patients will be treated 'in exactly the same way as they are currently – they won't notice any difference.'

But the statement is at odds with NSW Labor, who claim privatised operating theatres result in diminished services.

Byron Central Hospital on Ewingsdale Road opens in a year's time and, according to the state government, is costed at around $88 million and will replace the Bangalow Community Health Centre and the current Mullumbimby and Byron Bay district hospitals

Staffing plans

Head of Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD), Chris Crawford, said the new complex will replace both of the shire's current hospitals plus the Bangalow Community Health Centre. Staff from all three facilities will be progressively moved there and the old centres remediated before final decisions are taken on their futures.

The Byron Hospital, at least, will almost certainly be sold. Approximately 120 staff are expected to be employed at the hospital in three shifts, and, in addition to the local staff looking to transfer, NNSWLHD executive director Bernadette Loughnane said there had been a 'surprising' level of interest for transfers from around the state 'some from disciplines we don't even have roles for as yet.'

Much was made of the colour scheme – which architect Bernard Waller said would contain a palate reflecting 'the beaches of Byron Bay and the mountains of Mullumbimby' – but virtually nothing about any new equipment, apart from the chemotherapy facility and an MRI machine.

The Colorbond construction came in for some criticism but the audience was assured it would be double-skinned, insulated and double-glazed 'to ensure an optimal thermal outcome.'

Answering criticisms the building was too close to the road, Mr Waller said the insulation and double-glazing would ensure traffic noise would not be a problem for patients. Other energy-saving initiatives include solar hot water (supplemented by gas), energy-efficient lighting, variable speed pumps and fans, and so called 'smart' air-conditioning that will switch off when doors to the outside are opened (such as off the balconies of the birthing unit). Infrequently used (non-patient) rooms will have timer lights.

Sewerage dispute with council

Another contentious issue was the desire of the health department to connect to the West Byron sewerage treatment plant (STP) rather than building its own 'blackwater' plant onsite, as Byron Shire Council has requested.

Ms Loughnane said the sewerage situation with BSC was not 'resolved' but there was 'an open dialogue' about the issue.

She said that after several meetings with staff and deputy mayor Alan Hunter, she felt Council was 'much more understanding and willing to work with us in a constructive way'.

'Health Infrastructure is putting a new proposal to them,' she added.

Some councillors have argued that the West Byron development, the new hospital and the proposed Ewingsdale 'seniors' development would take up all of the STP's available capacity.

But Mr Crawford saw this as a plus, arguing, 'initially implementing an onsite blackwater plant would be cheaper than what Council was asking to connect to its STP but the operating cost was considerably more than ongoing connection fees.'

'But with others in the area connecting,' he added, likely referring to the proposed seniors development, 'it could be advantageous [to Council] in terms of charging for connection.'

Transport

The hospital will require the construction of yet another roundabout on Ewingsdale Road, and all traffic except ambulances and delivery vehicles will enter and exit the hospital via the roundabout.

The group were uncertain as to the exact number of car-parking spaces – somewhere between 105 and 180 – but with up to a third of these being taken up by staff at any one time the audience queried whether it would be sufficient.

Buses will pull up outside the door of the hospital, Mr Crawford said, after an arrangement was reached with local bus companies.

But whether any additional services were planned he was not able to say.

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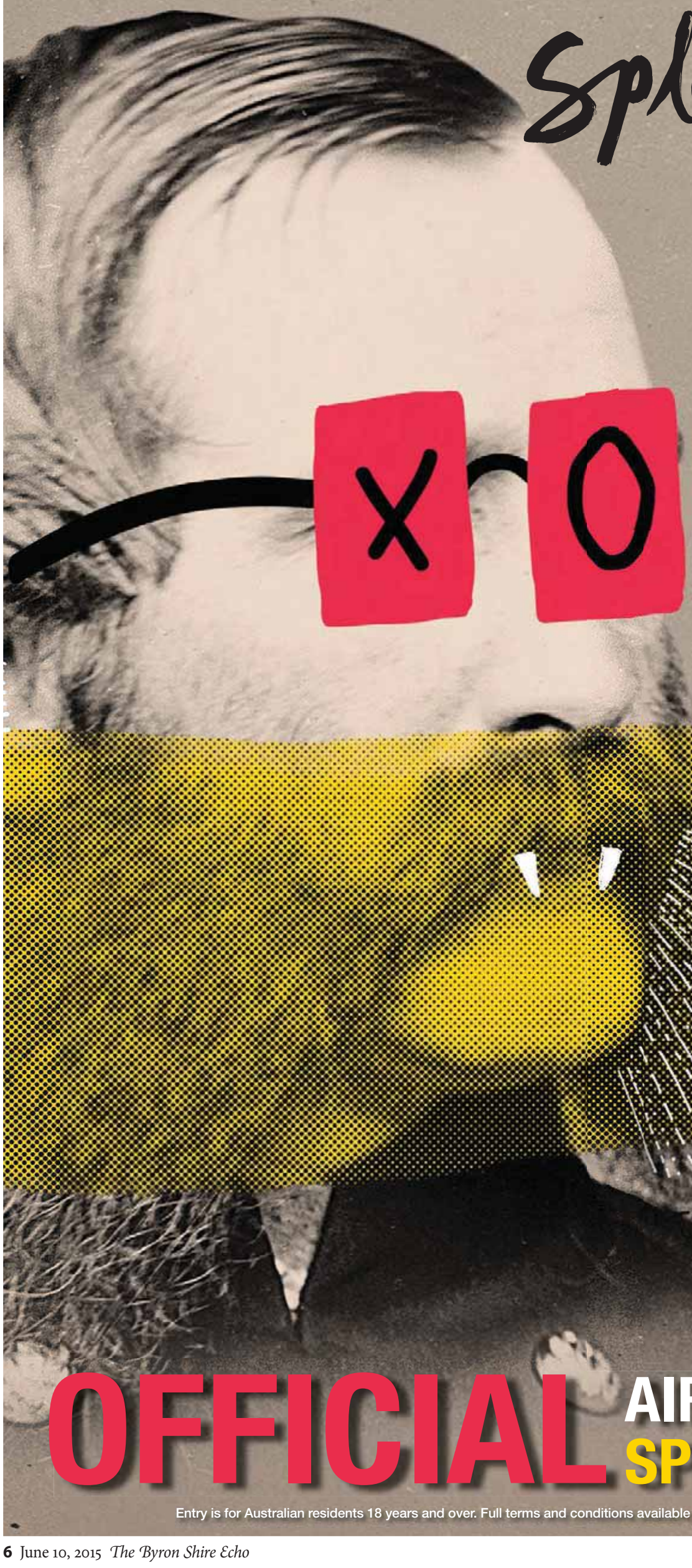

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Local Land Services regional chair quits

The regional chair of a troubled NSW department that administers services for rural landowners has quit.

The resignation adds to the woes of Local Land Services; residents have previously told *The Echo* that the department is a bloated bureaucracy that offers very little for the rates it charges.

And according to the 2014 NSW Auditor-General's Report, Local Land Services performed the worst for the 'timeliness of financial reporting'.

No internal audit function

It was also the only department to not provide any information by the statutory date.

Eight significant matters were reported to the minister, including unclear reporting obligations and significant delays in financial reporting and audits.

It reads, 'LLS did not have an internal audit function during the six months to 30 June 2014. We understand no internal auditors have been appointed at the date of publishing this report.'

Kent Lee's resignation as chair of the North Coast Local Land Services Board was acknowledged by Local Land Services' Alexandra Anthony.

'Kent has decided the time is right to stand aside and allow new leaders to pursue positive outcomes in the north coast region.'

'Kent has achieved a lot in his short time as chair and I thank him for his service.'

She added the vacancy will be filled, and Mark Bulley will act as interim NC local board chair.

Byron's creative alumni gather

SAE industry liaison co-ordinator Jill Moonie, Lisa O'Meara from Screenworks and SAE graduate Sara Momtazian. Photo Josh King

Graduates of SAE Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay gathered last week at The Treehouse to catch up with peers and connect with local industry leaders.

SAE campus manager Bill Wade said the event was the first of many alumni activities aimed at linking students and graduates with future mentors and employers.

The alumni gathering attracted an eclectic bunch of SAE graduates including filmmaking brothers Jonatan and Sebastian Lundmark, cinematographer Stefan Jose, SAE's 2014 Most Outstanding film student, Sara Momtazian, and two of Byron Shire's renowned photographers, Caroline Fisher and Evan Malcolm.

Greens' returning officer speaks out over Cr Wanchap's candidacy

Hans Lovejoy

Former Greens councillor Rose Wanchap's *Echo* advertisement last week has prompted the Byron Greens' returning officer to respond over her claim that she was asked to stand for the party.

While the ad explains her logic for voting to erect a Belongil rock wall, it also sought to clarify why she resigned from the Greens.

Cr Wanchap caused leftwing outrage after abandoning core Green party principles early in Council's term.

And since resigning, she maintains that she votes independently. However, more often than not, she votes with pro-development councillors Ibrahim, Woods, Hunter and Cubis on controversial projects, many of which are against expert advice and staff recommendations.

In the ad, Cr Wanchap said she was, 'perhaps naive' on many contentious issues before being elected to Council.

But after being brought 'up to speed by staff, endless workshops' and her own investigations, she says 'it became painfully apparent that many of these issues had been framed around the welfare of an ideology first and a wider community interest second.'

But it was her s claim that she didn't seek to run second on the Greens ticket which stirred the Greens' returning officer into a response.

Byron Greens' returning officer Peter Brosnan told *The Echo*, 'Rose Wanchap's advertisement in last week's *Echo* presents a self-centred account of how she became a Greens candidate in the 2012 council election.'

'She claims she was approached by the Greens and asked to stand. The facts are different. [Candidate] Jim Beatson decided to join the Greens and asked Rose to join too.

'They were welcomed as members. Both subsequently nominated as candidates for the Greens council ticket.'

Polished flyer

'Rose prepared a polished flyer supporting her candidacy, and along with other nominees, presented her case to the members.

'A ballot was held and Rose was elected to the second position on the ticket.

'Her claim that "I didn't seek this out" is a little wide of the mark.'

Mr Brosnan says one of the reasons many people supported Rose was that she 'appeared to be an ethical businesswoman who cared about the environment.'

'She claimed to donate a part of her real estate income to charities in Africa, and she worked hard in the 2008 election countering [chamber of commerce] Byron United's anti-Green campaign.

'In other words, she had some cred. On the other hand, she did appear naive.

'For example, her plan to have solar on every business roof in Byron was worthy but unrealistic. Others were worried about her being a real estate agent. I have to admit that while the latter was a concern to me, I thought on balance her past record suggested she was trustworthy.

'When she presented her credentials as a council candidate to a meeting, she was passionate and appeared strongly to support Greens principles.

'There was not even a hint of rock walls, highrises, West Byron etc.

'Similarly on the night of the council elections, when it was clear she was going to be a councillor, she spoke enthusiastically about working with [mayor] Simon Richardson, Cr Duncan Dey and Jim Beatson (who at that stage looked like being elected).

'Later, as we all know, she reverted to type – more concerned about real estate and the opportunities therein than the issues she spruiked at the meeting.'

Mr Brosnan also rejected Cr Wanchap's assertion as 'rubbish' that the Greens wanted to move to the centre.

'If there was any nervousness, it was with the four Greens councillors.

'They might be seen as "the establishment" and that anyone who had a gripe against Council – which is never a small number – would blame the Greens councillors and that would produce a backlash.'

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Byron gives warmth to Nepal's cause

Wendy Champagne

The Gyuto monks lit up the Byron Theatre Saturday evening, inaugurating a night of extraordinary performances and fundraising at the Byron to Nepal Benefit.

In a night where three major benefits took place, the Shire showed no signs of donor fatigue.

With the help of a talented and dedicated crew of volunteers, including those from the Byron Bay Community Centre, the Benefit surpassed the goal, raising over $15,000 for the Gyuto Monks Relief Effort and the Umbrella Foundation in Nepal.

The Gyuto monks were one of the acts who performed at Saturday's fundraiser for Nepal.

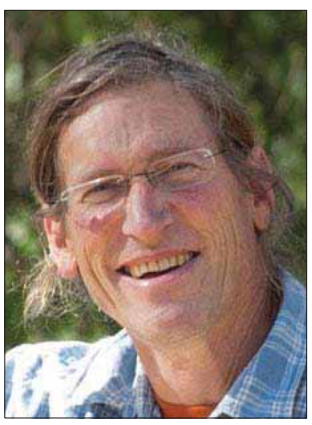
There were inspired performances from Gyan backed by Simon Greaves, Heirlick the Mime, Azo Bell and his animated ukulele, Emma Grant and Singers, Rex Carter and the Byron Community Public School drummers and the inimitable Romaniacs.

Nyck Jeanes was an outstanding auctioneer and MC Chip Richards guided the evening with purpose and great warmth.

The organisers would like to offer huge thanks to all the guests who came and shared the evening, to the Byron Community School and the Byron Community Centre for their generous support and to each person, organisation and business who stepped forward to make it possible.

■ Wendy Champagne was co-organiser of the event.

Permaculture guru David Holmgren visits



Co-founder of the permaculture movement, David Holmgren, will be visiting Mullum this week with an array of events planned.

Organisers say that David maintains one of Australia's best-known permaculture demonstration sites, Melliodora, which is based in Hepburn Springs in central Victoria.

On Friday June 12 from 7pm he will give a public talk at the Mullumbimby Civic Centre entitled Aussie Street: Transforming The Australian Dream. David will explain energy-descent pathways, and will offer solutions to ensure our own longer-term resource security. On Saturday from 9am till 1pm, he will give a workshop at the Mullumbimby Community Gardens, where he will explore ideas of future scenarios that could take place in Mullumbimby, as well as inspired solutions that are occurring worldwide within the Transition movement. Following the paid workshop, there will be a free '100% Sustainable Mullumbimby' event celebrating the first anniversary of the Transition Mullumbimby gathering.

For bookings visit www.trybooking.com/133889 or call 6684 3558.

Lismore blames state govt for court defeat

Ongoing review leaves councils without clear directions

Darren Coyne

The NSW state government's ongoing review of north coast environmental zones is being blamed for Lismore City Council losing a court case in the NSW Land and Environment Court last week.

Aboriginal man Mickey Ryan appealed against the rezoning of the North Lismore Plateau to allow for 1,300 lots, and it was declared invalid.

The decision to remove environmental zones to protect certain areas on the plateau should have been re-advertised, the court found.

Council's manager development and compliance, Peter Jeuken, described the court loss as 'disappointing' and laid the blame squarely on the state government.

Mr Jeuken said the ongoing review had left north coast councils without clear directions for future planning outcomes.

The NSW Department of Planning required removal of environmental zones from the North Lismore Plateau LEP amendment as a result of its decision in September 2012 to review the use of E zones and overlays applied to land on the far north coast.

An interim report of this review was published in May 2014, but it has yet to be finalised. 'NSW councils must be able to rely upon advice from the NSW Government, and in this instance we were advised by the NSW Department of Planning that Council had fulfilled all of its requirements, and that Parliamentary Counsel had reviewed the LEP amendment concluding it could be legally made with the full knowledge the E zones had been removed,' Mr Jeuken said.

'Despite following all of the advice from the NSW Department of Planning including the relevant checks and balances, and their processes arising from the review of E zones on the far north coast, Council feels it has been let down as a result of this judgment.'

The council will now seek appropriate independent advice regarding the judgment and prepare a report as soon as possible, with a view to recompleting any necessary steps and addressing the relevant administrative issues without delay.

Mayor Jenny Dowell said Council was fully committed to the North Lismore Plateau development.

'The North Lismore Plateau development has been in the making for 15 years and is essential for Lismore's future growth and prosperity,' Ms Dowell said. 'This is a major development that includes 1,300 residential lots and 1,550 new dwellings – we are talking about providing a huge boost to our workforce and the CBD, creating affordable housing opportunities and jobs.'

