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## Big weekend for SES crews

SES were kept busy in the Mullumbimby area last Sunday and Monday, after heavy storms ripped through the north coast.

New SES commander Mike Davison-Long, who heads the unit based on Coolamon Scenic Drive just outside Mullum, says his crews responded to 26 requests and worked tirelessly Sunday night and all through Monday.

'The call-outs were mostly for fallen trees and road blockages,' he said.

### Volunteers needed

Additionally Mr Davison-Long says volunteers are needed to join the team, and those interested are encouraged to apply via the SES website at [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au).

And as of going to press, nearly 200 north coast Essential Energy customers were still without power 72 hours after the storm.

Those affected are in areas around Goonengerry and Federal, and an Essential Energy spokesperson said the main issue facing crews was trees that had fallen over power lines.

'We've had to bring in vegetation contractors to get access to some heavily treed areas,' she said.

### Extra crews brought in

'Our crews were on the ground all Sunday night. They worked for 16 hours, which is the safe allowable maximum, and we've now brought in extra crews from Coffs Harbour, Grafton and Tweed Heads,' she said.

A total of 9,800 customers were taken off the grid by Sunday evening's storms, which wreaked havoc around the region and caused damage to Lismore Base Hospital.

## Hands up for climate change action!



Locals and visitors joined in Byron Bay's protest on Sunday to remind our corporately sponsored politicians that immediate action is needed on climate change. Photo Jeff 'Climatised Since 1986' Dawson

### Dr Liz Elliott

Around eight hundred locals joined in Byron Bay Railway Park on Sunday morning to tell the Paris Climate Conference what they want: a planet fit for forests, marine creatures and children.

Millions all over the world came out over the weekend to raise their voices in a similar way.

Colourful marches were held in almost every city, demanding that

the negotiators produce binding targets for real emissions reduction.

Not carbon credits, which are another corporate centralised solution, but true reductions in fossil fuels and increased local short-haul economy support, organic agriculture and ceasing forest clearing.

In the Byron march, the stormy weather miraculously abated for a few hours, while attendees heard speakers and musicians. It was bright, loving and informative.

Representatives of all the three major political parties spoke, and ecologist Mary Gardner spoke of the oceans. Helena Norberg-Hodge spoke of the need to build a movement to oppose corporate solutions to debt and climate change.

Spirit, a 10-year-old girl, enchanted the audience with her pure song. Kudra Falla-Ricketts, from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, received great applause. Climate angels hovered, and capoeira girls

pounded out Brazilian tunes.

A heart-shaped human mandala was created in front of Beach Hotel, accompanied by song.

Aboriginal elders spoke.

Unfortunately, staging a rally now requires permits, plans and insurance, which makes free speech more convoluted. The Greens were very supportive in this regard. Overall it was wonderful expression of Byron's spirit and defence of our gorgeous environment!

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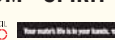
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# Seasons greetings from St Finbarr's school



St Finbarr's Christmas Fair is this Saturday, December 5, from 11am to 4pm at the school. There is lots planned, from an artisan market, new rides, wild water play games, a giant slip and slide, a paper plane comp, vintage stall, petting zoo and pony rides. There will even be a licensed bar. The school is located next to the Bvron Bav High School. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Farmer fights to refuse mining on private land

Farmers and landholders in the northern rivers are calling on federal and state ministers attending Friday's Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting to give them the right to say 'no' to mining.

Current legislation does not permit landowners the legal right to refuse mining on their property, let alone on neighbouring lands.

Kyogle grazier Peter Stackhouse said it was vital for the meeting to give farmers, landholders and traditional owners the power to refuse mining companies access.

Mr Stackhouse is also calling for an inquiry by the ACCC, using powers it already has, to investigate whether the unconventional gas industry have engaged in 'unconscionable conduct' in their dealings with landholders.

## Govt pushes to expand medium-density housing

The NSW government is seeking feedback on a proposal 'to make it easier to build dual occupancies, man-

approvals, which would 'cut more than 50 days out of the approval process and reduce costs to homeowners.'

The say that currently there is no consistent statewide planning policy for medium-density housing.

The discussion paper on Expanding Complying Development is at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals).

## Shearwater robbery

Mullumbimby Steiner School has been hit by a night-time robbery and staff are appealing for the return of stolen farm equipment.

November 19 at the school's farm and important farming machinery was stolen.

The machinery includes a Kubota RTV900 utility vehicle and a Maruyama MUBC4320RS Brushcutter. A reward is offered – email [gparkes@shearwater.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gparkes@shearwater.nsw.edu.au) or call the police if you have any information.

## Utility vehicle and brushcutter

The school's Kate Hamilton said it occurred on the night of

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# A fresh new look for SGB hall

A \$444,000 (excluding GST) renovation has seen the much-loved South Golden Beach Community Centre internally stripped and fitted out with new foyer, kitchen, upstairs office and bathrooms with increased floor space.

On the outside, the make-over included new decks with roofs on the east and north sides and external cladding.

Originally built back in 1992, the upgrade has been eagerly awaited by the community centre management committee.

## Collaborative community effort

Council's director of corporate management and community services Mark Arnold thanked the Community Centre committee for their continued ongoing support.

'The upgrade project is the result of the energy of a dedicated community group. From a needs analysis, de-



Committee president Angela Dunlop, outside the newly renovated South Golden Beach community hall. Photo Jeff Dawson

sign input, ensuring available funding and right down to the finishes and colour scheme, the local community group have been supportive throughout the upgrade.'

Mayor Simon Richardson thanked the committee,

and made special mention of committee president Angela Dunlop. He said under her leadership, 'the group has been committed to gaining Council support and funding for this project, and see the work through to completion.'

Ms Dunlop added, 'Since the work began, we've seen an increase in booking enquiries.'

'It's a wonderful venue that is the focal point of our community.' For more visit [www.sgbhall.com](http://www.sgbhall.com).

## Lennox Head carols Dec 6

The Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce will host Carols by Candlelight at Lennox Head's Williams Reserve on Sunday, December 6 from 5pm. As a free community and family friendly event, organisers request no alcohol, drugs or dogs.

## 'The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls' – Pablo Picasso



Artist Cyd Saunders plays with text on various surfaces for her graduation at the end of this year's Byron Community College, visual arts student exhibition, held last Friday evening. Photo Jeff Dawson



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## Schoolies 'well behaved': Police

Eve Jeffery

Staff from the NSW Public Order and Riot Squad (PORS) and mounted officers were again part of the police contingent in Byron Bay over the weekend for the town's annual 'schoolies' weekend.

Chief Inspector Michael Dempsey from the Tweed-Byron Local Area Command said that this type of staffing was usual for any big event and not out of the ordinary.

Schoolies, which this year runs from November 19 to December 10 across three

states, saw last weekend as the end date for QLD and the start date for NSW and Victoria, a time which traditionally sees youth numbers swell to epic proportions.

Inspector Dempsey the police had a fairly quiet time in Byron. 'There were a lot of people, but everybody was pretty well behaved,' he said.

'There were only a few incidents and they were of a minor nature.'

Anyone wanting more info and safety tips can visit the schools website at [www.schoolies.com](http://www.schoolies.com).

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Subs for Holiday Letting policy close Friday

A major shake-up to managing how residential houses are temporarily let for holiday-makers is on display by Byron Council, with public submissions closing December 4.

It's called the Short Term Rental Accommodation policy (STRA), and would be achieved by amending the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014.

The policy would include signage for holiday lets, and define the number of visitors

that can stay in rooms.

According to Council's website, the purpose of the proposal is to, 'introduce a special provision to define and then require development consent for short-term rental accommodation.

'It also establishes the circumstances in which short-term rental accommodation would be exempt development.' For more visit [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/holiday-letting/faqs#12414](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/holiday-letting/faqs#12414).

Bruns Carnival needs pics



Got a photo from the Bruns carnival? With the Brunswick Heads Carnival turning 60 this year, the McGregor Family Carnival are asking the public for any photos they may have as their photos were lost in the Brisbane floods a few years ago. Photos can be emailed to [lallan@bigpond.com](mailto:lallan@bigpond.com). The website is [www.festivalamusements.com.au](http://www.festivalamusements.com.au). Photo Eve Jeffery

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Feeding the needy: Larder stats are in

The annual statistics for Liberation Larder are out, and highlight the growing need from disadvantaged members of our community.

The volunteer charity provides delicious and nutritious meals from the Byron Bay Community Centre.

They aim to 'rescue good food that would otherwise end up in landfill and make sure this food reaches people who need it.'

Liberation Larder's Helen Hamilton says, 'In the last year, a total of 28,517 meals – or 548 meals per week – were provided.'

'This includes breakfast, lunch and emergency meals. This represents a ten per cent increase on the previous year.'

Ms Hamilton says it will be served from 5.30pm to 6pm at the Fletcher Street entrance to the Byron Bay Community Centre.

Ms Hamilton says, 'Larder decided to offer a dinner to reach out to people in need who might not be able to access our current breakfast and lunch service.'

'Breakfast and produce will still be available and Thursday's will remain the same. The Larder will be open as usual during the Christmas/New Year period.'

Volunteer welcome

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare and serve meals then clean up, please contact Helen Hamilton on 0439 409 655 or via [www.liberationlarder.org](http://www.liberationlarder.org) and Facebook.

Liberation Larder has charitable status. Donations of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

New Monday dinner service

A new Monday dinner service has been announced, which will replace lunch.

Carols by Candlelight to be the last held at Mullum hospital site

Carols by Candlelight preparations are underway, and will be held for the last time at the Mullumbimby Hospital grounds

Kicking off on Sunday, December 13 from 6.30pm, the family event will feature a packed schedule of local talent as well as a special visit from a certain jolly fat man from the far north.

Event organiser Margaret

Hatch is expecting a large turnout to the event, owing to the community's nostalgic attachment to the hospital site.

**End of an era**

'I've been doing the Carols at the hospital grounds as far back as the 80s,' Margaret says.

'This will be the end of an era, of a tradition that consistently welcomed Christmas to our town.'

While it's a free event, candles and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night, along with song books and bottled water.


The event is sponsored by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please contact the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce on [info@mullumbimby.org.au](mailto:info@mullumbimby.org.au).

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**Works and load limit changes for James, Parkers and Booyong bridges - from Monday 7 December**

James, Parkers, and Booyong bridges in Byron Shire will have essential repairs commencing on 7 December 2015. The works to the single lane bridges will cause **delays of up to one hour** and motorists are advised to find alternative routes to avoid potential inconvenience and interruptions when travelling. Emergency services and school buses will have priority access and minimal delays. Weather permitting, the works are planned for:

- Monday, 7 December - James Bridge (Booyong Road)
- Tuesday, 8 December - Parkers Bridge (Friday Hut Road)
- Wednesday, 8 December - Booyong Bridge (Booyong Road).

Signage and traffic control will be in place prior to and during the repairs. The works are only interim measures and unfortunately Council will also have to lower the load limits for Parker and Booyong Bridges down to 3 tonnes. James Bridge will keep its 15 tonne load limit. The reduced bridge load limits will commence from Thursday, 17 December and monitoring will be in place. Waste and recycling collection will not be affected. For further information contact Byron Shire Council engineer Shane Pearce on 6626 7072.

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## Native botanical colouring book launches

Local rainforest regenerator Tim Roberts has just released a botanical colouring book, which is part of a large collection of illustrations planned of local rainforest plants.

And while it features local flora, the book itself is also a local production.

Tim says, 'It's a growing trend to take manufacturing overseas, but I have always been interested in defying this by seeing if it were possible to keep the production of my book local. I was delighted to find a world-class production team in the Lismore area that could rival the services of any big city.'

The book is inspired by the beautiful rainforest plants he has come across during his



Illustrator Tim Roberts. Photo supplied

work as a professional regenerator over the last 20 years.

'The style of these drawings seemed to quickly develop a pattern from the materials I used,' Tim says. 'I found nib pen and ink to be the most natural style for me to draw

these subjects, a technique derived from my experience of working in cartoon studios in Sydney in the 1980s.'

For more info see [www.facebook.com/TimRobertsArt](http://www.facebook.com/TimRobertsArt) or phone Tim on 0427 221 391.

## New Byron resort needs 100 staff

A new luxury resort, which is expecting to open February 1, 2016, is on the lookout for new staff.

Elements of Byron general manager, Leon Pink, says 'We are going local first.'

'The jobs will be advertised nationally after that and we expect a fair response. So please, if you think you have something to offer us, get in

touch and keep the work local.

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For more info visit [www.elementsofbyron.com.au/careers](http://www.elementsofbyron.com.au/careers).

## A snapshot of Bruns business

A survey that profiles the Brunswick Heads business sector has been released by the town's chamber of commerce.

According to the chamber, the quantitative and qualitative data and viewpoints from the 72 respondents will be useful for prospective new businesses, and for the chamber's future strategic planning.

President Peter Wotton said, 'The business survey provides the opportunity for our local businesses to articulate their needs and plans and how they think the local

business environment could be improved. The project also provides the opportunity to match up individual business needs with any business assistance programs available.'

A presentation was made at the Hotel Brunswick last Tuesday night, along with refreshments courtesy of Eagle Insurance Brokers and the Hotel Brunswick, and a prize draw. Torakina Daze and CAWI were thrilled to win the draw for an ad in the *Byron Shire Echo* and Print Rescue won the mentoring

package donated by Nortec.

Businesses provided feedback on the costs of doing business and on issues with infrastructure.

They also offered ideas for encouraging innovative and sustainable economic development for the town in line with the Brunswick Heads Chamber's mission and town vision.

A detailed summary of findings is available at [www.brunswickheads.org.au](http://www.brunswickheads.org.au) or can be purchased from the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre.

## Business in Bruns: key findings from the survey:



**Echo publications sales manager Angela Cornell draws out the lucky winners with Steven Andrews at Tuesday's survey presentation. Steven was one of the people engaged to implement the 2015 Business Survey.**

Photo Paul Begg

- Almost a quarter of businesses are sole traders, and approximately 60 per cent of businesses operate with four or fewer staff.

- The number of small businesses has increased in the last three years, while the number with five to nine staff has dropped.

- A significant 46.4 per cent of businesses have been established in the last five years, with 10.1 per cent starting up in the last year alone.

- Brunswick Heads is a very tourism-dependent town, with 91.4 per cent of

businesses relying on tourism to some extent, while 18.5 per cent receive 90 per cent or more of their income from tourism.

- Employment is up by 12.2 per cent since the 2012 survey.

- 142 businesses provide 845 jobs.

- Referrals and co-operative marketing are the preferred ways of working collaboratively

- The outlook is positive for the next two years, with about one-third expecting to take on more staff.

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# A walk with purpose

Schoolies for Schooling raises \$17k for Timor-Leste children

While some schoolies arrive by bus, others arrive by plane.

And many arrive by car. But recent school leavers Adam Hegedns and Alexi Provano arrived at Byron Bay by foot.

They left their school, Waverly College, and walked around 800km from Bondi to Byron to raise funds for Schoolies for Schooling, which aims to build a school for one of Australia's closest neighbours, Timor-Leste.

The 21-day Bondi to Byron walk raised \$17,050 of their \$18,000 target.

Adam said, 'We hope others will follow in our wake in subsequent years, not only to help bring the reality of education to Timor-Leste.'

'We also wanted to show



Adam Hegedns and Alexi Provano relax after their big walk to raise funds for children in Timor-Leste. Photo Jeff Dawson

another, less stigmatised side to schoolies celebrations.'

The pair were inspired after a school visit to the Ralico Craic region, where they found young children desperate for an education.

The boys were welcomed to town last week with a pool party and seafood barbecue at Byron's pool.

Further support can be offered at [www.gofundme.com/schooliesforschool](http://www.gofundme.com/schooliesforschool).

## Residential proposal knocked back

The Land and Environment Court's decision to dismiss an appeal and uphold Byron Shire Council's refusal of a proposed community title subdivision at the Broken Head quarry site has been welcomed by Greens MP and local resident Jan Barham.

She said, 'The quarry site had never been included as a site for residential development in Council's planning instruments and strategic

plans for the region over the past two decades.'

'[Additionally] the residential proposal was inconsistent with the zoning and character of the area.'

### Precious biodiversity

'Because of the precious biodiversity of the Broken Head area and the significance of sites in the area to

the traditional custodians of these lands, it is important that the area protected and that rehabilitation of the quarry site proceeds.

Ms Barham said that as a result of the court's decision, Council's refusal will stand.

'I congratulate and thank all of the campaigners and community members who made submissions on the proposal and provided evidence during the appeal.'

## Bangalow Theatre Company's big success: more shows added

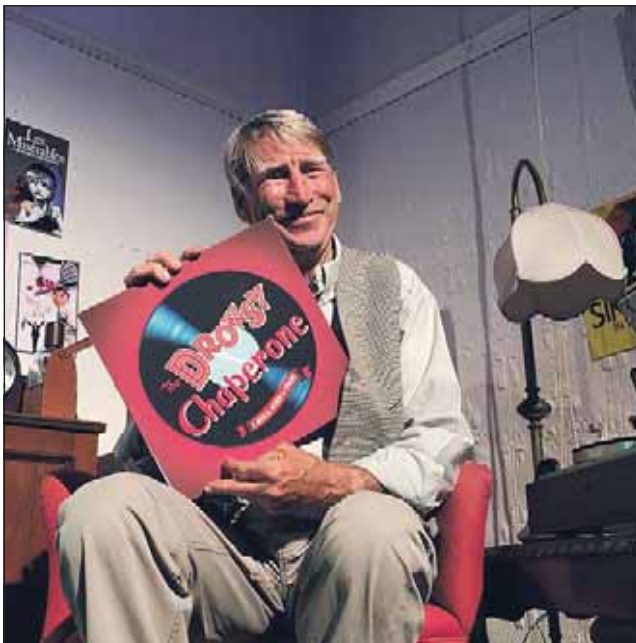
Hot on the heels of a sold-out run of evening shows, Bangalow Theatre Company (BTC) has announced two additional (and final) performances of its first-ever major production, *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

The Tony award-winning musical comedy will grace the stage of the historic Bangalow A&I Hall on Friday December 4 from 7.30pm, and a special matinee will be performed 2pm on Sunday December 6.

BTC co-founder Anouska Gammon says, 'We're overwhelmed by the support we've received from our community.'

'Not only from the actors, musicians and technical crew, but from the broader community who are ushering, cooking, serving and volunteering in so many ways to help make *Drowsy* a success.'

Tickets are available from [bookings.bangalowtheatre.com.au](http://bookings.bangalowtheatre.com.au) and Barebones Art-space in Bangalow.



Owen Trevor Jones who, at 69, is the oldest cast member in the Bangalow Theatre Company's production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Promoter Vivien Fantin says Owen plays 'Man In Chair', a narrating role that was recently played by Geoffrey Rush for the Melbourne Theatre Company. She says, 'Owen has more than 35 years of acting under his belt, having performed as King Lear, Othello and others in Theatre North, Baywrite Theatre, Ballina Players and Mullum Drill Hall.' Photo Christina De Waters



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## Community rallies with hundreds of hampers for farmers out west

Darren Coyne

Northern rivers residents have donated more than 600 Christmas hampers for farmers out west struggling against drought.

Eltham resident Anne Thompsen, organiser of the North Coast Drought Appeal, has been organising the hampers over the last 21 years.

Ms Thompsen said the Masonic Hall at Eltham was 'like Santa's Wonderland' with more than 400 hampers already packed, with another 200 to be filled during the next week.

'The response from the region has been overwhelming,' she said.

As well as the hampers,



Anne Thompsen at the Eltham Hall, where hampers are being packed for drought-stricken farmers. Photo Eve Jeffery.

boxes of gift-wrapped toys and presents will also be sent to farming families.

Ms Thompsen said packing will continue until December 4. 'A small and changing team of volunteers come each day

to do what is needed – from unloading, sorting and packing, to gift wrapping and filling Christmas bags with toiletries and laundry products.'

On Saturday morning December 5, the Clunes RFS will

be loading the boxes onto approximately 14 pallets.

She said Richmond Sand and Gravel had offered the use of a forklift, and the shrink-wrapped pallets would be loaded onto trucks supplied by Wizz Couriers as agents for Tamex, who will once again freight all the boxes out to areas around Bourke, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, North Coonamble, Pilliga Come-by-Chance and Mungindi.

### Spirits lifted

Ms Thompsen said she has received hundreds of thankyou cards and letters during the past 21 years.

'It really lifts their spirits and provides a little joy at Christmas time.'

## Bluesfest extra lineups announced for 2015

Multi-Grammy award winner D'Angelo and his new band The Vanguard are just one act in Bluesfest's latest artist announcement.

D'Angelo is a multi-talented, genre-bending artist who fuses the best of R&B, soul, blues, gospel, jazz-fusion and psychedelic rock.

His latest release, *Black Messiah*, has marked a triumphant return to music after nearly a decade.

His 1995 debut platinum-selling album *Brown Sugar* was released to much acclaim.

Also added to the Bluesfest bill is US indie rock band Cold War Kids, Houndmouth (US), Fantastic Negrito (US), Hawaiian Roots Reggae rising star Mike Love, Kaleo (Iceland),



Photo of D'Angelo from his Twitter account.

and The Bros Landreth (US).

The announcement also includes the first round of Australian bands, and features two artists who have been endorsed by music icon Prince: Hiatus Kaiyote and Melbourne's Harts, whom Prince flew out to the

US to meet and perform with. Other Aussie artists featured in this announcement include Mojo Juju, Kim Churchill and Steve Smyth, who won over many fans at Bluesfest 2015.

For more info visit [www.bluesfest.com.au](http://www.bluesfest.com.au).

## Drewe's new book celebrates the Aussie beach

Australian author Robert Drewe will be in conversation with fellow author Russell Elridge to launch Robert's new book, *The Beach, An Australian Passion*. It's described as a

mix of history, reminiscence and lyrical description, and includes historical photos from the National Library of Australia.

The launch will be at Mary

Ryan's bookstore from 6pm on Friday December 4.

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## Police radio to be blocked

Police have announced their radio transmissions will be encrypted in the region 'under new arrangements aimed at improving officer safety in the region.'

The encryption process, which is expected to go live mid-December, will affect digital radio across Coffs Clarence, mid north coast,

Richmond and Tweed Byron Local Area Commands.

Police say the move will ensure 'the safety of police.'

Media organisations will be able to use the Police External Agencies Transfer System (PEATS), which police say is an internet feed that has been used for a number of years in place of radio transmissions.



# A positive vision for Byron

Now is your last chance to have input on the West Byron development: public submissions close Friday for the development control plan (DCP)

Hans Lovejoy

With time running out to have your say on West Byron, *The Echo* profiles a proposal by retired town planner and longtime local John Sparks.

Despite very vocal public opposition, West Byron was hand-balled to the state government by Council's pro-big-development faction.

The result will see a large new suburb/commercial hub opposite the Arts and Industry Estate on Ewinsdale Road that critics claim comes without adequate provisions.

Despite the unknowns, Mr Sparks provided his thoughts on how the development could become a 'sustainable, environmentally positive and economically viable.'

He says he aimed for a 'positive vision', where retaining the existing natural environment are key features.

'There is an amazing wetland that stretches from Tal- lows to Tyagarah,' he says.

'From the sea to Saint Helena hill, [it all] contains a threatened ecological community: 48 threatened species, and 39 migratory species as well as giving us clean air, pure water, health, food and the simple enjoyment of being part of nature.'

## Exploited by govcorp

'Some government and corporate interests want to exploit us by using our energy, our water supply and drainage, our waste collection, our food, our retail, educational and community facilities so they can fill part of this wetland to build houses to increase their own wealth.'

'You cannot draw a line on paper and say it is a sensitive wetland on one side, with roads, earthworks and buildings on the other - it is all interconnected and in many cases mutually exclusive.'



Within Mr Spark's proposal is wetland regeneration, as well as environmental educational and research centres, including koala and wetland centres. An eco resort is also proposed, along with community gardens and a reduction in expected housing from 800 plus to 200.

'The proposed fill will destroy more than 10ha of native vegetation, change the biodiversity and reduce our flood-storage capacity, causing increased flood levels in the town centre and low-lying residential areas.'

## Increase habitat

Mr Sparks's plan is to widen the central drain into a series of ponds, which filter water through reed beds to increase habitat, allow canoe exploration, increase flood storage capacity and reduce flood levels in the existing town centre and residential areas.

He also proposes an environmental studies centre, which would create revenue to offset the expected 800-plus housing lots the developers are expecting to sell. Instead, he proposes 200 residential lots, and says of the economic plan, 'it is all feasible if we have a wetland to show and research. Visitors won't come to look at houses. [Instead] we can learn about koalas and other endangered species, regenerate, research and discover new areas along the boardwalks and nature trails.'

'The 200 residential lots are

contained within a less sensitive area and are totally self-sufficient by generating their own energy, collecting and re-using their own water, treating their own sewage, recycling their own waste and growing their own food in a natural zero-carbon environment.'

## Mayor urges response

Meanwhile, both the mayor Simon Richardson and deputy mayor Paul Spooner are urging residents to respond to the proposal's Friday deadline.

In a statement they said, 'The pro-overdevelopment majority on Council see this as their chance to rubber-stamp approval for West Byron, ignoring the same issues that have always concerned the community, but which still have not been addressed.'

## Mayor to showcase Byron in Paris

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson has left for Paris to share Byron Shire Council's experiences at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21).

He was invited to the conference to promote the

[They include] koalas and threatened species, acid sulfate soils, traffic and flooding. Our concern is that the Draft DCP is treating the site as if it is just another greenfield development.

'It is not. West Byron is a drained wetland and a highly sensitive area. It is essential that advance planning considers the sensitivity of this site and incorporates protective measures upfront in the DCP rather than coming after what has already been planned.'

