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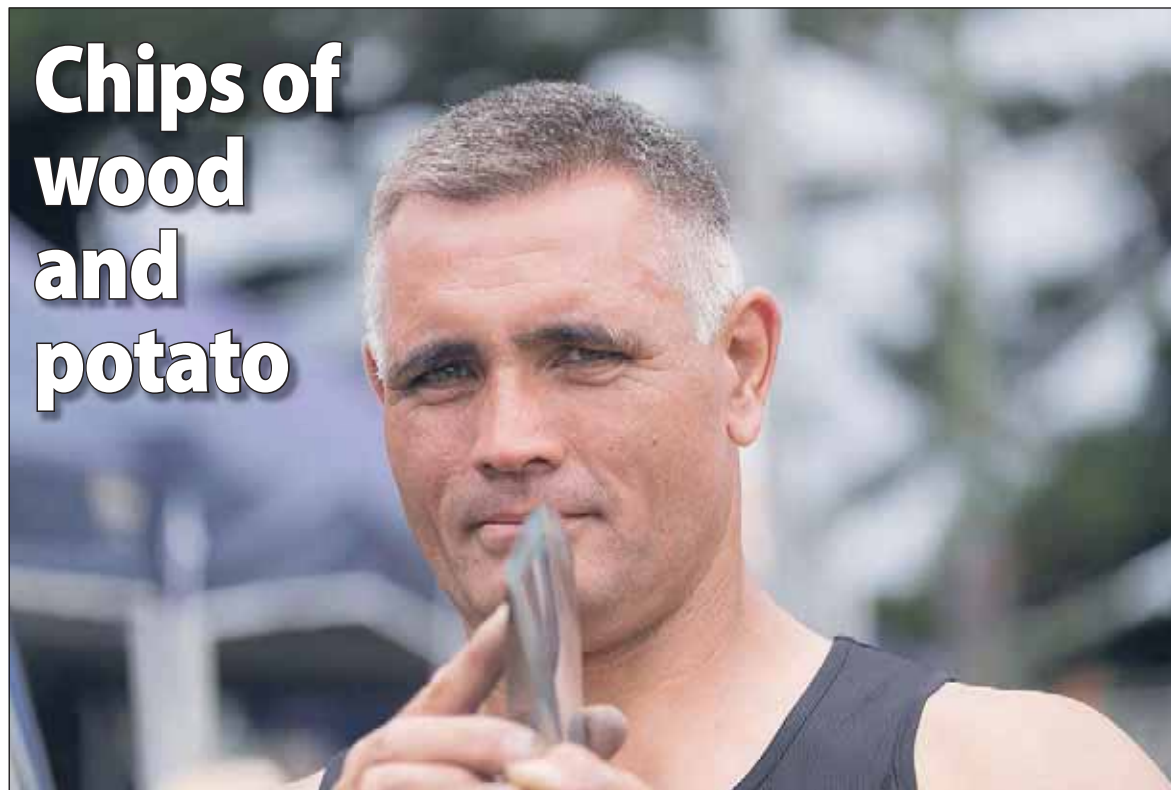
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## Chips of wood and potato

With more than a hundred world titles under his belt, New Zealand's Jason Wynyard is always a crowd favourite at the Brunswick Head's Woodchop. Not only winning the Australian 275mm Underhand title, Jason was crowned the festival's Champion of Champions. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Mapping technology under fire

### Environment groups claim NSW govt taking an axe to native vegetation

Chris Dobney and Hans Lovejoy

A multi-million-dollar vegetation mapping system that has proved overwhelmingly defective is just the latest in a series of threats to the state's native vegetation, particularly on the north coast, say key environmentalists.

Known as 'segmentation mapping', the new \$10 million automated system uses pattern-recognition technology to identify the state's 1,500 plant communities.

But an academic study reported by SMH (Fairfax) has found its accuracy was just 17 per cent when determining

individual communities in the upper Hunter Valley.

Total Environment Centre's Jeff Angel told *The Echo* the process was just the latest blow for the biodiverse northern rivers region.

It follows the abolition of new environment zones proposed in the 2014 LEPs of five northern rivers councils and the intention to replace the *Native Vegetation Act 2003* and the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* with the Biodiversity Conservation Bill.

The new bill is due to be introduced to parliament around the

middle of this year by the coalition.