■ For more on this story, visit www.echo.net.au

Mullum High P&C call on parents to give a Gonski

Rory Cusack, Michael Fisher, principal Donna Pearson, P&C president Neville Newell, Laurel Cohn, Len Cronin and Terry Timms. Photo Margaret Spiropoulos

Mullumbimby High School P&C have asked parents to call on the federal government to keep its promise on school funding via the Gonski model.

The request comes as the school's teachers and P&C representatives marked Public Education Day last week with Mullum High teachers.

Mullum High P&C representative Terry Timms says, 'When our children in public education stand to lose so much, we feel compelled to speak out, and ask you to speak out also.'

'The independent Gonski Review strongly recommended an increase in federal government funding of education in Australia.

'Crucially, the Gonski Review recommended that funding for education should reflect the needs of the schools and the communities they serve.

'As parents we need to speak up when public education is treated unfairly.'

To add your voice to the campaign to fully fund the Gonski model of needs-based education funding, visit www.igiveagonski.com.au.

Loving the rain? Lennox turns it on

Braving wind and rain, Lennox locals Niva and Isla brought the brolly to Saturday's Love Lennox Festival. The girls said they loved the festival for the music and spirit of the event. Photo Eve Jeffery

Generous donations flow for Marja's family

Last Saturday love and compassion brought many people together at Durrumbul Hall, raising more than $10,000 for Luscious Foods' chef Bruno Branco Assuncao and daughter Inaya, who had unexpectedly been confronted with the loss of Bruno's wife Marja Nedel.

Organisers told *The Echo*, 'The generosity, care, and willingness of this community has been outstanding and has allowed Bruno and Inaya to have a bit of mental and physical space to deal with their new reality. A big big thanks to all who have made this happen.'

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Anger rises over M'bah birthing-unit closure

Tweed mayor blasts local Nats MPs while premier spins rhetoric

Luis Feliu

The state government's shock decision to close Murwillumbah Hospital's popular birthing unit last week sparked heated debate in state parliament, as well as an angry protest by more than 100 outside the hospital.

The rally included mums and mums-to-be as well as doctors, staff and local politicians. Addressing the crowd, Tweed mayor Gary Bagnall slammed lcoal coalition ministers for 'hiding behind faceless bureaucrats' to justify their controversial decision.

They are National Party MPs Thomas George (for the seat of Lismore, which takes in Murwillumbah) and Geoff Provest (Tweed).

Cr Bagnall said the government could stop the closure in an instant by hiring an outside obstetrician to keep the maternity ward going, and did not accept the local health district board's claim that the closure was the result of its failure to find a new doctor to support the midwives working at the unit.

Mute minister

The Echo recently sought comment from health minister Skinner's office, but was referred to the local health district media spokesperson.

Meanwhile in NSW parliament, premier Mike Baird took to spinning rhetoric over the issue without providing a solution. He told MPs that Labor was taking a 'populist' stand in defending locals on the issue, while his government was 'trying to deliver the safest and best health service in the country'.

But Maroubra MP Michael Daly (Labor) hit back, saying he 'would've thought that in Australia in this day and age, birthing services was a right, not a populist decision'.

Labor MP Walt Secord added, 'Mike Baird thinks keeping open a birthing unit in a public hospital is a "populist" idea – whereas Labor believes good health service is a right.'

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Ethics v religion

Author Albert Camus once said 'A man without ethics is a wild beast loosed upon this world.'

With that in mind, NSW premier Mike Baird last week pushed to remove references to ethics classes on school enrolment forms. They are made available as an alternative to special religious education in schools but is appears Mike wanted that option hidden.

Like many in power, Baird is a committed God botherer (Anglican), but Fairfax reported that his close friend, the Reverend John Dickson, wrote to him about his proposal and said it created a policy 'lacking in integrity'.

Funny that, 'cause if Baird studied ethics, he might learn some integrity. If there is one thing that would possibly end wars and create an endless rainbow stretching around the globe, it's ethics and a universal moral compass.

If ethics were mandatory at all schools, it's possible that the Catholic Church wouldn't have needed a royal commission, and that we wouldn't have to endure a Catholic prime minister who is untrustworthy and works against Christian principles.

Global ethics classes may have stopped FIFA's Sepp Blatter from becoming a corrupt president, and as for governments…

Just maybe, religious studies are no longer enough to navigate through modern life? Perhaps they are not as relevant as they used to be? While those with a religious upbringing and faith search for that answer, ethics teachers are getting on with the job.

The strength of teaching ethics is that it surpasses stone-age beliefs; it transcends fear, it challenges authority and it empowers an individual with critical thinking skills.

Those skills might be needed if faced with a bully at work, in the playground or on the streets. Votes could be affected and consumeristic behaviour influenced.

Learning the art of ethics enables bullshit to be called where necessary. Ideas, requests or demands can be thoroughly examined, and conclusions can be drawn based on solid logic rather than manipulation or coercion.

Perhaps that's why govcorp actors like Mike Baird don't want ethics taught in schools.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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The making of our immigration monsters

I've pondered it before and I am pondering it again – what is it about conservative immigration ministers?

What makes them so horrible – nature or nurture?

One after the other, they emerge from the shadows, inoffensive and even amiable, and in a few short months they turn into monsters. Is it the job, or is it something in their inner being that gives them licence to channel their potential to become a version of Ivan the Terrible?

Philip Ruddock, for instance, started as moderate, a genuine liberal; but given the opportunity – an ultimatum, really – he morphed into a tyrant, incarcerating hapless boat people in the hellhole of Nauru while defiantly flaunting his Amnesty badge in the process.

Kevin Andrews was always a mean-spirited social services minister, but once moved to Immigration he unleashed a streak of brutality that made him as feared and loathed as his predecessor.

Scott Morrison relished his moment from the beginning, running the post as a military supremo, quashing dissent and even inquiry in a manner which verged on – transcended – the totalitarian. And now we have Peter Dutton, who has adopted Morrison's euphemistic title of Minister for Border Protection.

Peter who? In an earlier life he was an undistinguished health minister, achieving little save the occasional blunder, seldom noticed and almost never regarded. Now he apparently sees himself as a character along the lines of Napoleon – George Orwell's caricature of a megalomaniac pig, not the French emperor.

Not only is he as ruthless as his unlamented predecessors, he has reached new heights (or depths) of authoritarian arrogance. We are told that when his plan to unilaterally cancel the citizenship of Australians who may, just may, be able to avail themselves of other passports was queried in cabinet, he simply dismissed the doubters.

What, it was asked, if the victim of his vengeance had previously been found guilty by a properly convened court?

Why, replied the unflinching minister, that was exactly the point. To hell with the rule of law, to hell with the separation of powers. His word, his will, his whim, would prevail.

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by Mungo MacCallum

The state, that was him. Shades of another QLD hillbilly dictator, one Joh Bjelke-Petersen.

Dutton was talking about literally millions of Australians; I can think of a dozen of my own friends who are in that category.

And not only those of foreign descent – their children, in some cases their grandchildren.

To propose that a significant proportion of the population should be potentially deprived of their most basic right on the mere suspicion of one man is more than outrageous; it is a paranoid fantasy.

But Dutton, backed by Tony Abbott and Scott Morrison, was raising it not only as a thought bubble but as a pre-announced reality. A handful of more sane ministers restrained him, but not, apparently, his backbench, urging him on like the more bloodthirsty spectators in the Coliseum.

And we know now that Dutton was already razing new fields: pausing only to dispense a couple of king hits to professor Gillian Triggs and senator Sarah Hanson-Young, he moved on to announce that his critics would henceforth be jailed forthwith: doctors and teachers who worked in the gulags of Nauru and Manus Island were forbidden to breathe a word of the appalling conditions prevailing among the inmates, the viciousness and possible criminality of the guards or indeed anything that would detract from the unfettered tyranny of the places under the threat of imprisonment themselves.

Not only their civil liberties and rights, but their actual duty of care was to be arbitrarily removed in the name of – well, what? Border security?

Hardly – the only security which is involved is that of the asylum seekers themselves and we all know that that was disregarded long ago.

This is mere power for the sake of power: the naked image of a boot crashing down on a human face, another of George Orwell's unforgettable phrases.

The long-conditioned public has, as they say, moved on; as far as the bulk of the voters are concerned, the asylum seekers are out of sight and out of mind.

But surely there must be politicians who still cling to their democratic ideals who will rise up in protest? Well, there are the Greens, and they deserve credit for it. But as for Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the parliamentary Labor Party – barely a squeak.

Once again Bill Shorten has signalled a pre-emptive grovel: principle, if there ever was one, is to be subordinated to popularity. This is not realpolitik – it is moral cowardice.

Even when the worst of the Tampa crisis was developing in the run-up to an election in 2001, Kim Beazley – a bit of a pussycat of a leader himself – drew the line; the idea that the police and the military that were to be above the law, to be exempted from crimes up to murder in performing the government's dirty work, was not acceptable and was not accepted.

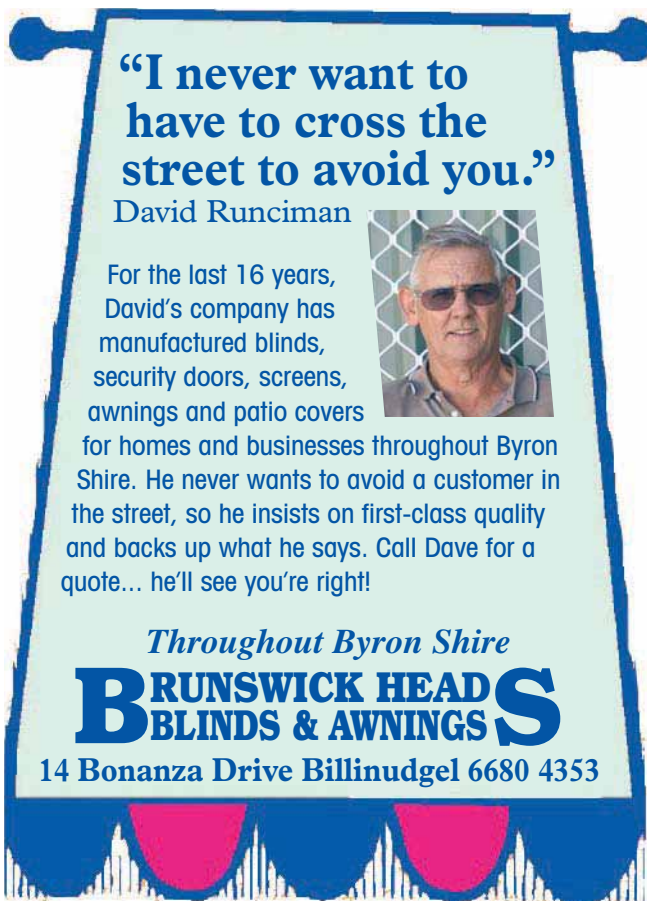
But Beazley looks like a positive hero of the Resistance in comparison to the folding Bill.

Regrettably, in one sense it is just par for the course: Shorten's bipartisan capitulation as the spooks and their political appeasers move remorselessly towards more repression, more secrecy, more authoritarianism.

We are not looking at a police state in Australia – not yet. But those who fear that direction are being increasingly silenced, if not by force then by timidity, by conformity, by apathy.

The point men for the sinister advance are the power-drunk mediocrities promoted as immigration ministers; their lieutenants are the backbench cohort, the camp-followers their media cheerleaders and the cannon fodder the easily seduced voters. But the willing collaborators are the so-called opposition and its so-called leaders, wallowing in their gutlessness in what they misguidedly believe is their own advantage. When the time comes, of course, they too will be taken; appeasers always are.

It is time, much more than time, that they reflected on the old adage: for evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good men to remain silent. That is, there if are any good men left.



Rose-coloured dumpers rock the shore

■ Has a working model been established in a hydraulic lab with all factors in respect to the hydrodynamics of Byron Bay taken into account? I don't mean theory maths on paper, I mean a real working model subject to current, wind, tide and wave action, applying both coastal and offshore factors.

If so, where is it? I don't recall one being done during the Cape Byron to Hastings Point study in 1978, so where are all the experts deriving their knowhow from? Yes, theory, and huge egos.

If one has a working model tucked away why not bring it out and compare with the current information in respect to today's survey of the Bay?

Surely with all the alleged expertise available in the Rainbow Region can we not protect property and our natural assets without building structures that only erode the coastline and do nothing to shape it by using natural resource and science? Hydrology is really a simple science. Stop the bickering, look a bit further and save both the houses and the beach.

Rob De Guise
Ocean Shores

■ Thank you, Rose Wanchap, for yet another one-sided advertisement. 'People generally do not vote below the line' is exactly the point! You do not have a mandate to make these decisions.

The community you represent did not vote you in as an independent; they voted for you as a representative of the Greens – by voting above the line they voted for a party and the policies of that party.

You have deceived the community by positioning yourself on Council through the Greens ticket and then continually voting against the party on incredibly significant decisions such as West Byron, the Ewingsdale development and the Belongil rock wall. Of course there is outrage.

Lorissa Barrett
Ewingsdale

■ The Belongil is an ancient feature, sitting on a rock shelf, and until 1967 it was, like Main Beach and Tallow, composed of thousands of years of accumulated material, principally hard black sand that withstood storms.

Tragically, that sand was ripped out, destroying the Tallow Beach dune system, Main Beach, and Belongil, up to the private-property lines where the excavation had to halt. No-one seems to care about Tallow. Main Beach got rock protection; it makes sense Belongil merits the same.

Before you decide I must be killed for saying so, hold on. A sea wall can be sloped to duplicate a dune, remove energy from inrushing waves, and accumulate sand.

The solution is a redesign at Main Beach, and a sand-building slope at Belongil. The rocks at Main and Belongil are poor designs. A better solution is entirely possible.

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

■ I used to be a regular attender of Byron Shire Council's meetings. About four months ago I stopped going as they were too depressing. With Cr Wanchap's defection to the pro-developers they now have a majority on Council, despite her strong views expressed at many Greens meetings of her commitment to the Greens.

But I was encouraged to attend the last Council meeting because of the many issues at stake. I sat in silence for about three quarters of an hour while the gallery got verbally angrier and angrier and ultimately I too called out several times. Cr Rose Wanchap then took off each of her sandals, with thick hard, heavy heels, made eye contact with me and threw them with great force. The second one hit the armrest between me and the equally old man, who has a brain tumour, sitting next to me.

What goes on at Council is astonishing. When a civil engineer explains in detail the nature of sand movements at Belongil, and mentions the request by the state government to do nothing until the Coastal Zone Management Plan is produced, one councillor dismisses him with 'I'm tired of all of this. It's been going on for years, just let's vote'.

Another claims it's all going to be paid for by the Belongil residents, when in fact they have offered $300,000 out of the projected initial costs of $1.2 million.

In 1988 Council determined that planned retreat was their policy at Belongil Spit. The state government supported this.

All land and houses sold or built at Belongil since 1988 included in terms of the purchase that the land was subject to coastal erosion and that they would have to bear the future costs of any decision to buy or build.

I believe compensation is required to those residents that built before 1988 (about seven to nine modest houses), who retain ownership and who have not used the homes as holiday lets.

Jim Beatson
Byron Bay

■ The Byron Bay Branch of the NSW Labor Party strongly condemn the decision of Byron Shire Council to divert just under $1 millon of the total Council budget to create a rock wall at Belongil. This decision will take away vital resources that could be better spent on local roads and meeting local concerns.

Further, this decision of Council has been made without waiting for the imminent finalisation of the Coastal Zone Management Plan. Council should not commit any funding until this plan has been received and made public.

Byron Shire residents will have opportunity to make public comment on the CZMP. Is the creation of a rock wall going to create a stable and long-term solution for the naturally occurring erosion?

Wil Constable
Secretary
Byron Bay Labor

■ Rose Wanchap's ads are increasing in size in inverse proportion to their basis in fact and her contribution to, and support from, the Byron community.