## Subs = pressure

Both councillors say if the council received a very large number of submissions, it would put immense pressure on councillors to amend the Draft West Byron DCP.

Residents can make comment by emailing submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Shire's Zero Emissions Byron project, which would see the region go far beyond the federal government's emissions reduction target.

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# Energy retailer Enova extends deadline



New start up energy retailer Enova is so close to its \$3m target that it has extended its share offer deadline until 5pm on December 17. Pictured are founding Enova partners, from left: Steve Harris, Alison Crook, Melissa Mac Court and Patrick Halliday. For more visit [www.enovaenergy.com.au](http://www.enovaenergy.com.au) or see the letters pages. Disclosure: *The Echo* has purchased Enova shares. Photo supplied

# Day of the Dead event

The Day of the Dead event has been rescheduled for December 6 at the same place – the Crystal Castle. Hosted by the Natural Death Care Centre, the ceremony aims to ‘bring death, dying and loss back into our own hands and hearts.’ Celebrant Zenith Virago says, ‘We are all touched by

loss, and we see the need for people to honour and remember those they have loved who have died, recently or a while ago, without the shock or the rawness of the funeral.’ Entry is free and starts at 4pm. In the event of wet weather, the venue will be the Mullum Civic Hall.

# Crops of ‘good medicine’ destroyed

The Nimbin Hemp Embassy has accused NSW police of destroying ‘a truckload of good medicine’ with its latest cannabis eradication raids. On Monday, police say they had seized more than 12,500 cannabis plants on the north coast. And while police say the plants had an estimated potential street value of more than \$8 million, Mr Balder-

stone said that value placed on the plants by police was ‘nonsense’. **Seedling value** He says claiming the value of \$2,000 on seedlings was an inaccurate estimate. ‘The reality is they just destroyed a truckload of good medicine, just as America is fast discovering the healing wonders of juicing raw cannabis.’

# Surfcorp’s poor environmental record with China’s Riyue Bay

Robert Llewellyn

Travelling in China this year I was ready for anything. Pollution, rubbish and people, people, people. Yet I honestly didn’t expect to see so much beauty. Crystal blue waters off the Island of Hainan created the ideal tropical island experience. On land, however, it is a different story. I fell in love with Wanning, Riyue Bay and the home of the World Surfing League’s (WSL) Longboard championships.

With a teacher friend, part of our travel consisted of connecting with local organisations and learning about the education programs in schools and how China is using technology to bridge connection with other countries.

## Landscape of filth

We spent time with the local surf school connecting with the kids and organised a beach clean-up activity, which they have to do on a regular basis. Sadly, their beaches are some of the most rubbish-filled beaches we had come across and the beach clean-up of about 15-strong locals and foreigners hardly put a dent in the landscape of filth. This is where the story takes a disturbing twist. The beach landscape is one thing, but as you look towards the surf you can see in your peripheral vision a ghost-town surf contest site overlooking the point break. All the judg-



A once-a-year surf comp in Riyue Bay results in rubbish that locals have to deal with. Robert says, ‘The photo I took here was six months after the event took place’. He added there is no regular rubbish collection service. Photo Robert Llewellyn

es booths are there, torn banners and logos of the major sponsors and more rubbish, rubbish, rubbish! Riyue Bay surf club manager Blair says, ‘We are the people who love surfing and living in Riyue Bay.’ ‘We are so happy the top surf competition is hosted by Wanning. It really helps a lot for the local surfers. But we love this place more. It is our home. So we would appreciate it if the WSL would help protect the environment with us. That is the surfing spirit.’ The rubbish always gets left for the local kids to clean up, and the world would like to see more responsibility from the surf companies and the Chinese government. In an attempted to contact the WSL, I asked the questions: ‘Will this be the sight I see next year when I return to visit my friends’, and, ‘Do you

The Wanning surf club is struggling. Their infrastructure is hazardous and falling down. And the upkeep of community projects such as the Aboriginal children’s surf school are suffering. These are the same people who kindly look after the pro surfers’ plethora of surf boards at their clubhouse in the off season. Beside the token surf-clothing that the staff are wearing, not much seems to go their way. Without support this club will become the next ghost town resort. Good luck to Australian champions Harley Ingeby and Chelsea Williams as they defend their world titles. These guys knows how precious Riyue Bay is, and I hope they read this. ■ Robert Llewellyn is kicking off a social media awareness campaign from December 5 until December 12 to coincide with the Riyue Bay surf comp. Get involved with the Twitter handle @newsoulprojects.

# Push for merging Councils flawed

A leading academic specialising in local government claims a flawed methodology is being used to force NSW councils into amalgamations by the state government. The state government recently pushed the ‘Fit For The Future’ regime upon councils. Byron Council was deemed ‘fit’. The Independent Pricing

and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) came under scrutiny owing to its methodology used for assessing councils. Dr Joseph Drew, from the University of New England’s Centre for Local Government, said such moves are unlikely to benefit local communities and questioned what outcomes would result from flawed assumptions.

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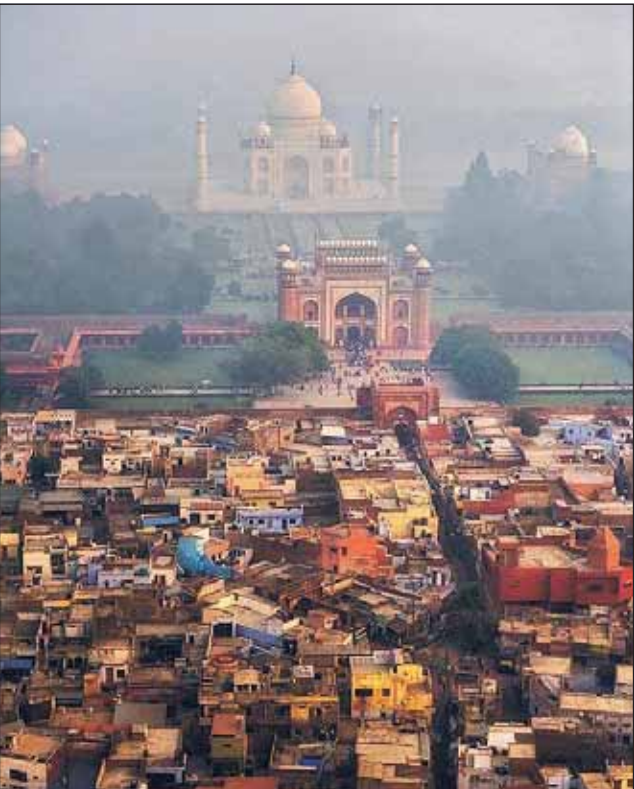
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# Byron balloonists navigate the Taj



Three local pilots from the Byron Bay Ballooning company participated last week in the first ever balloon expedition over the Taj Mahal in Agra, India.

Thomas Dattler, Emiliano Cataldi and Chris Dewhirst say that despite some foggy conditions, it was a specu-

lar experience and they were able to fly extremely close to the famous national Indian monument.

The flight was a part of the new 'Taj Festival' put on by tourism and event bodies. The team subsequently went on to fly in nearby Rajasthan at the annual Pushkar Mela festival.

# When skate artists collaborate

An upcoming art event by Byron Bay skateboard and apparel brand Cottage Skateboards is set to showcase the diverse talent of eight local artists.

Plank Canvas will see a mix of painters, photographers and graffiti artists design, shape and craft a skateboard to be exhibited at the Doublebassment, located behind Byron Music on Jonson Street on Friday December 4.

Artists involved include resin artist and wildlife conservationist Mitch Gobel, photographer Josh Hedge and street artist NITSUA.

Plank Canvas organiser and owner of Cottage Skateboards, Jimmy Kakanis, says the event is an opportunity for artists to showcase their skills in an authentic and collaborative way.

'Having moved to Byron this year, I was blown away by just how many talented artists have made this place their home,' he says.

'It's great to have an opportunity to work with them, take them through the steps of making a board and see what they come up with.'

Artist Josh Galletly, pictured, says he got inspiration



Jimmy Kakanis from Cottage Skateboards with artist Josh Galletly. Skateboard art exhibit Plank Canvas will be held at the Doublebassment, located behind Byron Music at 144 Jonson Street on Friday, December 4. Photo Jeff Dawson

for his board art from US ethnobotanist, psychonaut and philosopher Terence McKenna (1946-2000).

### Art inspired by psychonaut

He said, 'It illustrates the idea that the battles being played out within our own minds are the result of the stereotypes we create for

ourselves. For example, I'm a lucky, pasty-white-skinned, male pommy blow-in. Each of those labels has stereotypes assigned to it. If you don't feel that you fit those moulds, then you begin to feel disconnected. When you consider humanity as a single entity it gives you a different perspective entirely.'

Another artist, Mitch Gobel, says it's been a great oppor-

tunity to work alongside other local creatives. 'It was great having a bunch of us shaping boards together at the Cottage workshop,' he says.

'We all come from very different artistic backgrounds, so it's cool to be involved in a show that celebrates the diversity of our creative community.'

The free event will run from 7 till 10pm and is sponsored by Stone & Wood.

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## Small biz v big biz

The dominating market power that Coles and Woolies hold was recently highlighted by the Council of Small Business Australia (COSBOA).

Not to be confused with Business Council of Australia, COSBOA is 'Australia's peak body exclusively representing the interests of small businesses'.

The other mob lobby for the big end of town.

Anyway COSBOA took particular aim at WesFarmers, who own Coles, and the nation's largest retail union, the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees' Association (SDA).

Even the Business Council of Australia got a spray.

COSBOA CEO Peter Strong accused them all of inhibiting business and innovation after the federal government decided to delay the implementation of changes to Section 46 (Misuse of Market Power) within the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

A review is pending, he says.

'When two major companies have such far reaching influence on producers and manufacturers, innovation is stifled,' he said. He went on to say that 'changes in Section 46 are vital to ensure we do not develop similar damaging domination in other areas, such as aged care.'

As for any outcomes to address the obscene inequality that exists with corporate dominance, it appears next March is the best to hope for, when roundtable discussions will be held over Section 46 and market power.

Mr Strong said, 'We have been assured by the government that all discussions will be open and the decisions will be made with competition, innovation and choice in mind...'

It's often been said that small business is the backbone of any economy. According to a report last year by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner (OSBC), NSW small businesses comprise approximately 96 per cent of all businesses. And that includes almost 60 per cent who are either sole traders or partnerships!

Business that employ 20 to 199 employees make up just 2.3 per cent, while businesses with more than 200 employees total just 0.2 per cent of all businesses in NSW.

As for paypacket spend, a statistic contained in Malcolm Knox's 2015 book *Supermarket Monsters* claims that on average, every man, woman and child in this country spends \$100 a week with either a Coles or Woolies outlet.

Now that's a lot of money that doesn't recycle effectively within the community.

Mullum's Shop Local campaign is now underway, and finishes at Christmas. There is no better way to ensure that our economy remains strong than to shop locally.

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Hans Lovejoy, editor

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## Brave steps for climate talkfest

Bill Shorten's year of ideas has not exactly been a riotous success; in fact he has been marked down at just 15 per cent.

But the never-give-up opposition leader ploughs on regardless, and last week came up with another three wizard wheezes. The first was just silly - making the cost of cigarettes even more unaffordable than it already is. For heaven's sake, if you're serious, just ban the bloody things - make the poisonous products of the merchants of death illegal, as they should be. Stop fiddle-farting around.

The second was a suggestion of parental leave for victims of domestic violence, which was a timely and topical proposal that even Malcolm Turnbull thought was worth talking about.

And then came the big one: cutting emission reductions by 45 per cent by 2030. This was indeed a courageous decision - indeed, Turnbull called it heroic, if, of course, uncosted and far too expensive even if it had been. Christopher Pyne, unleashing his inner revolutionary, described it simply as mad.

Of course, if it had been Turnbull's own idea - which, in happier circumstances, it easily might have been - it would have been spun as agile and nimble, an innovative response to the challenges of the most exciting time in human history, looking forward to jobs that have not even been invented yet. But Shorten, somewhat less lyrical, cut straight to the chase: it was really all about Turnbull himself, who was going to the Paris climate change conference carrying the baggage of the Abbott years, forced by the sceptics, denialists and log-rollers of the conservative faction that reluctantly allowed

him to become prime minister.

It was not inspirational stuff, but it was a fair cop: Turnbull has been struggling - manfully, but still struggling - to explain his spectacular tergiversation over the policies he once espoused so enthusiastically, and, more importantly, over the devastating put-downs of Abbott's Direct Action agenda.

To be fair, the new leader has done his best; he has managed to avoid the obvious accusation

*Turnbull has managed to avoid the obvious accusation that Direct Action is ridiculously expensive and economically absurd.*

by Mungo MacCallum



that Direct Action is ridiculously expensive and economically absurd, and instead has gone back to a slogan: well, at least it works. Well, up to a point, and at least in the short term.

Turnbull knows as well as anyone else that shovelling out taxpayers' money to tweak the marginal efficiencies that technology will deliver in any case is, in the end, unsustainable: what will be needed is improvements on an industry-wide basis to stop carbon pollution, and this will mean some form of cap-and-trade system, what Abbott and his followers continue to insist is actually a carbon tax.

Direct Action was never meant to be more than a stop-gap, something to buy Abbott a bit of time to placate the activists until a more pressing distraction came along. And as far as Turnbull is concerned, it still is; he has already begun hinting that, when the time comes, he will start working towards a real solution.

But in the meanwhile he

has no choice other than to dismiss and deride Shorten's formula, despite the fact that many authorities believe it is both necessary and practical; the Climate Change Authority led until recently by the former governor of the Reserve Bank, Bernie Fraser, called for a reduction target of between 40 and 60 per cent. So Turnbull has called in the accountants: Warwick McKibbin, an economist who did the numbers for

especially the green edges of it, continue to rate climate change as a genuine and pressing issue, perhaps even a game changer. But a large majority of coalition voters have put it aside, which means that it is no longer the urgent topic it was nearly a decade ago - remember, it was so fraught that the Libs changed their leader because of it.

Shorten's first task will be to return it front and centre; if climate change is to be an election issue, perhaps the overriding election issue, people have to start talking about it again. The science, of course, is on his side; but then it always has been. And Turnbull, for all his hedging about policy, is a true believer, which will help.

But most important of all will be the empirical evidence that the world is changing, and not for the better. We are told that the last five years have been the hottest on record, and that this year will be the hottest of them all. And we can see it happening: more extreme weather events and now an early bushfire season, with catastrophic consequences likely. Already there have been several deaths, multiple injuries and enormous losses in property, livestock and the environment.

No-one will rejoice in the natural - or at least partially man-made - disasters, certainly not Shorten. But he would not be human if he did not see that they will focus public attention on the need for what Turnbull might call a calm, clinical, clear-eyed and professional response. And, he might add, one that makes sense.

Shorten has offered the germ of an idea to provide one. Whether he has the talent and ability to bring it to fruition is yet to be seen. But it is, at least, a big idea.

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# Several flaws in West Byron plans

■ I don't find your Q&A over West Byron development concerns (*Echo*, November 25) reassuring. Council has been severely compromised in trying to deal with this development as the state government, gave approval without, I'd suggest, any idea of the reality on the ground.

I initially thought this DA was someone's fantasy as I can't see any way of remediating the traffic situation and your Q&A doesn't mention traffic at all. Like the many opponents of the West Byron development as a whole, I have many more objections than just unmanageable traffic but, as I see it, this should have knocked it back at the beginning.

Way back when I was a councillor, we assessed this land for development potential and found it very limited for all the reasons the Byron Residents Group has pointed out. The traffic situation was bad then and of course is now much worse; no bypass can do much – if anything – to relieve it.

I hope everyone will send in their objections to the DCP and, again, to the whole concept of the development. (Contact the Byron Residents Group for help – brg2481@gmail.com.)

**Jenny Coman**  
Bangalow

■ I urge Council to consider making West Byron a dog- and cat-free zone, similar to the zoning at Pottsville. In October this year, the NSW Sci-

entific Committee (NSWSC) upgraded koalas in NSW from being 'vulnerable' to 'endangered' and has made a preliminary determination that koalas on the far north coast are facing a very high risk of extinction in the near future.

Dogs and cats are the biggest killers of our wildlife and with more and more habitat being taken away by housing developments we can at least help by reducing the impact of domestic animals. I believe we could have up to 1,000 new homes at West Byron. If half of those homes had dogs that would mean 500 more dogs in the Bay! We already have trouble policing the beaches north of Belongil, so many disrespectful dog owners walking their dogs in protected habitat zones, startling birds we have been trying to protect for years.

Visitors come to Byron Bay for its natural beauty and wildlife. We must protect this valuable asset and do all we can to reduce the environmental damage that West Byron will cause. If you care about keeping Byron beautiful, please make a submission to Council – one paragraph will do. Let them know what you want protected. You've got until 4/12/15 – submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

**Tracey Anderssen**  
Coorabell

■ I consider that the planning process for West Byron has been totally bastardised. It is a war of attrition, eroding the

site's values at each step. This community's chance to safeguard the environmental values of West Byron has been squandered. Council's DCP is part of the problem, not part of the solution.

At the zoning stage the Department of Planning decided to ignore the identified core koala habitat on the site, zoning some core koala habitat for housing and locating the most intense development on and around the best habitat.

They said the DCP would take care of koalas and include measures to reduce impacts, such as protecting core habitat, making swimming pools and fences koala-friendly, reducing car speeds and controlling dogs.

Now Council's DCP is proposing roads and tracks through core habitat, allowing intense development around it, not including any mitigation measures, and has identified a koala corridor that avoids koala habitat. They say koalas can be dealt with later by the developers.

The developers' fauna study identified core habitat for the nationally vulnerable Wallum Sedge Frog and said it would be totally protected, not in the rezoning but in the DCP. So it was zoned for housing. Now Council's DCP is putting roads through the frog's wetland and required buffers, saying the frogs can be considered later by the developer.

The DoP approved a massive drain through the site which will drain identified

acid sulfate soils, generating a flow of sulfuric acid and heavy metals into the Belongil estuary. Rather than establishing controls to limit the drain's impacts, Council's DCP rubber-stamps it, saying that the developers can consider the impacts on acid runoff and the estuary later.

Similarly the developer's traffic study identified a whole variety of road upgrades as required to cope with West Byron, with the roundabouts, the bypass and four-laning Ewingsdale Road just the start. Yet Council fails to link the traffic increases associated with each development stage to the required road upgrades first being in place.

DCPs should provide detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls in the LEP. Council should be setting parameters for a development that avoids impacts on koalas, Wallum Sedge Frogs and Wallum Froglets. One that is not dependent on draining acid sulfate soils and using a quarter of a million tonnes of fill. Instead Council has decided to rubber-stamp the developers' plans and leave it up to them to work out the details later.

Given that the planning system has been so debased this is likely to be the only chance this community will have to shape the future of West Byron. You need to tell Council and Councillors that this is not good enough.

**Dailan Pugh**  
Byron Bay

Summarised, it can be defined as any noise being  
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## Still robust

On last week's front page there was an outpouring of outrage of a perceived weakening of Council's environmental resolve. If it were true, I too would be outraged – this community should be justly proud of our commitment to keeping our shire as rich and robust in biodiversity as possible, and under extreme pressure.

It was alleged that 'professional staff' was to be lost in the biodiversity management of the shire. Untrue! A professional person will be soon employed to fulfill the role as biodiversity officer and, of course, they will be expected to be highly skilled and specialised. Under this council, we have increased the open-space ground staff (including more staff to fulfill the duties

of establishing chemical free weeding, another new environmental first for the shire); and we have appointed management staff to supervise bush regeneration teams.

Having expert biodiversity staff spending time supervising is not a brilliant use of time, compared to writing great policies, creating external and local partnerships and securing grants to fund more projects. The new biodiversity officer will be an expert in their field without a supervisory role.

I am saddened our current biodiversity team leader is leaving us. He is a terrific guy and an exemplary, professional and proficient staff member. As chair of Council's biodiversity and sustainability committee and someone who has long witnesses

great biodiversity enhancement work, I know just how many highly skilled local biodiversity specialists we have in the Shire.

I look forward to working alongside the next biodiversity officer who will be highly skilled, passionate and effective – just what we expect in Byron Shire.

**Cr Simon Richardson**  
Mayor, Byron Shire Council

## Offensive noise

Offensive noise from tenants in holiday lets is a major problem for surrounding neighbours. The noise can damage the amenity of a minimum of five adjacent residences.

The NSW *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* provides a detailed definition for offensive noise.

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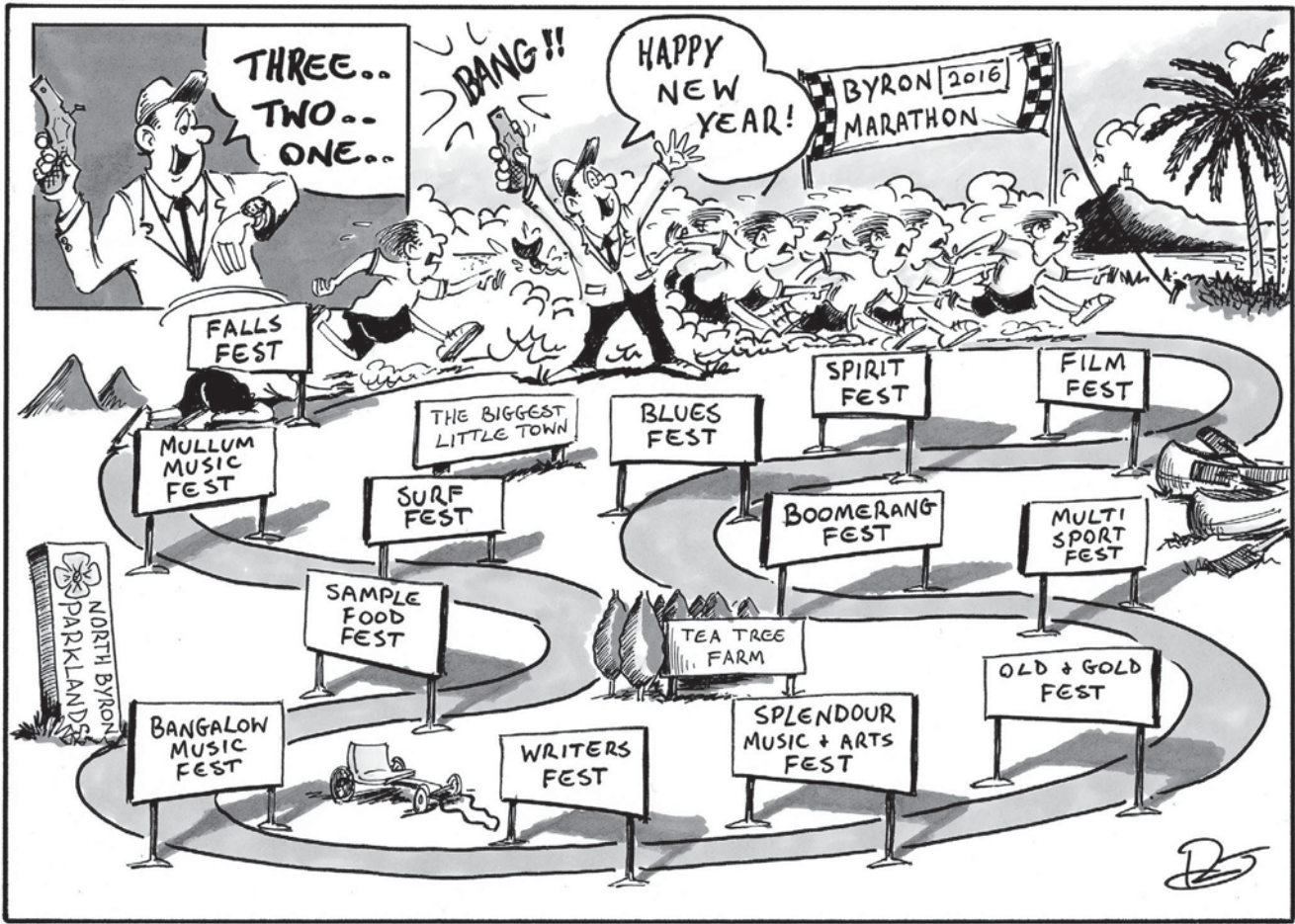


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emitted from a premises which disturbs the comfort or repose (rest or sleep) of someone who is outside the premises. This is designed for police, dedicated EPA and local council officers as a guide and is in operation 24/7.  
There is a problem in interpretation of offensive noise as the measurement by

definition is a qualitative assessment. In the NSW EPA booklet 'Dealing with Neighbourhood Noise' it says 'what is music to one person is noise to another'.  
This qualitative assessment is likely to lead to dispute between holiday-let owners/managers and affected neighbours about whether noise is offensive. Neighbours

are often disturbed by loud music, yelling, screaming and shouting that comes from holiday let tenants.  
The NSW DPE-endorsed Holiday Rental Code of Conduct will become mandatory with the implementation of Byron Council's holiday letting policy. A meaning for noise is provided in this Code: 'noise means any sound that

is offensive to occupiers of neighbouring properties.' Therefore, by definition it will be the neighbours that will judge whether noise from holiday lets is offensive.  
In this age of technology accurate handheld noise meters are widely available and should be used. Justifiably and correctly, Byron Shire Council's holiday letting pol-

icy has classified all holiday lets as commercial premises. Therefore, noise limits set for suburban areas as determined by the NSW EPA Industrial Noise Policy apply.  
For a residence in a suburban area during the day (7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and public holidays) the maximum noise level is 55 to 60 decibels (dB). For evening (6pm to 10pm) the maximum noise level is 45 to 50 dB and for night (remaining time periods) the range is 40 to 45dB. Measurements are taken at the boundary interface. A normal conversation is equivalent to 60dB.  
Therefore, Council should apply noise limits as determined by the NSW EPA Industrial Noise Policy for all holiday lets. Council's holiday letting policy is on public exhibition until December 4.  
**D Wallace**  
Suffolk Park

problems with a new label.  
So I created a Facebook support page which anyone can join, and I also created an online survey in order to get some idea of what people's experience has been after being treated by the specific regimes usually recommended. For the FB page simply type 'Pyrroles Byron Bay' in the FB search box. To participate in the Survey and access the results, please go to <https://goo.gl/hhGD65>.  
**Brian Emmett**  
Myocum  
**Soothing audio**  
From Column 8, SMH, November 24: 'Regarding the clinkety-clack of railway line gaps... they are still there but with longer spaces between them and on a cold, quiet night can be heard at quite a distance. Still, one of the most comforting of sounds.' I eagerly await our Byron train.  
**Geoffrey Baker**  
Byron Bay

**Pyrroles Disorder**  
I have suddenly noticed that I now know five people in this area who have been diagnosed with Pyrroles Disorder and am wondering if this represents something of an epidemic, or simply doctors describing chronic low energy and digestive

**Many thanks, Eve**  
We can now expect the women of Byron Shire to physically fall apart, for osteopath Eve Schoenheimer will soon make the big adjustment from living in balmy Byron to cold, old Point Lonsdale  
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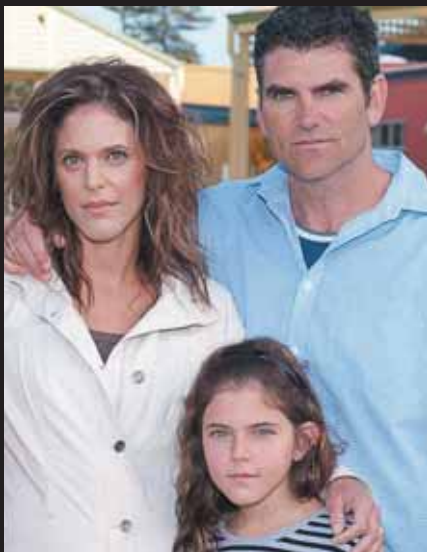


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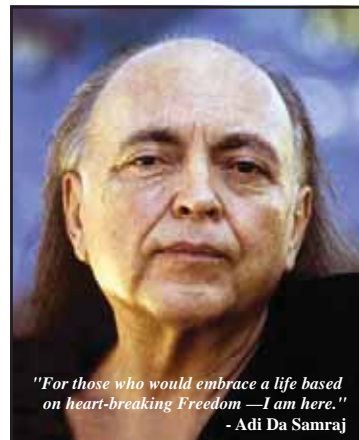
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# The fate of the Bay can be changed

*Nothing of him that doth  
fade, but doth suffer a sea-  
change into something rich  
and strange.*

– Shakespeare

Story &amp; photo Mary Gardner

The secret business of Byron Bay is sea-change. Only some is physical. The *Wollongbar* wrecked here in 1921 and settled into life as a surf break. Nearby, the submerged wreck of *Tassie III* from 1944 became an artificial reef for marine wildlife and human snorkelers. Beyond her hull are a few broken wharf pilings, crusted with sponges and coral. Everything else from the two enormous jetties, each about 400 metres in length, is gone. The 1885 jetty was removed in 1945. The 1928 jetty was blown up in 1974. Now, the settlers' ambition itself is changing.