Mr Angel said, 'This is part of the new proposed biodiversity act that came out of the new National Party push to remove the Native Vegetation Act.'

The Humane Society International (HSI), the National Parks Association and the Nature Conservation Council have also called for the controversial mapping system to be scrapped. Despite confirming by phone that a reply was forthcoming, the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) did not respond to *The Echo's* questions by deadline.

## Coal wedge

### Local Labor and Greens side against Nats

Hans Lovejoy

The expanding fossil fuel industry looks set to be a key issue for the upcoming federal election, after Greens candidate for Richmond, Dawn Walker, called upon incumbent Labor MP Justine Elliot to clarify the Labor Party's official position on the Shenhua coal mine proposal.

The giant open-cut coal mine is slated to 'coexist' with fertile agricultural production on the Liverpool Plains, west of Port Macquarie.

The issue has divided farmers and The National party; it's located within the electorate of federal Nationals minister Barnaby Joyce, who opposes the mine owing to its potential to impact on agricultural land.

Environmentalists oppose it for those reasons but also because it will exacerbate climate change.

Yet the NSW Planning Assessment Commission gave Shenhua the approval last February and, according to the ABC, 'was granted conditional approval' by the federal government in July 2015.

The office of Labor's Justine Elliot told *The Echo* she supports the Greens position in opposing the mine, and believes 'the local community was sold out by the National party.'

'The decision to approve the Shenhua coal mine was made by the federal and state Liberal National governments,' she said.

But Greens candidate Walker says the federal Labor Party have consistently voted against Greens motions in parliament calling for the Shenhua mine to be stopped.

Ms Walker's press release last week claimed the Labor Party leadership at both a state and federal level 'have been silent on whether Labor supports the mine or not.'

So does the local National Party candidate support or oppose Shenhua or other new mining projects given the threat by climate change, plummeting coal prices and potential threats to agriculture and aquifers?

While Matthew Fraser refused to say, he did tell *The Echo*, 'I am more concerned with local issues in the Richmond area but I do think Mrs Elliot pretending she does not support these mining projects is typical hypocrisy, as the lease was granted under a Labor government.'

The Tweed Heads-based Hungry Jacks operator also said, 'The north coast Nationals have proved their effectiveness in government by once again fixing Labor's mess and eliminating all CSG from the north coast of NSW and I've been proud to support them in that fight.'

### Who is Shenhua?

Shenhua is a Chinese-owned corporation, and it says on its website it plans to extract '10 Million tonnes per annum of Run of Mine (ROM) coal for a 30-year period.'

The company claims an average of 434 full-time equivalent employees will be employed during the operation of the project.

As for economic benefits over the next 30 years, Shenhua says its Watermark project is expected to 'pay more than \$1.3 billion in company

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## Boomerang seeks support

The Boomerang Indigenous arts and culture festival is in its final weeks of a crowd-funding campaign and is hoping the northern rivers public will contribute.

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson has just joined with Archie Roach, Paul Kelly, and Troy Brady in doing a video of support.

Originally running as a standalone festival, Boomerang organisers were dismayed in 2013 when the federal government made funding cuts to its arts and Indigenous programs.

The crowdfunding campaign aims to raise \$100,000. For more visit <http://bit.ly/1HH4ogt>.

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## Tweed gallery hoists up Archibalds

The country's best-loved portrait prize exhibition, the Archibald, is now on exhibition at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

Director Susi Muddiman said she was thrilled to have it back and the gallery was 'gearing up for a very busy six weeks.'

The show features all the 47 finalists, including the winning portrait of barrister Charles Waterstreet by Nigel Milsom.

'Waterstreet was the co-creator of the popular ABC television series *Rake*, which is loosely based on his life,'



Tweed gallery director Susi Muddiman. Photo Jeff Dawson

Ms Muddiman said.

'Other portraits include actor Michael Caton, politi-

cian Bob Katter, artist Judy Cassab, musician Daniel Johns from Silverchair and

*Wolf Creek* actor John Jarratt.'

Ms Muddiman said the Young Archies exhibition also complemented the display, with works created by finalists from two categories, artists aged 13 to 15, and artists aged 16 to 18.

'The Young Archies competition was an amazing opportunity for young artists to be involved in the prestigious prize and showcase the true talent we have in our region,' she said.