I am reminded of some popular TV dramas I've been watching lately. I'm thinking of *Game Of Thrones* and Cersei, the wannabe queen, whose desire to have things her way has her forming Faustian allegiances – it's a series where ambition, lies and money rule – although there's a lot of sex in *GoT* and (I'm hoping) none in Council.

Then there's *The Walking Dead*, where dangerous non-thinking, braindead creatures have overrun the place and civilisation has broken down.

Finally I realised that of course it was *Vikings* that probably fits best – treacherous, marauding vandals invade and then destroy, pillage and plunder beautiful places inhabited by peaceful peoples.

Cate Coorey
Byron Bay

■ Cr Rose Wanchap has bought yet another advertisement in *The Echo*, this time with a half-baked apology to Mr Beatson, the victim of her recent double-shoe-throwing tantrum, in an attempt to justify her actions. Damage control and yet more spin.

A councillor throwing shoes at citizens in the council chambers clearly constitutes a breach of the Local Government Act's code of conduct.

What is the mayor and/or Council's general manager doing about this incident? Anything?

Why wasn't the meeting adjourned, the gallery cleared, the culprit reprimanded and disciplinary action taken?

I wonder what would have happened if the shoes were on the other feet. If Mr Beatson had thrown his shoes at Cr Wanchap I'm quite sure the police would have been called and Mr Beatson likely charged with assault.

Philip Shine
Byron Bay

More letters overleaf ➤

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Banks in control

Your editorial of June 3 observes that the central driver for the housing supply in Germany is, 'a central government policy of providing financial support…' It is very different here because 96 per cent of our money supply is created and owned by our private banks (RBA Stats, Table 5, Feb 2015) and it is the banks that decide who gets first use of the new money, the financial support, and on what terms.

This depends on the commercial opportunities available to them – national interest and social outcomes are not a primary concern; profits, commissions and bonuses are their priority. The banks also destroy money as the loans are repaid – see Bank of England Memorandum, 'Money Creation in the Modern Economy'.

Thus if banks' commercial opportunities decline, new loans are issued at a reduced rate, the money supply shrinks, economic activity slows and unemployment rises. Thus we get the boom and bust cycles that you refer to in your editorial.

The ever-increasing house/land prices are the result of the huge volume of money allocated to that sector. More than 50 per cent of bank lending goes to housing – the majority to investors rather than owner/occupiers – because this is the safest, easiest and most profitable for them.

Mungo's observations on the limitations of the Reserve Bank – 'the bank itself is unable to pull it back together', 'cutting interest rates is not doing the trick' – are comments on the fact that the RBA has only limited say in how much money is created and what sectors of the economy get it. Who controls a nation's money is a matter of sovereignty; president of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, chillingly observed, Greece 'should understand they have lost sovereignty a long time ago over their economic policies'.

Our very unsatisfactory situation will continue, even worsen towards 'austerity', until we citizens get a better understanding of the present monetary system and how it controls the society we have.

Our politicians will not change – they are in bed with the bankers – until they feel the heat from an informed citizenry.

A good start would be to get to the seminars being held weekly at the Pioneer Hall, Mullumbimby, Tuesdays, 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Next is on June 16.

Colin Cook
Bangalow

Problem solved

All right, I give in, if we can't get them fixed let's make money out of our potholes – and I have the solution. Now I am not a venture capitalist, but I am an ideas man, so I want you to remember that you read this first here and anyone that takes up this idea all I am asking for is a ten per cent share of the gross profits from the enterprise.

Here's how we do it: 'Helicopter Tours of the Potholes of the Byron Shire.' ➤

Triumphalist furniture

A few weeks ago I had a bit of a whinge about the typically ugly new roundabout outside Bunnings, and someone in the street pulled me up for getting involved in such a frivolous issue.

I see now that Railway Park in Byron is also being 'standardised' (let's call it that) with ugly concrete edging around the flowerbeds which will no doubt be filled with compulsory native plants. Ditto the carpark next to the Poinciana Cafe in Mullum.

Both of the above worked quite well in their existing state but the conservatives are unable to tolerate anything that has a slightly wild or spontaneous feel about it and always need to impose order, to tame, to clearly define the boundaries – and they seem to have access to limitless funds to indulge their anal obsession. The progressives meanwhile think it not glamorous enough to get involved in; they feature in Council's traffic committee mainly via their absence, and when the committee's recommendations come before Council they wave them through without any debate whatsoever.

So when I hear the mayor or other allegedly progressive figures acclaiming Byron's alleged individuality and their desire to preserve it, I figure they must be talking about the high local proportion of eccentrics, neurotics, misfits, bludgers, imposters and outright loonies that make Byron seem like a de facto outpatient experiment of the Richmond Clinic. Certainly they can't be talking about the manmade environment, which is increasingly indistinguishable from that of every country town in Australia.

The aesthetics of street furniture is not a trivial issue. Think of it this way: every concrete flowerbed represents the conservative dog gleefully marking out its territory with the metaphorical urine of triumph. Triumph because, despite being in a demographic minority, the conservatives control the elected council, the council bureaucracy, the cops and most other local institutions.

Fast Buck$
Coorabell

Online comment of the week

What a sublime event of music and the spirit of givingness. Tune in to BayFM on Monday June 15, 2–4pm, to hear the concert broadcast of this magical night.

■ Comment by William Martin in response to the *Echonetdaily* story 'Rebuild Nepal benefit nets $50k' – www.echo.net.au/2015/06/rebuild-nepal-benefit-nets-50k

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

A new form of cheating at chess was discovered this week by 15 competitors at the European Women's Championship in Chakvi – making baseless allegations of cheating.

Until now Ukrainain Grandmaster Natalia Zhukova was best known for calling her former teammate Katerina Lagno a 'parasite' for changing her allegiance from the Ukraine to Russia but she has now acquired further renown by being the ringleader of a lynch mob against Romanian Mihaela Sandu.

Sandu, seeded midway in a field of 98, made the mistake of winning her first five games and Zhukova became convinced that Sandu must be cheating.

Suspecting secret electronic messages, she demanded that the transmission of Sandu's games be delayed. The organisers did not oblige but transmission of Sandu's sixth round game was 'accidentally' cut for three hours and the Romanian, affronted, suffered her first defeat.

Next day all games were transmitted again and after 26 moves Sandu, playing White against Antoaneta Stefanova, had reached the diagrammed position. After **27.Nxa5** Stefanova could have retained some advantage via 27...Qa8 but played **27...Qb5?** and ran into **28.Qb3+! Kh8 29.c4!** when Black's queen was trapped and Sandu soon won.

That was enough for Zhukova. She and 14 others signed a letter accusing Sandu and insisting on a time delay for all broadcast games. The organisers reluctantly acceded, folding under the pressure, as did Sandu, losing her final four games.

Experts say there is no consistent correlation between Sandu's moves and those of a computer.

Zhukova, however, remains convinced that she was right all along; to believe otherwise might tarnish her new European Women's Championship title and 11,000 Euro first prize.

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*Federal/Eureka mail run is Thursday. Wet weather deliveries take longer.

Watch out for echidnas on the road

Echidna season is well and truly with us. In the last few weeks dozens of calls have come in to animal welfare group WIRES from concerned members of the public asking for advice regarding echidnas in their gardens and on the roads.

Photo Sharon McGrigor

As the weather gets cooler, these animals become more active and they travel further afield looking for a mate. You might see as many as ten walking in a line: this is called an echidna train. The female is in the lead with males behind in order of size. She may lead them around for six weeks before choosing a mate.

Please be alert when you drive to avoid colliding with an echidna and keep an eye out for injured animals that may be lying by the side of the road. If you need to move the animal, cover and gently wrap with a thick towel to carry to the roadside. Please stay with the animal and call WIRES right away.

An all-volunteer organisation, WIRES relies heavily on the generosity of caring people for support as it is a charity, not a government service. All donations $2 and over are tax deductible.

WIRES offers basic training courses to new members. If you are interested, call the 24-hour hotline on 6628 1898 or go to http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html to find out how you can help.

➤ Having done one of these in the Grand Canyon a few years ago and paid a few hundred dollars for the experience, I can imagine how much money would flow into our community from a fleet of helicopters taking off from Tyagarah International Airport and depositing tourists into some of our potholes to spend the day exploring. We have so much to offer. The US only has one big hole; we have dozens, perhaps hundreds. Repeat business would be huge.

Everyone (particularly me) is a winner. The council saves money by not repairing our potholes, a whole new tourist industry is opened up and money flows into our community. The only downside that I can see is that we would lose a few locals every now and then if they had a few too many and drove off the edge of some of our potholes, but we have plenty of locals and given the rate at which people are moving up here we can afford to lose a few every so often.

C'mon, someone with money take up the idea. Looking forward to receiving my first royalty cheque.

Ray Linabury
Middle Pocket

Working with nature

In response to a comment made by *Backlash* on June 3 – Why has the word 'co-create' pushed your buttons big time when it simply means working with nature?

Why would you have an issue with using nature to supply all our needs?

Gandhi said 'nature will supply every person's needs but not one person's greed'. What is it that you would like that you can't have in a zero-emissions world?

If you like exploitation, destroying the environment, depleting unsustainable resources, killing wildlife to extinction, taking advantage of others to make money, depleting nature's renewable resources, not respecting people or our community, then it is true that you won't need any encouragement to join the downward spiral because you are already on it.

Our Australian average carbon footprint is 9.6ha per person compared to the biologically productive land currently existing on this planet of 2.4ha. This means we need four Earths to sustain our current way of life.

By co-creating with nature we can restore our carbon balance and retain our standard of living. Saving the world is easy – all we have to do is stop destroying it.

John Sparks
Bangalow

■ *Backlash* has no problem working with nature. It's just that the word 'co-create' is an ugly bit of English, like 'facilitate'. – Ed

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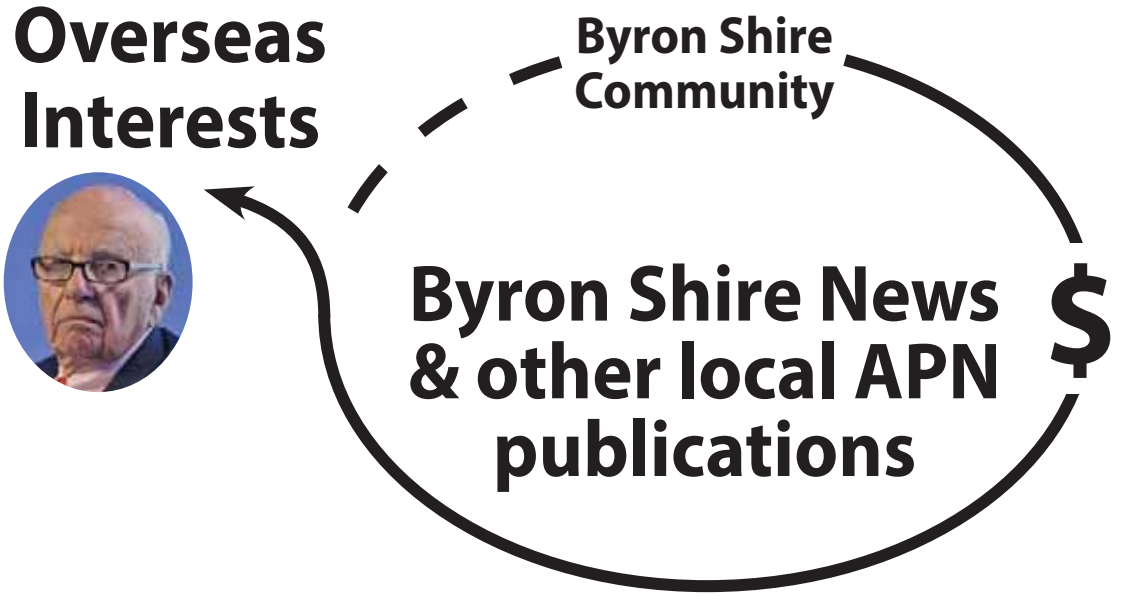

London's new Babylon

Daniel Sage

London's Docklands: New Babylon by night, and about to double in size. Source: Prodot

London's newest district is about to get a massive extension funded by Chinese investors going large. Recessions may come and go, but business is booming around the wharves of the old shipping docks that first helped make London rich all those centuries ago.

Like a Babylon made out of office cubicles, the new district arisen in London's east overflows with tales of success and cheery merchants drumming up business. For decades the site was run to ruin despite locals noisily championing its history. Countless plans were made then fizzled until the 1980s when one man, Reg Ward, saw a way to coax a billion pounds from the pockets of hard-nosed bankers and the keen deregulators in the Thatcher government, and construction began. By 1990, the steel pyramid was finally hoisted in place above One Canada Square, Britain's tallest building for the next twenty years.

Grasp for money

Never has a grasp for money so brazenly found its way into the architecture of this town. Piles of glossy squares and triangles sit like pixelated giants along the previously derelict riverbanks. The old city lights wink over the way, unnerved by the sheer scale and reach of the newcomer, if a little turned on by its power.

Once, the site was called The Isle of Dogs, part of the London Docklands. From here in 1620, the *Mayflower* set sail for America. For the Australian wool trade, it was the number one marketplace in the nineteenth century.

Ships like the *Cutty Sark*, which was the leading technology of its time, plied the oceans faster than any other boat and held the speed record for ten years in a row. Now, it sits spruce and quiet along the river bank, a tourist draw to board and explore.

A safe harbour in the world's largest port from the seventeenth century on, the docks survived near-obliteration by bombs during the Second World War but foundered eventually in the 1970s when they couldn't offer deep enough berth for the new container ships that were changing the whole transport game.

Today, the area is a giant lattice of buildings on a square grid. Enormous high-rise open-plan offices house rows of PC-networked number crunchers. Before, this was a style traditional city offices resisted. Now, it's the norm everywhere. Happy worker bees turning money to honey inside giant digital honeycombs.

Big Bang

London has benefited immeasurably from the profits generated by the city's catapult out of the 1980s Big Bang into a leading global finance hub. One of the worries of the recent European crisis, and especially Britain's hardheaded drive to keep its voice heard over there while remaining outside the euro, is that Brussels' crackdown on bank and bonus culture will hurt Britain's reputation as a go-to place for business. While still unknown if this is true or not, we have been scoring a lot of own goals, what with Libor rigging, insurance mis-selling and sundry lesser scandals. And no-one really knows what the ripple effect of bonus capping will be.

Meanwhile, this is but a pale red rag to the infrastructure dreamers. They eat bullish for breakfast. Forty acres of land is under construction right now next to Canary Wharf, adding half as much real estate space again and a forecast doubling of the local population in the next ten years. Another several million square feet of networked desk spuds rearranging labour and capital around the world and drinking in the evenings at bars overlooking other bars, the frontline on the riverside squinting back at the old city or up at the stars where God is surely smiling.

It's as if Microsoft Office software has come to life in the real world. From a distance, the gleaming metallic thrust of Canary Wharf looks like an Excel spreadsheet protruding through from cyberspace.

There is something scary about this hyper-organisation but also something comforting, as if it is how humans really like to be. Busy little mammals organising our burrows, gathering and hoarding our berries, being part of a community. It's the doing overtime, not moving from your chair, and all the rest of the fluorescent drudgery that spoils it.

Networking brain

Scientists of the future might be able to isolate a part of our brain that we could let companies access remotely from across the net. We would plug in to operate the machines but stay at home where other parts of our brain could get on with personal stuff like tilling the garden, family life, art.

In the meantime, let's hope the financial sector keeps its wits about it, avoids any more crashes and finds takers for the sprawling new blocks. The buildings themselves are only so much geometry and concrete. The people are the chance to keep London's next district flourishing.

■ A former Byron Shire resident, Daniel Sage is a London columnist and author of the novel *Fall Curve*. See more at www.danielsage.co.uk.