## Busy port

Once in 1897, Henry Lawson wrote that 'the hearts of rovers hunger for the Ports of the Open Sea.' Byron Bay was one such port and many came aboard ships such as the *Wollongbar* and its replacement *Wollongbar II*. Such adventure came at a price in blood. Red of Aboriginal Australians and others. Gold sap of cedars. Gold and later rutilant from inside the heart of the beach sands itself.

The next payments were in cows, first boiled down for tallow, later milked for cream for butter, butter and more butter. The skim milk fed pigs later turned into bacon. The fat of the land for Sydney and from there, the British Em-



pire. Such wealth was literally the region's 'capital', a word originally meaning 'heads of cattle'.

More was paid with fish. Some were reinvested in banana crops. Others were put into the buildings of town and ironically, the draining of the very wetlands which nursed baby fish. Still more was paid with the enormous bodies of whales themselves. In the 19th century, their oil became fuel for lamps. In the 20th century, it became margarine made in Germany. The carcasses became chicken feed and fertilisers for crops.

## Wealth lost

By 1962, no more was extracted from the whales, their numbers greatly diminished. By the 1980s, no more was taken from the beach sand, the dunes all flattened. Dairy farming was over. The wealth of primary production all paid out. What's a port to do?

So far, Byron Bay has taken up tourism and real estate. These bubbles distract us from coastal problems and marine opportunities. The mega-development proposed for West Byron is suggested in Ewingsdale and Sunrise

too. Making real estate of the coastal strip will close out an even more important opportunity which would make us wealthy again in primary production with a twist.

The Belongil and Tallow waterways, with their tendrils through West Byron, Ewingsdale and Suffolk Park are an interconnected fertile zone. Where is the tally for the blood price paid here: coastal emu, wallaby, possum, goanna, birds, snakes, sugar gliders and more?

## Hotspots

The remnants here make one of Australia's wildlife 'hotspots'. With the help of Arakwal people, parts are protected in the Arakwal Park and the reserves of Cumbebin, Broken Head and Tyagarah. To successfully build this wealth, more of the fertile zones plus their openings to the sea must be managed with this kind of capital in mind.

Gary Nabhan is a US leader of the international movement in 'place based foods' supporting indigenous and cultural food traditions. (<http://garynabhan.com/i/>) He helps people identify their unique regional foods

and organise the conservation and rehabilitation needed to rebuild fish, shellfish, crops, orchards, birds and other animals. One pathway is from 'rarity to community restoration to market value', creating local livelihoods and food security as well as renewing productive ecosystems. This planned retreat, from beachfront living and marginal farming, will return to the community an enduring wealth.

Some tell me it's impossible here in Byron. That people here only look to the short-term gain to be got from inappropriate development and large-scale tourism, to hell with the consequences. That there is no halting mega-development or changing tack towards sustainability. Is that us – Aboriginals and newcomers, investors and council, project managers and employees? Haven't they heard of the sea-change?

## Stay steady

The collective imagination of Byron is no longer dreaming of ports or the British Empire. The spell of this place is making of us 'something rich and strange'. We can invest our wealth, private and public, physical and mental, away from the nightmare of drowning with our feet locked into the concrete blocks of mega-development. With every letter, submission, concept plan and investment, we can keep our feet steady in the rich coastal mud. Residents of the future will find that, unlike so many other places, the wealth here is edible, drinkable and breathable.

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in Victoria. When we arrived in Byron in 2002, we asked locals who they would recommend to fix a dodgy back

and, as if scripted, they replied 'Eve Schoenheimer' and we soon understood why.

Put simply, the lady is a gifted healer. Over the years,

16 of them in Byron, Eve has also been a staunch believer in her 'Short Leg' theory, and no, it's not something inspired by Shane Warne.

Because our upright body often doesn't/can't correctly compensate for the invariable difference in leg length, it can result in a wonky structure. Rather than capitalise on repeat business afforded by this wonkiness, Eve selflessly advises her clients to simply insert a foam 'lift' of a prescribed thickness into their short-leg shoe to counteract the discrepancy, thereby levelling the body. Countless Byronites, myself included, are living, walking, no-longer-hobbling proof of the validity of her theory, a legacy (sorry) of her time in Byron.

Thank you, Eve, for your years of dedicated profession-

alism, for your massaging, manoeuvring and wrenching of Byron's bodies (only women's more recently as the male structure, namely mine, became too demanding). You have been a gift to this community. It will sorely miss you.

**Mick Malloy**  
Suffolk Park

## That age gap

There was an excellent article published recently in *The Guardian* titled 'Same Old Story: Women paired with younger men remains a cinematic rarity.' It has been written in response to the severe backlash *The Dressmaker* received, owing to the age gap between stars Kate Winslet and Liam Hemsworth.

I mention this to *The Echo*  
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# Dodgy trade, dosh and Daesh

Phillip Frazer

A few weeks ago in *The Echo* I described the 'trade deal' called the Trans-Pacific Partnership as government of global corporations, by global corporations, for global corporations.

Since then the 6,000 page deal has been published and PM Turnbull assures us that the TPP says our governments will still be allowed to pass laws on our environment, labor conditions, and such – so what's to worry about?

This: corporations will have the right to sue all governments in their own corporate court if they believe any law will cost them money, even suing for payment of 'lost profits' if, for example, some government was to ban fracking.

These lawsuits will be judged by corporate lawyers, and they will cost governments huge fortunes to defend.

The Labor Party says it's still reading the previously secret text (they could have read it at WikiLeaks months ago). Greens trade spokesperson Peter Whish-Wilson



said the whole thing is a done deal and gives multinationals 'carte blanche'.

## Malcolm's money

Last month I noted that Malcolm Turnbull put all his \$180 million stash in Wall Street funds, meaning he believes these bankers make fine investments in upstanding companies – which gives us serious reason to worry about what he'll do with our nation's economy.

Now we've learned that some of his Wall Street funds are invested in ExxonMobil, which has just been accused of knowing for 30 years that global warming was a disaster in the making – and responding by burying the evidence and paying academics to run a global denial campaign.

So, New York State is suing them for financial fraud, which is what the American tobacco industry was convicted of at a cost to them

of over \$9 billion in fines. ExxonMobil will defend itself in part by pointing out they shifted away from coal to 'cleaner' gas. Like switching to menthol cigs?

The Greens and climate advocacy group 350.org have demanded the Turnbells divest their ExxonMobil stock, as they did with their Philip Morris shares recently.

## Daesh it all

Finally, last week I wrote about Syria and the militants who are beheading, raping and marauding through Iraq and Syria and referred to them as ISIL, which stands for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. Aka the Islamic State, or IS – or the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham, or ISIS. Now the trend is to call them 'Daesh', which is the Arabic acronym of ISIS, but also happens to be an Arabic word meaning 'bigots who impose their views on others'. In case there's any doubt about that characterisation, they've promised to cut your tongue out if you call them that.

■ Phillip Frazer blogs at [www.coorabellridge.com](http://www.coorabellridge.com)

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in hopes that Mr John Campbell takes note, given his comments on the topic, 'Kate Winslet is surely old enough to be [Liam Hemsworth's] mother'. Really? How many 14-year-old mothers have you met, sir? I for one, was under the impression that that sort of thing is somewhat frowned upon in our society.

Anyway, as young, aspiring female filmmaker, I hope to end these sort of archaic, backward views of women; and create a more positive and supportive attitude in the industry I one day hope to work in.

Matilda Larkins  
Mullumbimby

## War and climate

Why do people say climate change is fuelling terrorism? As we know terrorists are not born evil people. They spring from diabolical circumstances including inequality, injustice, war, conflict over resources (same thing really), dislocation, persecution, etc.

Whatever the circumstances they are pre-primed for radicalisation. Climate change is creating a flood of refugees as crops fail, and conflict over land and resources increases; heatwaves, floods and other extremes

become the norm and those without resources to cope have to leave their homes and move on in search of food and water. This is where the cycle of conflict starts.

Mothers and sisters are hungry, perhaps raped; the weakest suffer and die. Biological determinists would say young men are primed biologically to fight for a mate and to defend the tribe's women and resources. In conflict zones injustice and horror is all around with little or no opportunity for an individual boy to protect or save those near and dear.

Warlords, evangelists and others are expert at exploiting these circumstances with the result that young men believe fervently they are engaged in righteous war. Much of the North African refugee crisis has been driven in this way as small conflicts have escalated along ethnic divisions.

Climate change and inequality are the key drivers! And will be increasingly so. *Mad Max* is the scenario we are asking for if we don't act now.

We need to challenge our leaders to drop their guns-and-bombs diplomacy and get serious about injustice and inequality if we are to have hope for the future.

Read more by searching

'climate refugees' or see <http://time.com/4024210/climate-change-migrants> and [www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/climate-refugees-and-a-collapsing-city](http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/climate-refugees-and-a-collapsing-city).

Dorothy Mullins  
Byron Bay

## Forgotten Shores

In reference to D J Faith from Newtown's letter about potholes (*Echo*, November 19), this is an ongoing problem in the shire that needs a strategy, not accusations based on incorrect information and greenwashed policy. I'm sure the councillors are aware of the state of the roads in Byron Shire (particularly in the north) and the need to fix them.

The fact is that the shire has a small ratepayer base, 30 per cent living in Ocean shores. It has a disproportionate number of visitors who all use the same services and infrastructure.

What we need is good planning and frugal spending of Council's budget. You say that 'councillors climbing sand dunes and lamenting fears of big storms and rising seas and the need to spend more money on rocks to save a couple of precarious (in every way) houses.' How about the money that has

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# Enova deadline extended

■ The team behind Enova Community Energy seems to be working treble overtime to reach their capital raise minimum of \$3million. They certainly seem willing and able, with experience of the wider world. Their credentials are impressive (see the website).

They had wanted to resolve the capital raise before the festive season. But they have had to put back the share-offer closure date twice. The offer will now close at 5pm (AEST) on December 17, 2015. Given that there is a great deal of talk about the ideals of renewable energy and acting locally in this community, I'm wondering why the money's not matching the mouth.

Maybe \$1,000 per share is a bit of stretch for most of us? If so, maybe those folks haven't heard that they can share a share. Quite a few are doing this, including me. There are guidelines on Enova's website at [enovaenergy.com.au](http://enovaenergy.com.au).

Catherine Baker  
Mullumbimby

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# Push is on for cheaper treatments for hep C

Michael McDonald

Hepatitis C is a debilitating virus and it's difficult for the average punter to treat the symptoms when meds can cost \$1,000 a tablet in Australia. So it's no wonder a private supply route, similar to the one for HIV/AIDS treatment portrayed in the movie *Dallas Buyers Club*, has formed to bring down costs at <http://fixhepc.com>, known as the Fix HepC Buyers Club.

Basically the Club teaches you how to import drugs from overseas to save money. The founder, Greg Jefferys, told ABC's 730, 'The only difference between me and the guy in *Dallas Buyers Club* is I'm not running it as a business and I'm not making any money out of it, as much as I like to see him with his big wads of dollar bills.'

He said the drugs provided in Australia by US pharmaceutical giant Gilead cost \$100,000 for an 84-tablet treatment.

'If you haven't got the money, for a lot of people it's a death sentence — you die,' Mr Jefferys said.

'I was right on the edge of cirrhosis of the liver; once you get cirrhosis of the liver you then open up to tumours and cancer.'

Mr Jefferys's desperate need to find cheaper meds took him to the Indian city of Chennai, where he found the same medication on sale for less than \$1,000.

Mr Jefferys's website is very detailed and includes the ABC interview. It also offers advice on the regulatory hurdles to jump over when importing drugs.

## What is Hep C?

According to Hepatitisact <http://hepatitisact.com.au/>, which offers good background on all forms of the hep virus, 'Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus contracted when the blood of an infected person enters the blood



Health advice page by Hepatitis Australia.

stream of another person. It was first identified as "non-A, non-B hepatitis" around 1973 (although more recent analysis of blood from as early as 1948 shows the presence of hepatitis C).

'It was not until the late 1980s that genetic testing allowed for a full analysis, identifying the individual properties of hepatitis C which had kept medical and scientific staff baffled for decades.'

'Chronic hepatitis C infec-

tion can result in progressive liver inflammation (viral hepatitis), which may progress to scarring (fibrosis and cirrhosis). If left untreated, inflammation can lead to mild, moderate, or serious liver disease and in some cases, liver cancer and liver failure. Hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver transplants and liver cancer in Australia.

'Out of 100 people that contract hepatitis C, 75-85 people will develop chronic

infection, 60-70 people will develop chronic liver disease, five to 20 people will develop cirrhosis over the course of their chronic infection and one to five people will die of complications including hepatocellular carcinoma (liver cancer).'

## Prevention

Injecting drugs can be a risky business and the chief way of acquiring hep C. It's best not to do it at all, but if you can't kick the habit then at least check the safe-injecting guidelines at [aivl.org.au](http://aivl.org.au).

A small number of people have also been infected by unsterile tattooing or body piercing procedures, so don't deal with a backyard operator. Ask your tattooist about sterilisation practices and single-use needles if you're unsure.

In regard to blood transfusions, the Australian Red Cross Blood Bank has screened for hep C since 1990.

## Health

Dealing with a major disease is about diet as well as medication. The Hepatitisact site recommends stopping smoking (including marijuana), reducing or stopping alcohol consumption, adopting a low-fat diet, exercising, and drinking plenty of fresh water, among other tips.

As of Tuesday last week the site republished a plea from Hepatitis Australia CEO Helen Tyrell for the federal health minister to fast-track price negotiations so that medication can be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in early 2016.

According to Hepatitis Australia, 'More than 700 Australians will lose their lives to hepatitis C-related disease this year, with experts predicting a 230 per cent increase in deaths by 2030.'

■ Find more information at [www.hepatitisaustralia.com](http://www.hepatitisaustralia.com).

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been wasted by a succession of green-dominated councils over the years on legal fees, fighting and losing many of these matters? How much of a difference would these funds have made spent fixing our roads?

In the two terms under green domination from 2004 to 2012, with Jan Barham as mayor, Council spent a staggering \$3,383,744 in legal proceedings and in the Land and Environment Court. Council annual reports revealed these proceedings were lengthy and very costly, with numerous judgements found against Council.

From 2008 until 2012, at the height of Mayor Barham's and the Greens' domination, a massive total of \$2,616,586 was spent in legal proceedings! So it's no wonder our roads are third world. Wouldn't this money have been better spent on roads than trying to ram green ideology down ratepayers' throats?

Thankfully this present council has shown some signs of common sense with \$348,405 spent on legal proceedings in its term so far, but even this figure is too high. The recent motion by Cr Woods to call for a council report into the urgent repair of roads and drainage in South Golden Beach is finally a step in the right direction and an acknowledgement that the systematic neglect of Ocean shores cannot continue.

I'm really sick of it and it's high time the ratepayers of Ocean Shores and Billinudgel stood up and held Council to task.

Marc Patten  
Ocean Shores

## Head terrorist

The head terrorist is George Orwell. His training manual 1984 clearly outlines the master plan of the current World War, as a simple quote demonstrates: 'The War is not meant to be won, it is meant to be continuous.... and its object is not victory.... but to keep the very structure of society intact'; meaning, to keep the current ranking of the superpowers from changing.

Peter Olson  
Goonengerry

## Money splash

Spending money on more lighting and CCTV cameras as a means of dealing with alcohol-fuelled violence, can be seen as a primitive response (Echo, November 11). 'Primitive' because it is regression to the pre-human, short-term means of appearing to overcome problems by dealing with symptoms.

The long-term view that is uniquely available to humans shows we are in the midst of an environment crisis and so cannot afford to spend money on further components dependent upon electricity. Furthermore, the long-term shows that violence is not a spontaneous

combustion. It occurs from dysfunction in human social conditions of growth.

Sociologists dealing with stressed humans can point to many areas where money would be better spent in relieving frustrations that lead to alcohol-fuelled violence. Lib/Lab politicians appear to be uninterested in long-term solutions because there is no spotlighting of effects that take time. This is unlike what can be seen in the short-term with a splash of money.

Geoff Dawe  
Uki

## Bike riders suffer

The new changes to the pay parking rules for the Byron Bay centre is unfairly hitting motorcycle riders. First of all, the price of the exemption for a motorcycle is the same (\$50) as any huge 4WD, regardless than the space occupied is considerably smaller.

Then, at the moment bikers can share a parking spot with fellow riders but from now on it's one parking space per bike. This means that we'll end up using more parking spaces, not less! And finally there is the problem of displaying the ticket on the dashboard (that we don't have).

If we are serious about alleviating our traffic problems, we should make Byron Bay a motorbike friendly town by 1) changing all the bits and pieces of leftover parking spaces to motorcycle only; 2) exempt-

ing local bike riders from paying the yearly exemption fee; 3) allowing two bikes in the same parking spot; and 4) creating some sheltered parking spots for motorcycles in Council car parks.

Council should be encouraging resident and tourist to use motorcycles. They are instead penalising the owners of some of the smallest vehicles.

Sergio Scudery  
Suffolk Park

## A local tax

I have an easy logical way of revenue raising for the council that will benefit Byron residents and other non residential road users. Seeing as how the holiday letting is still going on, then these holiday-letting house owners should be paying a 'local tax' per customer that goes towards Byron Council for infrastructure purposes only, eg roads, public toilets, waste pick-up, etc.

These house owners are making money (tax free) at the expense of their neighbours' serenity and lifestyle while adding to the congestion, road use and amenity use without contributing to cover the costs, let alone not being up to rental health and safety regulations.

Backpacker hostels, hotels, B&Bs, etc, are all registered businesses who all pay tax per visitor/income and are in locations suited to this type of business, so why are holiday-letting house owners getting

off scott free? Seems simple and logical to me to pay a local tax and those who don't may not let their houses which is a win for the neighbours as well.

Adam Plooy  
Ballina

## War on drugs

In an age of foreign review boards, due diligence and cost-benefit analyses, I wonder who is doing the cost-benefit analysis on the law currently being enforced which causes drivers with barely perceptible levels of certain drugs in their blood to lose their licences and gain a criminal record which will

affect their travel and careers.

These laws are a catch-all drafted to circumvent the fact there is no way of setting a standard as with alcohol and no way of measuring recency of intake or impairment. They also ignore prescription drugs to which many are addicted and potentially are as dangerous. If one considers the potential for loss of jobs and the cost of more families on welfare one could mount a good case that these laws are counter-productive and represent the dying throes of the failed 'war on drugs'.

Jim Nutter  
Main Arm

## CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

A week after he celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as President of FIDE and a week before he was to travel to the United States to sign a contract for the hosting of the next World Championship match in New York, Kirsan Iljumzhinov's world has begun crumbling.

Iljumzhinov has waved away accusations of arms dealing, people trafficking, ordering murders, and corruption, but the sanctions imposed by the US Department of Finance on Wednesday may be harder to dismiss with a new distraction about his meetings with aliens.

Iljumzhinov was one of two Russians and two Cypriots named for providing support to the government of Syria, including facilitating Syrian government oil purchases from Islamic State. A bank part-owned by Iljumzhinov, Russian Financial Alliance, was also sanctioned.

Given his contacts with Saddam Hussein, Gaddafi and more recently Assad, it has long been suspected that peripatetic

Iljumzhinov acted as a conduit for Russian diplomatic efforts in the Middle East and further afield, which is maybe why the Russian government exerted such efforts to ensure that Iljumzhinov was re-elected as FIDE President.

The sanctions mean that all assets in the US are frozen, and US citizens are prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. The effects are likely to be immediate since Iljumzhinov was about to head to the US to sign a contract to have the 2016 World Championship match hosted in New York next October.

'This is a provocation,' was Iljumzhinov's first response, while chess fans around the world expressed their joy and relief at Iljumzhinov's possible downfall on social media.

Unfortunately, as with the demise of Sepp Blatter at the soccer body FIFA, the people most likely to take over from Iljumzhinov are those who have been all too happy to jump on FIDE's gravy train for the past two decades.

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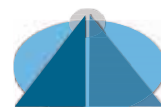
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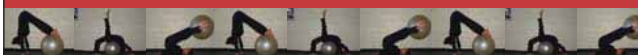
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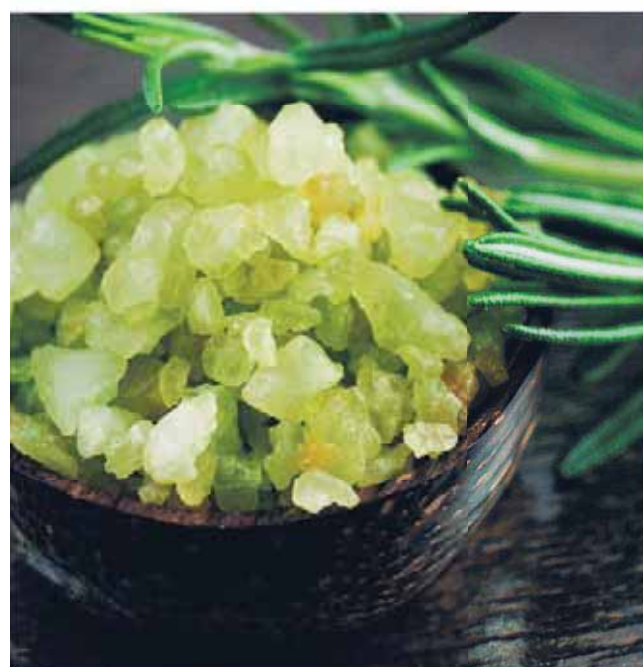
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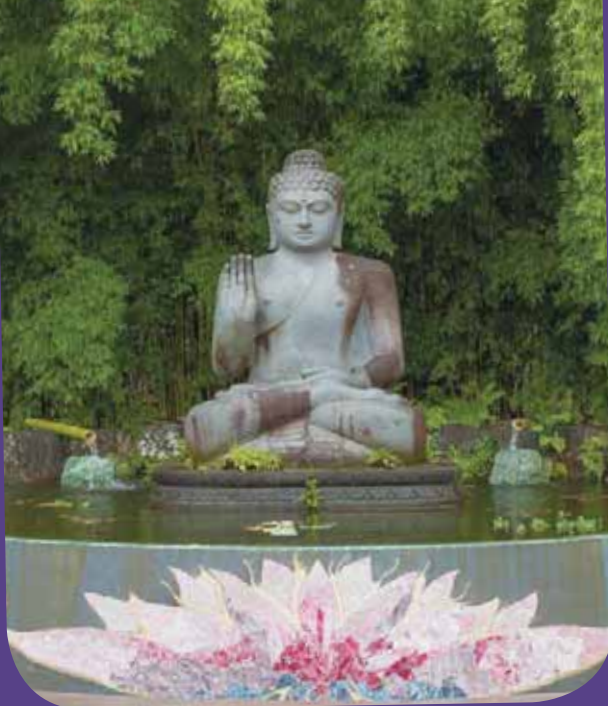
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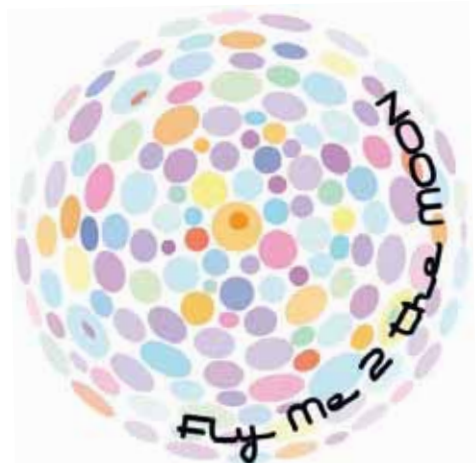


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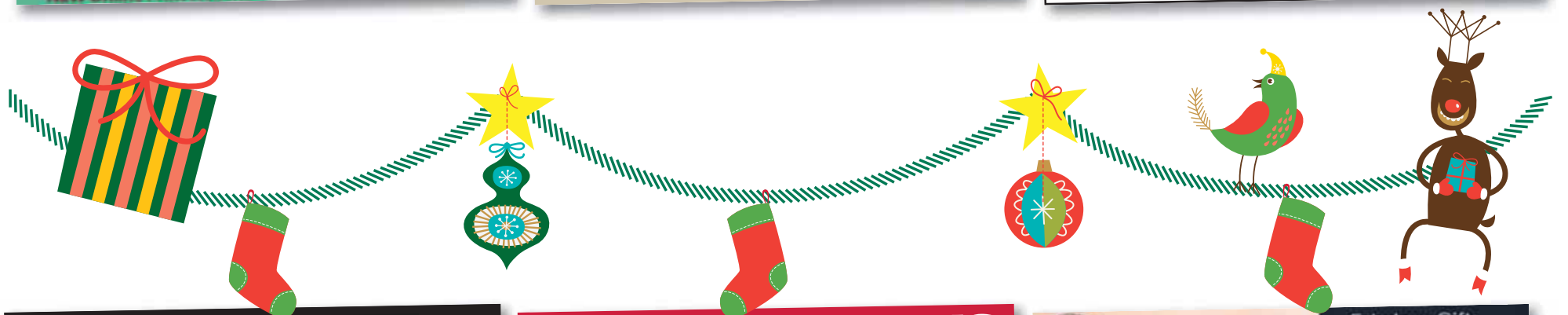
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## Welcome to the Mullum Shop Local Campaign!