The gallery is located at 2 Mistral Rd, South Murwillumbah.

## Afterlife book launched

Local metaphysical counsellor and spiritual healer, Claire Swinney, is launching her first book *After Life: A Soul's Journey of Life, Death and Beyond*, at 7 Palm Avenue, Mullumbimby from 2pm on February 7. Claire has 25 years' experience, both locally and internationally, and she will introduce her book with a short talk about the joy in surrendering to the creative process.

'It's a story about what really happens to our souls after we die, told by someone in

the afterlife,' she says.

She says the book is, 'My journey supporting my husband Graham through his cancer diagnosis, alternative treatment and death, has been a watershed in my life.'

'I first discovered I was clairvoyant the night I met Graham and I never thought that over 30 years later I'd be channeling his words of comfort and healing about the journey after death,' says Claire. To RSVP, call or text 0407 757 377.

## Mute charity boogie for January 21

Byron Youth Services have been named a beneficiary for a mobile silent disco dance, to be held Thursday evening on January 21 outside the Byron Bay Surf Club.

DiscoDtours founder Alison Harrington says it's part of a national tour and is hoping that it becomes a fixture for Byron Bay. It's led by a dancing guide, and participants are given wireless headphones

linked the group and allowing discoD's dance instructors to lead a one hour flash-mob-style dance-a-thon to the tunes of Kylie Minogue, Bruno Mars and Michael Jackson.'

'The tours have been a hit in Sydney and it is my hope that this business can be an example of an innovative social enterprise business.'

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

**Australia Day**

**Brunswick Heads**  
**Breakfast in the Park** (Rotary Club of Mullumbimby)  
Time: 7.30am – 10.00am  
Where: Housie Tent, Banner Park  
Free bus travel from Mullumbimby Newsagent at 7.30am and returning to Mullumbimby at 10am. Breakfast \$4.00, live music, sing-a-long and free Australian flags.

**Byron Bay**  
**Breakfast in the Park** (Rotary Club of Byron Bay)  
Time: 7.30am – 2.00pm  
Where: Next to the Byron Bay Surf Club, Main Beach  
Light refreshments, live entertainment and free Australian flags.

**Official Ceremony** (Rotary Club of Byron Bay)  
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm  
Where: Byron Bay Services Club  
Community Awards, Citizenship Ceremony, Australia Day Address and Australia Day Ambassador.

**Celebration of the Survival of Indigenous Culture** (The Sisters for Reconciliation)  
Time: 11.00am – 2.30pm  
Where: Byron Bay Main Beach  
Alcohol free event, music, dancing and children's activities.

**Suffolk Park**  
**Fun Afternoon** (Byron Rural Fire Brigade)  
Time: 12 noon – 5.00pm  
Where: Gaggin Park, Alcorn Street  
Free sausage sizzle, celebration cake, drinks, children's entertainment and music.

**Ocean Shores**  
**Aussie BBQ** (Ocean Shores Community Association)  
Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm  
Where: Ocean Shores Public School  
Free sausage sizzle, lamington cake, drinks, free Australian flags, music, tennis, marbles and mullet throwing. Find out more at [www.oceanshorescommunity.org](http://www.oceanshorescommunity.org).

**Mullumbimby**  
**Australia Day at the Mullum Pool** (Brunswick Heads Valley Historical Society/Mullumbimby Pool/Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce)  
Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm  
Where: Mullumbimby Petria Thomas Memorial Pool  
BBQ, inflatables, thong throwing contest and busking.

**Bangalow**  
**Bangalow Museum and Tearoom** (Bangalow Historical Society)  
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm  
Where: Heritage House, cnr Deacon and Ashton Street, Bangalow  
Adult and children's supper, children's entertainment and ukulele band.

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## Local Labor and Greens side against Nats over coal mine

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taxes and over \$1.5bn in state government royalties.'

### Great Artesian Basin drilled

Meanwhile on Sunday, six farmers from the Coonamble and Pilliga regions 'completely shut down a Santos coal seam gas drill-rig site in the Pilliga forest of north-west NSW', says [www.cs-gfreenorthernrivers.org](http://www.cs-gfreenorthernrivers.org).

'Neil Kennedy, a farmer born in Coonamble Shire on edge of Pilliga, is taking part in the action and said, 'Santos is drilling holes through our underground water supply, including the recharge area of the Great Artesian Basin.'