The Byron Youth Service

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The Flea is a fundraiser to keep youth programs running at the YAC and will create a wonderful opportunity for community members to experience the unique ambience of this iconic venue. There will be fresh coffee, live music, barbecue, kids activities and free face-painting.

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ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This workshop offers a relational approach to leading community action.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Anyone who is interested in community development/ engagement and entering into a public dialogue should attend.

ABOUT MARK FAIRFIELD

Mark is the executive director of The Relational Center in Los Angeles, USA. Mark has dedicated his career to designing strategies that help people build and maintain interdependency.

Event details: 4 August, Byron Bay Community Centre

Earlybird registrations $150 (before 26 June), full price $195.

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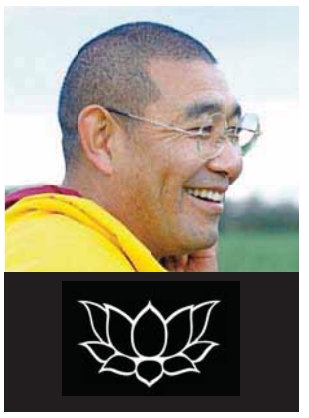

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Pizza in paradise at Suffolk Park

Samuel J Fell

Tucked away in Suffolk Park's small cluster of shops and businesses on Clifford Street sits Pizza Paradiso, casually and cheerfully peddling a modern take on what can be a tired and stale Australian version of basic Italian fare.

And yet this little eatery is anything but tired and stale – whether you're wont to drop in for a quick takeaway, or dine in and enjoy their large array of artisan pizza, pasta, tapas and desserts, Pizza Paradiso isn't merely 'another pizza joint'.

As proprietor Doug Blackstock says, since they opened six years ago (to the week), the aim has been to create more of a hub, somewhere locals can come to eat, but also to relax and take ownership of a space in an area dominated, and in large part defined, by its transient tourist population.

'We're aiming to make it a cultural focus point for Suffolk Park,' he confirms. 'More so in the past 12 months it's become a very big thing; our last poetry night was packed. So yeah, we are trying to create a scene of some sort.'

Boasting live music most nights, the odd poetry reading, a solid wine list and an impressive array of craft beers and ciders in addition to its food, Pizza Paradiso delivers on Blackstock's ideal. Its relatively small size also fosters an intimate, comfortable environment, nicely removed from the bustle of Byron, just up the road.

Blackstock goes on to say that they're looking to start a film club at some stage in the near future too, no doubt furthering the restaurant's cultural cause; it's certainly not just about the food.

What is in sharp focus is the beer list, especially craft beer, which has enjoyed a large resurgence in the past half decade. With at least 30 different brews from which to choose, there's something for every serious (and not so) hops head. Pale ales from WA and SA; IPAs and American IPAs from WA and Victoria; wheat beers from Tasmania; ales from the UK and Byron Bay; golden ales, amber ales, lagers, pilsners and porters, not to mention a couple of mango- and lychee-flavoured numbers.

'It's a bit hard to explain without sounding like a hipster,' Blackstock says with a laugh about his craft beer obsession. 'These are beers that are made with real care and love; they're not mass-produced beers, so there tends to be more depth of flavour, and also in range.'

For a chilly winter's eve, the Holgate Temptress Chocolate Porter does wonders in warming up a shivering, thirsty diner. There are also plans to add in a number of craft gins and tequila.

The food itself stands as solid fare – locally named pizzas such as Magic Mullumbimby and Broken Head (topped with pesto, bacon, mushrooms, red onion and rocket) make the grade and then some, along with pasta traditional and in house. Pizza Paradiso seems to be a slow build, but it's certainly a warm and inviting place, a little gem amongst the dross.

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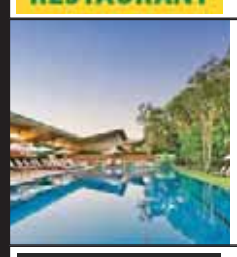

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PLAYING IT FRENCH

BABY ET LULU IS A TRULY MAGNETIC MUSICAL PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN SEDUCING AUDIENCES SINCE THEIR DEBUT RELEASE.

Abby Dobson – 'Baby' (Leonardo's Bride) and Lara Goodridge – 'Lulu' (FourPlay) have recorded a second selection of classic and contemporary chansons, as well as, for the first time, a number of their own original compositions written in French. Baby et Lulu have enjoyed a new-found poetic freedom in writing in the language they both love so much. Their shows pack out wherever they go, and this Friday it's time for Mullumbimby to experience a little bit of Française.

Tell me about *Album Deux* – what did you set out to achieve in recording this one?

We set out to achieve another beautiful collection of French songs, including a new selection of our self-penned chansons. After our first album was received so ravenously, we wanted to give people more music to swoon to.

Why do you think the French thing is so damn sexy? It just doesn't seem to work with the Australian intonations and phrasing! I can't imagine Anais Nin being read in an Aussie accent!

Perhaps it's the way the words all run together… the soft sounds of the consonants… its mellifluous cadence perhaps… And then when it is spoken by ze Frenchman or Frenchwoman, well it comes with all the trappings of the French culture infused into it!

What is it about thinkers such as Derrida that you find intriguing; what is it about French culture that seems to embrace less conventional, philosophical and at times quite intellectually radical thinking?

I would say that the geography put France in the middle of the Enlightenment, which took hold of western Europe as a result of that particular mix of material wealth reforming religious institutions and the slow development of stable states. This made for a fertile ground for powerful thinkers. The revolution and the republic were early triumphs by comparison to their neighbours and the culture of Liberté, Égalité and Fraternité as a principle for an early people's democracy was a fertile ground for modernist thinking and the postmodern thinking that developed from it. Paris is also an example of an early cosmopolitan city, where people from all over the empire would gather and experience diversity and the libertine spirit of places such as Montmartre would have had a huge effect on breaking down the cultural conservativism that usually holds back progressive thought.

I remember once reading Luce Irigaray essay called *When two lips speak as one* – or something like that; it was about the auto-eroticism of women because our vaginal lips are always touching… in academic writing it was clever and insightful – but when I tried to explain it I sounded insane! What are the most radical or bizarre ideas that have caught your attention?

Well, I really could extrapolate this concept of two lips speaking as one to Baby et Lulu! This would take the femininity and feminine sexuality of this band to a whole new level, n'est-ce pas?! (I can't say I can think of any more rad idées at zis moment!)

Although France claims radical French feminists De Beauvoir and the like, it is still an intrinsically sexist culture; a French journalist has recently complained of how patronising politicians are to women journalists, saying things like, 'I'll take a question from the pretty one'. Do we need to be careful of romanticising culture in case we become too reductionist?

Well, that's a bloody good point. However, we choose to absolutely reduce France to its most delicious parts and totally ignore its hypocrisies. Is that wrong?

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BABY ET LULU AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB ON FRIDAY

AINSLIE WILLS PLAYS BELLO WINTER MUSIC

WHERE THERE'S A WILLS

MELBOURNE MELODIST AINSLIE WILLS MAKES HER WAY NORTH FOR A PERFORMANCE AT BELLO WINTER MUSIC.

Seven spoke with this up-and-coming singer/songwriter about her unique brand of progressive pop that is pushing Wills to the head of the pack, particularly when it comes to the recording of her EP *Oh the Gold,* recorded at Matt Redlich's studio, Grandma's Place.

What was it that attracted you to record at Grandma's Place?

Producer Matt Redlich (Holy Holy, Emma Louise, Thief) who runs the studio Grandma's Place in Brisbane, came to a show I was doing at Black Bear Lodge to promote the album *You go your way, I'll go mine* back in 2013. We got chatting after the show, talking about what music we were into, raved about Q-tip, who I was obsessively listening to at the time, and established common musical ground. We kept in touch and eventually decided to try working on a song together. That song was *Drive*, the first single that was released from the EP *Oh The Gold*.

So you could say that Matt was the drawcard and Grandma's Place was the cherry on top. The studio is a modest yet inspired space that is set among a mixed landscape of industrial and rural wonder.

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WHY IS TONY ABBOTT SCARED OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE?

It would appear we can't have marriage equality in this country because Tony doesn't like it. It makes him uncomfortable. I don't know why. I wouldn't imagine he's getting a lot of invites to same-sex weddings. I don't imagine there are too many loving gay couples putting an empty seat aside for Mr Abbott just in case he decides to cross the floor and the sexuality divide at the same time. He's like the Grinch who stole gay weddings. I even doubt he'd make the short list for his own sister's girl-on-girl hitchup.

I don't understand why same-sex marriage upsets him so much. It's not like he's being forced to watch. He doesn't have to marry Joe Hockey. Same-sex marriage, Tony believes, clashes with his religious beliefs, which he once declared would never interfere with his political acumen. In fact this is what he said: 'Faith is important to me. It's important to millions of Australians. It helps shape who I am. It helps to shape my values. But it must never, never dictate my politics.'

Hang on, Tone, isn't the same-sex debate a debate around values? So Mr believer in the superiority of the penis-in-vagina political position (clearly a missionary man, I'd say), your continual opposition to gay marriage makes it evident that your Jesus Brain is getting in the way of your Political Brain.

You don't need a referendum to gauge that the majority of Australians support same sex marriage. We're into it. This public hoo-hah is embarrassing and makes us look like a nation of homophobes. Even Tony's own party isn't entirely opposed. They'd love a chance for a conscience vote. (If they can still find it… we are talking politicians.) When it comes to passing a same-sex marriage bill even his mate Malcolm is all good to go. Mr Turnbull is happy with same-sex unions, so why not our prime minister? Tony is clinging on to his belief that marriage is 'a union between a man and a woman'. He's probably still punching on in the belief that the earth is flat and George Pell doesn't protect paedophiles.

I have never understood why penis-in-vagina is the dominant accepted relationship model and why it must trump penis or vagina squared. It reduces sexuality and human relationships to a game of scissors, paper rock. 'Penis in vagina beats penis–penis. And vagina–vagina.' At least scissors get to cut paper and paper gets to wrap rock and rock gets to bash scissors. Poor old penis–penis and vagina–vagina don't even get a look-in. They get bashed, wrapped and cut at every turn.

Tony's disapproval for same-sex marriage isn't new. Only a few years back he had to defuse criticism and deny describing same-sex marriage as 'fashion of the moment'. While the gay community were excited to find out that their sexual orientation had suddenly – according to the Trend-Predicting Tonester – become 'fashionable', the assertion was diminishing to the humanity of those whose sexual orientation has nothing to do with fashion. Namely: the entire gay community, their children, their siblings, their parents and their friends.

Same-sex marriage is not just for same-sex couples; it also allows their extended family and friend groups, their work colleagues, and their community to acknowledge and celebrate their relationship. Just as we do with people with opposing genitalia.

The other day I came across one of those right-wing Christian memes on Facebook that pictured an attractive white woman sitting on the lawn with her Ken-doll husband and their two children, a boy and girl of course. White, with nice teeth. No glasses. Not disabled, black, fat, tattooed, ethnic or dwarfs. The text said, 'Only a mum can be a mum and a dad a dad'. But why can't a mum be a man? Or a dad be a mum? I was raised by a single mum who put in some pretty good dad hours. I still can't see what parenting or love has to do with the pairing of opposing genitalia.

However, I did think up a better slogan for the image and it was inspired by Tone; it says, 'Only a bigot can be a bigot'. Or 'A bigot can be a mum. A bigot can be a dad.' A violent abusive man or woman can be a mum or a dad. Hitler was a dad. Sexual orientation doesn't protect from deviation. Some straight mums are shit. Some straight dads are shit. Straight dads are killing about one straight mum a week.'

Maybe we should focus less on authenticating unions based on genitals and more on people's ability to have respectful loving relationships. I'm all for mixing up the mum and dad roles. It's about time we got rid of limiting mum and dad and replaced it with new gender-neutral roles that reflect what it's really like to parent, regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

No more dad and mum, what about mad and dum? This same-sex marriage issue isn't just a moral and legal dilemma – it's an IQ test. Only bigoted stupid people don't support same-sex marriage. Unfortunately our dumbest bloke is prime minister. Now that's mad and dum.

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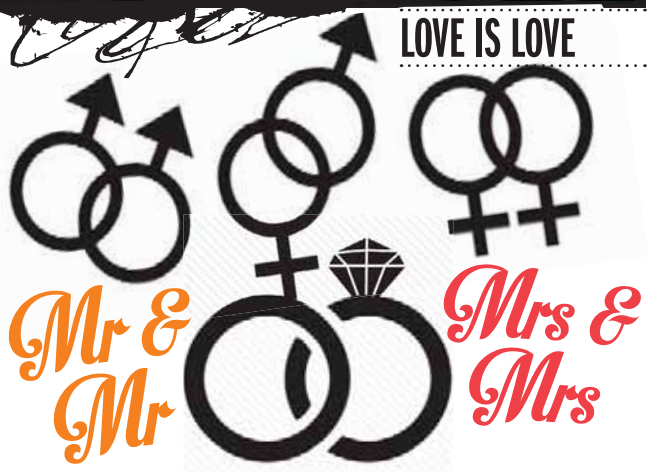

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Do you have clear Ideas about what you want when you set out recording – some people have paintings, or photographs or locations they want to emulate the feel of; what do you have?

Leading up to the recording, versions of the songs were demoed in the home studio that Lawrence, my co-collaborator, and I share. Here we were able to experiment with the sounds we want to bring together for when we hit the studio. Over this time mental imagery comes into focus for each song as it unfolds, which definitely helps build the mood and story of each piece.

What is it like as a musician trying to find a producer that best complements your work or can see something in your work you may not have seen? Is it harder than finding a good boyfriend/girlfriend?

Ahahah! It's definitely similar to that in that you need to find and establish trust and connection with that person. In the past, the thought of working with a producer was something I shied away from as I felt it was impossible to find someone who would get the music on a level that was similar to mine and Lawrence's. Matt understands where Lawrence and I have come from musically and, more importantly, can see where we need to go in order for the translation of musical ideas to be accessible to a greater audience.

What kind of stories do you like to tell?

Stories of the human condition, stories for the underdogs… you know – love, loss, hope, frustration. Each story has a definite mood and place, be it apocalyptic beach landscapes, starry nights or utopian islands.

How do you approach songwriting?

It varies from song to song. If I'm writing in collaboration it's a reactive process, a to-ing and fro-ing of musical ideas until a consensus is reached.

If I'm writing for catharsis it's a unrelenting and repetitive type of playing and singing, usually guitar and voice or piano and voice. I usually record these ideas and sometimes find there's a song in there, sometimes not.

If I'm crafting a song for song-crafting sake it needs to be sparked by a musical motif or word in order for the process to gather momentum.

What are the songs that have stayed with you over the years?

Jeff Buckley – *Grace;* Radiohead – *Subterranean homesick alien;* Silent Hour/Golden Mile – *Daniel Rossen;* Roy Orbison – *Running Scared;* Joni Mitchell – *A Case Of You;* Sleepwalk – *Santo and Johnny.*

You have been very creative and expansive with your instrumentation. What appeals to you about less conventional instruments?

I don't know if I'm the person to answer this question. Lawrence is a textural guitar master; he creates a lot of tasty ambient landscapes within the songs. Perhaps there's unconventionality in the arrangements and use of the instrumentation within each song.

Between Lawrence and me we like to create music that has instant mood with unexpected twists and turns.

How does the album translate to the stage?

In the live setting we try to maintain as many of the various textures that exist within the recordings. There's a little deviation from the recorded melody and generally we try and make a set that flows together as one body of music and that hopefully feels like a show.

What should we expect for your show at Bello Winter Music?

An eclectic set of old and new tunes that nods to folk-rock, doul, 80s pop and love power balladry that is carefully crafted and thoughtfully played by Lawrence Folvig (guitar), Natalie Lewis (keys/vocals), Linden Lester (bass) Luke Collins (drums) and me.

Ainslie Wills plays **Bello Winter Music** in Bellingen **2–5 July**.