### From the Chamber:

Welcome, everyone, to the Shop Local Campaign being run by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Echo Publications. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to support local businesses and for our local businesses to give back to the community.

Thanks to *The Echo*, we have \$3,000 to give away in vouchers to local shoppers to spend at local participating stores. Last year, we had more than 5,000 entries from local shoppers and this year we anticipate even more. In keeping with the strong values of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, this campaign is about stimulating the local economy, bringing the community together, and building a supportive and sustainable Mullumbimby.

We wish you all a prosperous lead-up to the festive season and a wonderful start to the new year.

### From *The Echo*:

*The Echo* grew up around here and we're proud to support the Shop Local campaign, because those of us who've chosen to live here love it. You can walk down the street with your kids and they'll know people in the shops. When you buy something, you know your money's staying local – you can see the local owners supporting the schools and other local businesses.

It's probably been like this for a hundred years: 'oyster bars' have been replaced by cool cafes, organic stores and computer shops; and it's a bit harder to get a park, but you can still see your friends from the hills shopping in Mullumbimby's main street or at the music festival. There's a great sense of community here that we should support by shopping locally.

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# MULLUM SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS!



Pictured is lucky winner Analise Denney with Craig Watson of Craig Watson Soul Pattinson Chemist.

## SHOP LOCAL AND WIN!

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**Andrea Portela**, Devine Meats  
**Sue Ash Schack**, Mitre 10  
**Barbara Starnett**, Simply Sheer Hair & Beauty

### How to enter

1. Simply spend \$20 or more at a participating store and you will receive an entry form.
2. Fill out the entry form and have the back stamped by the participating store or attach your receipt.
3. Drop the entry form into the specially marked box located at participating stores.

Each Monday of the campaign, five winners will be drawn, ten winners will be drawn in the final week. Winners will receive a \$100 voucher to spend at a participating store. There are 30 x \$100 vouchers to be won. Winners will be contacted by phone or email and will be announced on the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce website and in *The Echo* newspaper.

**Terms & Conditions:** The Mullum Shop Local campaign runs for five weeks from 24 November and finishes on 29 December. Vouchers must be spent by 31 March 2016 and cannot be spent at more than one store. Winners draws are final.

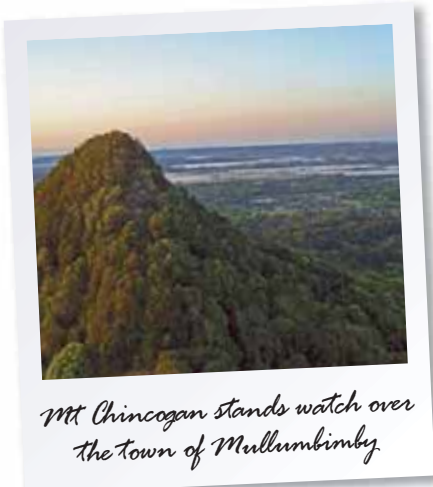
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## When I grow up I want to be a chef

John Hamilton is all grown-up and wants to be a chef, happy to leave behind a 16-year career in engineering to follow his dream of cooking.

With 72 jobs for chefs in the northern rivers region advertised on a job-search website, John shouldn't find it too difficult. The trouble is John has no training and no experience.

Most restaurants and cafes are advertising for someone with substantial experience.

So John took the unorthodox route of posting his cooking desires on a Facebook page called Jobs for the Tribe Northern Rivers.

Here's what he wrote:

I'm a 45-year-old male (last time I checked) looking for a career change this late in my life. If anyone can, or knows someone who can, give a 45-year-old lover of food and cooking an apprenticeship. Yes, it's a long shot but I'm keen as hot English mustard.

At the Happy Dolphin Cafe in Brunswick Heads, head chef Katherine Bette's advertisement in *The Echo* is one of the few seeking a first- or second-year apprentice. They have already had a no-show and another interviewee unable to speak fluent English.

'Ideally we'd like someone working in the industry,' Katherine says. 'Age doesn't matter. They must have a willingness to learn, respect for food and imagination.'

'It doesn't matter if they haven't studied commercial cooking,' she adds.

Rachelle Ramsey-Orr says that the cookery course at Ballina TAFE gave her the opportunity to learn about different methods of cooking that would have been difficult to explore in the workplace.

As a second-year apprentice Rachelle won the Worldskills Cookery Competition in Wollongbar in September and next year will compete in a national trade competition in Perth.

'I want to be the best chef I can,' Rachelle says.

TAFE head teacher of Hospitality David Forster says young people don't need to leave the area to pursue a career in commercial cooking and hospitality. On a training course like Rachelle's, students learn about food safety, customer service and gain insight into the industry.

'We put students in work placements or internships, as businesses are crying out for staff,' David says.

Mentoring is important, he says, as well as the student's attitude.

'It is a great career but a tough industry,' he says.

'When students do an apprenticeship, they come to TAFE as well. They learn the skills and knowledge required of the industry and they network with other students.'

Byron Bay's Di Wilson runs a market stall selling Pickle Chicks and Not Just A Tart products. Self-taught, she has chosen a different direction for her food passion.

Her advice for anyone wanting to establish a food stall is to think carefully.

'Be prepared to spend a few years making no money at all,' Di says.

Her passion for food is as much a career as a lifestyle choice. 'I love the vibe of the markets,' she says.

She knows nearly every customer, and coos at their babies as she slices a vanilla bean tart.

Di has help with the prep work before each market but mostly she works in isolation.

Hard work, long hours, low pay at the beginning and a fast-paced environment. This is what wannabe chefs have to deal with.

Yet despite the hard work, celebrity chef Maggie Beer sums it up: 'There is nothing quite as seductive as doing what you love, and having others love it too.'

Watch the video on becoming a chef at [www.echo.net.au/good-life](http://www.echo.net.au/good-life).



Di Wilson runs her pickles and tarts stall at Mullumbimby Farmers Market



Director of TAFE Service Geoff Baldry, apprentice Rachelle Ramsey-Orr and head teacher of Hospitality and Cookery David Forster celebrate Rachelle's winning the Worldskills Cooking Comp.

### FREE WINE TASTING You're invited!

Sam Smith is bringing a selection of wines for your tasting.

Come support your local Club  
Thursday 10 December  
5.30-6.30pm

Special benefits for members who bring a friend who become a member on the night. Anyone who becomes a member on the night has a chance to win great prizes!



[Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club](#) | [Club\\_Mullum](#)  
58 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby | 6684 2533

### Ballina RSL

Ballina RSL executive chef Blake Seymour has a special Christmas party dining experience on offer. 'My December Blake's Table dinner feast has been created for those businesses who have small staff numbers, like two or three, and for families and couples who like the idea of treating themselves to a locally sourced shared-style dining evening,' said Blake. There will be live music at this special Christmas-themed event.

Friday December 11th from 6pm.

Bookings are essential. 6686 2544 [www.ballinarl.com.au](http://www.ballinarl.com.au)

### HOT & COLD FRESH SEAFOOD BUFFET

Friday 4th December  
ALL YOU CAN EAT

\$45 per person – Starts at 6pm

PRE BOOKINGS REQUIRED



SPOTTED COW BISTRO

(Victory Hotel Mooball)

0422 019 832

booking enquiries

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▼ BALLINA



blake's  
TABLE

### Blake's Table

at Ballina RSL Club  
Open Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner – 7 days  
244 River St, Ballina.  
6686 2544  
[www.ballinarl.com.au](http://www.ballinarl.com.au)

### Blakes Table

Let us take care of your Christmas party! Private, business or family...  
Friday 11 December from 6pm  
Spinnakers function room  
Shared style menu - Tickets \$65  
Live music by Dan Clark

▼ BANGALOW



Bangalow  
dining  
rooms

### Bangalow Dining Rooms

Bangalow Hotel  
Open 7 days  
Lunch: 12 – 3pm  
Dinner 5.30 – 9pm  
All day bistro menu  
6687 1144

Enjoy our balcony restaurant, intimate dining room and generous bistro food in the pub. With reasonable prices our menu reflects the wonderful local and fresh produce of the region. Large groups welcome.

We also offer off-site catering.  
[www.bangalowdining.com](http://www.bangalowdining.com)



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### Naked Treaties RAW Bar



2/3 Marvell St  
Open 7 days, 7am till 4pm  
[www.nakedtreaties.com.au](http://www.nakedtreaties.com.au)  
Insta #nakedtreaties

### Hang out at the Famous Little Shop of Smiles!

Good Vibes, Living foods awesome NEW menu. Grab and go and made to order breakfasts, lunches and raw desserts and ice-creams. Sublime superfood green smoothies, iced drinks and cold-pressed juices. The best chai ever, organic coffee and superfood hotties on house-made almond mylk.  
**Raw, Vegan, Local, Organic and Paleo.**  
Gluten, Dairy and Sugar free.

### Luscious Foods

Mon-Fri 7.30am-3pm  
1/6 Tasman Way, Byron  
Arts & Industry Estate  
BYO & RSVP  
6680 8228  
[www.lusciousfoods.com.au](http://www.lusciousfoods.com.au)

Contemporary and Middle Eastern flavours

- Breakfast and lunch
- Wood-fired pizzas
- Fresh juices
- Great coffee

▼ BYRON BAY



# Good Taste *Eating Out Guide*

BYRON BAY CONTINUED



## The Restaurant @ Rae's

Lunch and Dinner 7 days  
Wategos Beach,  
Byron Bay  
**6685 5366**  
raes@wategos.com.au

### Open for Breakfast

Saturday and Sunday  
7am till 10am



## REPUBLIC

restaurant & bar

Open for lunch  
Thurs- Sat 12-3pm

95 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
republikeyonbay.com  
**6685 5009**  
hello@republikbyronbay.com

### Book now for your business Xmas party, all small & large bookings are welcome.

Republik presents a stylish comfortable environment, offering a warm and hospitable welcome to the whole community. The menu includes a range of contemporary dishes based on global influences.

**Kids eat free every Monday**



## Treehouse on Belongil

Full Cocktail & Wine Bar.  
Extensive Menu Includes  
Tapas, Mains, Desserts and  
Famous Woodfired Pizzas.  
25 Childe St, Byron Bay  
**6680 9452**

### New summer menu out now!

Share plates, mains, desserts and famous Treehouse wood-fired pizza. Our kitchen is open all day and night. Presenting incredible original music in Byron's most intimate atmosphere.

Check our website or Facebook for the gig guide.

**facebook.com/treehouse.belongil**  
**treehouseonbelongil.com**



## Italian at the Pacific

Open for Dinner & Cocktails  
7 days from 6pm till late  
Next to the Beach Hotel  
Bay Street  
**6680 7055**  
italianatthepacific.com.au

Italian at the Pacific provides a bustling atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine and some of Byron's finest cocktails and wines.



## Happy Chilli Garden

Open 7 days 12pm till late  
Byron St (opp Aldi) Byron Bay  
**P 6680 9191**  
**F 6676 4869**  
**M 0403 516793**  
happychilligarden@hotmail.com

Hong Kong chef specialising in  
Chinese and Malay foods

**Dinner Special \$18** - Includes a wine or beer

Fully licensed

Dine In / Takeaway / Home Delivery Available



## Byron at Byron

77-97 Broken Head Road,  
Byron Bay  
**6639 2111**  
thebyronatbyron.com.au

### Peaceful dining by our tranquil rainforest

Open seven days: breakfast, lunch & dinner

Thursday Farmers Market Dinner  
2 courses \$49 per person

**Savour your experience!**



## St Elmo Dining Room & Bar

Mon-Sat: 4pm till late.  
Sun: 4pm till 10pm.  
Cnr Fletcher St and Lawson  
Lane, Byron Bay  
**6680 7426**  
www.stelmodining.com

St Elmo is a place where you can enjoy great company, first-class food, sophisticated cocktails and an extensive wine list. St Elmo is plating up modern Spanish cuisine to be enjoyed amongst friends and family. Our menus change regularly and feature daily specials.



## Traditional Thai

Dinner every evening  
5:30-9:30pm  
5/2 Fletcher St,  
Byron Bay  
**6685 5151**

Here the curry pastes are freshly pounded to leave your palate dumbfounded.

Here the ambrosial meals are cooked to order and the scrumptious cocktails and mocktails thrust you into a land of wonderful tales.



## Hog's Breath Cafe

Open 7 Days,  
11.30am-2.30pm  
Dinner from 5.30pm  
9/4 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
**6685 5320**  
www.hogsbreath.com.au

Hog's Breath Cafe's menu just got better with some mouth-watering new steaks, salad, pasta and an abundance of delicious dessert selections. As usual, the diverse menu also offers chicken, seafood, snacks, burgers, ribs, kid's meals, a range of Lite Options, plus their famous Prime Rib Steak - slow cooked for up to 18 hours for maximum flavour and tenderness. Kids eat free Mon - Wed nights and you can grab lunch for just \$9.90, so there's something to please the whole family.



## O-Sushi

Byron Bay Woolies Plaza,  
Jonson St **02 6685 7103**  
Coolangatta The Strand  
Marine Pde **07 5536 5455**  
Broadbeach The Oracle,  
12 Charles Ave **07 5570 2166**  
www.osushi.com.au

### O-Sushi - Since 2004

An award-winning Japanese fusion cuisine  
Sushi bar, tapas, main meals and  
delicious chef's specials  
**Eat in or take away, licensed,  
family friendly**  
Outdoor dining area, easy parking,  
Open 7 days a week, 11am till late.



## Legend Pizza

Open 7 days  
9am till after midnight  
Shop 1 Woolworths Plaza  
90-96 Jonson Street  
**6685 5700**  
www.legendpizza.com.au

### FRESH PIZZA - BYRON STYLE

Check us out on  
**facebook.com/byron.legendspizza**  
Scan code for our menu!  
BYO  
Home delivery 7 days



## Fishheads

Open seven days  
7:30am till late  
Coffee, breakfast, lunch,  
dinner, functions and  
weddings. Fully licensed.  
1 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
**6680 7632**

### A range of menu packages for your SPECIAL EVENT

Phone 6680 7632  
functions@fishheadsbyron.com.au  
www.facebook.com/Fishheadsbyron.com  
**www.fishheadsbyron.com.au**



## Muoi's Feast

Dinner: Mon-Sat  
11 Fletcher St, Byron Bay  
Bookings Essential  
**6685 7557**

Muoi's Feast has created a strong following since opening in 2003. Winning numerous awards for its international cuisine, the Asian section of the menu is the predominant favourite. Enjoy for dinner.



## The Green Bistro at Club Byron

Lunch: 11.30am-2.30pm,  
Dinner: from 5.30pm,  
Tuesday to Sunday  
(closed Mondays)  
18-20 Marvell Street  
**6685 6202**

**TUESDAYS** | 6pm MEAT & VOUCHER RAFFLE  
**WEDNESDAYS** | 5.30pm-close BYO VINYL  
**THURSDAYS** | 6pm MEAT & VOUCHER RAFFLE  
**FRIDAYS** | 4-6pm HAPPY HOUR  
**SATURDAYS** | from 6pm THE MONTHLY MUSO  
**SUNDAYS** | SUNDAY ROAST lunch & dinner  
**thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au**  
info@thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au  
Functions and catering available



## Basiloco

### Ristorante Pizzeria

Mon, Wed-Fri from 6pm,  
Sat & Sun from 12pm for lunch  
Closed Tuesday  
32 Lawson Street **6680 8818**  
info@basilo.co

### Wood fired pizzas and pastas take away and delivery

Come and experience the best Italian/Mediterranean cuisine, made with the best local products, plus Byron's best wood fired pizza. Kids meals \$9 from.

We do weddings, Christmas and special event functions. Visit and book at **www.basilo.co**



## Aquarius Cafe and Dining

Breakfast/Lunch  
7 days from 7.30am

16 Lawson St, Byron Bay  
**Reservations 6685 7663**

Come and enjoy a truly Byron dining experience with head chef Patrick Hobbs and his team. With beautiful breakfasts and lazy lunches, Aquarius Cafe & Dining is the perfect venue for groups, couples or solo diners. Closed for Dinners and Reopening in October with an exciting Steak & Seafood Dinner Menu. Unique hand-crafted cocktails, a killer wine list and a selection of cold beer on tap are available from midday everyday. Cocktail and Tapas hour - All cocktails \$12 5pm to 7pm Friday and Saturday. Please visit **www.aqcafe.com.au** for menus and details.



## Success Thai

Mon-Fri 12-3pm  
Dinner 7 days from 5pm.  
3/109 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
**6680 7798**

### SPECIAL \$10 LUNCH AND DINNER MENU

All your favourites every lunch and dinner Experienced Thai chefs cooking fresh delicious Thai food for you. Fully Licensed and B.Y.O. for wine. Welcome for lunch, dinner and take-away. **www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469**



## Lemongrass

Dinner Mon-Sun  
Lunch on weekdays  
Closed Tuesdays  
Shop 3/17 Lawson Arcade  
Phone orders welcome  
**6680 8443**

The only exclusively Vietnamese restaurant in town, this intimate space spilling out into a courtyard offers up fabulous dishes packed full of herbs, spices and varied textures. The traditionally light and healthy style of cuisine ensures the freshness and natural tastes of food are preserved as much as possible. It's a popular spot so bookings are recommended.



## Fins

Salt Village, Kingscliff  
**6674 4833**  
dining@fins.com.au  
Dinner 7 days  
Lunch Fri, Sat & Sun



### Proudly awarded 'Most Sustainable Seafood Restaurant' 2015.

This year we celebrate 25 years of serving the finest local seafood.

Join us in the sea breeze on our veranda for a lazy long lunch or intimate candle lit dinner.

**Extended Summer Hours**  
**Lunch every day from 27 Dec till 10 Jan**



## The Butcher's BBQ

Salt Village, Kingscliff  
**6674 4833**  
dining@fins.com.au



### The team behind Fins have just opened their new POP UP Restaurant THE BUTCHER'S BBQ.

Located next door to our fine diner, The Butcher's BBQ offers a share style menu with 'small's' and 'big's' cooked on the grill (from \$8-\$38), communal tables, a cracking cocktail bar, boutique wine list and Gin Bar. This concept is only here for a short time.

Extended Summer hours.  
**Lunch every day from 27 Dec till 10 Jan**



## Spice It Up Thai Restaurant

Open Wednesday-Sunday  
Dine-in or Takeaway -  
5:30pm  
**6684 2209**  
Mullumbimby  
Bowling Club

### NOW taking Christmas bookings

Experience the real taste of Thailand.  
Using local produce, local staff.  
Free courtesy bus provided  
for pick up and drop off!

**20 years' experience in the art of Thai cooking.**



## Coolamon Tree Bistro

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club  
Lunch every day from 11.30am  
Dinner Tues-Sun from 5.30pm  
58 Dalley Street Mullumbimby  
**0422 019 832**  
www.mullumexservices.com.au

### New spring menu

#### Lunch specials starting from \$8

Cuisine that everyone can enjoy -  
mum, dad, the kids and grandparents.  
Perfect for corporate and private events.

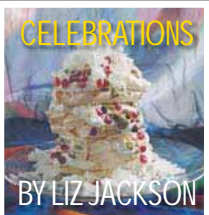


## Francisco's Table Roaming Restaurant

**0416 057 705**  
francisco.food@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/  
FranciscosTable

Francisco's Table is a roaming restaurant popping up at different locations around the Byron Shire. The philosophy behind Francisco's cooking is honesty and simplicity. His food is inspired, amongst many things, by the amazing local produce that is sourced from a wide community of growers and farmers. At Francisco's Table you will share a table loaded with delectable dishes with friends and fellow food lovers. **Also available for functions, parties and weddings.**

**TOP 10 POP-UPS NSW**  
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Personal catering services  
Event co-ordination and  
management

E: lizzijackson@gmail.com

**P: 0414 895 441**



## Property in Focus

### Character home in the old part of town



This character filled 4 bedroom, 2 living area home is positioned in one of Byron Bay's most highly desired addresses. Built in 1927, the home has retained many original features while enjoying modern updates and conveniences.

Set on 1012m2 (quarter acre), a north-facing backyard with sealed rear lane access allows for possible development or subdivision potential in this blue chip investment area. The 'Golden Grid' is the ultimate lifestyle location where you can walk to Byron Bay's CBD, Top Shop, sportsfield, schools and beaches.

Features include; 4 bedrooms, large home office plus versatile loft. Front formal lounge with bay window. Open plan kitchen, dining and living flowing onto a large wraparound deck overlooking the huge north-facing backyard. Beautiful timber panelling, picture rails, 3m high



ceilings and timber floors. Established gardens and trees and 1.5kw solar panels plus solar hot water. Floor plan could suit dual living.

**Address:** 61 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay  
**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Details:** Interest Over \$2,500,000  
4 bed / 2 bath / 2 car

**Contact:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660,  
James Young 0419 856 840

## Property in Focus

### Seclusion in Myocum



Located in the 'Golden Triangle' of Myocum – equidistant from Byron Bay, the beach and Mullumbimby, Myocum Downs Drive is a dress circle location and opportunities like this do not arise often.

Approached along a tree lined driveway at the end of the quiet rural cul-de-sac, the north-facing 12 acres approx (4.754H) with three dams are fully fenced and ready for some horses.

The solid brick family home sits nestled amongst the established trees and has a separate double garage and a farm machinery shed. Located less than five minutes' drive from Mullumbimby, fifteen minutes to the beach and Byron Bay. A rare find in Myocum and a wonderful opportunity.

124 Myocum Downs Drive, Myocum AUCTION

Inspect: Saturday 12-12.45pm

Details: 3 bed / 2 bath / 2 car

Contact: Sally Packshaw 0474 153 535, Professionals Mullumbimby



# RE/MAX

## Coastal

### OPEN FOR INSPECTIONS

Saturday December 5th - By Appointment Only

Eco Village - House & Land Packages - Cash Flow Positive Apartments

### LISTINGS WANTED

150 - 200 scenic acres close to Byron where buyers can build

1-5 acres in Ewingsdale with existing house where buyers can renovate

1-5 acres in Mullumbimby with no need for renovations & nice & private

Townhouse or small house in Byron or Suffolk for buyers with a baby

These buyers are ready to buy now & we receive enquiries daily & we are happy to help.