'Coal seam gas fields will ultimately destroy the Great Artesian Basin, and people will not be able to live in this region. The National Party totally let us down on coal seam gas; they have betrayed us. I can't believe their shortsightedness in putting our water at risk.'

And *The Echo's* Eve Jef-



A farmer locks onto Santos drilling equipment in the Pilliga west of Port Macquarie on Sunday. Photo [www.cs-gfreenorthernrivers.org](http://www.cs-gfreenorthernrivers.org)

fery, who is currently on location at the Pilliga protest site, reports that three Knitting Nannas Against Gas (KNAGs) locked on to a gate in the hopes of halting work at a CSG wastewater processing plant near Narrabri.

Theresa Mason, a 48-year-old Nanna from Lismore, told Ms Jeffery, 'Santos is proposing the largest coal seam gasfield in NSW here in the Pilliga forest, an 850-well gasfield, which is actually only the beginning of their expansive plans to industrialise the productive agricultural region of

northwest NSW with seven coal seam gasfields.

And Angel Dalu says she became a Nanna after an event at her home in Rock Valley, near Bentley, where she saw DVDs and heard speeches 'and got a lot of information.'

'Then when I saw what was happening for myself, I was in shock. How can the politicians allow this? I asked the Nannas what they did to help, to try to stop this.

'They told me they just go and sit and knit. And I said "Oh I can do that!"'

## Rescued, after hours at sea

Australian Lifeguard Service (ALS) lifeguards rescued a man who was found clinging to an overturned semi-submerged kayak off Tallow Beach last week after his mate, who was wearing a lifejacket, swam ashore to raise the alarm.

The male tourists in their fifties left on a trip from The Pass to Julian Rocks, a popular route for kayakers, when they got into difficulty.

The Australian Lifeguard Service northern co-ordinator Scott McCartney said that the incident was a timely reminder of the importance of being prepared when heading out on the water.

## Treasures found in Ewingsdale



'At \$13,500, Richard Hildebrand's 1940s steam-powered little Alvis 'boy racer' is worth three times as much as my car!' said Echo photographer Jeff Dawson. Lorien-Summer Mosey also models this early wireless texting machine. These and many more indulgences filled the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road over the weekend as part of the Antiques Fair.

## RMS accused of highway-route secrecy

Chris Dobney

Roads and Maritime Services NSW (RMS) has been accused of sitting on studies of a koala colony in the path of the Broadwater section of the Pacific Highway, with protection groups suggesting the authority is massaging the figures.

And the Ballina Environment Society suggests the reason RMS is sticking to the 'more expensive and environmentally damaging route' is that it may have already ap-

proved some key tenders.

Save Ballina's Koalas campaigners say they are 'frustrated with repeated delays' in releasing the latest study results.

Campaign co-sponsor Friends of the Koala applied for information about the study under freedom of information legislation in August last year but RMS requested modification of the application in October and then delayed the release of documents until December 7.

Campaign spokesperson

and Ballina councillor Jeff Johnson said that Woolgoolga2Ballina project manager, Bob Higgins had 'promised Ballina Council that the koala studies and planning for the controversial Section 10 (Broadwater to Coolgardie) would be transparent.'

'What we've got instead is a closed door and information being kept from the public,' Cr Johnson said.

The Echo understands the documentation that RMS is willing to release will be after it

has finalised and circulated the Ballina Koala Plan, which is expected to be in late January. Cr Johnson has accused RMS of 'not acting in good faith'.

A Roads and Maritime Services spokesperson replied to The Echo saying the department will release the plan - expected to be more than 1,000 pages - publicly after it has been submitted 'and the project team will meet with key stakeholders, including Friends of the Koala, to brief them on the outcomes.'

## Market cancelled, stallholders riled

Hans Lovejoy

A last-minute cancellation by The Byron Market management for Sunday's market at the Butler Street Reserve has left stallholders upset, confused and without expected earnings.

At around 2.30pm on Saturday, a brief email to stallholders from manager Tess Cullen simply said, 'Tomorrow [sic] Sunday Market has been cancelled. Cheers.'

Social media subsequently lit up, with market operators complaining about the short notice and the 'unprofessional notification without any valid reason.'

However The Echo understands that around 100 stallholders had cancelled out of approximately 350.