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WOMEN LIKE ELLEN BRIGGS

Would you believe that two of Australia's funniest women comedians live in Mullumbimby? In fact Ellen Briggs was Mandy Nolan's star comedy student at her adult-education class almost a decade ago, and now, with thousands of gigs under their collective belt, these two women thought it was time to team up. It's Prude versus Rude!

Ellen, your show is called *Women Like Us*. What kind of women is that exactly?

Women who are 'girls' girls'. Women who can laugh at themselves and how ridiculous we can be. Women that make mistakes and get back up and dust themselves off, re-apply their lippy, have a bitch about how that was someone else's fault, and that no-one else in the house ever does anything, pick up some groceries, make some school lunches, and just bloody get on with it. You know. That type of woman.

Describe Mandy in five words.

Hilarious, fearless, generous, admirable, dangerous (that last one refers to her driving).

The show has been touted as PRUDE v RUDE. How do you think the combination of your different comedic styles works together?

While we both cover similar topics, our styles are so different. I really am a bit of prude to be honest, and I'm incredibly old-fashioned, whereas Mandy has this wonderful ability of pushing the envelope so far that there really is no turning back. I love to tell a story, and weave my way in and out of it, and it must have a beginning and ending for me. Mandy might start one thing, and next thing you know, she has you by the hand and you're running with her head on into something completely different. It's a really great mix of styles.

What are the challenges of being a regional comedian?

The amount of time I spend in the car. Most work is at least an hour away, often two, to do a 40-minute show. It's exhausting doing all that driving, but I think the regionality is what makes us interesting. Just living where we live is interesting. I wouldn't have half my material if I lived on the Gold Coast!

What about being a woman on the circuit. Do you notice any inherent sexisms along the way?

If I have to travel away overnight for work, I always get asked, 'What are you doing with the kids?' My husband is away nine months of the year and I guarantee he has never been asked that question. Some of the intros that I get are pretty off. Like, 'Wow, you're in for a treat. Our next comedian is a woman!' Like they wouldn't have noticed that I was a woman. Or, 'This chick has a pretty nice set'. Hilarious, huh? Some people have said I only get some of the gigs I get because I am a woman. I'm not sure how that works because there are actually promoters who have admitted that they don't like headlining women because they worry people won't turn up. People have a perception that all we are going to talk about is periods, vaginas, and beat up on men. It's actually completely the opposite. I don't even think I have a vagina joke!

What are the daily issues that rock your boat?

I have an ongoing battle with a local farmer that gets me going most days! I think we're at the point of his thinking I am completely unstable, and that's what I was aiming for. I am often exhausted from work and then getting up and getting kids off to school and doing the daily stuff as well. Working nights doesn't work well with daytime chores. I have an elderly mother who is now alone and needs care. The middle-aged years should be called The Looking After Everyone Else Years. Also critters. I have a lot of critters who have chosen to scare me on a daily basis.

Okay, it's the dinner party question – if you could invite anyone…

Nelson Mandela – I would love to learn how to be as forgiving and gracious as he. I can hold a grudge like an elephant. All my girlfriends who live interstate – I miss them terribly on a daily basis. Joan Rivers would be interesting because of the path she forged for female comedians – she would have some great stories. The guy who plays the lead role in the TV show *Kingdom*, and John Mayer. For obvious reasons.

Your lifetime dream is to…

Get my kids grown up safe and sound and out in the world as functioning human beings then have as many animals as I'd like on my farm without my husband complaining about it. One of everything. Like Noah, but halved.

If you could improve the world by changing just one thing, what would it be?

I'd make cellulite sexy.

What should we expect for your show at Star Court Theatre?

You can expect two hours of hilarious comedy that will have you laughing so hard your sides will hurt. In fact at our last show someone laughed so hard she vomited. So maybe you can expect to vomit too.

Ellen Briggs and Mandy Nolan join forces for ***Women Like Us*** at the **Star Court Theatre** in Lismore on **Saturday 20** June.

Ph 6622 5005 or book via starcourttheatre.com.au. Tickets are $27.20 or $22.20 concession.

Live Music

SAL KIMBER & THE ROLLIN' WHEEL AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB ON FRIDAY 19 JUNE

SEBASTIAN AS ELVIS AT CLUB LENNOX ON SUNDAY

VERNAS KEEP AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON FRIDAY

KEEPING IT ROLLIN' WITH SAL KIMBER

Sal Kimber & The Rollin' Wheel make their way back to Mullumbimby with a hot new single *Stumble In The Dark* from their eagerly awaited upcoming album, for a **Friday 19 June** performance at the **Ex-Services Club** that is sure to have you dancing in the aisles. Sal Kimber is one of Australia's most exciting emerging singer/songwriters. Based in inner Melbourne, Kimber has been quietly stealing hearts on Australia's live music scene for the past decade.

It was in 2008 that she really found her niche by forming alt-country band Sal Kimber & The Rollin' Wheel (with older sister Beth Kimber on keyboards and accordion, Cat Leahy on drums and Trent McKenzie on electric and double bass).

The band's self-titled 2011 album produced by award-winning guitarist Shane O'Mara received national and international airplay and was my choice for Australian Album of the Year. The new album has O'Mara again at the helm and promises to be even more exciting. The current lineup for this part of the tour is Sal Kimber on vocals, banjo and guitar, Beth (Buffy) Kimber on keys and accordion, Cat Leahy on drums, Richard Rose on bass and DA Calf on guitar. Hugely talented local teenager Isobel Simms-James will open with some very special guests.

Tickets at the door $25. 7.30pm.

GMS AT THE BREWERY ON SATURDAY

GMS CONNECTION

3rd Eye Productions and Walton Diamond Friedman team up again to deliver the second instalment of ***The Connection***. Featuring GMS, 1200 Micrograms DJ Set and Rinkadink. Get yourself groomed for a long session of groove. From 3pm until midnight, **Saturday** at **The Brewery**. $30 pre sale, $50 on the door. All tickets include a FREE meal.

KEEP IT REAL

Vernas Keep are an exciting new indie rock band hailing from Byron Bay. From delicate ethereal moments to enveloping sonic walls their soundscapes are captivating, intriguing and easily accessible. Their recent live shows have drawn capacity crowds and garnered them a reputation as a must-see band. Vernas keep dropped an amazing set at Falls Festival in Byron Bay on New Years Day 2015 and it is looking like a huge year ahead for this fresh band. **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday.**

FREE WEST PAPUA 'UPROAR EVENT'

Head down to the **Brewery** for a Sunday sesh in support of the **Free West Papua Uproar Event** on **Sunday** from 3pm till 9.30pm. All money raised will be going to The ULMWP, United Liberation Movement West Papua, to support the initiative for West Papua to get through the de-colonisation process.

Lineup includes The Badlands, Drop legs, Si (solo) from Wild Marmalade, The New

Stars WITH LILITH

Mercury rules communication. Retrograde in Gemini, its own sign, doubles the need to be discriminating about the information you receive, believe and repeat this week…

ARIES: If you can say what needs saying, listen to what needs hearing and do what needs doing, late-week Aries moon combined with Mercury's turnaround brings a much clearer idea of what's been happening lately, where you stand, which way to go from here on and whom to choose for support.

TAURUS: If recent retrograde weeks have slid life into the twilight zone, challenging Taurean stability and security with crossed wires, forgetfulness and unreliability, be advised this confusion's already moving towards resolution. Although it won't just chug along comfortably – be prepared for turbo-charged takeoff!

GEMINI: This week's significant stellium in Gemini naturally has a kaleidoscope of ideas rocketing round your brainbox, with you impersonating a crowd by doing a dozen things at once. Multitasking's often considered a smart thing, but this week it's a pitfall. So prioritise. Specialise. Pick the best, forget the rest.

CANCER: Ideas you've lived by come into serious question during the present transit. While one part of you yearns to break free and leap into the unexplored unknown, another you clings to the wisdom of past experience. Both are valid – just don't pack your travel bags till they reach agreement.

LEO: This week's Venus in Leo is Queen of Hearts: colourful, theatrical, affectionate, warmhearted. So what's not to like? Probably unlearned lessons manifesting for the umpteenth round. Good news? This time there's oodles of astral assistance to finally blitz them – and come through looking good. Round of applause for Leos, please.

VIRGO: Someone making you feel charming as a coathanger or inviting as a damp sleeping bag? You'd never knowingly want to make anyone feel like that – would you? However well meant (call it constructive feedback, reality check, whatever) this week's criticism, viewed through Mercury's exacting lens, could be an eye-opener.

LIBRA: The scales of duality are Libra's glyph; Libran Buddhist Thich Nhat Hanh teaches that we're all here to realise our separateness is an illusion. So what are you ambivalent about? Where do you need to reconcile opposing sides of a story? Revising a previous opinion or belief brings relief.

SCORPIO: Beliefs are only opinions you're not willing to let go of. The stronger your beliefs the more protected your ego, and the less open you are to growth and wisdom. Beliefs equal closed doors. Examine yours with signature Scorpionic forensic scrutiny and you might find surprising openings become available.

SAGITTARIUS: Love life a mess, finances a shamble, career on the verge of uncertainty? Whether or not any of these apply, whatever's happening isn't anyone's fault: yours, someone else's or retrograde Mercury's. Playing the blame game will only delay and keep at bay all the goodies and support heading your way.

CAPRICORN: Experiencing a touch of cosmic constipation? Relationships glued to a groove, stuck in a rut, trapped in their tracks like street-busker frozen moments? That's Pluto in Capricorn slowing us down to clean up our act. Blessed are they, however, who don't take themselves too seriously, for they shall have more fun.

AQUARIUS: This interesting, energetic week looks set to feature a feast of your favourite things: public campaigns, group activities for a common cause, brainstorming strategies for getting passionately felt ideas into effective action… go, Uranians! Limitations and aggravations? They'll be no match for your Aquirkian flair.

PISCES: If life's seemed just a touch stale and void of buoyancy lately, get ready to surf some wild and exciting tides as this rich retrograde draws towards its finish line. Give a little more than is comfortable and you'll get a whole lot back – way more than you ever expected.

Culture

High, Ara Biota, DJ 3rdeye and DJ Boogie Bird. West Papuan guests will be coming to perform some traditional song and dance and speak about what is going on in West Papua.

Byron Bay's very own Nattali from Blue King Brown is supporting the event and punters will get to hear what she has to say about West Papua. $7 pre-sale online and $12 at the door. Tickets include entry and a meal.

GABE AND CECILIA RELEASE THEIR NEW ALBUM *VESSELS* AT THE MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL ON SATURDAY 20 JUNE

BRAND BRANDOLINI

Gabriel and Cecilia have been very busy bees lately recording a full-length 13-track album, *Vessel*. This album (like *Eyelids Bouncing*) possesses very experimental qualities and eclecticism. Like this brother/sister duo, their music is impossible to label; many of the overtones range from classical, folk, indie, to opera, metal, alternative and singer/songwriter genres. Gabriel and Cecilia venture into genre diversity, liberating themselves from the shackles of any one particular niche. The album features one song each from intriguing additional musical projects: Gabriel sings (and screams) angelically over a commanding heavy-metal piece with his ex-band Prowler and Cecilia joins forces with their two younger sisters the Three Little Sisters for a music with delightful purity and innocence.

Lyrical themes on this album are not light and superficial matters either, ranging from war, suicide, racism, rape and mental health to love, dreams and creativity. Demonstrating wisdom and perspective beyond their years, their hearts are in all the right places. Joined by their old school friends, No Frills Twins, at **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **20 June**. Tickets are at the door. Kids $5, adults $10. CDs, vinyls and merchandise will be available to buy on the night.

BELLYLAUGH IN BYRON

Think you are funny? Do friends laugh hysterically at your gags and scream, 'Oh my god you should be a comedian!' Well guess what, you now have the chance to test your mettle by giving it a run on the open mic. New and aspiring standup comedians are given a claim on Five Minutes of Fame at Byron Brewery's monthly **BellyLaugh** comedy night. This month MC is Ellen Briggs. **Thursday 18 June** at 8pm at the **Byron Brewery**. FREE.

To register for an open mic spot email mandy@mandynolan.com.au.

OLIVER AND BROWNLOW, OPENING THIS WEEK FOR BALLINA PLAYERS' PRODUCTION OF *OLIVER!* AT BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AND RUNNING UNTIL 4 JULY

THE UNFORGETTABLE *OLIVER!*

Oliver! is a musical known and loved for its well-remembered songs and its story of downtrodden children, unscrupulous adults and one orphan boy made good. His song *Where Is Love?* echoes the longing for a loving family of Oliver (Landon Broadley), the orphan who asked for more. Escaping arrest as a pickpocket urchin, Oliver is taken in by the rich and kindly Mr Brownlow (Geoff Marsh). An errand to return some books for his host becomes a test of trust but after serious trials Oliver returns to his benefactor's household. Mr Brownlow feels strangely drawn towards Oliver.

A photograph and a locket hold the key to the mystery and eventually Oliver finds his longed-for family.

A production of this scale is an ensemble effort, but special credit must be given to the contribution of the children. The performances of ten-year-old Landon Broadley as the innocent Oliver and twelve-year-old Sam Green as the much more worldly Artful Dodger are highlights of *Oliver!*

The production demonstrates the fact that there are uplifting times of warmth and frivolity in the midst of bleakness and poverty. The cast of fifty-two fills the stage with warmth and energy in production numbers such as *Oom Pah Pah* and *It's A Fine Life*.

Directed by Clem Halpin, *Oliver!* will be staged at the **Players Theatre** from **Friday till 4 July.** Evening performances will commence at 8pm and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Book online at www.ballinaplayers.com.au or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440.

LOVE, SEX AND ETHICS

Pulitzer prize-nominated play ***Becky Shaw*** is a contemporary comedy of bad manners, love, sex and ethics, and will be coming Mullumbimby's Drill Hall on 19 June. Georgia Martin directs Kate Foster and Madeleine Lipson from last year's hit *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress,* Brenda Shero who appeared in several Theatre North productions, as well as the Drill Hall Theatre Company's A *Pint of Pinter,* Sam Hemphill (*Uncle Vanya, Caldera* and *Honk if you are Jesus*) and newcomer Samuel Peacock, who has just completed a professional tour of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia; this is a strong cast in a very strong play.

Suzanna sets up blind date for Max, her best friend, with Becky Shaw, an anxious, but socially ambitious woman who works with her husband. Their lives go pear-shaped from there – at speed!

Becky seems unsure but shows the overly confident Max that she is a woman to be reckoned with. Funny and confronting, Becky Shaw asks us: What do we owe our loved ones and the strangers who turn up in our lives? A test of loyalty and what we think we know of the people around us.

Opening night **19 June**. Performances 8pm. Friday and Saturday, 2pm Sunday. $20 and $15 at the Bookshop, Mullumbimby or online at www.drillhalltheatre.org.au.

SKELETON SMOKING BY JOHN CIESLAK AS PART OF THE INCREDIBLE ART EXHIBITION OPENING IN BYRON AT THE LONE GOAT GALLERY ON FRIDAY

A SHOW ABOUT OZ

Helpmann Award-winning director Jonathan Biggins presents ***Australia Day***, a play he has written and directed with Christine Harris and HIT Productions. 'Biggins wrote *Australia Day* after several tours of duty as an Australia Day ambassador in regional NSW,' says writer and director Jonathan Biggins. 'Initially sceptical about the celebration of the national day, my experiences showed me another side: the warmth, dedication and quiet patriotic pride of the organising committees and the towns they served taught me the value of uniting communities to remember what is good about being an Australian – or, more importantly, of becoming one, for the citizenship ceremony forms the emotional heart of the day's proceedings.' Australia Day is a laugh, a jab, a thought-provoking prod at our current political and cultural climate and certainly will be studied in years to come as a piece of theatre that exposes Australia as it is now.