**Matt Towner**

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## Coastal

Ph: 02 6685 3297

30 December 2, 2015 The Byron Shire Echo



**Brunswick Heads**  
10 Excelsior Circuit

**AUCTION – DECEASED ESTATE**

- 4 Bedrooms, ensuite
- Formal lounge, huge living area
- Flat level 700m2 block
- Big shed with power
- Vege gardens, huge patio

4 2 4

**View** Thursday & Saturday  
12.00pm to 12.30pm  
**Auction** 5.30pm onsite  
17 December 2015

**LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads**  
02 6685 0177

# LJ Hooker

ljhooker.com.au

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





### 33 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale

4 2 2 \$1,150,000

- 4 bedroom family home on almost 2 acres
- Large open-plan living area, modern kitchen
- Resort-style pool with tropical outlook
- Separate studio with private access
- Close to Steiner school, minutes to town and beaches

Open: Saturday, 5 December 1.00 – 1.30pm  
Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



### 404/3 Grandview Street, Ballina

2 2 1 Interest Over \$429,000

- Stylish 2 bedroom 'Grandview' apartment
- Spectacular north easterly views overs Shelley Beach
- Deluxe accommodation, modern open plan living
- Great options – move in, permanently rent or holiday let
- Stroll to cafes, beaches, Shaw's Bay and Richmond River

Open: Friday, 4 December 11.00 – 11.30am  
Enquiries: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



### House 5, 1–5 Keats Street, Byron Bay

3 2 2 Interest Over \$1,050,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase in 'Byron Botanica'
- Eco-friendly design in exclusive eco estate
- Beautiful, architectural home with north-facing living areas
- Large north-facing decks overlooking melaleuca forest
- Complete serenity in Byron Bay... walk to town and beaches

Open: Saturday, 5 December 11.00 – 11.30am  
Enquiries: James Young 0419 856 840, Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



### 7–9 Childe Street, Byron Bay

5 3 2 Contact agent for price

- Family beach house in exclusive waterfront location
- 1260m2 with 2 titles & beautiful Belongil Creek frontage
- Classic 3 bed timber home plus separate guest accommodation
- Warm & inviting living areas, large balconies & tropical gardens
- So private & tranquil only metres to the beach, walk to restaurants

Open: Thursday, 3 December 6.00 – 6.30pm  
Friday, 4 December 1.00 – 1.30pm  
Saturday, 5 December 12.00 – 12.30pm  
Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Paul Prior 0418 324 297



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## Sulis House of Lush, 1/15 Fletcher St, Byron Bay

Contact Agent For Price

- **High return 7 years established business in busy corner location**
- Thriving Aveda Lifestyle Salon and Spa in the heart of Byron Bay
- 3 income streams: salon, spa, retail – consistent high return
- New renovation including floor and wall linings, new A/C
- 5-seated salon, stock room + 2 treatment rooms, open 7 days
- Over 8,000 clients in database, large return client base

**Open:** All inspections contact agent  
**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



## 10 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

4 2 2

Interest Over \$899,000

- **Immaculate 4 bed family home in beachside Suffolk Park**
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living plus adjoining family lounge
- Fantastic private outdoor entertaining, manicured gardens
- Meticulously maintained with great natural light throughout
- Only a few minutes' walk to Tallow Beach, shops and tavern

**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 1.00 – 1.30pm  
**Enquiries:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



## 46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar

5 3 3

Interest Over \$799,000

- **Fantastic entry level home in exclusive Newrybar**
- Feeling of elevation with beautiful, vast rural outlook
- Separate 1 bedroom granny flat + 2 room work studio
- Walk to Harvest Café, few mins drive to Broken Head beach
- You really must inspect to appreciate the views and privacy

**Open:** Friday, 4 December 11.00 – 11.30am  
 Saturday, 5 December 10.00 – 10.30am  
**Enquiries:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



## 25 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park

4 2 2

Interest Over \$899,000

- **Entertainers haven-stylish indoor/outdoor living**
- Open-plan living, modern kitchen with marble floors
- One of the best outdoor entertaining areas you will ever see
- Gorgeous pool and spa, Balinese hut and manicured gardens
- Walk to shopping centre, tavern, Shaz & Baz and beaches

**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 11.00–11.30am  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232  
 Paul Banister 0438 856 552



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## 2/6 Electra Close, Byron Bay

3 2 1

Interest Over \$599,000

- **Desirable Byron Bay townhouse**
- Location, location...walk to CBD and beach
- North facing private courtyard
- Quiet, friendly complex with pool
- No holiday letting, vacant possession - move in for Christmas

**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 10.00–10.30am  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



## 640 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby

7 4 3

Interest Over \$1,395,000

- **'Estate like' rural living with excellent macadamia income**
- Grand main residence, guest studio plus workers cottage
- Approx. 7500 macca trees with processing shed and equipment
- Beautiful views, abundance of water, pool and ample garaging
- A rare and unique 127 acre farming set up that will impress!

**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 1.00 – 1.30pm  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



## 56 Butler Street, Byron Bay

4 3 2

Interest Over \$1,295,000

- **Classic beach house in the heart of Byron Bay**
- Private and secure only moments' walk to CBD and beaches
- High ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 living areas, modern kitchen
- Rear lane access and DA approval for a garage and studio
- Outstanding income AND potential to add value

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



## 7/33-35 Fletcher Lane, Byron Bay

2 1 1

Interest Over \$539,000

- **Private top floor unit in prime CBD location**
- Open plan living and dining, north facing courtyard
- Excellent first home or investment
- Only moments away to restaurants, shops, bars and beaches
- This is what real estate is about... location, location!

**Open:** Saturday, 5 December 11.00–11.30am  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



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1/59 Brandon Street, Byron Bay

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- Landscaped gardens
- Prime investment
- North facing rear yard
- Fully fenced and private
- 250m to the sands of Tallows beach
- 350m to Suffolk Park Shops

Offers From \$580,000 - \$625,000  
Inspections - Thurs & Sat 10 - 10:30  
Scot Fuller 0401 911 557  
Gail Fuller J.P. 0418 441 675

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1/27 Fletcher Street Byron Bay | 02 6680 8111



Open This Saturday  
12 noon - 12.45pm

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**Address:** 124 Myocum Downs Drive  
**Auction:** On site Saturday 19th December 2015 at 1pm

**Sally Packshaw**

0474 153 535  
sallypackshaw@promullum.com.au



59 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby 6684 2615  
www.professionalsmullumbimby.com.au

## Property in Focus

### Lennox home – renovate & make it your own



A perfect opportunity to own a solidly built, 2-level family home in a popular area of Lennox Head.

Features include: generous 1201m2 block, elevated views across the bush reserve to Boulder Beach, large covered deck area, expansive paved pool area with scope to build a tropical pool cabana or secondary dwelling (STCA), rumpus room/lounge on lower level, 3 good sized bedrooms, easycare & established gardens. Located moments from Lennox Village and Seven Mile Beach.

Move in and make your personal changes or live in as is – the choice is yours.  
Call Lois on 0428 877 399 or Mark on 0429 868 001 to arrange your inspection.

**Address:** 47 Amber Drive, Lennox Head.

**Open:** Saturday, 9.00 – 9.30am

**Details:** Price guide \$650,000+, 3 bed / 2 bath / 2 car



## Property in Focus

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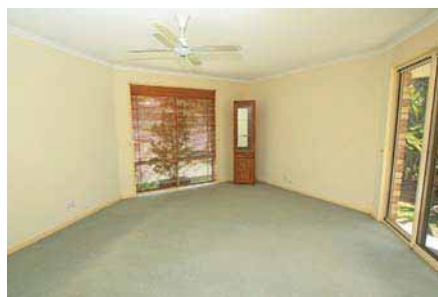
The kids want to watch a movie; you send them to the formal lounge and that way you can continue outside. Sunday morning up and over the hill to the beach.

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## Property in Focus

### Grand charmer on one acre in Bangalow



With 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus restroom, a wonderful very oversized wraparound balcony, this magical northern rivers home, only a 600 metre walk from town is a definite stand out.

Gentle sloping open grounds with easy care gardens, beautiful surrounding trees, creek frontage, resident koalas and platypus and delightful bird life, make this private property very special.

You will love the chef styled kitchen with stainless steel features, gas cooking and twin sinks that flows to the dining and balcony. The main living, lounge has been arranged artfully to create an ambience of considered yet unpolished elegance. Discover downstairs below the main living an enormous open space in ready for further rooms or living space. Additional features include 3 car spaces, a secure animal area and a fully plumbed studio/caravan location.

Subject to council approval, there is an opportunity to subdivide this fantastic village block.

**Address:** 10 Raftons Road, Bangalow

**Open:** Thursday 11.00am – 11.30 am

**Details:** \$1,375,000+. 4 bed, 2 bath, 3 car

**Contact:** Scott Harvey on 0412 296 872







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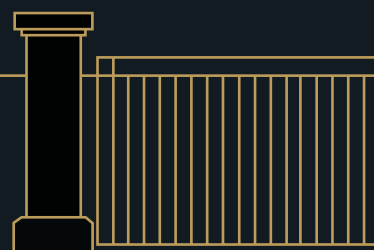
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- ✓ Double bdms-BIRs, large study can revert to bdm
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- ✓ Plantation shutters & blinds, bi-fold doors + retractable screens

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- ✓ Stone bench island kitchen, walk in pantry, quality appliances
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## Lennox Head

5 3 2 Pool

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3 1 2

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You will love the modern kitchen and three bedrooms all with built-in robes. Carpeted throughout, the home has a wood-burning stove and reverse-cycle aircon in the main area, yet there is still scope to add your own touches to the interior.

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3 2 2

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## Bangalow

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Interest from \$1,375,000

**GRAND CHARMER ON 1 ACRE IN BANGALOW**  
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This magical northern rivers home with oversized wraparound balcony is a definite standout.

Close to town, the sloping grounds, surrounding trees, creek frontage, and resident animal and bird life make this private property very special.

You will love the chef-styled kitchen and the main living area artfully arranged to create an ambience of considered yet unpolished elegance.

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- 1468 Eltham Road, Teven. Wed 1-1.30pm & Sat 3-3.30pm
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- 28 Bottlebrush Cresc, Suffolk Park. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 7-9 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Thu 6-6.30pm, Fri 1-1.30pm & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar. Fri 11-11.30am & Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/6 Electra Close, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1/6 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 25 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7/33-35 Fletcher Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6/114 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 33 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 169 Cedar Road, Wilsons Creek. Sat 11-11.30am
- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 11-11.30am
- House 5, 1-5 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 61 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 640 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 10 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 33 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 2/16 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 5/6B Prestons Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 142 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 7/41 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Sansom Street, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am

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- 9 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 13 Eloura Court, North Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 5 Napelle Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 10 Excelsior Circuit, Brunswick Heads. Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 13 Clifford Street, South Golden Beach. Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 10 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 4 Short Street, New Brighton. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 54 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
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- 8 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-11am
- 58 Overall Drive, Pottsville. Sat 11.15-11.45am

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**Auction TBA**

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# THE VERY WILDE NATURE OF FALLS

WHO IS MAE WILDE? WHERE DID SHE COME FROM? AND HOW DID THIS GIRL WHO SEEMS MORE AT HOME IN BERLIN THAN BYRON BAY END UP LIVING HERE?

I caught up with her briefly as she high-tailed it out of Casino.

'I went out to Casino because I thought it was Casino Beefcake Week; there I met a lovely circus performer. We tumbled around for a bit and then he suggested that my talents could be put to good use at the Falls Festival.'

Self-described as a 'fallen angel', Wilde shares a little of her difficult and astonishing parentage.

'I am the love child of Oscar Wilde and Mae West.'

**Hang on, didn't they live on different continents? Wasn't Wilde notoriously gay? And if she really were the daughter of such a bizarre and unlikely coupling then wouldn't she be almost 100?**

Ms Wilde explains herself. I get the feeling she's had to do this a few times before.

'My mother had been sent to England to boarding school for transgression and she escaped and went over to Paris where she met the illustrious Oscar Wilde. She is the only woman to have seduced him. Of course she fell pregnant. She had the baby and left me in an orphanage, which was the Sacred Heart Home for Wayward Children in Hell's Kitchen.'

**Okay, that explains that. But how can a girl pushing three figures look so young?**

'I started performing at an early age. The nuns couldn't control me and eventually I left for Europe where the Nazis captured me and cryogenically froze me. I became the only victim of the Y2K bug. On the first of January 2000 I woke up in Swedish bank vault where I met Sven and joined his Swedish swinging community and massage society – I came to Byron to do a sacred massage Yoni course and never left... I have been massaging sacred yonis ever since.'

**Well, I guess that kind of explains it. It's not the most bizarre story I've heard of how someone came to be here.**

Mae Wilde is one of the 'local' lovelies performing at Falls Festival this year, alongside Weird Al Yankovic, Art Vs Science, Peking Duk, The Wombats, Hilltop Hoods, and of course everyone's favourites, The Wombats.

'I love Falls Festival most because there are no kids. There are lots of people with very little clothing, and I think that's wonderful. I particularly like the side boob – (and man, there is a rich vein of side boob at Falls). I do daily judging of side boob of both men and women. It's full of side boob. Culture, dancing and nudity. That's what Falls Festival is all about.'

**So who is Mae Wilde most looking forward to seeing, or rubbing shoulders with back stage?**

'I love the Wombats – the wombat is my totem spirit guide; like them, I like to bury down in deep holes...'

Provocative, outrageous and able to push buttons you didn't even know you had, Mae has a lot of surprises in store for her daily performances at this summer festival.

'Mostly I will be performing my own songs, which are songs written all about my feelings and towards sex. To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong friendship as dear daddy said, so I am in love every day – I fall in love with people every day. I am polyamorous.'

**And her advice for the patrons?**



'Have loads of fun, look after your genitalia and other people's genitalia... that's a jazzy way of saying don't slide down the hills with no pants on when you're drunk.'

Gravel rash is not a good look... on anyone. You don't want little rocks in your scrotum.

And experiment... if you are attracted to someone who is a little older (like maybe 100) then go for it – you only live twice.'

Mae Wilde, a cabaret singer/songwriter, maverick poet who knows the difference between an AC and a DC current, one of the many über-talented locals you'll find peppered throughout a stunning national and international program.

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# BINGE THE CRINGE

Every single person has a cringe key. It's the Achilles heel of annoyance. That one peculiar habit or nuance that brings you to your knees. It's our little operational secret. The part of us we hope no-one finds.

I don't like the sound of cutlery being thrown into a drawer. When I say I don't like it I don't mean a little bit. I mean the sound goes through my bones and into my teeth and makes me feel violent. Unhinged. I lose control. I can think of nothing else. I want to scream.

It's not rational, neither is it a result of some unresolved cutlery-based trauma. I was not thrown into a bucket of spoons as an infant. I don't ever recall being hit with a fork. It just happens to be the sound that permeates my nerve sheath. I don't even like talking about cutlery; it tends to create the conditioned response.

When I see people unpacking the dishwasher, I get nervous. I think, I hope they place each piece gently into the receptacle, and not bang it in like some sort of Viking marauder.

I could never work as a kitchen hand. The sound of ten kilos of cutlery being tipped into a dish of water once sent me screaming from a restaurant. Once everyone I worked with knew my secret they made sure they did it as often as they could. To them it was funny. To me it was torture.

Knowing what drives people nuts gives you this incredible power, and regardless of the public education campaign to counteract bullying, none of us can resist that tiny taunt that sends a friend or lover over the edge. You see, bullying people we love just a little bit, is soo soo much fun!

My husband John hates emery boards. Ever since we got together I haven't been able to file my nails. He doesn't even let me say 'emery board'. He doesn't even like the idea of them being in the

house. They immobilise him. It's like superman's Kryptonite – he shrivels into foetal position and goes 'ooh stop stop'.

He can't speak. He's incoherent. Nothing has made me want to file my nails more. The fact that I don't is a profound act of love and shows a self-control I didn't even know I had. Of course every now and then I just can't help myself. I once put a nail file under his favourite pillow. It was like he'd found a giant spider. He got so freaked out and screamed like a girl. I actually think I wet myself. His response was entirely immature. He went and put the cutlery away.

I have secretly fantasised about making some sort of box made entirely of emery boards. Or maybe record myself filing my nails and then make that the ring

tone for his phone. He has made me swear not to tell the children because he knows what will happen. He'll walk into the lounge room and five people will be filing their nails. I'm not worried about his reading this because he won't be able to: it contains the words *nail file* and *emery board*. He can't even handle the words, let alone the actual thing. John wasn't traumatised by a nail file either. It just doesn't make sense.

I have a friend who can't bear phlegm. Not that people like it. But we live with it. She can't even handle her own, let alone the phlegm of others. Unbeknown to me, the other morning I was marvelling over what a spectacular word it was to spell. That *phlegm* actually is spelt how it sounds when it comes out. Like the 'g' is the chunky unexpected bit right

in the middle. She had to leave the table. Once her secret was out it was impossible not to say 'phlegm' about 20 more times.

Her husband doesn't like paddle-pop sticks touching his teeth. Some people don't like the sound of chewing, chalk squeaking on a blackboard, the sound of gulping, two styrofoam eskies rubbing together. Snoring fits into this category.

I can understand sound. Especially high-frequency sounds. Sound seems to enter the cell wall and create an instant 'cringe' reaction. But nail files? Paddle-pop sticks? Phlegm? Ah, the wondrous mystery of human idiosyncrasy. I will ponder it some more. But first I must stick these emery boards inside John's shoe.

## Live Music



JAKARTA CRIERS AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON FRIDAY

### JAMMING TO JAKARTA

Brissy indie rock crew **Jakarta Criers** are stopping by the Byron Bay Brewery as part of an east coast tour in support of their new EP *Regal Twin*. The EP's singles *Medicine* and *All Been Done* see the band proving that good old straight-up rock isn't dead.

Their recent teaming up with Australian producer Jean-Paul Fung (Birds of Tokyo, Bluejuice, Silverchair) has definitely affected their band's sound, enabling them to focus on their strengths, bringing new elements to the creative process. No strangers to belting it our live, they've toured with some of Australia's finest acts (British India, Kingswood, Spiderbait, Stonefield) as well as gracing the stages of Big Day Out, Valley Fiesta and the Caxton Street Festival, so it's safe to say they know what they're doing.

They play the **Byron Brewery** on **Friday** at 8pm and are joined by Velshur and Dangerpenny. Free entry.

### BLOWING OUT THE BAY

**Bay Blow Out** is a new mini-festival happening at the **Byron Bay Brewery** this **Saturday**. Kicking off the first weekend of summer in style with 13 bands, DJs and solo acts performing across two stages.

Brisbane four-piece The Cairos will be headlining the first Bay Blow. Since early 2008 they have shared the stage and toured with Julian Casablancas, Powderfinger, The Temper Trap, You Am I, Custard, Jet and many more.

The Brissy boys will be bringing their pop-infused party rock 'n' roll and adding it to the summer vibes of the Bay Blow Out alongside Tropical Zombie, Pro Vita, The Badlands, Bleach Girls, El Bravo, Nick Cunningham, Kit Bray, Jiordy, Jesse Pumpheys, Roger Grassi, Twitch, Wadeep.

Tickets just \$15 online: <http://bit.ly/bayblowout>. Limited tickets available on the door. Kicks off at 3pm.



KASEY CHAMBERS PLAYS THE BALLINA RSL ON 7 JANUARY

### RICHARD IN YOUR MIND

Sydney's beloved psych-pop mainstays, Richard In Your Mind, are at it again, announcing a run of tour dates in celebration of new music and a refreshed lineup – the Ecstatic Electricity Tour, which accompanies their new single of the same name. For nearing a decade and through a staggering six releases, RIYM have created a kaleidoscope of psychedelic-pop, made manifest in their fourth album – the critically acclaimed, meticulously crafted, joyous and bizarre *Ponderosa* (released on *Rice is Nice* in 2014). From sitars to synthesisers, *Ponderosa* sees RIYM traverse a sonic landscape as comfortable in the world of modern hip-hop and electronica as it is neo-psychedelia.

Following a hugely successful tour in mid 2015, which saw the band sell out shows in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, longtime drummer Pat Torres relocated to NYC and was replaced by Carlos Adura (ex-Deep Sea Arcade) who began work immediately with the band on new material. Says RIYM frontman Richard Cartwright: 'From the darkness came new light, new songs. *Ecstatic Electricity* is one of a bunch of new material that started flowing really quickly and freely. It sounds like how we've been feeling – lots of energy and lots of guitars. It's like the dark emperor shooting

lightning bolts from his finger tips trying to kill you but it just makes you stronger and feels good.' The Ecstatic Electricity tour will see RIYM showcase material from their entire catalogue marrying it with the new batch of songs that will no doubt become the jump-off point for their fifth album. **Richard in Your Mind**, supported by local bands This Old Sunn, Chesta Hedron and Sunrose. At the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Saturday**.

### THE INCREDIBLE KASEY CHAMBERS

Fresh from her triumphant US tour in August and the success of her first solo album in four years, Australian singer/songwriter and storyteller Kasey Chambers takes her Bittersweet tour back out on the road in regional Australia for her last shows of the year. The tour is especially sweet as Chambers has this year undergone and made a full recovery from vocal surgery. Audiences and reviewers of the recent US tour have commented that she is in better voice than ever before in her illustrious career. Kasey will perform songs from *Bittersweet*, the album that has won her the 2014 ARIA Award for Best Country Album and a swag of Tamworth Golden Guitar awards, as well as play all the classic Kasey tunes that have made her one of the most loved Australian touring artists of the last decade and showcase a few brand-new tracks that got standing ovations throughout the US recently. **Kasey Chambers** plays the **Ballina RSL** on **7 January** – tickets at the club.

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### CAROLS BY THE SEA

Byron's beloved **Carols by the Sea** is back. Supported mainly by Byron's churches, and organised by a band of volunteers, this festive community event will be held on **Friday 11 December** at **Apex Park** in Byron Bay. A night of Christmas songs and entertainment for all the family under the stars right on the foreshore of Byron's beautiful Main Beach. Once again, the program will include the very popular children's entertainment troupe The Toads, who delight with their big animal costumes and highly energetic performances, and of course an appearance by Santa.

Featured artist, along with his little daughter Imani, will be Dan Hannaford – local Byron-bred blues artist who has recorded in Nashville. Dan has opened tour shows for the likes of Grammy-winning bluesman Charlie Musselwhite and Australian icons The Black Sorrows. He is busy gracing hundreds of stages around Australia including showcasing his talent at Byron Bay Bluesfest, Falls Festival, National Folk Festival and the Gympie Muster. Dan recently released his brand-new 2015 album *I Cried Bullets* – a record tinged with a who's who of seasoned session players who have played and recorded with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Keith Richards, Ray Charles and

Michael Jackson, to name but a few. Imani Hannaford has only just turned eight years old and recently celebrated her birthday travelling overseas with her family to Los Angeles and Nashville. Imani was delighted to sing *Amazing Grace* for the world-famous American gospel/R&B music family The McCrarys. Also appearing will be the Yuletide Uke Band – a collective of up to 12 of the region's best ukulele players, especially formed for this event by local uke master Stu Eadie. Carols artistic and music director Shamy Russell is always excited to have plenty of children onstage and is thrilled to present some stunning young local singers. There is wonderful young talent in our shire, and apart from performances by Byron Public School and Hinterland Christian School, who will both be bringing a flood of Christmas joy to the stage with their songs, also performing solo will be Alaska and Zion Jarvis, and Kyah Michaels. There will be opportunity to give to a chosen charity on the night, with donation buckets provided.

Free carol word booklets will be available, flameless candles will be for sale, and all you'll need is a rug, a chair, and your voices to join in the carols singing. The first carol will burst forth with Byron's famous drumming sounds right on 6.30pm. The Rotary Club is putting on a sausage sizzle before the event.

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## Live Music

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GET YOUR LIME  
CORDIALE STRAIGHT UP

Sydney's **Lime Cordiale** have been storming through 2015 off the back of two emphatic single releases and a string of capacity shows throughout the country. The band are now proud to cap off an enormous year with the release of their third EP, *Road To Paradise*, accompanied by their most ambitious run of Australian shows to date. The *Road To Paradise* tour is set for thirteen dates across the country, including separate U18 and 18+ shows at Northcote Social Club in Melbourne, appearances at Soundscape Music Festival and Lost Paradise Festival in NSW, and their biggest hometown venue to date at the Metro Theatre. Inspired by a string of influences from Charles Bradley to Daft Punk to The Roots, Lime Cordiale's forthcoming EP features brand-new track *Not That Easy* alongside previously released singles *Hanging Upside Down* and *Feel Alright*. Lime Cordiale's emphatic live show has graced countless local and international stages over the last 18 months across two separate twenty-date tours of North America and in Australia alongside The Delta Riggs (sold-out national tour), Ball Park Music, The Griswolds, Dispatch



**LIME CORDIALE AT  
THE HOTEL GREAT  
NORTHERN ON  
FRIDAY**

and Cosmo Jarvis. The five-piece from Sydney's northern beaches have previously sold out a sizeable list of Sydney venues including the Metro Lair (twice), Newtown Social Club, The Standard and Oxford Art Factory. The band have also performed at numerous Australian festivals over the last eighteen months including Bigsound, Homebake, AWME, Deni Blues, Bluesfest, Caloundra Music Festival and Marmalade Skies. **Hotel Great Northern on Friday** supported by local act Jman and The Pigs.

ALICE NIGHT AND  
LOVE IN THE TIME OF  
CAPITALISM

An eve of power and grace is set to light your heart, confront your mind and envelope your senses.

We invite you to place yourself in presence of these timeless artists, and allow the layers of their craft to revive your dreams, and re-design your curiosity of love. Alice Night has written a series of new songs under the title *Love in The Time of Capitalism*, looking at the ways cultural and societal systems impact on our intimate lives. The show will feature the single *At The Corner*, exploring suburbia, neglect and the power of unconditional love. These songs examine different kinds of love: the bond between a parent and child, romantic relationships and heartbreak, and issues of self-love and self-respect. Working with double-bass player Robert Davidson (Topology) and featuring other special guest musicians, Alice Night will be touring *Love in the Time of*

*Capitalism* down the east coast from the Sunshine Coast to Falls Festival in Lorne this December to feature at Rancho Relaxo stage for up-and-coming artists. This **Sunday**, 7pm at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby.

## CAVE IN THE SKY

**Cave in the Sky** is the creation of multi-instrumentalist/sound artist Cy Wood. His live performances are renowned for being a deeply meditative and sonically rich experience, drawing listeners into uncharted inner worlds of cinematic proportions.

For this performance he will be drawing from material from the album *Songhellir* and upcoming new works.

Tickets available here for \$22 or try your luck on the door for \$25. **Sunday** at the **Drill hall** in Mullumbimby from 7pm. Tea and cake on sale.