One market stallholder, who had been operating for 10 years, told The Echo that 100 missing stallholders should not have stopped it from proceeding.

They added that a cancellation is very rare and only in

extreme weather conditions.

'When they made the call to cancel, it wasn't even raining. In the past, we've had to pack up to avoid hailstorms.

'Given the impact to stallholders, why couldn't they run a smaller market?'

'How much were the managers going to lose in revenue? It was also advertised on TV, which is paid for by our fees. It was a waste of money.'

'Though I don't operate one, the most affected are the food stalls, who prepare in the days or night before.'

And Tane Allan from the Rainbow Region Stallholders Association said, 'This was not human error, this was a lack of care and consultation. We weren't contacted prior.'

### Empathetic

Byron Community Centre general manager Paul Spooner posted on Facebook at around 10pm Sunday.

While he was empathetic to the stallholder's loss, no further explanation was given and encouraged stall-

holders to attend a 'meeting to discuss the details of this decision and how we can ensure a much better process in the future.'

He said, 'The large disappointment and frustration regarding the market cancellation has been heard loud and clear by those managing the Byron Markets.'

### 'Call was made far too early'

'I believe stallholders have the right to hear firsthand why this decision was taken rather than just through emails or posts on Facebook.'

'This is especially relevant given the level of angst the decision has caused.'

'What is perfectly clear is the weather call was made far too early. This must be fixed for the future. I can assure you the Byron Community Centre does not want to see markets cancelled unnecessarily.'

'Nobody wins from a market being cancelled - least of all those who are running it.'

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# Pay parking rollout continues

Stage two of the rollout of the four-hour and all-day parking meters for Byron Bay's town centre has been completed, say Council.

Byron Shire Council's transport and traffic planner Simon Bennett said the final machines were installed in the outer-lying areas of the pay parking area.

Areas include along the beachfront at Lawson Street, through to Massinger Street, down to the end of Jonson Street and along Shirley Street (east of Milton St), north side of Somerset Street and Butler Street (to Somerset St).

Butler Street Reserve has also been opened and will provide parking between 6am and 1am daily.

Mr Bennett said time limits in the outer-lying residential areas adjoining the pay parking area would also have either a two- or four-hour time limit restriction put in place.

'The new time limits in residential areas are being put in place to help ensure residential amenity and to stop these areas becoming packed with parked cars.'

'Residents who live in the time-limited residential streets will receive in their letterbox a permit to display on their dashboard and a letter explaining how the permit will work.'

'Basically, their car or visitor's car will be exempt from the time limit introduced and allow them to continue to park all day, as per normal.'



The areas affected are outlined in blue, purple and orange.

'Motorists parking in the streets are urged to check the street signage and adhere to the time limit.'

## Adhere to time limit

'When your time is up in the residential streets, motorists need to leave the area or otherwise you could be fined.'

And not to confuse the physical resident permit with the pay parking exemptions, Mr Bennett explained the two are mutually exclusive.

'Pay parking exemption holders, as with any vehicle that does not display the resident permit, will need to adhere to the street time limits in the residential parking areas,' Mr Bennett warned.

All-day parking is available along Law-

son Street east of Middleton Street, the east side of Middleton Street and around the bowling club and primary school and the southern end of Jonson Street.

Lawson Street car parks North and South will also become all-day parking.

Over at Butler Street Reserve, a newly created carpark is being established with all-day parking available on the grounds from 6am till 1am.

The monthly Byron Bay community markets and farmers markets will be located at the site as per their existing licence agreements.

For more information on Byron Bay's new pay parking scheme visit Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) or call the hotline on 1300 811 942.

## Sewer pump art

Council are calling for expressions of interest from artists interested in submitting concept designs for artwork on several sewer pump stations in Byron Shire.

'These art installations are considered an opportunity to showcase local artwork and also provide an opportunity to express some of the community core values and key messages to locals and visitors alike.' Expressions of interest close Friday 22 January and the document is available to download at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest).

# Crisis service receives record calls

For the first time in its 52-year history, Lifeline says it has received more than a million requests for help in 2015, including the busiest ever four-month period.

That's a call to 13 11 14 every 32.2 seconds, says the organisation.

Lifeline Australia CEO Pete Shmigel said the organisation answered more than 71,000 calls a month since September 2015, which has seen demand for its 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services rise to new levels.