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24, 7.30pm NORPA at Lismore City Hall. Bookings: 1300 066 772 or norpa.org.au.

BANGALOW GIVES NEPAL A HAND

Residents of Bangalow and beyond are being asked to support efforts to help Langtang Valley Health – An Australian Charity based in Nepal since 2012.

Bangalow local fitness professional Lisa Parkes has organised a fundraiser to support efforts to help Langtang Valley Health – an Australian Charity based in Nepal since 2012. The evening will feature information, traditional Indian-Nepalese food, circus performances, live music, Bollywood dancing, live auction, DJ and MC Mandy Nolan. All funds raised will go towards disaster relief for the people of Langtang Village and surrounds, a popular trekking area that was totally destroyed in the recent earthquakes.

Even in a country that has seen so much devastation and so much personal heartbreak, what happened to the village of Langtang is in a different league. Moments after the initial earthquake struck, a massive expanse of ice fell thousands of feet, creating an avalanche that wiped out a community where 400 people lived and where, at that moment, nearly 100 foreign trekkers are believed to have been. Live auction items, including Splendour In The Grass tickets, Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass tickets, Moroccan carpets, clothing, furnishings, homewares, treatments, jewellery and much more will be auctioned on the night live by locals Dave Eller and Matt Towner. **Bangalow A&I Hall** this **Saturday** from 6.30pm. Tickets available at www.seechangebyronbay.com.au/langtangnepal.

$40 entertainment only; $65 includes full Indian-Nepalese banquet. Children under 14: by donation on the night. Kidz Club provided. To support the event with donations or for more info contact Lisa on 0429 878 902 or littlemissfito7@gmail.com.

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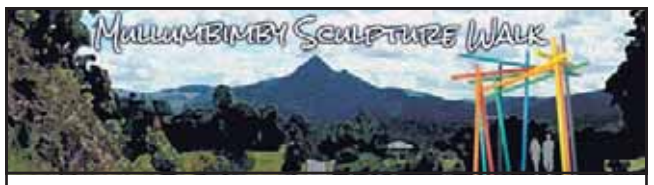

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$10K RAISED FOR PUBLIC SCULPTURE IN MULLUMBIMBY

On Tuesday 26 May Creative Mullumbimby completed a successful crowdfunding campaign to begin the Mullumbimby Sculpture Walk. The campaign raised $10,941 and will be matched by a further $10,000 by Creative Partnerships Australia.

Eighty-four people made contributions online and hundreds of others made donation-box contributions around town and at the markets.

Creative Mullumbimby would like to particularly thank the local community organisations such as Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, CLIC, Tallowood Estate and 2Die4 Foods, whose large donations made the fundraiser a success. Special thanks go to Santos Organics, whose $1K helped get the campaign over the line with another $1K from Leela Plantations.

According to local artist Suvira McDonald, 'The most exciting news is that we can now build the Enter Here sculpture. We are actively looking for hardwood poles and a place to build it. We can also start planning for the future projects along the sculpture walk.'

See mullumsculpturewalk.com.au

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TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY

Monica Rohan, *In the Detail.* Tweed Regional Gallery & MOAC. Friday 5 June – Sunday 4 October.

Brisbane-based artist Monica Rohan developed the body of work for this exhibition during her residency in the Gallery's Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio during November 2014.

Working in watercolour on paper and oil on board Rohan explores issues of subjectivity by portraying herself in a struggle against overwhelming surroundings.

During the painting process Rohan investigates her immediate surroundings, viewing and portraying them in relation to the central figure.

The resulting work often sees the figure diminished or warped by scale, dissolving boundaries between physical and cognitive realities.

Beautifully painted and exquisitely crafted, these works are both delicate and daunting.

artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Knoll, Monica Rohan, 2013
Oil on board 61x45cm

DYNAMIC DRAWING ART EVENT AT KULCHAJAM 4 & 5 JULY

Dynamic Drawing, Byron Bay's most popular and longest-established drawing forum/class, is staging a unique art event at Kulchajam on the weekend of 4 & 5 July, including an art exhibition representing a diverse range of participants profiling a radical panorama of narratives and drawing styles, a Q&A-style forum about Dynamic Drawing on Saturday plus a drawing workshop on Sunday. Everyone is invited to Kulchajam to witness a really great event on that weekend... to both participate and taste the resonance.

More info at www.dynamicdrawing.com.au.

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Public Program
Join the Gallery's volunteer guides for an enjoyable and informative introduction to the Gallery and exhibitions. Individual bookings are not required but groups must book in advance - 02 6670 2790

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EXPLORE CREATIVE WORLDS THIS MONTH AT NRCG IN BALLINA

This month at Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG), visitors are invited to experience intimate worlds created by a diverse group of artists in two stunning exhibitions; *Of Place*, a group exhibition by local artists René Bolten, Claudie Frock, Jennifer Lowrey, Jeremy Austin and Heather Jessup; and *Unseen*, a solo exhibition by photographer, Rachael Windress.

Of Place delves into five local artists' ideas, memories, emotions and experiences which surround their sense of place and how those affects their lives and art making. Each of the artists offers a unique interpretation of the *Of Place* theme, presented in a variety of formats.

In the solo exhibition fittingly titled *Unseen*, Rachael Windress presents a series of abstract photographs and an interactive installation which aim to promote thought and understanding of what life is like for those with hidden or 'unseen' disabilities.

A series of exciting artist-led workshops coincide with the *Of Place* exhibition. On Saturday 13 June, winner of the 2013 Northern Rivers Portrait Prize, René Bolten, will facilitate a workshop drawing on the infinite possibilities of 'where you are' using a range of techniques and drawing materials. Then on Sunday 21 June the kooky Herman and Hetty Houndstooth will play delightful performative art games in the Drawing Room for kids of all ages! For bookings or further information call the Gallery on 6681 6167.

Exhibitions run until Sunday 21 June 2015 at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG), Ballina.

www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/nrcg

Ghost Trees, Claudie Frock, 2015

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OSAE – WILD THINGS

It's time again for the Ocean Shores Art Expo and this year's theme is Wild Things.

The expo committee is welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds to try their hand and show their creative side by capturing something wild in an artform.

It's a chance to express your wild side and to unleash the wild thing within.

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 Ocean Shores Art Expo website on www.osartexpo.com for more details on how to enter.

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

WINTER TASTERS WITH BSA

Fire up your creative juices at BSA this winter with a warm and toasty melting pot of taster classes on offer in Bangalow in July.

Portraiture, Abstraction, Life Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Printmaking and more will be explored in short, but very sweet, sessions with a host of experienced and talented art teachers.

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INCREDIBLE ART EXHIBITION

The IncREDible Art Exhibition opening at Lone Goat Gallery featuring works from our Byron Bay artists, with ceramics, paintings and also a multimedia. This exhibition gives stunning insights into the lives, interest and experiences of our local contemporary artists with a disability. Their vision and abilities are expressed beautifully in this range of works. Vibrant, expressive, reflecting their passion.

Exhibiting 12–23 June, Lone Goat Gallery, Byron Bay. www.redinc.org.au

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT!

'Arty Party' presented by 100 Wonder Place, Thursday 2 July, 10.30am- 2.30pm, Spinks Park (Lismore Regional Gallery). A family friendly day of playful artmaking with Greg Sheehan, Roundabout Theatre, 'The Cassettes' founder Marissa Treichel, The Houndstooths and much much more!

Rodney Glick is an Australian artist currently living and working across Indonesia whose sculptures combine real, spiritual and imagined realms. Glick's practice is intriguing on many levels – from his ingenuity with material, rigorous exploration of subject matter, intelligence and wicked sense of humour.

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Of Place Group Exhibition
27 May – 21 June 2015

Image: René Bolten, *Studio*

Unseen Rachael Windress
27 May – 21 June 2015

Image: Rachael Windress, *Dynamism*

Annual NAIDOC Group Exhibition
24 June – 19 July 2015

launch event
Thursday 25 June
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Image: Dubay Circle, *Weaving detail*

Drawing Workshop René Bolten
Saturday 13 June 2015

'Drawings of where you are'
An exciting 1-day workshop led by renowned local artist René Bolten to coincide with the '*Of Place*' exhibition in the Gallery.
Bookings essential. Contact 6681 6167

Kids Workshops The Houndstooths
Sunday 21 June 2015

'In the Drawing Room'
Come play some delightful drawing games with the Kooky Artists Herman & Hetty Houndstooth. For kids 5yrs and up.
Bookings essential. Contact 6681 6167

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What is the story or the pictures you like to create with your work as Baby Et Lulu?

We like to create an atmosphere of joie de vivre but also with the shadows of life and love that we embrace. We like to let our sassy and feminine sides come out to play and also enjoy our shared love of the ridiculous.

But we also love to plumb the depths of passion and intensity and be unapologetic of this expression.

It's a great concept – how does it give you scope to expand and move creatively? I mean, could Baby et Lulu suddenly go German?

We do joke about doing the German show! We would need to do some YouTube research on the great German songwriters and perhaps do a shopping spree for some cool lederhosen! Es ist ein gut idea!

I was a huge Jacques Tatie fan when I was in my early twenties. What are your favourite French movies?

Baby loved *37 degrees du Matin* or *Betty Blue* as it was called here. She saw it on release in her mid-20s and it took her quite some time after the credits rolled to realise that she wasn't Betty. She also loved the *3 Colours* trilogy from the early 90s… even though these were made by a Polish director Krzysztof Kieślowski. Also his sublime *La Double Vie de Veronique*, which is on Baby's top five films of all time list (if she had a list). Some of Lulu's all-time favourite films include *Diva* (Jean Jacques Beineix), *Monsieur Hire* (Patrice Leconte), *Ridicule* (Patrice Leconte), of course *Amélie* (Jean-Pierre Jeunet), which was just so delicious, delightful and with such an original voice. And more recently Lulu adored *The Intouchables*. What a film!

What should we expect for your show in Mullumbimby?

Each show is different, but always uplifting and transportive. Our magnifique band are world-class musicians who we adore and we get to be fearless chanteuses because of their brilliance! We are often a bit silly and talk in a faux French accent between songs at times. We get dressed up in frou-frou frocks and sometimes put birds in our hair. We had a super fantastique time last year at the Mullum Music Festival and we're looking forward to getting back to all ze beautiful people zere!

Mullum Ex-Services Club, **Friday** 8pm.

Tix & info: www.mullummusic.com.au.

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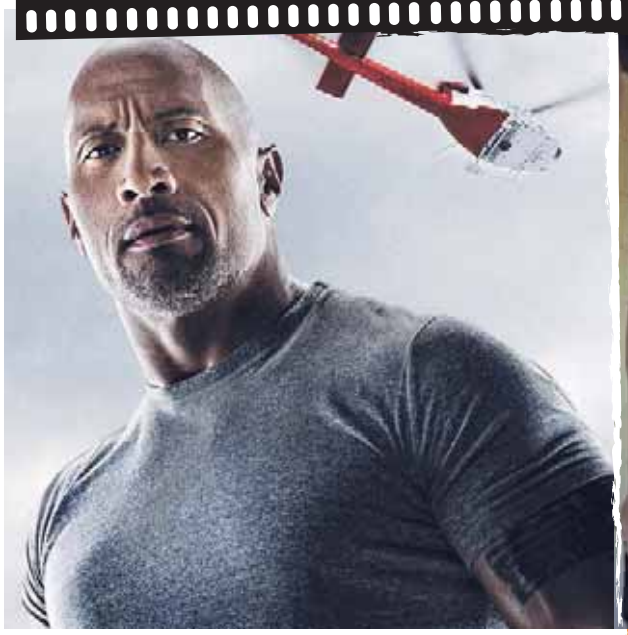
Cinema Reviews

By John Campbell



SAN ANDREAS

The hero's first line is 'just doin' my job, ma'am'; the hero's last is 'now we rebuild', as he stands watching Old Glory waving proud over the rubble of San Francisco. If there was just an iota of tongue-in-cheek interspersed in between – and Dwayne 'the Rock' Johnson as that hero, Ray, is quite adept at irony – you could maybe forgive all the crap. But there's not, and you can't. A helluva ride (yawn) is promised when the Hoover Dam bursts in the opening ten minutes and it's just one calamity after the next as the long-awaited earthquake along the San Andreas fault plays geology's 'terrorist' to Ray's indefatigable, dutiful courage. I've maintained a sneaking fondness for Johnson since I saw him sing *Are You Lonesome Tonight* in *The Game Plan* (2007), a neglected little charmer, but this is beyond the pale. Physically, he is like a black Michelin man, only with a smaller head. As a rescue service helicopter pilot, you can only wonder how they got him into the thing in the first place.

His wife and sexy daughter (Caria Gugino and Alexandra Daddario) – both white for marketing purposes – do a lot of running from tumbling rooftop to tumbling rooftop, with their boobs bouncing in tight tops while shrieking and gasping more OMGs than you would see in an hour's scrolling of Fb inanities. Buried beneath all the mayhem is the sobering knowledge that the west coast of the US, in the not too distant future, is almost certainly due for such a cataclysmic event, as tectonic plates irrevocably keep moving. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that there is somebody like Dwayne around to stay calm and indestructible and who, above all else, is able to remember more than a couple of lines of dialogue while enshrining Hollywood's highest values. Admittedly, the sight of the ocean liner smashing through the Golden Gate Bridge is specky, but otherwise this is a movie of seismic dreadfulness – a frontrunner for Joe Cocker of the year.

ALOHA

This is a curious film. Flaccid and muddled for much of the time, and way too reliant on the combined appeal of its charismatic leads, as a date movie it succeeds neither as rom-com nor dramedy and is held together by syrup and the bizarre – and frankly unbelievable – mystery surrounding the Bill Murray character. Because it is written and directed by Cameron Crowe, you know to expect a significant contribution from the soundtrack, and the music nails every moment without ever lifting the story into the realms of Crowe's shimmering *Almost Famous* (2000).

Brian Gilcrest (Bradley Cooper) is a military contractor – a vague occupation, for sure – who returns to Hawaii to cut a deal that will allow multi-billionaire Carson Welch (Murray) to launch a satellite into space. His military minder is Captain Ng (Emma Stone) who, for some unclear reason, thinks he's the greatest thing since sliced bread the minute she meets him. Brian, however, is more concerned with coming to a rapprochement with Tracy (Rachel McAdams), the ex-girlfriend whose daughter Grace (Danielle Rose Russell) might very well be Brian's offspring – it's a lay-down misere that she is, but we are meant to be kept on tenterhooks (not to say tender hooks) until that dramatic revelation. One of the more interesting tangents involves the indigenous Hawaiians with whom Brian must negotiate. They wear T-shirts with 'Hawaiian Born' on the front and 'American by Force' on the back and at first you think that the serious issue of native land rights might be dealt with in more than just a glancing manner. To do that, however, would have put too sharp an edge on the waffle, as Brian, Ng, Tracy and Woody, Tracy's dull and aptly named partner, sort out their matters of the heart. Ultimately, Welch's scheme is foiled and, Crowe being Crowe, music saves the world. I'm a bit in love with McAdams, and I know plenty of others are with Stone and Cooper, so the outing wasn't a complete dead loss.