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REECE MASTIN IS  
DOWN TO EARTH

This has been a huge year for **Reece Mastin** – new record label, new management, new album and, to celebrate turning 21, Reece has announced a short run of special Christmas/New Year acoustic shows with Nashville-based Sunshine Coast singer/songwriter Alys Ffion. Alys and Reece first met earlier this year for a songwriting session that went on to produce the haunting ballad *Down to Earth*, which was included on Reece's latest longplayer, *Change Colours*. *Down to Earth* is about letting someone you love go and giving them the space to make their own choices and mistakes. Alys and Reece have performed the song at recent instore appearances around the country and it's quickly become a fan favourite.

Alys Ffion is highly regarded for her refreshing natural style, unique pop sensibilities and beyond-her-years compositions and is determined to create her own lane as an artist and avoid the comforts of conforming. At 19 she has chalked up some significant achievements including landing a publishing deal, supporting Tina Arena on her national tour and being



**ROBERT DAVIDSON OF TOPOLOGY IS THE SPECIAL GUEST  
MUSICIAN WITH ALICE NIGHT LOVE IN THE TIME OF CAPITALISM  
AT THE DRILL HALL ON SUNDAY**



**ALAN CUMMINGS FROM NEW YORK FOR NEW YEARS AT LISMORE  
CITY HALL WITH SHOWS ON 29 & 30 DECEMBER AS PART OF THE  
TROPICAL FRUITS FESTIVAL.**

endorsed by Martin Guitars. With the release of *Change Colours* earlier this year, Reece Mastin's true music-making journey finally began. The songs were all written by Reece with a little help from some friends including Alys, Chris Cheney (The Living End), producer Ben Rodgers, Mark Lizotte (Diesel), Michael Paynter and his manager, Mahalia Barnes. Onstage is where Reece shines and, if you've been fortunate enough to see any of his performances over the past 12 months, you'll have found a confident, natural-born rock star with a stage presence to match his massive vocal range.

Tickets to the *Down to Earth* tour featuring Alys Ffion are on sale now! **Sunday 27 December** at the **Ballina RSL**. Ticket Price: Pre-sale; \$35 One hour to doors: \$40. Tix at the club.

FROM NEW YORK TO  
NEW YEARS!

International master of stage and screen, **Alan Cummings**, will take to the NORPA stage at Lismore City Hall on 29 and 30 December 2015 as part of the Tropical Fruits Festival. *Alan Cummings: Sings Sappy Songs* will bring down the house with eclectic, wildly entertaining and intimate stories and witty reinterpretations of pop songs and stage classics.

Alan Cumming, Olivier and Tony-winning Scottish actor-singer-author, is a versatile performer who won many accolades for his turn as the emcee on Broadway's *Cabaret* directed by Sam Mendes and famously held post-show parties in his dressing room that became so renowned they even garnered an alcohol sponsor. Mr Cumming was named one of the most fun people in show business by *Time* magazine and the multi-award-winning actor, singer and author has garnered a legion of fans through an impressive career, including his acclaimed turn as Eli Gold on CBS's *The Good Wife*, and his work as a columnist and author of the *NY Times* best-selling memoir, *Not My Father's Son*. Direct from a sold-out residency at the legendary Carlyle Hotel in New York, Lismore is his only regional stop on the Australian tour that will visit Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

The production will be one of the highlights of the **Tropical Fruits Festival**. The festival opens on **29 December** with a parade through Lismore. The parade will finish up at Lismore City Hall, where there will be a free community party from 5.30pm till 7pm, immediately prior to Mr Cumming's first performance. For ticket info call 1300 066 772 or [norpa.org.au](http://norpa.org.au).

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## CULTURE



## THE WOMAN WHO LEARNT TO THRIVE – MEET JANIVA

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHOSE ABILITY NOT JUST TO SURVIVE, BUT TO THRIVE IN THE FACE OF TRAUMA IS TOTALLY INSPIRATIONAL.

American Blues and soul singer Janiva Magness is one such woman.

By her mid-teens Janiva had lost both her parents to suicide. She went into foster care – dozens of homes – and ended up pregnant at 17, having to give her daughter up for adoption. Janiva is the second woman to be honoured by the Blues Foundation as the BB King Entertainer of the year. She is truly a blues star. So how does a person become so successful after such a hard start?

'As a girl I didn't have the worst story,' she says simply, 'but I had enough. It has become part of what informs my craft today. It informs how I see the world and the people in it. I learnt critical lessons very young. It was the story I was got. The story I was given. There is not going back and fixing that.'

Janiva does not feel sorry for herself; the poster girl for resilience, she realised early on that she had a strength and deposits in her experience bank that set her apart.

'It is absolutely a gift. I believe I have a PhD in Lemonade making. I use my lemons to make lemonade all the time. I take some gnarly-arsed shit and make it into the best stuff I can. I could be a bitter angry woman, but I'm not. I am very strong. The job I have as an artist is about connection. The music is the vehicle and I have to be able to bring myself and my truth to the music. If I can do that, a connection happens – a sinapse happens – when it happens it's holy! We live in this world together!'

In the US, Janiva has been named Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year three times. Since 2006 she has had 22 similar nominations.

For her it's never about winning. 'I have had absolutely more rejections than wins in the business itself... I had to learn to be a person who knows how to lose gracefully. You need to know how to go to the back of the class. Not just in music, but in life too. I think that is very very important. I am not a greedy person. I am happy and surprised to be proclaimed a winner anywhere. The first time I ever won anything I was seven and I won a funny face Cool Aid contest and they sent me a drink stand in the mail and I got to set up the stand at the end of my yard right

near where a construction crew were working – I got to sell them my Cool Aid! I was so proud! I didn't win anything again until 1991!

I am very happy to be considered someone who is good enough at their craft to be nominated for anything. I don't have entitlement issues and I never get pissed off if I don't win. I am very grateful in life that sometimes I get to sing!

Singing has always been Janiva's safe place, although she didn't step into the spotlight until her late teens.

'When I was a little kid I knew all the songs to all the television commercials and the theme songs to the shows and I knew the songs on the radio that my brothers were listening to and I could mimic my parents' records like a mynah bird. I loved the music and wanted to be near it. What appeared as a young girl as an obnoxious obsession as a kid that turned into a more obnoxious obsession as a teenager – to the possibility of a career path that turned into a gift.

Janiva is currently finishing her memoir. 'It's been extremely empowering – and liberating and challenging and very hard internally – on my internal landscape. It has woken up some parts of me that are not my friend, but I have been graced with a tremendous amount of healing inside so I am grateful to have those tools and the structure so I don't have to buy into the crap.'

As a songwriter she takes her insight from the page to the stage. When referring to her life experience and her powerful ability to re-frame hardship she says, 'It helps a lot, it gives purpose to having a much deeper level of meaning of survival. I used to be a fear-based person. But it doesn't stop me any more. It used to stop me in my tracks. It presents itself as anxiety and illogical thought process. I no longer make my decisions based on fear.'

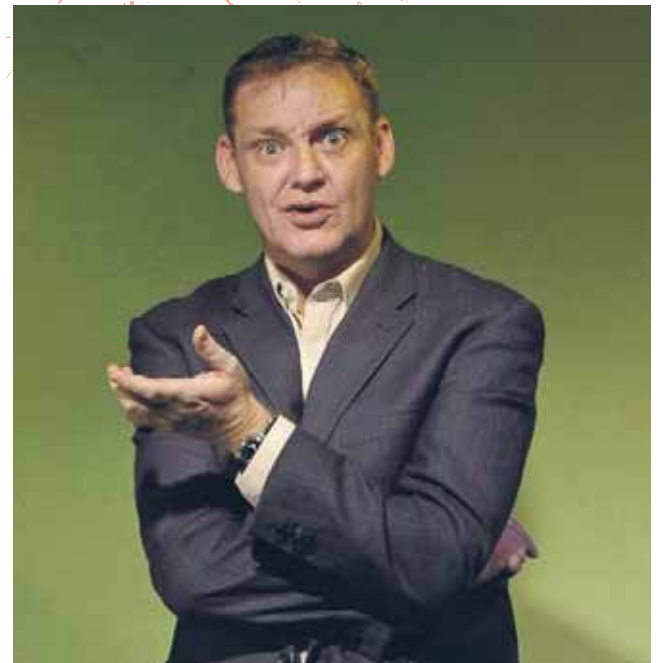
Catch the extraordinary talents and wisdom of Janiva at Bluesfest. There is nothing quite like blues and soul from a woman who's been to the abyss, fallen in and, thanks to her love of music, found her way out.

For tickets and program information for next Easter long weekend's Bluesfest 2016 go to bluesfest.com.au.

## THE COMEDY GENIUS OF JONATHAN ATHERTON

There is nothing quite like the **Jonathan Atherton** experience. Wild, passionate, lateral thinking – like the bastard love-child of Bill Hicks and Robin Williams. All darkness and light, Atherton is now a full-time resident of Kuala Lumpur, where he runs The Crackhouse Comedy Club, the first-ever dedicated comedy club on the Malaysian comedy scene, where he provides what he calls 'stress relief and legal highs!' Originally Brisbane based, Atherton has always had a love affair with the northern rivers, with his legendary Corndale Hall shows – and his numerous warm friendships forged over decades of performing here. Sadly, since SE Asia has claimed the multilingual Atherton as their own, we see him rarely.

But he's back, telling the tales and spinning his web of wit, insight and insanity. So for those who don't know Atherton, let me tell you a little about him: A love of culture and adventure drew him away from the staid corridors of academia and into the heart of the Third World. He spent most of the 80s travelling through Asia and Africa, where he worked as tour guide, salvage diver, teacher, set builder, photographer, restaurateur and actor. In Thailand in 1991 he was run over by a truck and evacuated to Australia where he spent over a year in traction, fighting gangrene, antibiotic-resistant infection and the devastating effects of 17 compound fractures to his legs, arms and spine. He underwent a dozen major operations. But he never lost his sense of humour. In fact the stories he brought back from his prolific travels formed the nucleus of his initial comedy performances. While still in plaster he was coaxed onstage by a cabaret singer who maintained that his poignantly hilarious anecdotes were funnier than the diatribe of the professional comedians who worked at the club where she performed. After just one appearance in 1993 at the Sit Down Comedy Club in Brisbane, he was hooked on the art of standup comedy... despite a temporary inability to actually stand up without the aid of crutches! With a bag of stories and a keen insight into the human condition, he honed his comedy skills touring the vast continent, dispensing laughter wherever he went. He speaks a multitude of languages – Indonesian, Malay, Thai, Japanese, Swahili, Luganda, and German... and has a passing knowledge of



JONATHAN ATHERTON, FUNNIEST MAN IN THE BUSINESS, BACK IN THE COUNTRY AND BACK ONSTAGE IN BYRON ON MONDAY 21 DECEMBER

Burmese Tagalog, Lao, Hindi, Batak, Urdu, Arabic, Hokkien and Mandarin. More important than language, says Atherton, is an ability to comprehend discourse strategies and social boundaries. In this sense he is at home anywhere on the planet. Jonathan is back in the northern rivers for two very special shows: **Monday 21 December** at the **Byron Services Club** with Mandy Nolan as MC and Anne Howe as support, at 8pm; and **Saturday 16 January 2016** at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services with Mandy Nolan as MC and Greg Sullivan as support, 8pm. Both shows \$25, can be booked on 6619 0529, tix at the club beforehand or on the door on the night!

## SEPARATIONS AND REUNIONS

From birth to death, life is a journey full of separations and reunions. Whether planned or by chance, temporary or permanent, they shape our identity, relationships and major decisions we make in our lives. As we approach the end of another year, we invite you to reflect upon significant separations and reunions and how they have enriched and influenced your life. Join **Playback Theatre** in sharing stories of separations and reunions – heart-warming, painful or funny. Watch as the Playback actors bring them to life onstage in drama, movement and music. **Saturday** at the **Drill Hall** at 7.30pm.

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## Stars with Lilith

This week's moon movements: Late-week Virgo moon takes care of business. Weekend Libra moon loves to mix and mingle. Early-week Scorpio moon favours decision making...

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**ARIES:** *Moderate* and *conservative* aren't your favourite words, but keep them in mind when making promises, because right now less is better, more can be stressful. Avoid overwhelm with bite-size pieces, one step at a time. And as Aries Ram Dass suggests, try treating others as if they're god in drag.

♉

**TAURUS:** *Moderate* and *conservative* **are** your favourite words, and this week benefits from applying them. Take care of whatever unfinished business you can before December's hectic excesses kick in. And yes, the retail sector's shrieking Spend Spend Spend, but if anyone knows how to get more for less, it's a Tauran.

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**GEMINI:** This fast-paced week needs a cool, calm, approach and ideally a tranquil, relaxed home atmosphere – perhaps not easily achieved with partnerships under the microscope. But do your best to be compassionate, cooperative and not push too hard while current relationship and life-direction shifts settle into new grooves.

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**CANCER:** In this fiery climate it's essential to avoid early burnout, so remember to chillax with feel-good, anti-stress immune-boosting activities that replenish your energy for fighting December's festive fatigue. Keep commitments minimal, avoid taking on too much and resist sarcastic Crab nips – especially during late-week's critical moon.

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**LEO:** This week's warm and wonderful socialising won't be without a few flare-ups, though the prevailing mood's tolerant and forgiving. If you're feeling frisky and want to take a chance, a risk, a gamble, just know that this is a time of exaggerations, inflation and a significant degree of misinformation.

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**VIRGO:** With its go-go-go imperative either motivating or aggravating depending on your mood or workload, this isn't the most serene week in the Virgo calendar. If incremental pressures escalate and late-week moon in your sign has you vexed, agitated and emotional then pull in. Don't spread yourself too thin.

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**LIBRA:** Dummy spits, glitches, hissy fits, differences of opinion: all part of west-world's celebratory preparations. With Mars and Venus in Libra, you're this week's sounding board, assuring others those mini-details they thought were big deal aren't really all that important after all – are they? Or are they? You decide.

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**SCORPIO:** This week's ideas for fluffing up the finances probably won't include ordering rounds of drinks for the bar, but could accomplish a world of personal growth working with others for a common cause. Especially when delightful, tenderising Venus arrives in your sign to encourage use of your laser insight rather than the critical sting.

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**SAGITTARIUS:** With this week's emphasis on initiative, new projects and big decisions, is there enough time to celebrate Sagittarian birthdays? Absolutely. Mood-lightening, life-brightening, surprise-bringing Uranus in your fun zone offers the perfect break-free, liberating, light-hearted antidote to Saturn's sojourn in your sign. Let the dance begin...

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**CAPRICORN:** If your boss planet Saturn in Capricorn's twelfth house of closure doesn't seem like the jolliest placement for seasonal celebrating, think again. What are endings always accompanied by? Beginnings. Fresh starts. Different paths. Watch this week exchange old narratives for new moves as long-term changes settle into place.

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**AQUARIUS:** December starts on a happy note of optimism, though don't jump to conclusions or take anything for granted. Done deals can still collapse like a stack of dominos, and miraculous offers pop up suddenly like mushrooms. An adventurous but edgy week, so find constructive, creative ways to let off steam.

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**PISCES:** The planet Chiron changing direction in Pisces this week invites Neptune in your sign to release a juicy dose of astral healing. Meanwhile, minimise misunderstandings by being really clear about arrangements and agreements – confirm and double check them. Try to walk the line in the sand between facts and wishful thinking.

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## THE FINAL SWITCH

Local author, Andrew Crockett, launches his 3rd and final **SwitchFoot** surfing book at **Mary Ryan's Byron Bay Friday 11 December** at 6pm.



ANDREW CROCKETT LAUNCHES HIS THIRD **SWITCHFOOT** SURFING BOOK AT MARY RYAN'S IN BYRON ON FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER.

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Over ten years, the SwitchFoot books have garnered fans all over the surfing world for their unique look at the the fringe dwellers of the 1960s surfing culture and the stunning film photography of the era.

An intimate night for surfing enthusiasts with the author discussing early surfboard design with the iconic Wayne Lynch. Several legends of surfing will be in attendance, signing the 3rd book in the SwitchFoot trilogy and the author encourages avid collectors to bring any of the SwitchFoot books for signing. From 6pm- 7:30pm.

## WOMEN LIKE US SELL OUT OCEAN SHORES

Well it looks as though people really like **Women Like Us**. The show that brings together the comedy talents of Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs as they present an hour each of their riotous standup, has already sold out the first 5 December date at the Ocean Shores Country Club. That being so, Nolan and Briggs put out a message on Facebook asking their loyal followers if they were keen for another show and the response was overwhelming: most of the people who were intending to come still hadn't bought their tickets! It's been full steam ahead for the girls, who have their gaze on the Festival Market for 2016. 'We're performing the show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and at the Melbourne Comedy Festival,' says Ellen Briggs, who believes that getting two middle-aged mamas out of Mullumbimby is something of a triumph in itself. 'It's not as easy for us to tour as it is for male comedians,' says Briggs. 'Men on the circuit can up and leave for weeks at a time, but as busy hands-on mothers Mandy and I really have a lot of juggling to do to manage our careers.' With sellout shows in Hervey Bay and Gympie recently the girls are inspired by the response of audiences. So why do audiences love **Women Like Us**? 'We're not rarefied trophy wives,' says Nolan. 'We are the kind of women who know how to put up our own shelves! We just don't dust them.' New show by popular demand – **Saturday 19 December** at the **Ocean Shores Country Club**. Tickets: \$25 at the club. Call 6680 1008 for more info. General admission seating. Doors open from 7pm with show at 8pm.



**WOMEN LIKE US WITH MANDY NOLAN AND ELLEN BRIGGS SOLD OUT THE FIRST SHOW ON SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER SO THEY'VE ANNOUNCED AN EXTRA DATE – SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER AT THE OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB**

## OPEN MIC COMEDY IN MULLUM

It's the last **Open Mic Comedy Night** at Mullumbimby's **Court House Hotel** this **Thursday**. Catch the wild and wondrous night of comedic thrills and spills with featuring local and visiting comics – from the emerging to the professional!

A good reason to leave the house! It's free! 8pm. MC Mandy Nolan.

## NEED A HEND WHEN YOU TRAVEL THROUGH THE WORMHOLE

It's impossible not to notice the artwork of Daniel Hend – his murals are everywhere. Perhaps his most impressive work, his Sistine Chapel, is the Mullum Rural Co-op – the transformation of a giant shed into an idyllic rural landscape. Hend is having his first solo exhibition at the Lone Goat Gallery in Byron.

A street artist known for his murals, Daniel will be exhibiting a three-year progression from his human-nature-style paintings, which laid the path for his journey into surrealism.

'My artworks are inspired through only the most intense personal experiences and stages in my life. The imagery I bring to the canvas should speak for itself alone, but should not be defined; hence, at this stage, I do not wish to define my art with more than a title,' says Daniel Hend.

**Wormholes** – opening **Friday** in Byron at the **Lone Goat Gallery** at 6pm.



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## DELAYED DAY OF THE DEAD BACK ON

The Natural Death Care Centre is delighted to be holding their rescheduled annual **Day of the Dead** event again at the Crystal Castle. With the event rained out a few weeks back, **Crystal Castle** are opening their gates this **Sunday**. There will be free entry from 3.30pm; between 4 and 5pm there is time to write a message, create a memento, or add to the community shrine for loved family members or friends. Time to be with others, and find a place for your blanket on the lawn, or have something from the cafe before the ceremony begins. As always, local community artist Sam Collyer will be on hand to inspire, guide and help with her organically themed and

sustainable creativity. Attendees are invited and encouraged to bring photographs or a special something for the shrine. From 5 till 6pm there will be an inclusive Ceremony of Remembrance with Zenith Virago, and the Grail Choir. At the close of the ceremony, an additional opportunity, for those who can, to walk the rainforest path in a silent procession to the Sacred Grove to leave any crafted mementos, so they can slowly return to the earth. Children are welcome, but please keep them with you during the ceremony. The NDCC charity has an inspirational dream, that every individual, community and service provider has the knowledge and capacity to do death well. We believe in an holistic, empowered approach to death, dying and loss.

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open to any religion, spirituality, belief or culture. A chance to focus on life and death, and to create positive social and cultural change, the DOTD is particularly wonderful for teaching children something real and gentle about death and bereavement without the rawness of a recent death or funeral. All are welcome.

## A RAW UPRISING

On **Thursday 10 December**, UPRISING will bring together 30 local emerging artists spanning fashion, music, visual and performing arts, music and more for a one-night extravaganza at the **Byron Bay Brewery**. UPRISING is the fourth and

final emerging arts showcase to be run by RAW Byron Bay in 2015 and this showcase is packed wall to wall with Byron Bay's best emerging creatives.

Showcase director Kristen Wehlow says: 'The 2015 RAW season has already delivered us so many incredible works and performances by this city's best emerging artists. Now in the lead-up to the last show of the year, we are incredibly excited to see what this final chapter has in store for us. I think we are in for something special. These artists are on the cutting edge. They are forming and shaping the future with every work and performance and we are blessed to be a part of that.'



## LA SCALA GALA

Captured live at the Teatro alla Scala in Milan on 30 October this year, the Gala Des Etoiles celebrates the closing of the 2015 Milan World Expo, a highly prestigious evening made accessible to aficionados around the world through cinema. For this program, La Scala Etoiles, Svetlana Zakharova, Massimo Murru and Roberto Bolle dance alongside the world's brightest stars: Natalia Osipova, Polina Semionova, Marianela Nuñez, Federico Bonelli, Evgenia Obraztsova, Sergei Polunin, Claudio Coviello, Leonid Sarafanov, Lucia Lacarra, Ivan Vasiliev, Maria Eichwald and Maria Vinogradova to name just some. The program features much-loved works from the classical

**SVETLANA ZAKHAROVA, ONE OF THE STUNNING DANCERS CAPTURED LIVE AT THE TEATRO ALPA SCALA IN MILAN IN OCTOBER AND SCREENING AT THE PALACE CINEMA IN BYRON ON SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

repertory including *Carmen*, *Manon*, *Swan Lake*, *Don Quixote* and many more. This unmissable feast screens at Palace Byron Bay Cinema at 1pm on Sunday and 11am on Wednesday 9 December. Tickets \$15-24.

## cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



## LOVE THE COOPERS

'You're like Clarence sent down to save my wonderful life.' The line is spoken by Eleanor (Olivia Wilde) to Joe (Jake Lacy), a GI whom she has met while snowed-in at an airport, and it is an intentionally obvious homage to Frank Capra's revered Christmas movie (notwithstanding the 1946 classic's alarming racism). Eleanor is trying to get home to spend Christmas Day with her fashionably dysfunctional family. Mom and Dad (Diane Keaton and John Goodman) are on the verge of breaking up, brother Hank (Ed Helms) is out of work and at war with his ex, sister Emma (Marisa Tomei) has been nabbed for shoplifting and the cantankerous Pop (Alan Arkin doing his 'Little Miss Sunshine' shtick) has an old man's crush on a waitress at the diner (Amanda Seyfried). With a voice-over from Steve Martin, as whimsical as only he can be, and a script that often feels like it is being written on the run, the ingredients of Jessie Nelson's erstwhile festive season feelgood flick aren't promising. But cinema has a remarkable capacity for rising above the shortcomings of its parts and, by about the halfway mark, I had been completely won over. Family potpourri stories designed to arrive at a happy ending generally spread the narrative's load evenly among its participants. That principle is adhered to here, but it is what happens between Eleanor and Joe that steals the show. He is a Republican and a creationist, she a playwright liberal boozier who is having an affair with a married man. The dialogue is smart without needing to mock Joe (thankfully) and the connection between the pair is true. Their scenes are by far the best in a movie that is not laugh out loud but big on heart and gently funny – although Hank's son Charlie's first kiss at the mall is hilarious. A little pop psychology goes a long way, but an outstanding cast (with James Stewart's George Bailey ever present) manages to make a silk purse out of what might have been a sow's ear. Highly commended.



## HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2

Count Dracula as a doting grandfather is bridge too far for me, but this animated feature is strictly for kids, so an old fogey's response is neither here nor there. Directed by the appropriately named Genndy Tartakovsky (you can just see him prowling through a forest of shadowy fir trees, can't you?) has made a movie that is gorgeous to the eye but banal and clichéd in its storytelling – probably owing to the fact that Adam Sandler, a master of dumbing down, as well as voicing Drac, is co-writer. The movie also makes a rod for its own back through its helter-skelter pacing. Tartakovsky clearly believes that the little brains who will make up his audience are capable of only the shortest attention spans, so he whips through scenes at such a frantic rate that, counterproductively, after an hour or so you feel like you've been watching something as long as *Lawrence Of Arabia*. The crux of the matter, as it is so often in instructional cartoons, deals with the idea of acceptance of those who are different (and let's face it, it's a lesson that cannot be over-emphasised these days). Drac's daughter, Mavis (Selena Gomez), has married Jonathan (Andy Samberg), a non-vampire. They have a baby, Dennis, and Drac is devastated at the possibility that the kid will not inherit the bloodsucker gene. Drac takes his grandson to the summer school where he learnt his craft, but finds that health and safety regulations have completely watered down the experience. There are a few pertinent observations concerning the coddling, risk-free upbringing of today's children, but overall the movie is awfully lame. Apart from anything else, Dracula never sinks his fangs into the pale neck of a maiden with heaving bosoms. How bad is that? Steve Buscemi provides some half-laughs speaking the lines of Frankenstein (I know, Frankenstein was the doctor, not the monster), but the story's high-minded goal is undone by its contradictory finale. Worth it only if you want to get out of the heat and into the aircon.