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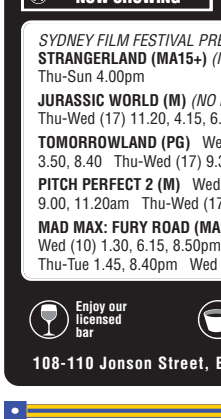

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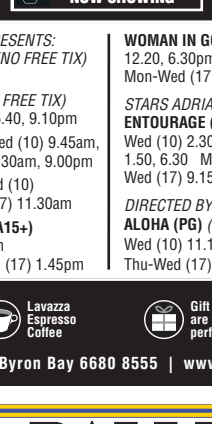

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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DALLAS JAMES**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFELLA**
- MASONIC CENTRE, BYRON 1PM **SACRED SYMBOLS, THE LANGUAGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **NICE VERDES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **SH*TS & GIGGLES COMEDY**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE **NO DEPRESSION WITH LUKE VASSELLA, DAVID HALLETT, PHIL LEVY, LEO GLASS, STEVE GILBERT**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLO 7PM **KINGY COMEDY W MC MANDY NOLAN, NICK PENN, JUNE HORDEN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 11AM **AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

FRIDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **VERNAS KEEP, GARRETT KATO, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOULSHAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LUKE & SEBASTIAN** 9PM **PINK ZINC**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON 6PM **INCREDIBLE EXHIBITION OPENING**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ COMP**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NEARY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE NEW HIGH**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **JAMES ROSS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BELLA MARIE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **WANDERING EYES SOLO**
- ST MARTINS HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **COMMUNITY CHANTING GATHERING**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **BABY ET LULU**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **KHANAGE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **LOOSE ENDS**
- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **WHO'S CHARLIE** 8.30PM **DJ OVALS**
- BALLINA PLAYER'S THEATRE 8PM **OLIVER!**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7PM **TOKE**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT WITH PETER MILLER**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE THREE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **THE HOOLIGANS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLING CLUB **MESCALITO BLUES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL **KYLE LIONHART**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **EUREKA FUNK**
- THE CHANNON BUTTER FACTORY 7.30PM **KATHRYN JONES & STEVE PASSFIELD TRIO**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7.30PM **20 FEET FROM STARDOM**
- THE IVORY, TWEED HEADS 7PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **BAGMAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **SONGS IN THE KEY OF MOTOWN**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **THE LAMPLIGHTS**

SATURDAY 13

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **VON VILLAINS, LOVE CANNONS, FRANKIE & THE MOON, DJ CHRIS BRADLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE HOOCHERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ FONZAIUS**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **GMS, 1200 MICROGRAMS, DJ SET & RINKADINK**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ MITCHYMITCH**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ARRESTER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **JAMES ROSS & PARISSA BOUAS**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 6.30PM **NEPAL LANGTANG BENEFIT WITH ALEX BOWEN, DJS SCOTTI, CAPTAIN KAINE, SCOOTER, CHRISTOPHER MILES, MR NICE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **KATHRYN JONES & STEVE PASSFIELD**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **KINDRED SPIRIT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **EVOLVE SPHERE: BEAUTY WITHIN RESTRAINT**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- FEDERAL HALL 8PM **THE DARK HORSE (M)**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BLUESVILLE STATION**
- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN** 8.30PM **PHAT TRACTA, DJ BISHO**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 8PM **OLIVER!**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH SONIA LOPES**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **THE RAILWAY SLEEPERS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **SKY DADDY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **SARA MCCAFFERTY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL **DAN HANNAFORD**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **DJ JAYE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **THE HOOLIGANS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**

SUNDAY 14

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT ARMITAGE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 6.30PM **THE ROMANIACS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **BETTY BLISSET** 8PM **DJ DISCROW**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **FREE WEST PAPUA WITH THE BADLANDS, DROP LEGS, SI, THE NEW HIGH, ARA BIOTA, DJ 3RDEYE, DJ BOOGIE BIRD**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **FUNDAY DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **THE LYRICAL**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 11PM **SLOPPY JOE & HIS CONSTIPATED BUDGET ORCHESTRA**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **GABY BOGART**
- MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL 6.30PM **AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **SEBASTIAN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **YOLAN**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 3PM **GREG KEW**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 2PM **OLIVER!**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **DIRTY RIVER**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 1.30PM **MAD MULLUM MOB WITH CLELIA ADAMS, RAY ESSERY, STEVE PASSFIELD & KATHRYN JONES**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 2PM **LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH SONIA LOPES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL **WANDERING EYES' PAULO**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKETS 10AM **TAHOLO RENAGI**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **TELEGRAPH TOWER**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **COSMIC BLISS** 12PM **THE CRUISE BROTHERS**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **BILL JACOBI**

MONDAY 15

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ADAM BROWN**

TUESDAY 16

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFELLA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 5.30PM **DAN MCCOY**

WEDNESDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **KARMA: THE LAW OF CAUSE & EFFECT WITH GESHE SONAM THARGYE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH COCKATOO PAUL**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NEARY**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL **MUSICAL BINGO**

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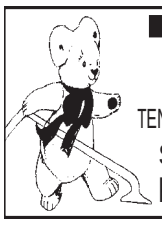

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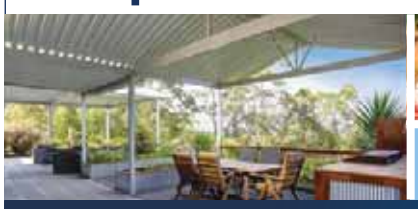

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○ Full moon	June 3	02:19
◐ Third quarter	June 10	01:42
● New moon	June 17	00:05
◑ First quarter	June 24	21:03

Day of month		Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	M	0630	1657	1602	0443	0709,1.44; **1930,1.79**	0120,0.51; 1258,0.52
2	T	0631	1656	1648	0539	0752,1.45; **2008,1.85**	0200,0.45; 1336,0.51
3	W	0631	1656	1738	0635	0835,1.45; **2048,1.89**	0242,0.40; 1417,0.50
4	T	0632	1656	1833	0731	0921,1.45; **2131,1.91**	0325,0.37; 1500,0.51
5	F	0632	1656	1931	0825	1010,1.44; **2216,1.89**	0410,0.35; 1547,0.53
6	S	0632	1656	2032	0916	1100,1.43; **2304,1.85**	0458,0.36; 1638,0.56
7	S	0633	1656	2134	1004	1155,1.43; **2357,1.79**	0549,0.37; 1732,0.60
8	M	0633	1656	2236	1049	1253,1.44	0643,0.39; 1833,0.63
9	T	0634	1656	2339	1132	**0054,1.71**; 1354,1.47	0739,0.41; 1941,0.65
10	W	0634	1656		1213	0157,1.63; 1456,1.53	0835,0.42; 2054,0.64
11	T	0635	1656	0041	1255	0304,1.57; 1556,1.61	0931,0.43; 2208,0.60
12	F	0635	1656	0143	1337	0411,1.53; **1654,1.70**	1025,0.43; 2316,0.53
13	S	0635	1656	0246	1421	0514,1.50; **1747,1.79**	1116.0.43
14	S	0636	1656	0348	1507	0613,1.49; **1838,1.87**	0018,0.45; 1207,0.43
15	M	0636	1656	0449	1557	0708,1.48; **1927,1.92**	0114,0.38; 1255,0.44
16	T	0636	1656	0548	1649	0800,1.46; **2013,1.93**	0203,0.34; 1342,0.47
17	W	0637	1656	0644	1743	0848,1.44; **2056,1.92**	0250,0.33; 1427,0.50
18	T	0637	1656	0736	1838	0934,1.41; **2138,1.87**	0334,0.35; 1510,0.54
19	F	0637	1656	0823	1933	1019,1.39; **2217,1.80**	0426,0.39; 1552,0.59
20	S	0638	1657	0906	2027	1102,1.36; **2257,1.72**	0458,0.44; 1634,0.64
21	S	0638	1657	0945	2120	1145,1.34; 2336,1.63	0538,0.49; 1718,0.69
22	M	0638	1657	1022	2212	1230,1.34	0618,0.53; 1806,0.74
23	T	0638	1657	1056	2303	0018,1.54; 1318,1.34	0700.0.56; 1900,0.78
24	W	0638	1657	1130	2354	0106,1.46; 1411,1.37	0745,0.59; 2002,0.80
25	T	0639	1658	1204		0202,1.39; 1506,1.41	0834,0.60; 2112,0.79
26	F	0639	1658	1239	0045	0303,1.34; 1600,1.47	0924,0.60; 2219,0.74
27	S	0639	1658	1315	0137	0405,1.32; 1650,1.54	1012,0.59; 2319,0.67
28	S	0639	1659	1355	0231	0502,1.32; 1736,1.63	1059,0.57
29	M	0639	1659	1439	0326	0554,1.34; **1819,1.72**	0010,0.58; 1143,0.54
30	T	0639	1659	1528	0422	0642,1.37; **1901,1.81**	0056,0.49; 1226,0.50

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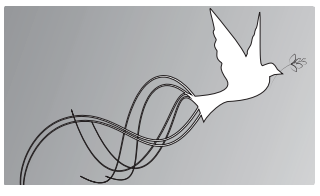

FUNERAL NOTICE

Geoffrey David Williams
1941–2015

After a short battle with an unexpected illness our dear Geoff passed away peacefully on Sunday 7th June, surrounded by his loving family.

We would like to thank all our friends for their support over the past few weeks and especially the staff at Meadows Clinic and Mullumbimby Hospital.

A gathering will be held this Sunday June 14th at 11am to celebrate his life at our home in McAuleys Lane.

We would love you all to dress brightly and a plate to share will be greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS

30 years and boy, are our arms tired!

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

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

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To meet Millie & her family, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

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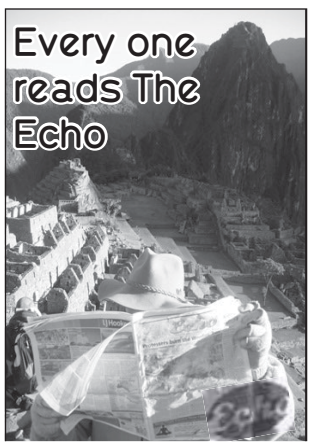

It's raining cats & dogs!

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	**000**
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	**131 233**
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue	**6685 1999**
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	**6685 0148**
MULLUMBIMBY HOSPITAL	**6684 2266**
BYRON BAY HOSPITAL	**6685 6200**
POLICE Brunswick Heads	**6685 1277**
Mullumbimby	**6684 2144**
Byron Bay	**6685 9499**
Bangalow	**6687 1404**
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	**6684 3444**
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	**6622 1555**
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	**1300 ALANON**
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	**1800 423 431**
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	**6622 1881**
LIFELINE	**131 114**
MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	**6622 2240**
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	**6680 7280**
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NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES)	**6628 1898**

Evans Head fly in to bomb the Red Devils' campaign

John Campbell

If you can keep your feet warm, you've got half the battle won. It's an adage all footy tragics swear by when attending games on nights as cold and damp as last Friday's at Red Devil Park.

Despite the miserable conditions, a goodly crowd estimated at 2,292 came to witness the NRRRL clash between Byron and Evans Head – a fixture postponed from earlier in the season owing to inclement weather.

It was a cracking encounter, with both combatants going at it hammer and tong for the entire eighty minutes. Evans Head ran out winners by 20–14 and though the Devils can consider themselves unlucky it is also fair to say that the Bombers earned their victory and are riding high on the ladder through more than just chance.

We have reached a juncture in the comp that Matthew Elliot refers to as 'the foggy rounds' – you can no longer see where you started but are unable to make out where you'll finish. The loss will hurt Byron, for the boys have had to cope with a difficult draw to establish themselves as contenders and are now left with not a lot of room for error in the jostling for a spot in the finals. Friday showed that, if they can maintain that sort of intensity, they will surely make the top five.

Both sides started like houses on fire. The Devils went in mob-handed in defence and covered with unstinting commitment. A lesser opponent might have wilted, but Evans gave as good as they got and were first to score when their winger snaffled up a kick into the southeastern corner.

A sin-binning after an ill-disciplined but entirely harmless bit of push and shove left the Devils a man down for ten minutes and it was while short-handed that the Bombers increased their lead to 10–0. Having thirteen on the paddock is essential when the whips are cracking.

Byron, appearing a little disheartened, needed to cross before the break and they were invited in when Evans were penalised for jumping the gun from a goal-line droppy. The Bay's hooker, Tyler Blanch 'Dubois', one of their best on the night, scrambled over from dummy half and Joey 'Flash' Gordon's conversion made it 10–6.

Lifted by the momentum swing, it was the Devils who now were full of fire and brimstone. Ryan 'the Crab' O'Connell, a captain who leads from the front and is in everything but a bath, snuck in for a four-pointer and the sides went to the sheds at 10–all.

The second forty was nip and tuck, with Byron having a couple of disastrous 50/50 calls go against them. Fortunately, the try they conceded had nothing to do with a ref's call – the Bombers' half-back chipped, chased, regathered and sent a long, inch-perfect pass to his winger who only needed to catch the pill and fall over the line. It was a lovely piece of football.

With the wind in their sails, Evans scored again before Byron's Fraser 'Fletcher' Jones was rewarded for his efforts with a late try.

It was a hard loss to swallow, but the boys will rebound from it.

Losing their marbles in Bruns

The Australian Marble Championships were held over the weekend as part of the Old and Gold Festival in Brunswick Heads.

Organiser Mary Ashton says that the comp went well and all money raised went to the Byron Youth Service and the Mullum Neighbourhood Centre. 'It was a really good day', she said after a very busy day. 'We had a lot of kids for the schools event and Brunswick Heads Public School won again which was great.'

The Australian Schools Challenge was won by Brunswick Heads students Jordan O'Hearn and Sam Pheil, who were too good against the Pocket PS's Harvey Lee and Seth Gumbrell.

The Australian Junior Marbles Championship was won by Henry Irby of Ocean Shores with Jordan O'Hearn, having been champion for the past two years, coming in as runner-up.

The Opens champion was Andrew Hanlon of Cawongla, who was pushed at times through the final by Kim Moxham of Brunswick Heads.

'This year we had more open contestants than we have had before,' said Mary. 'It was great having players who play really, really well.

Mary said that all entries were up this year across all categories. 'The standard of play and sportsmanship were very pleasing.'

It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up.

— Vince Lombardi

Bay suffers tough loss at the hands of Pioneers

Photo Peter Moore

Owing to lack of sport this week and lack of space last week, here is the most recent outing for Byron Rugby…

The Engerneer

The Bay played host to reigning premiers Wollongbar–Alstonville on Saturday in the latest instalment of Far North Coast Rugby Union.

Byron was chasing their fifth win in a row and going into the match, the two teams sitting equal second on the points table.

The game promised to be a hard-hitting affair and from the first whistle a bone-crunching tackle set the tempo for what was going to be a great game of rugby. The first 10 minutes were evenly matched as both teams tussled for metres.

The Pioneers managed an early line break after some fast ball movement from fly half Ben Damon sent their winger streaking down the side line toward a certain try, only to be denied by some classic Mitch Loane cover defence.

A quick turnover and clearance kick provided a short reprieve for the Bay; however, a number of lengthy phases from Wollongbar tested Byron's defence again.

Another turnover and some solid counter-attacking rugby pushed the Bay into the Pioneers' half of the field and a penalty in front of the posts resulted in Sion King taking first points for the Bay with a superb penalty kick.

The 3–0 deficit on the scoreboard kicked Wollongbar into gear and from the restart they reapplied the pressure.

Both teams' forward packs produced some big hits but Wollongbar gradually crept forward. Some desperate defence from the Bay resulted in an uncharacteristic yellow card for Byron Bay tough guy Troy Wynter who was sent from the field for 10mins. The Pioneers drew level with a penalty kick, which was closely followed by a converted try as Wollongbar took advantage of a 14-man defensive line.

As the halftime whistle blew both teams were grabbing for the water, with the scores tight at 10–3.

As the players struggled to capture their breath the supporters replenished their food and drink supply in anticipation of a lively second half.

Once again Wollongbar lifted their tempo from the kick-off and some lengthy phases had Byron enduring some tough defensive work.

Despite the prolonged defensive effort, the unrelenting Pioneers' attack proved too strong with their winger scoring a try in the corner. Byron fought back through some strong forward pressure and another act of poor discipline from Wollongbar gave Byron the chance to put another three points on the board.

Unfortunately the kick was wayward, striking the upright and rebounding into the relieved hands of the Pioneers. The miss proved further costly for the Bay as Wollongbar regrouped to score another try under the posts shortly after to extend their lead 24–3.

The typical Byron never-say-die attitude was reignited, led by some strong running from Josh Smith and Charles Woollard.

The Byron back line displayed some class out wide with the ever-familiar presence of Harvey Bell looming in support to cross the line in the corner for the Bay's first try.

A lovely conversion by Sion King tipped the scores at 24–10. The Bay kept the pressure on into the dying minutes of the game as they chased a bonus point but time was against them and as the final whistle was blown the game finished at 24–10.

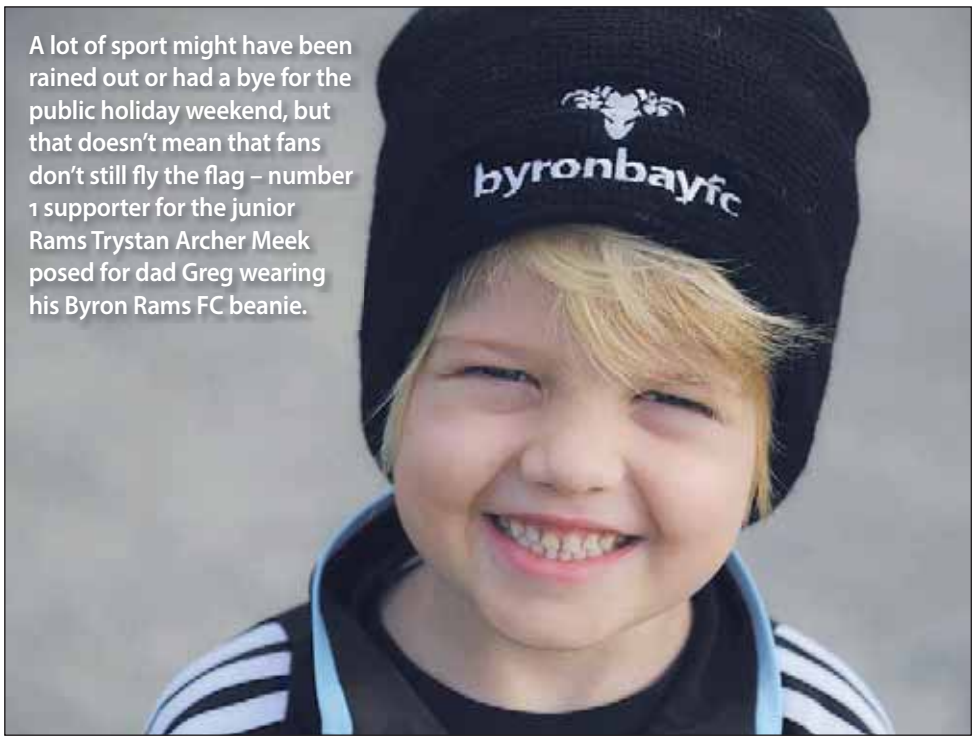
A number of injuries and a lot of sore bodies highlighted the physicality of the game. The Bay can certainly hold their heads high in defeat and despite the close loss they still sit third on the overall points table.

Best on field for the Bay was Josh Smith in his first game back for the blue and white this year.

Also taking home points was Charles Woollard, Brandon Lewsey and Will Aisake. The lads have a well-deserved break after that brutal encounter for the June long weekend.

The action returns on 13 June in Ballina for a 3.30pm kick-off. The Seahorses currently sit in first place so it will be another unmissable game of rugby union.

As always, Go The Bay!



A lot of sport might have been rained out or had a bye for the public holiday weekend, but that doesn't mean that fans don't still fly the flag – number 1 supporter for the junior Rams Trystan Archer Meek posed for dad Greg wearing his Byron Rams FC beanie.

On The Horizon

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Byron Flea

Calling all serial garage salers and people selling retro, vintage clothing, upcycled and pre-loved goods, to be part of the Byron Flea. Please email Julian: byronflea@gmail.com.

Wildlife training

Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers are holding an introductory training course for people interested in joining on Sunday 14 June at Southern Cross University, Lismore, 9.30am–3pm. Cost $35, bookings/info 6628 1866 or email training@wildlifecarers.com.

OSCA meeting

Tamara Smith MP for Ballina will meet with Ocean Shores Community Association members on Monday 15 June at 7pm at the Ocean Shores Community Centre. Topics for discussion include the Roundhouse, Waterlily Park, public transport and local flooding. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Garden Club

Ocean Shores Garden Club meeting Monday 15 June at 1.30pm in the Baptist Church, Rajah Road. Lloyd from Byron Shire Council will talk about the new green compost bins. Enquiries Claire 6680 3707.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Sacred Symbols – The Language of Consciousness, presented by Sean & Rachelle White, Gnostic Society, Thursday 11 June, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Hospital Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital on Monday 15 June at 2pm. Election of office bearers will be conducted. Members are encouraged to attend, new members very welcome. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Cake stall

The Anglican Parish of Mullumbimby cake stall outside the Op Shop, 32 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby on Friday 12 June at 8.30am. Home-baked goods, plants and produce.

Middle Band Comp

Entries close this Friday 12 June for The Middle Band Comp 2015. For information and entry details please email themiddlebandcomp@gmail.com or go to the event on the The Middle Pub's Facebook page.

VIEW club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club's next luncheon meeting is Thursday 11 June 10.30am at Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Guest speaker Craig Reed from Brunswick Surf Club. Members' apologies to Rae 0427 103 072; visitors welcome.

Lone Goat Gallery

The IncREDible Art Exhibition opens 12 June at 6pm with a large range of ceramics, paintings and also Claymation footage. 12–23 June 10am till 4pm daily. Contact Josie Donnelly 6622 8399.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 16 June 10am–noon at the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Russell Trebilcock will give advice on 'Planning for the End of the Journey'. Phone 6685 1732.

Conscious dance practice

Explores mindfulness movement and music. Live music by Cleis Pearce, Sun 14 June, Suffolk Park Community Hall 9.30–11.30am – by dana/donation.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Gertie Krebs will present a musical appreciation session on the life and work of Richard Strauss at 10am on 16/6/15 in the meeting room at the RSL, Mullumbimby. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Stoma support

Tweed/Byron Stoma Support Group meets 16 June at 11.45am at South Tweed Sports Club.

Biggest Morning Tea

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.

Karma talk

Venerable Geshe Sonam Thargye will talk on 'Karma: The Law of Cause and Effect' on Wednesday 17 June at 7pm at Byron Community Centre. Entry by donation. Call Dharma Study Group on 0401 655 840 for more details.

Banking discussion

Banking: Scourge or Saviour? A weekly discussion group with Dr Liz Elliott, Pioneer Hall, Mullumbimby, 4.30–6.30pm, Tuesdays 16, 23, 30 June.

Parenting Teens Program

Byron Youth Service Parenting Teens Program, free 8-week group for parents, starting 14 July. Phone Rosalie 0431 524 044.

Ocean Shores Art Expo

Ocean Shores Art Expo invites artists to prepare works based on the theme Wild Things for the event to be held 28–30 August. Entries will be online from next month at www.osartexpo.com.

CWCI luncheon

Christian Women Communicating International luncheon and speaker at Uniting Church Hall, Canterbury St, Casino, 18 June, 12 noon. Register with Val Howes 6662 2856 by 4 June.

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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.

#StartupByron

#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused on connecting anyone interested in startups or small biz. See http://www.startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/startupbyron-un-networking.

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc high-quality 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.

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.

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.

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 Waterlily 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 for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@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 28 June.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8–12. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281.

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.

Low-cost food

Food Box 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. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

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.

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 invites 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. For information and meetings call 6680 7280.

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Mungo's Crossword

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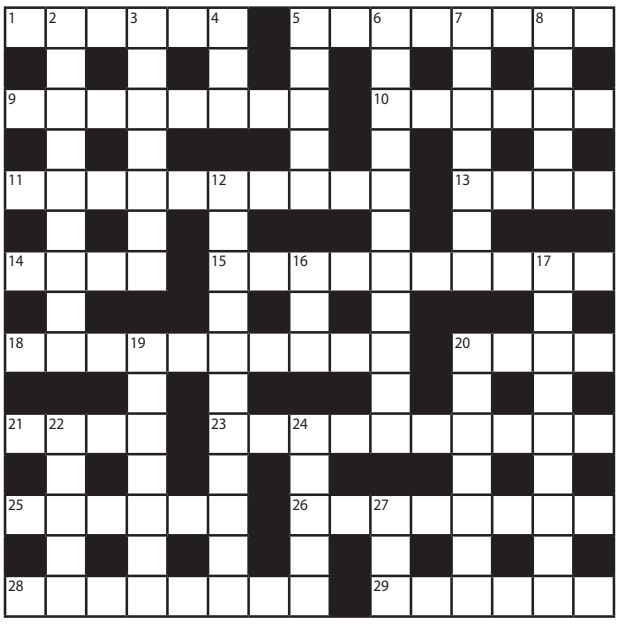

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. HB exercise number 149 (6)
5. Faint praise about promotion for Eden (8)
9. Betting shop line encourages spending sprees (8)
10. Classes for slopes (6)
11. What a groom hopes to see on his most important charge – well, it sounds like it! (6,4)
13. 3 provides audience for cockney peer (4)
14. A service goes back for a Persian pomegranate (4)
15. Passing a test for what adjectives are doing (10)
18. Distributes the start of Artificial Intelligence to Hindus in Kerala and Tamil Nadhu, perhaps (5,5)
20. Intimidates Jerseys? (4)
21. Small vehicle makes its mark (4)
23. Move ponderously to spar; there's material to build with here! (6,4)
25. Office desk (6)
26. Holy types conceal crime hub (8)
28. Preliminary drawings for small yachts (8)
29. Dying stag involves laughter – we're horrified (6)

DOWN

2. Telepath worker takes nothing from contrived language (9)
3. The church below? It would make you vomit (7)
4. Back chick to fall behind (3)
5. Ignore Ecstasy – it's out of date (5)
6. 3 Arising out of great gut ire perhaps (11)
7. The lady is very sick – dying in fact (7)
8. Neat guide (5)
12. 3, 51 pound the French with an expression of disgust… (6,5)
16. … also number in promotion (3)
17. Continue to scull backwards and get up clumsily, but it's quite OK (2,7)
19. English river blankets alternative flood (7)
20. Weep Babe, 3 (3,4)
22. Charlie 3 (5)
24. Combination audience for The Rockchoppers (5)
27. Queen a very long time (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Writing tool (6)
5. Utopia or Eden (8)
9. Spending sprees (8)
10. Classes, categories (6)
11. Woman's wedding dress (6,4)
13. Throw (up) (4)
14. Persian pomegranate (4)
15. Reaching a standard, passing a test (10)
18. Part of the Asian sub-continent nearest to the equator (5,5)
20. Bovines (4)
21. Cicatrix (4)
23. Place where timber is processed and stored (6,4)
25. Department, office (6)
26. Class of angels (8)
28. Preliminary drawings, outlines (8)
29. Horrified, badly scared (6)

DOWN

2. Invented language, intended to be universal (9)
3. Vomit (7)
4. Fall behind (3)
5. Superseded, out of date (5)
6. Disgorge (11)
7. Very pale, morbid (7)
8. Pilot, navigate (5)
12. Technicolor yawn (6,5)
16. Also, as well (3)
17. It's all right, not a problem (2,7)
19. Flood, outflow (7)
20. Go the big spit (3,4)
22. Throw (up) (5)
24. Roman Catholics (slang) (5)
27. Geological period (3)

Last week's solution N075

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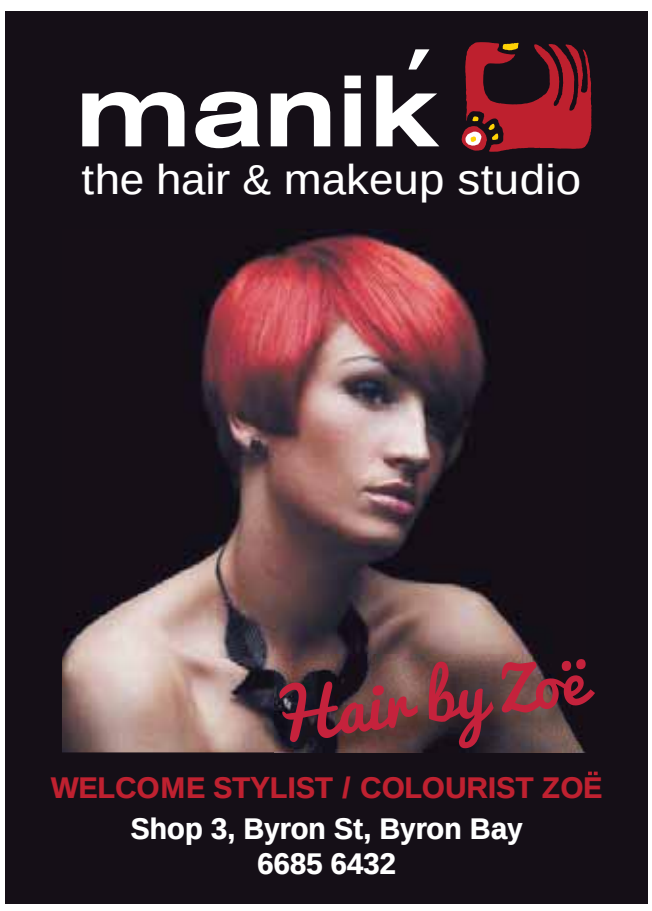

Queensland is taking another step out of the dark ages by working towards scrapping the 'gay panic defence' legislation. Under the defence a murder charge could be reduced to manslaughter if the defendant established their victim was a homosexual who 'came on' to them, and the killing was in self-defence. A Catholic priest, Fr Paul Kelly, started a petition (now with 226,592 supporters) over two years ago – after a man was killed in his churchyard and the attacker tried to use the defence to get a reduced sentence – to abolish the odious defence, established in 1997.

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One tends to think that the mapping of the various physical mechanisms of the body is complete, but no. Only last week scientists found 'new' vessels which connect the immune system and the brain. This could change everything. For starters, it gives new avenues of investigation into the causes of diseases such as MS and Alzheimer's. See a news report at IFL Science http://bit.ly/newvessels, with a link to the relevant paper in the journal *Nature*.

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Scientists are also investigating the ability of the drug MDMA to ameliorate social anxiety in adults with autism: http://bit.ly/MDMAanxietyreport. MDMA was popular in the 1980s in some psychotherapy circles on the north coast before it became better known on the party circuit as Ecstasy. The so-called Ecstasy pills available (illegally) these days are usually shit cut with more shit and about 20 per cent MDMA if you're lucky, so intelligent psychonauts have turned to plant medicines. See the Facebook page of Somara, for example. Why would you want to investigate social anxiety when there are worse problems requiring research, such as wanting to be popular or being afraid of being alone? However, if being in a group of people brings on a cold sweat you could check in at Social Anxiety Support www.socialanxietysupport.com which flies the motto 'Diagonally Parked in a Parallel Universe'.

While roaring V8s from the US's 'happy days' seemed to be de rigueur, giant slabs of steel, more fins than Finland and flashing chrome weren't the only show in town at last week's Cooly Rocks On. Everyone seems to have a soft spot for the little German ovoid whose motor seems to have been an afterthought. Photo Jeff 'Beetlejuice' Dawson

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The major western powers are all arms whores, along with other nations such as Saudi Arabia and Russia, diverting public attention from their nasty sales agenda with their 'war on terror'. As far back as 1961, US president Dwight Eisenhower cautioned against the rise of the 'military industrial complex': 'In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.' You can read his full speech at http://bit.ly/eisspeech. And in an article for *The Guardian*, Seumas Milne describes how 'the US fuelled the rise of Isis in Syria and Iraq': http://bit.ly/seumas.

BYRON FOOD HUB
A new multi-unit commercial facility for food production, distribution and sales is being built in the Mullumbimby Industrial Area to service the expansion and development of Byron Shire food products. It will provide fully-serviced adaptable work spaces and commercial kitchen infrastructure to allow customised setups.
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