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Sun 11.00am, 4.45pm  
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Wed (2) 10.15, 1.30, 8.00pm  
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## THURSDAY 3

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **JESSE JAMES**
- BYRON BREWERY 5PM **ORKESTRATED & HEATH RENATA**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **JOSH HAMILTON**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **ORKESTRATED**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LEANNE TENNANT**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **OPEN MIC COMEDY WITH MANDY NOLAN & VISITING COMEDIANS**
- BALLINA TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **JAMES PALMER**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **COD SQUAD**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **SIX60**

## FRIDAY 4

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LIME CORDIALE, JMAN & THE PIGS, SHAG ROCK, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **SELAPHONIC, TIMBERBRONES**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **JAKARTA CRIERS**
- DOUBLEBASSMENT, BYRON 7PM **PLANK CANVAS SKATEBOARD EXHIBITION**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON 6PM **DANIEL HEND: WORMHOLES**
- BLUE LOTUS DANCE STUDIO, BYRON 6.30PM **MEDICINE DANCE & WANTUNGAA**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **PARISSA BOUAS DUO**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **GROOVE DJ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DUSTY BOOTS, GRVYRDS, DEEZEE, DIMES**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CHARLIE KELLER**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **DALLAS JAMES**

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- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 8PM **BIG RIVER**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 6PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **MICK KELLY & BELLE HENDRICK**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH TARA WILLIAMS, RAINER EICHHORN, KERRY STEPHENS, ROD MURRAY, LINDA REEVE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **JASON KAFOA**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **UNWRITTEN LAW & GRENADIERS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **KATIA DEMEESTER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **STUART HARCOURT**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TOTUM**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 9PM **CLIMATE DENIERS DINNER CLUB FEATURING BOYBAND HOTTEST YEAR YET**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SLIM PICKENS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **SEPARATIONS & REUNIONS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8PM **WOMEN LIKE US WITH ELLEN BRIGGS & MANDY NOLAN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **OCCAROCK**
- BALLINA BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **MILO GREEN 7.30PM EAGELS BAND**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 8PM **BIG RIVER**
- ALSTONVILLE FARMERS MARKET 9AM **JIM & GLORIA**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **SYE MCRTICHIE 7PM ELBURY**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 1PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7PM **CC THE CAT, BULLHORN, BEETLEJUICE**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **SWING FORCE BIG BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM (Q) **ACCA DACC**

## SATURDAY 5

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **RICHARD IN YOUR MIND, THIS OLD SUNN, CHESTA HEDRON, SUNROSE, DJ EVA J**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOSSY BIG HEART**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ FONZAIUS**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **PARISSA BOUAS & FRIENDS**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **BAY BLOW OUT**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM & 4PM **RENAITRE - BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE**
- MISS MARGARITA, BYRON 10.30PM **DJ CHRIS BRADLEY & FRIENDS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL,

## SUNDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL,

- BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **EASTWOOD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC 8PM DJ TAYA**
- BYRON MARKET 8AM **CHEYNNE MURPHY BAND, MARK RIDOUT, JOE O'KEEFE**
- BYRON BOWLO 11AM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **GROOVE**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **LAZ'S GOOD TIME BLUES**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **GREG LYON & THE HIP OPERATION**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **DJ EVA J & DJ SWEET BERRY WINE**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 2PM **THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- CRYSTAL CASTLE, MULLUMBIMBY 3.30PM **DAY OF THE DEAD EVENT**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ALICE NIGHT & ROBERT DAVIDSON**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **CARAVANA SUN**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **JAM WITH LYNE DAVIS & GRANT ROBERTSON**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 1PM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB WITH CHECK 2 COUNTRY**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **TONY FALLON**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- PIONEER TAVERN, WOLLONGBAR 12PM **MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER WITH THE ABANDONED**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 3PM **PIGEON BOYS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 3PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**

- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 1PM MATT STILLERT**

## MONDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT ROGERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAX HAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **GREG KEW**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **4'20' SOUND**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **GARRETT KATO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**

## TUESDAY 8

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MR HOWLIN GREEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BLUE LOTUS DANCE STUDIO, BYRON 7.30PM **DJ DAKINI & MADHU HONEY**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **SIMON**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**

## WEDNESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MICKA SCENE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH JAMES ROSS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- CREATIVE INTUITIVE, BYRON A&I 7PM **HEART CHANT**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **PIGEON BOYS TRIO**
- KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL 7PM **FRIGHT NIGHT**

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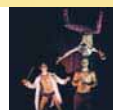
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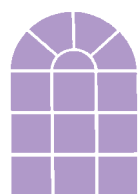
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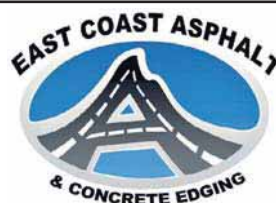
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● New moon    December 11    21:30						
☾ First quarter    December 19    02:15						
☾ Full moon    December 25    22:12						
<b>Day of month</b>	<b>Sun rise</b>	<b>Sun set</b>	<b>Moon rise</b>	<b>Moon set</b>	<b>High tide, height (m)</b>	<b>Low tide, height (m)</b>
1 T	0540	1929	2355	1031	0104,1.29; 1259,1.62	0639,0.62; 1945,0.45
2 W	0540	1920		1125	0157,1.26; 1346,1.50	0731,0.69; 2034,0.50
3 T	0540	1930	0033	1218	0251,1.26; 1439,1.41	0830,0.73; 2124,0.54
4 F	0540	1931	0108	1310	0348,1.29; 1537,1.35	0935,0.75; 2214,0.55
5 S	0540	1932	0142	1401	0443,1.34; 1639,1.31	1044,0.73; 2302,0.54
6 S	0540	1932	0216	1451	0533,1.41; 1737,1.31	1146,0.67; 2347,0.52
7 M	0540	1933	0250	1543	0619,1.49; 1830,1.32	1242,0.60
8 T	0540	1934	0325	1635	0700,1.57; 1916,1.34	0030,0.50; 1330,0.53
9 W	0540	1935	0403	1728	0740,1.64; 2000,1.35	0108,0.48; 1411,0.45
10 T	0540	1935	0444	1822	<b>0816,1.71</b> ; 2041,1.37	0145,0.47; 1450,0.39
11 F	0541	1936	0529	1916	<b>0854,1.76</b> ; 2122,1.38	0223,0.45; 1530,0.34
12 S	0541	1937	0617	2009	<b>0932,1.81</b> ; 2204,1.38	0301,0.45; <b>1609,0.30</b>
13 S	0541	1937	0710	2101	<b>1013,1.83</b> ; 2248,1.38	0342,0.45; <b>1650,0.28</b>
14 M	0541	1938	0806	2150	<b>1055,1.82</b> ; 2334,1.37	0426,0.46; <b>1733,0.28</b>
15 T	0542	1939	0905	2237	<b>1139,1.79</b>	0512,0.49; <b>1819,0.30</b>
16 W	0542	1939	1005	2321	0025,1.37; <b>1227,1.73</b>	0603,0.52; 1909,0.32
17 T	0542	1940	1106		0118,1.37; 1318,1.66	0700,0.56; 2001,0.34
18 F	0543	1941	1207	0003	0216,1.39; 1416,1.58	0801,0.58; 2057,0.37
19 S	0543	1941	1309	0044	0317,1.44; 1522,1.50	0912,0.59; 2154,0.38
20 S	0544	1942	1411	0125	0420,1.51; 1631,1.45	1027,0.56; 2251,0.38
21 M	0544	1942	1514	0208	0520,1.61; 1741,1.42	1140,0.50; 2347,0.37
22 T	0545	1943	1618	0252	<b>0617,1.71</b> ; 1845,1.42	1247,0.41
23 W	0545	1943	1721	0340	<b>0711,1.80</b> ; 1944,1.43	0040,0.36; 1347,0.32
24 T	0546	1944	1823	0430	<b>0802,1.88</b> ; 2037,1.43	0131,0.36; <b>1441,0.25</b>
25 F	0546	1944	1921	0524	<b>0851,1.92</b> ; 2128,1.43	0220,0.37; <b>1530,0.22</b>
26 S	0547	1944	2015	0621	<b>0938,1.92</b> ; 2215,1.41	0308,0.39; <b>1616,0.22</b>
27 S	0547	1945	2104	0718	<b>1022,1.89</b> ; 2301,1.39	0354,0.42; <b>1700,0.25</b>
28 M	0548	1945	2149	0816	<b>1104,1.82</b> ; 2345,1.36	0439,0.47; <b>1741,0.30</b>
29 T	0549	1946	2229	0912	<b>1145,1.73</b>	0523,0.53; 1821,0.37
30 W	0549	1946	2306	1007	0029,1.34; 1224,1.62	0607,0.59; 1900,0.43
31 T	0550	1946	2342	1100	0113,1.32; 1304,1.52	0653,0.65; 1941,0.49

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- Drummed molasses • Firewood

Kings Creek, Mullumbimby  
Mark **6680 4284 / 0427 490 038**  
Karen **0427 804 284**

  
**Massive Moving On  
Shoe Sale**  
Up to 80% off.  
Get your size before it sells  
out. 20 Brigantine St  
Byron Bay Arts and Industry  
Estate. Monday-Friday  
9.30-5. Sat 9.30-4  
**6685 5420**

**Compost Toilets**  
www.qualitysolar.com.au – 66844131

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**SOFA** maroon L-shaped 3-seater good  
cond. \$300 66871648

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**SOLID TEAK DINING** table with turned  
legs, seats 6. \$500 ono. Bruns. 66851580

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**FENCE POSTS**  
Australian concrete posts from \$13.20.  
Pickup or delivery avail. Strainer Posts  
from \$41.80. Ph Richard 66828614

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**WASHING MACHINE** automatic \$180,  
fridge \$170, delivery. Phone 0413589388

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**COMPOST TOILETS**  
STARTING AT \$960  
Green Building Centre 0427701653

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**NARNIA NURSERY**  
Lilly Pillys, Grevilleas, Cordylines,  
Gardenias, Flaxes & much more.  
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**MOSQUITO NETS**  
100% cotton, all sizes, locals discounts.  
Ph 66843191 www.1001nets.net

**ALL GOLD**  
Scrap gold, damaged/unwanted,  
modern & antique jewellery,  
also gold pocket watches.  
\$ \$ Good prices paid \$ \$  
Phone 0428668426  
30 years trading in Mullumbimby.  
Honest & reliable service

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**GARAGE SALES**

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**CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY** Zest  
Boutique Designer clothing Sale. 31 Lilli  
Pilli Dr, Byron. Sat 5th 7am-1pm

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**BYRON** 5/18-20 Paterson Lane 8am  
Dining tbl, glass desk, stereo, easel,  
clothing, djembe drum, crystal & more.  
0414596326 for early view/purchase

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**LENNOX** 6 Claremont Pl, Sat 8-2pm. H/  
hold items, African goods, spiritual gifts,  
soy candles, art supplies and lots more.

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**BRUNSWICK** 2/1 Minyon St. Sat. Crystal/  
gemstone gift boxes, jewellery, range  
bromeliads \$5 ea. Cheap books/clothes

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**BRUNS** 28 Fingal St. Sat from 8am. New  
clothes, Orca wetsuit, stoneware bottles,  
kids' shoes, clothes, toys & much more

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**BYRON** corner Centennial Circuit &  
Wollongbar St, Sat 10am, household,  
furniture, clothes, tools etc.

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**BRUNSWICK HEADS** 41 Fingal St, Sat  
8am. Fundraiser for St John's Primary  
Year 6 farewell celebrations

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**BYRON FLEA MARKET** @ Byron Youth  
Activity Centre (YAC), 1 Gilmore Cres,  
2nd Saturday of each month 8am-1pm.  
Food, entertainment, vintage & pre-loved  
bargains. Next market on the 12 Dec.  
Stalls or rug space avail 0490026840

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**EWINGSDALE** 2 Ivory Curl Court, Sat  
from 8am. Moving sale! Clothes, toys,  
books, furniture, bags, treadmill, air  
hockey table, and more! Going cheap!

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**GIANT GARAGE SALE**  
Furniture, electronics, cameras, washing  
machines, dryers, toasters, beds,  
shelving units, kitchenware, surfboards,  
exercise equip, designer clothes, toys  
& much more. Startsf at 8am. Caravan  
park end of Gibbon St, Lennox Head

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**MULLUM** 1A Train St Sat. Jewellery for  
Christmas shopper, clothes, homewares,  
mirrors etc. Ph 66842462

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**TOP OF DRIVEWAY SALE**  
Clothes pre-loved from \$5  
Incl Easton Pearson, Witchery, Charlie  
Brown, Katie Pye.  
Leather handbags, belts, shoes size 9.  
New clothes, sarongs, exotic fabric  
lengths, cushions and more.  
Sat 8am-2pm  
16A Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay

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**SUNRISE** 21 Julian Rocks Dr, Sat 8am.  
Artist materials, power tools, surfboards

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**STH GOLDEN BCH** 31 Peter St, Sat  
7.30-12. Vintage linen, ceramics, designer  
womens/kids clothes/shoes, rugs

**Tip Runs &  
Rubbish  
Removal**

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Rural Machinery  
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**ECHO CLASSIFIEDS • 66841777**

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

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**BARGAINS**

1996 Holden Commodore wagon auto, great  
value wagon, UHF523 ..... \$1,750  
2003 Toyota Corolla wagon auto 172,659Km  
Immaculate Always Popular, SN2135 ..... \$6,995  
2004 Mitsubishi Magna auto 136,139Km, low  
Km, family sedan, AH96HE ..... \$5,495  
2001 Honda CRV 4x4 manual, rego till March,  
great value great condition, SN9859 ..... \$4,990  
2014 Hyundai i20 Auto 11,382Km, like new, very  
low Km, SN7759 ..... \$13,990  
1997 Toyota Rav4, manual 5dr 4x4, great  
condition, SN9750 ..... \$4,990

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**BARGAINS**  
ballinacarcentre.com.au  
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**Ballina Car Centre** DLN 19950  
**6686 5586 / 0418 676 274**

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**BUSINESS FOR SALE**

**HAIR STUDIO** well-established, busy, in  
Mullumbimby. Legitimate enquiries only.  
Ph 0415483192

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**MARKET FOOD BUSINESS** well  
established, vegetarian food, perm stall,  
4 local markets, van & equip \$79,000 neg.  
Good income. Ph Tim 0432025610

**DANCE SCHOOL** classical ballet, tap,  
jazz, contemporary, national character  
taught. Hall available. Ph 0423892955

**CABINS FOR SALE**

**TRANSPORTABLE ROOM** fully finished  
as new, sliding door, window, power  
outlets, 4.2 x 2.4m, easy tilt tray delivery  
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**HOUSES FOR SALE**

**BROADWATER  
CANAL HOME**

Must see. Opportunity to own  
brand new waterfront home in  
Broadbeach Waters. Superior  
views, 5 bedrooms, spacious  
open plan living & very close  
to amenities.

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property-house-qld-  
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**MULLUM** Approved MO share, off grid, 5  
acres, house + massive studio with rental,  
amazing views \$520,000. 0428132297

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**BIG & SMALL REMOVAL JOBS**  
Local, affordable, reliable & quick  
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**RetroPod**  
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**MULLUM** Old Qld style home from 7th  
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or unfurn. \$650pw ono 0414499300

**LOVELY PRIVATE** 2br cottage, f/furn  
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**RENOVATED CARAVAN** in bush location  
at The Pocket. Rent in exchange for  
cooking. Ph 0435646365

**HOUSE SIT**

**PROF CARETAKER** avail 20/12/15  
Excellent refs, employed, love animals &  
gardens. Phone 0466047113

**HOUSE SWAP**

**Byron area for Villa in Provence**  
Jan 2016. Female ex-pat Australian,  
yoga teacher & experienced house-  
swapper is looking for a home in or near  
Byron or surrounds for 7-10 days in Jan.  
Swap can include 28sqm ski studio in  
mountains bordering Italy. More info  
contact: jacqueline.girardin@gmail.com

**SHARE ACCOM.**

**O.SHORES** spacious airy room, fully furn,  
self-cont, sep entry, n/s, d/f, \$200pw incl  
elect, plus bond, refs ess. 0413205777

**BRUNSWICK HEADS** furn room, lovely  
old house, leafy, fem pref, \$180pw incl all  
bills & WiFi. Greg 0415099761



**VEG COMMUNITY** 15 min north of Ocean Shores. Lush rural location with happy motivated people. Pool, orchard, forest. Sep entry & outdoor area, \$165pw inclus, plus bond. Suit veg/ gardener. Also 1 large room avail Dec/Jan. 0467848819

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**LENNOX HEAD** large 4br, 2 bthrm home with timber deck & garden in immaculate condition, in the heart of Lennox Village, just 150m from beach, cafes & shops. Partial furnishing optional. Avail 7 Dec. No dogs. \$700pw. Phone 0415499429

**Elders**  
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**\*RENTAL PROPERTIES WANTED\***  
Is your investment in the right hands?

We have reliable tenants waiting...  
Contact our office today for an obligation-free appraisal.

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\$245-\$295pw, Low-income housing \*conditions apply

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### Brunswick Heads

1br \$160  
Studio \$270

### Ocean Shores

3br 1bth \$380  
3br 2bth \$410  
3br 1bth \$465  
5br 3bth \$650  
**Mullumbimby**  
3br 2bth \$520  
3br 1bth \$580

**L.J. Hooker Brunswick Heads**  
6685 0177

5/16 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads

**Elders**  
Bangalow

**Landlords – We have qualified tenants looking for properties in Bangalow & surrounding areas. Please phone us TODAY for an honest appraisal.**

**Goonengerry Rd, Goonengerry – \$900**  
4/5 bed, 2 bath, large deck, pool, spa, ocean views. Avail early Jan

**James Gibson Drive, Clunes – \$480**  
4 bed, 2 bath, large private garden, DLUG plus shed, No pets. Avail now  
**Greenfrog Lane, Bangalow – \$330**  
Furnished/unfurnished studio, all bills incl. Avail now

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

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

## Bangalow Real Estate

& Byron Hinterland Properties

**CLUNES \$420pw**  
Gorgeous 2 bed + loft. Walking distance to Clunes shops. Off street parking and large yard. Pets neg. Avail now.

**WHIAN WHIAN \$430pw**  
Beautifully renovated 1900 cottage with 3 bed, 1 bath, SLUG, ¼ acre fenced yard – tenants maintain, with beautiful rural outlook. Pets OK. Avail now.

**BANGALOW \$520pw**  
3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, walking distance to town, large covered entertaining deck, lawn main inc, gas cooking, off street parking. Avail now.

**NEW LISTING BANGALOW \$650pw**  
In the heart of town is this 3 bedroom workman's cottage, 2 bath, high ceilings, air/con, large DLUG, small fenced yard with patio. 12 month lease. Avail now.

**6687 2479**

[bangalowrealestate.com.au](http://bangalowrealestate.com.au)

**MULLUM Nth facing, 3br, 1 bthrm, new kitchen, split-level + studio. Lovely garden \$600pw include lawns. 66840075**

**MULLUM CENTRAL** small 3br house, LUG, small yard, modern, clean, \$450pw. Avail 8th Jan. Ph 0419227935

**MULLUM GARDEN STUDIO** s/cont, f/f, car space, walk to shops, suit n/s sgl worker. \$300pw incl. Ph 0407844718

**COORABELL** 3br Queenslander, long lease, \$540pw, Avail Dec. 0409602802

**BANGALOW** 3br, 2 bthrm, LUG + c'port, solar efficient, walk to town, avail early Dec, no dogs \$600pw + bills. 0400583654

**BALLINA SELF-STORAGE UNITS**  
Secure from \$16pw. Ph 66867011

**BYRON SELF-STORAGE UNITS**  
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**BANGALOW RENT-A-SHED**  
Modern & Secure from \$130 p/m  
Elders Real Estate 66871500

### STORAGE

From \$100/mth. Bangalow. Ph 66872833

**EWINGSDALE** large 1br self-cont partly furn granny flat. Separate lounge/dining. Ocean views, large courtyard, separate entry. Suit mature cpl/sgl, no pets \$340pw + elect. Ph Robyn 0400826483

**MYOCUM STUDIO** avail, \$270pw & 2br unit avail. \$550pw both incl elect. Refs & deposit req. Short term ok. 0403565788

## MULLUMBIMBY

Brand new four bedroom home. Two bathrooms. Double lock up garage and fenced yard. No pets. \$550 per week.

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**1300 716 707**

## WANTED TO RENT

**GARAGE** or shed, secure for long-term car storage. Txt or call 0414505059

## TO LEASE

**MULLUMBIMBY** large office, upstairs Stuart St Arcade, 97sqm, all amenities. \$400pw incl GST. Ph 66801643

**ARTISTS WANTED** to share studio/gallery space in Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Tracey 0431092618 or 66845045

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### STUDIO/OFFICE

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115m<sup>2</sup> on 2 levels in modern boutique complex.  
Kitchen & bathroom.  
2 parking spaces. Lots of natural light. Suit business, professional, creative venture. \$500 pw inc.

For inspection call  
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## POSITIONS VACANT

**WORKER** required cleaning public amenities. No exp required. Must be reliable with own vehicle & white card. Some w'end work. Weekday rate \$27.50ph. Phone Dean 0434196701

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We have an opening for a local in a long term position. Approximately 4 days/32+ hours, incl. Friday, Saturday.

If you are an energetic, experienced, hospitality professional with *excellent* coffee skills, and love working in a busy, fast-paced cafe please see:

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**LILLY PILLY** Community Preschool Brunswick Heads. 3-year trained Early Childhood teacher, perm p/t position Thurs and Fri 2016. Apply by Fri 11 Dec to [kids@lilypillypreschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kids@lilypillypreschool.nsw.edu.au)

**MASSAGE THERAPIST** at Woodford Folk Festival massage stall. Certificate & insurance req. SMS 0407213267 for info

## SHELL LENNOX HEAD BARISTA

Are you an amazing barista, outgoing & friendly?

Are you looking for consistent morning/daytime hours, a variety of work in a relaxed environment?

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**RECEPTIONIST** Woodford Folk Festival massage stall. SMS 0407213267 for info

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requires experienced real estate staff for sales & holiday & permanent rental administration.

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0414 185 976  
[laine.towner@remax.com.au](mailto:laine.towner@remax.com.au)  
0433 588 106

## Customer Service Officer - 12mths maternity leave replacement.

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For further information please go to the 'career' link found at the bottom of our homepage on [www.fusionhealth.com.au](http://www.fusionhealth.com.au).

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## Gifts for coffee lovers.

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**JOIN THE RECYCLE WITH US REVOLUTION AT FALLS FESTIVAL BYRON BAY 2015**

Local start up recycling company Revolve Your World are now employing paid & volunteer staff to help us recycle all packaging and food waste at this year's Falls Festival Byron and **we want you on the team!**

### DO YOU HAVE?

- A passion for environmental sustainability
- Good communication skills & a great team attitude
- Ability to follow set processes
- Physical fitness
- Are 18 years or over

### PAID TEAM MEMBER POSITIONS

- 2 x daily shifts (6.5 hrs each) between 6am & 7pm on the 30th Dec 2015 & 3rd Jan 2016
- 4 x nightly shifts (6.5hrs each) between 7pm & 1.30pm from 30th Dec 2015 to 2nd Jan 2016
- Full festival & camping pass included

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- 2 x 6.5 hr shift on **30th Dec 2015 ONLY** between 6am & 7pm
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Be a part of a new innovative recycling strategy for the Byron Shire. **RECYCLE WITH US**

**MORE INFO & APPLICATIONS @ [www.revolveyourworld.org](http://www.revolveyourworld.org)**



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SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

*The Falls*  
Music & Arts Festival

**FLORIST** fully experienced. Suffolk Park. Resumes to: [byroninbloom@hotmail.com](mailto:byroninbloom@hotmail.com)

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Shifts avail for taxi, coach & hire cars. Full training provided. Min 12 month Aust Licence Required.  
Email: [info@byronbaytaxis.com](mailto:info@byronbaytaxis.com)

### OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER

Permanent P/T. Flexible hrs prefer 9.30am to 2.30pm, 5 days per week. Mid January start. Meticulous and organised. Experience with Xero preferred. Varied duties and role. Come and join our very cool team. Please send Jonathon a cover letter and resume to: [hr@psychwire.org](mailto:hr@psychwire.org)

## Chef

Fresh Cafe is searching for an experienced chef with an outstanding attitude to join the busy team for night service.

We pay above award and can offer a highly organised and systemised environment.

- 2 years exp in a fast paced kitchen
- Excellent communication skills
- Food safety and OH&S knowledge
- Available weekends & P/hols

Please apply in person 7 Jonson street, or email resume to [byronbayfresh@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfresh@gmail.com)



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

**BYRON BAY BARISTA SCHOOL**  
\$99 Barista Course. Ph 0417760599

### MODELS NEEDED

Female only. International photographer /videographer requires models for glamour/nude/lingerie/bikini. Travellers & locals welcome. Great cash, hourly rate. International jobs for magazines & websites. Aged 18+ Contact Adam 0401569886 or facebook Adam Parsell

## Skilled Barista/ Barstaff

Fresh Cafe is searching for a highly skilled barista/bar staff to work busy night service, 3pm-11pm

- Must have cocktail/wine knowledge exp
- Exp in a fast paced bar environment
- Barista skills
- Postive attitude a must
- NSW RSA

• Available weekends and P/hols  
The role will include a shift NYE 3pm-11pm

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### Tuesday 8th Nov

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- Christmas decorations
- Fresh flower Christmas wreath
- Fresh flower Christmas table arrangement

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- starts 8th February
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- starts 9th February
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- starts 8th February
- \* **Certificate IV in Small Business Management** (BSB40415)  
Option 1 - starts 15th February  
Option 2 - starts 5th March
- \* **Certificate IV in Permaculture** (30869QLD)  
- starts 17th February
- \* **Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care** (CHC30113)  
- starts 18th Feb
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- starts 2nd March
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- starts 28th April

**Different levels of funding are available**  
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**Hurry, places are limited!**

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# CHEF


The iconic Byron Bay Brewery has an opportunity for a skilled chef with experience in a high-volume fast-paced environment. Good attitude essential. Full-time hours. Annual salary package.

Email CV to: manager@byronbaybrewery.com.au

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**Sathya Sai School, Murwillumbah (NSW)** invites NSW approved teachers for the following contract positions.

- K-6 Generalist for a temporary three day a week contract position.
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Please send application to the Principal, P.O. Box 705, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or via email: principal@sathyasai.nsw.edu.au Application closes Friday 4/12/2015.




### Business Administration /PA (Part-time)

- Accounts Payable function
- Management reporting
- Other accounting tasks as required
- Support MD in personal and business capacity

Possess the following qualities:

- highly experienced in Excel
- conversant with MYOB
- social media/online expertise well regarded
- excellent communication skills (verbal and written)
- highly organised and able to multi-task

Please send CV to accounts@wickedtravel.com.au



### NUNGKARI TREATMENT CENTRE

#### Nungkari Treatment Centre, Byron Bay

**Stepping Stone Coordinator / Case Manager**

We seek an enthusiastic individual to join our committed and diverse team as Coordinator of Stepping Stones, our supported living service. You will support residents within a case management framework and require relevant qualifications and experience in drug and alcohol and / or mental health sector. Duties include, case management and coordination of services, admissions, discharges, monitoring and reviewing budgets, referrals, enhance resident living skills and assist with access to ongoing accommodation.

**Casual Weekend Chef**

We seek a health focused and enthusiastic individual to join our committed and diverse team as a casual / weekend chef. Previous experience in a drug and alcohol and / or mental health environment a bonus but not essential. You will be available to work weekends and on call as needed. Immediate start.

Please email cvs to jo@nungkaritreatment.com.au

## THE ECHO PAPER DELIVERY

The Echo has a contract position to insert, fold, bag (wet weather) & deliver The Echo to the following areas:

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**7-800 papers approx.**

The successful applicant will have an ABN, a covered area in which to receive papers early in the morning and then to work, a reliable vehicle and ideally they will live in the distribution area or nearby. They will receive the papers very early (approx 2am-4am) on a Wednesday morning and have delivered all the papers by noon Wednesday. Suit mature or stable persons/couples with a strong throwing arm. Commencing asap December 2015. Email [simon@echo.net.au](mailto:simon@echo.net.au) or phone 0409324724

### WORK WANTED

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**FOUND** Nissan alarm controller, on Belongil beach, Monday 30/11 in the morning. Phone 0408558796

### BIRTHDAYS

**Ian Suth turns 80!**  
... And is still getting out there, providing inspiration to flagging middle-aged surfers.

**Happy Birthday, Dad.**  
Love from Nellie, Mark and Grant and all six grand-kids.

We're looking forward to many more years with you out the back at Newy.



## CONGRATULATIONS



The marvellous moment when we kissed!

Congratulations Gillian Scott and Jonathan Davis

Love from the Echo Drudges

### FUNERAL CELEBRANT

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### FUNERAL NOTICES

**BROWN, DONALD WALTER. 'DON'**  
08.08.1932 ~ 27.11.2015

Died peacefully with family at his side. Much loved husband of Pat. Loved father of Julia (dec), Lyndall, David (dec), Warwick, and Catherine (dec).

Don will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Don's life to be held at the Anglican Church Hall, Ashton Street, Bangalow on FRIDAY (December 4, 2015) commencing at 2.30pm.

Donations to 'Doctors without Borders' can be placed on the day.

**MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS**

### RETURN THANK YOU

**Jean Nicholls**  
93 years and 11 months

Jean's family would like to thank relatives and friends for their love and support, phone calls, cooking, cards and flowers and to thank all who attended Jean's funeral. Thanks to the many people who helped in so many ways to make the service truly memorable. Thanks to the staff at the Mullumbimby Medical Centre, especially Drs Arnie, Philip and Hazim, for their supportive care of Jean over the recent years. Those we laughed with, learned from, leaned on, and loved most leave us the best memories.

**Please accept this as our personal thanks.**

Ann, Joan, Mike, Col, Steve, Paul and their families.

### LIVESTOCK

**HORSE TRAINER/STARTER**  
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### PETS

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!**

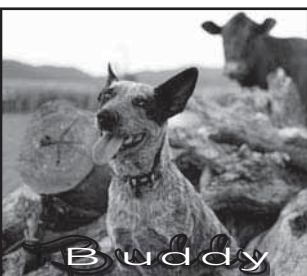
### Wellington



Meet **Wellington**, mouser extraordinaire! Although difficult to see in the photo, I can assure you he has just performed an incredible 'lick the toy mouse up in the air & catch it' trick. Only the mouse tail is visible, the rest is safely being chomped on by sharp little kitten teeth. His abilities include growling like a lion when he has caught his prey. He's super friendly with humans & fellow cats & simply gorgeous!

To meet Wellington & his fellow kittens & cats, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

**OPEN:**  
Tues 2.30–4.30pm  
Thurs 3–5pm  
Sat 10am–12 noon  
Call **AWL 6684 4070**



**Buddy** is a 15-month-old desexed male cattle dog. He is affectionate, active (despite losing a front leg in an argument with a car!), friendly with other dogs, children, stock and has lived with cats. If you can give Buddy a permanent, loving home please contact the **Friends of the Pound Rehoming Centre** on **07 5524 8590** or Pam on **0421 017 461**.

Visit [friendsofthepound.com](http://friendsofthepound.com) to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.

### FREYA

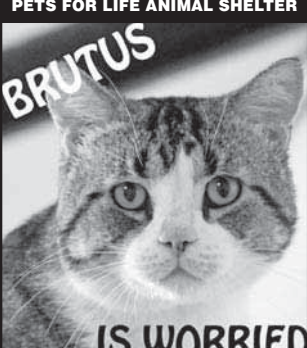


**Freya** is currently being fostered on property with lots of other dogs, cattle, children and chickens and loves it. She's a super affectionate young dog who's comfortable living on acreage. Freya doesn't like being on a lead or being in a suburban situation - so you need to be happy just exercising her on your property. She's comfortable being left on her own and will just curl up and go to sleep. She loves to chase a ball, but only if you want to throw it, otherwise she's happy simply being your companion.

If you can give **Freya** a permanent loving home please contact **Companion Animal Welfare – Lissie 0488 415 444**.

Visit [www.cawi.org.au](http://www.cawi.org.au) or our Facebook page to see our other dogs who would love to find a home.

### PETS FOR LIFE ANIMAL SHELTER



**BRUTUS** IS WORRIED

**BRUTUS** is a gentle tom who is very worried as to what has happened in his life. He has been with us for a few months now, and has been easygoing with his fellow inmates, but his loss of home security has left him bit on the shy side (temporarily). He is a cat who will really shine when he is out of the group setting. A comfortable, and friendly companion.

All cats are desexed vaccinated and microchipped.

Please make an appointment **0403 533 589 Billinudgel** [petsforlifeanimalshelter.net](http://petsforlifeanimalshelter.net)

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*Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.*

*If you have a particular faith or religion, that is good. But you can survive without it.*

*– Dalai Lama*

## Communities 'sold out' to liquor and gambling, claims Greens MP

Fred Nile's Christian Democrats joined with the Liberals, Nationals and Shooters Party MPs to push legislation through the NSW Upper House that will weaken the watchdog that enforces the state's liquor and gaming regulations, according to Greens NSW MP John Kaye.

Dr Kaye said the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Amendment Bill 2015* strips the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority of its own expert staff and leaves the regulatory body at the mercy of public servants who are effectively under the control of the minister Troy Grant.

'The Bill also creates double jeopardy for communities who have persuaded the Authority to reject an application,' Dr Kaye said. 'It allows pubs and clubs to appeal to a non-expert tribunal where they can outspend residents on expensive lawyers.'

'The right to appeal against an approval by the Authority is denied to community mem-

bers who live more than 100 metres from the site, despite the impacts that liquor and gaming licences can have on them.

'The NSW Liberals and Nationals have persuaded the Christians and Shooters to serve up local communities on a platter to the alcohol and gambling industries.'

'Without any evidence that there was something wrong with the regulator, deputy premier Troy Grant has stripped it of its expert staff and wrapped around it an unfair and biased appeals process. It is a measure of the power of the gaming and alcohol industries that they are able to get not just the government to do their bidding, but also Fred Nile and his Christian Democrats.'

'The Greens' attempt to send the Bill to a committee where it could be critiqued by experts was defeated by the same parties that then rammed it through the Upper House,' Dr Kaye said.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please stick this by your phone

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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
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE .....	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE .....	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE.....	6622 1233
GEORGE THE SNAKE MAN.....	0407 965 092
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES).....	6628 1898



# Surfing to celebrate International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is a United Nations-sanctioned day that is celebrated internationally on 3 December. The aim of the day is to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disability.

The Australian Government has been supporting IDPwD since 1996 and provides funds to promote and raise awareness of the day around Australia.

This year's IDPwD theme is – Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities. There are also three sub-themes this year: Making cities inclusive and accessible for all; Improving disability data and statistics; and Including persons



Photo Craig Parry

with invisible disabilities in society and development.

The annual theme provides a frame for considering how people with disability are excluded from society by

promoting the removal of all types of barriers – including those relating to the physical environment, information and communications technology (ICT), or attitudinal barriers. This has been occurring since 1992 when the General Assembly proclaimed 3 December as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

The Disabled Surfers Association will celebrate ID-

PwD locally in Byron. The DSA was established in 1986 by Gary Blaschke after a motorcycle accident in which he lost his kneecap and underwent extensive rehabilitation.

Gary saw a void that needed to be filled as, over the years, many surfers with disabilities have unfortunately been loners with no-one to help them get back into the water.

Many suffer from conditions that the general public would not consider a disability.

From asthmatics to joint injuries to paraplegia, many members have found friendship, support and have renewed their interest in surfing.

Gary's vision quickly extended to all classes of disabilities, as it is today, a totally voluntary organisation, which sets world's best practice for disabled surfers.

As part of this year's International Day of People with Disability, the Disabled Surfers Association will celebrate with a paddle-out at Byron this Saturday.

Bring your friends to come surfing or volunteer – in and out of the water – they can always use more hands on boards. All volunteers need is a big heart and willingness to put smiles on dials. You don't need to be a ripper surfer to help out. We also need some talented barbecuers and just some people to help out on the beach and in the shallows.

The event is on Saturday at Clarkes Beach. Sign in from 9am for volunteers, sign in participants 10am and the barbecue is after the surf and it's all free, so come along for a great morning in Byron's surf.

Find more about the Disabled Surfers Association at [www.disabledsurfers.org](http://www.disabledsurfers.org).

## Schoolies urged to be beach safe

As NSW Schoolies celebrations are well under way, Surf Life Saving NSW is urging partying teens to make their visit to the beach a safe one.

With school leavers descending on NSW's popular coastal towns from this weekend, teenagers are being reminded to play it safe while enjoying the ocean.

Lifeguards and life savers will be out reinforcing the Don't Drink and Swim safety message in key NSW holiday hotspots including Byron Bay, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

'Schoolies is a busy time for our life savers, especially with many taking major risks by swimming outside patrolled areas, under the influence of alcohol and drugs or at night,' said NSW Life Saving Manager, Andy Kent.

'Life savers are worried about the possibility of a preventable tragedy if these risks are taken, especially at night-time. As always our volunteer callout teams are

ready to respond to after-hours incidents.'

However, many schoolies groups are broadening their scope beyond these traditional haunts and will be escaping to smaller seaside towns along the coast such as Forster, South West Rocks and Batemans Bay. Many of these beaches are unpatrolled during the week and teenagers are urged to take care.

The Australian Lifeguard Service has boosted numbers from last weekend to deal with the influx of beachgoers at Schoolies' hot spot, Main Beach in Byron Bay.

'Our lifeguards at Main Beach have seen an increase in beach-goers over the last few weeks and they're expecting many more to visit this popular spot from now on,' said ALS NSW manager Brent Manieri.

'Young people need to make smart decisions about where and when they swim. Choosing a patrolled beach and swimming between the

flags is the smartest decision they can make,' he said.

Schoolies are also encouraged to keep hydrated and be sun smart, both of which will help reduce the risk of fatigue at the beach, particularly if swimmers have consumed alcohol the previous evening.

To help ensure Schoolies remains incident free, there are some simple preventive actions school leavers can take to make sure their stay is safe and enjoyable.

Schoolies safety checklist:

- only swim at a patrolled beach, between the red and yellow flags
- don't swim under the influence of alcohol/drugs
- never swim at night
- ask a surf life saver or lifeguard for advice
- look after your mates
- call '000 – Police' to report an in-water emergency.

Visit [beachsafe.org.au](http://beachsafe.org.au) for vital info such as patrolled beach locations, hours of operation, beach status and surf conditions.

## Peter Senior and Ian Baker-Finch in a battle for Byron Bay

The Byron Bay Golf Club is pleased to announce that Peter Senior and Ian Baker-Finch have both confirmed their entry in this year's Schweppes Australian Legends Tour Championship to be held for the ninth time at the club from Friday 11 December to Sunday 13 December.

Senior and Baker-Finch will join last year's defending champion David Merriman together with a distinguished field of more than 70 PGA Legends Pros, including Mike Harwood, Terry Price, Rodger Davis and many more.

Peter Senior, winner of this year's Australian Masters for a third time, proves that the Legends can take it to the younger guys.

Peter is 56 years young and looking forward to competing on the difficult but rewarding Byron Bay championship course.

Shortly after Peter Senior won the Australian Masters last week, past winner of the Legends Tour event Ian Baker-Finch was on the phone to Byron Bay Golf Club's captain, Peter Sinclair, declaring he would be entering the event.

After winning at Byron in 2011 for the first time in 18



**Peter Senior, who has a tonne of golf championship wins including a couple of yellow jackets, will be in Byron with Ian Baker-Finch to play the Australian Legends Tour Championship to be held at the Byron Bay Golf Club from Friday December 11.**

years, Baker-Finch defended his title in 2012 but couldn't hold off Senior's winning third Byron title from three starts. There could be some unfinished business in 2015.

The Byron Bay Golf Club's course is well regarded, with the Legends event returning each year. During 2014 the Byron Bay Golf Club's superintendent Shaun Cross was

awarded the National Award for Golf Course Management.

The event attracts professional golfers from around Australia joined by a large field of amateurs.

Played over three days, the course is open to the public (free of charge) to walk and follow the Legends as they compete.



## Australian Junior Surfing Titles begin

**The Under 18 Boys Division of the Australian Junior Surfing Titles got under way at Main Beach North Stradbroke Island on the weekend with a standout performance from local Ethan Ewing who, in a clinical display of modern surfing, took both the rights and lefts on his way to a heat total of 17.65.**

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Remembrance

The members of the Lismore Chapter of The Compassionate Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to

Regular As Clockwork

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Connect Up

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

Respite Service

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

Cuppa Tea Choir

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre and Dynasty Music present Cuppa Tea Choir directed by Janet Swain on Tuesday mornings at the Neighbourhood Centre, 55 Dalley St, Mullum from 10.30am.

Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 for 12.45pm start. Visitors welcome. If you need a partner please ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

Mamas’ Support Group

The Byron Mamas’ Support Group meets at Red Tent Yoga, Byron industrial estate, during term time. More info on Facebook.

ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes in Mullumbimby, suitable for beginners to advanced learners. More info call 0421 796 529 or 6674 7267.

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.

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all bereaved parents and supportive friends of their families to join us at our Candlelight Remembrance Evening at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bexhill, on Sunday 13 December at 6pm. Enquiries Glennys 6621 4086 or Dianne 6621 5558.

Table Tennis

Social Table Tennis at the Suffolk Park Community Centre Thursday 3 December 10am. All welcome. Joan 0408 337 277.

CWA Party

Ladies are welcome to join Mullum-

**Dzogchen Study Group** – 4th Saturday of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **One-hour guided meditation** 12–1pm, Wednesday and Thursday. All levels welcome – www.yogapeace.com.au.

Landcare

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

Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA invites women of all ages to join us for craft and friendship on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 2pm or the 2nd Monday of every month 5-7pm. Phone Di 0412 376 034 for further info.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Come and chat, enjoy a cuppa, the company and your craft. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby – Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads – Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Friday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby – Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

Bush School

Each Thursday during term time the Brunswick Bush School takes kids 6–13 years out into the bush to learn, grow and connect with each other. Facebook: Brunswick Bush School and email: brunsbushschool@gmail.com.

Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am–12 noon and market Saturdays 9am–1pm. Discover your local history. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open Wednesday–Friday, 10am–3pm, cnr of Ashton & Deacon Sts, Bangalow. Volunteers sought – please contact the museum 6687 2183.

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.

U3A discussion group

U3A over-50 discussion group Thursdays 10am in Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

Bay Singers

The Bay Singers (BB Community Choir) meets Mondays 10.30–11.30am 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.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a

bimby Brach CWA members at the Court House Hotel Cnr Burringbar and Dalley streets for their Christmas Party meeting on Wednesday 9 December, 10.30am. Enquiries Sue 6684 1675.

CASPA Foster Care

People interested in becoming foster carers have the chance to take part in a free and accredited intro training at CASPA on 5 and 6 December in Lismore. For more info please call 6627 3700 or email fostercare@caspa.asn.au.

Byron Market

The Byron Market Sunday 6 Decem-

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. Are you concerned about somebody else’s drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

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.

Men’s Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men’s groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

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, mazzera-tiz010@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.30pm,

ber at the Butler St Reserve 8am–3pm. Live music by Cheynne Murphy Band, Mark Ridout and Joe O’Keefe. Please leave dogs at home.

BEC AGM

Byron Environment Centre AGM on Thursday 3 December at 2pm at the Cumbebin Wetland Sanctuary in Byron Bay (behind the market site). Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call 6687 1538.

VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club Christmas luncheon at Brunswick Heads Bowling

Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights.

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 visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Bushdancing

Live music from Hide The Potato with dance caller, last Sunday of every month 2.30–4.30pm at Brunswick Heads RSL Hall. Visit Hide The Potato on Facebook or call Court 6685 0072. Next bushdance October 25.

Liberation Larder

Volunteers needed for new dinner service every Mon from 4.45 - 6.45pm. The charity collects, cooks and distributes nutritious food to over 550 people per week in the Byron Shire. There is also a variety of other roles. Please contact Helen Hamilton on 0439 409 655 or visit www.liberationlarder.org.au or our Facebook page.

Byron Flea

Fun community market held at the YAC (Gilmore Crescent) on the second Saturday of the month 8am–1pm. Secondhand, antiques, vintage clothes, free children’s activities.

Nature Walk

A two hour walk with Eugene around the Brunswick river talking about the flora and fauna of the area, identifying edible plants of our region, 9.30 sharp every Thursday morning leaving from the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood centre. Must wear closed shoes, hat, sun/insect screen

Town Choir

Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Gnosis

Introductory classes into the Gnostic Mysteries on every Monday night in Byron. Phone 0412 020 234.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon Family Groups met weekly at Bangalow Fridays 2pm. 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

Carers Community Group

Presented by Womens Health Forum 2nd Thursday of each month 1-2.30pm Ewingsdale Hall. Info: Yasmin 0437 886 424, whfcareresgroup@gmail.com.

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.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Please call Satisha 0402 134 390 for more info.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.



Club Thursday 10 December 10.30am, members’ apologies please to Rae 0427 103 072.

Pie drive

St Paul’s Anglican Church is holding a fresh pie drive. For ordering ph Sue 6685 3680.

Ladies Morning Tea

Ladies Morning Tea Brunswick Heads Uniting Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads on Wednesday 9 December 10am–noon. All ladies welcome, contact 6685 1487.

Exit workshop

Exit workshop Thursday 3 December at 10am at the Robina Community Centre. Join Dr Philip Nitschke and Dr Fiona Stewart for a 2-part workshop on end-of-life choices. Enquiries Elaine 0755 808 215.

Lone Goat Gallery

Daniel Hend Dec 4–23 – *Wormholes*. Opening Friday 4 December at 6pm.

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Bad ALP heroin memory of a conservative regime that lasted more than 800 years! (4,5,6)
- 9. Restore to life beast without a tail in a straggly tree (9)
- 11. Fly from two bad sets (6)
- 12. A record about member, a panic merchant (8)
- 13. Trial or trade? (6)
- 15. Mind readers get thrills following soft, sad sounds (8)
- 18. Deadly projectile in the news (8)
- 19. Resting place holds container of ashes, cremated (6)
- 21. Again allows access to commercial in returns (8)
- 23. Gold, right gold: a goddess! (6)
- 26. Tyrant back to moron (5)
- 27. Second prize at the Show; a symbol of AIDS awareness (3,6)
- 28. Hurray! Dread news from 14th century conflict (7,5,3)

DOWN

- 1. ‘Hydrogen peroxide, rodent! Muse,’ called the mad prince to his mate (7)
- 2. Rent meadow, southeast (5)
- 3. Re-establish Therese’s gallery (9)
- 4. Big bird has time in trench (4)
- 5. Irritate the Gestapo? Not necessary! (8)
- 6. Shire boss rises: a right old vegetable (5)
- 7. One country hides nickel – starvation ... (9)
- 8. ...with the country in the southeast rising to property, status and position! (7)
- 14. Spotted coming from the eastern Adriatic (9)
- 16. The messenger embraces you, French designer (9)
- 17. Giggled and rowed about the abstainer (8)
- 18. The stream is hot – make it shine (7)
- 20. Dreadful nadir: the queen is a wastrel! (7)
- 22. Second time, nothing right for the machine (5)
- 24. Steer to bend for the American billabong (5)
- 25. Libido, the French doing nothing (4)

Suffolk Park Dune Care

Suffolk Park Dune Care final planting day for 2015 Saturday 5 December at 8.30am. Contact Helen 6685 4964.

U3A Ballina/Byron

A musical appreciation session at 10am on 8/12/15 at the RSL, Mullumbimby, will be followed by our Christmas lunch in the dining room at 12 noon. Would everyone please bring a small gift. Enquiries 6680 7350.

A Meeting for Being

Zazen-Mindfulness and Self-Inquiry Sundays 6 and 13 Dec, 11am–12.30pm, Cook Pioneer Hall, 10 Gordon St, Mullumbimby.

Lamington Drive

St Paul’s Anglican Church, 14 Kingsley St Byron Bay. Delivery date: Friday 11 December Final orders: 4 December. Orders can be placed by phoning Sue on 6685 3680.

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Trans-European regime from the 10th to the 19th century (4,5,6)
- 9. Restore to life (9)
- 10. Fermenting agent (5)
- 11. Disease carrying fly (6)
- 12. Fear-monger, prophet of doom (8)
- 13. Trial, testing time (6)
- 15. So-called mind readers, fortune tellers (8)
- 18. Newsflash or broadcast (8)
- 19. Seared, incinerated (6)
- 21. Lets in again (8)
- 23. Roman goddess of the dawn (6)
- 26. Fool, moron (5)
- 27. Scarlet sash, symbol of AIDS awareness (3,6)
- 28. 14th-15th century conflicts between France and England (7,5,3)

DOWN

- 1. Hamlet’s best friend (7)
- 2. Rental agreement (5)
- 3. Re-establish, put back in former position (9)
- 4. Defensive trench around a building, usually filled with water (4)
- 5. Unnecessary, pointless (8)
- 6. Chief official of a shire or municipality (5)
- 7. Lack of nourishment, starvation (9)
- 8. Landed properties; also ranks or positions (7)
- 14. Spotted dog, originally from Croatia (9)
- 16. Fashion designer (9)
- 17. Giggled, laughed nervously (8)
- 18. Polish, rub to make bright (7)
- 20. One who wastes resources; also council worker involved in waste disposal (7)
- 22. Engine, machine (5)
- 24. American billabong, type of lake (5)
- 25. Unoccupied, unemployed (4)

Last week’s solution N100

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Late news: With three sold-out screenings, *Mullumbimbby's Madness – the Legacy of the Hippies* will now also screen on Wednesday December 9 at 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets are available at The Bookshop.

This is your last week to get your submission on the West Byron DCP to Byron Shire Council – submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au close 4pm on Friday. You can read the detail at <http://bit.ly/westdcp> and then express your concerns on the future of koala habitat, traffic 'management', impact on the Belongil estuary, and so on. Apparently there is no truth in the rumour that Council is putting the Shire up for the annual awards for the most roundabouts on a single road on the north coast.

As reported by Darren Coyne in *Echonetdaily*, Ballina is joining Byron and Lismore councils in divesting its



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investments from financial institutions that support fossil fuels. Cr Jeff Johnson, who put up the motion to divest, points out that 'this step is more than symbolic. Ballina currently has over \$70 million invested with financial institutions. If all councils took this step then we'd be talking billions of dollars.'

Indeed, and it might send a message to the federal government that coal is still not good for humanity.

Most punters have welcomed Malcolm Turnbull's

announcement of mental health system reforms which promise individualised care packages and greater help for frontline services. It was clever of Turnbull, too, to point out to the hard nuts the economic cost of mental health issues to our great capitalist system. Professor John Mendoza, who sadly lost his brother Jeff to mental health problems, gives a moving review of the importance of the reforms on *The Drum* at <http://bit.ly/mhreforms>. Those in crisis can seek immediate help at Lifeline 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636.

*The Echo's* early warning system advises that our line classifieds advertising deadline will be changing to noon Tuesdays in January next year. No, that's not now; it's January next year. You have been early-warned.



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With the festive season bearing down upon us heavily, a reader suggests that the spangler residents of the Shire might like to take advantage of the rainbow glitter pills advertised on Etsy. The UK seller says they're not for oral consumption but we suspect the aim is to create a rainbow effect in one's toilet. Check the buyers' comments before purchase; you might change your mind.

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