Mr Shmigel said, 'It's heart-wrenching that there

are so many in our community in crisis and needing support, but it is heart-warming that they can rely on the compassionate and effective help offered by Lifeline's more than 4,000 telephone and on-line crisis supporters, most of whom are volunteers.'

'Lifeline offers a life-saving and life-changing alternative. It is always there for those confronting crisis and suicide, but also for those who trust us with their ongoing and often complex problems.'

'There are never any hoops to jump through or barriers to receiving help or judg-

ments made - we provide a confidential and caring service and are only a phone call or online chat away.'

'With Lifeline centres based in every state and territory across the country, we have a strong relationship with the community and therefore receive more calls than all other Australian helplines combined.'

## Fifteen to 44 age group most at risk

'We will grow our services to best serve a modern Australia.'

'With our online Crisis Support Chat service continuing to reach higher numbers of 15 to 44 age group - the highest-risk age group for suicide in Australia - we now aim to secure the funds to create a complementary text-based service.'

'There is immense potential for such a service.'

'For example, it could support people by checking in on their wellbeing following a suicide attempt.'

For crisis or suicide prevention support, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or visit [www.lifeline.org.au/gethelp](http://www.lifeline.org.au/gethelp).

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## AUSTRALIA DAY: NO CHANGE

If you want to ring us from your esky on the beach, clad only in the Australian flag, on your thong-phone, you can! *The Echo* will be open this Australia Day.

But please don't mention the republic.

If the excitement of another year's living in our constitutional monarchy, federation and parliamentary democracy isn't enough for you, don't blame us. Blame founding member of the Australian Republican Movement Malcolm Turnbull and the dills who made up 55 per cent of Australian voters in 1999.

All deadlines remain the same as usual for the next *Byron Echo* issue out Wednesday 27 January.



# Score, fight, food, rinse and repeat – life in Byron's squatter camps

Anna James

The gypsy kids' campground would be beautiful, if not for the debris.

A baked-bean can, water bottle, and a dog bowl are scattered on the dirt among three deflated tents and piles of soiled blankets. There's a pink massage claw, a tabloid magazine and liquor bottles.

The squatter camps like this one in the hinterland surrounding Byron Bay are illegal, but easy to find; behind the main strip, Jonson Street, walk a few metres inland, and tents appear. Neon-green, foliage-topped rosewood trees join baby blue sky; the salty summer air steadies and waves tumble nearby.

'Sometimes the police ask you to move on, only if you're being disrespectful to nature and trashing the place,' says 20-year-old Kai, who's been living out here for three years.

Kai, like the other people interviewed for this article, didn't offer his last name, as illegal camping is punishable by fine, or worse — disdain from his peers for opening their secret world to the media.

'At least someone is interested in us,' says Kai, when approached for an interview.

Kai is a typical Byron Bay gypsy kid; under 25, impassively homeless, and living in a tented community with his peers on the fringes of one of Australia's richest towns.

The name 'gypsy kid' is typically used by those



Photo Rudiger Wasser. For more visit [www.rudigerwasser.com](http://www.rudigerwasser.com).

who've never met them, professionals looking on from the other side of town. The kids refer to themselves as a 'pack,' 'mob' or 'family.'

Kai's dark skin makes him stand out, a rarity in a predominately white town; his father is Maori, and his mother English.

He sports a tuft of peroxide in his fringed hair, and a ripped sleeveless Hawaiian shirt. He's shoeless, always. He could be an extra from the movie *Point Break*.

Fearing police, the kids abandon camp at daybreak.

'No-one's at camp during the day, [police] can't do nothing if they don't see us with our tents,' says Kai.

'We're like a little family. We share what we've got, and if someone shares with you, you share with them,' he says.

Travellers sometimes share their supply of weed and wine, a non-verbal exchange for companionship and accommodation in the dunes. 'We get a lot of travellers,' Kai says.

The gypsy kids divide public opinion. The weekend before Christmas, a community enforcement officer was attacked in the dunes during a blitz on illegal camping. He sustained a black eye, facial cuts, and a broken dislocated thumb. Incidents like this fuel perception of the gypsy kids as a public safety issue.

### Divided opinion

Many resent the strain they put on local resources like the Larder, which provides free food.

'Modern-day gypsies just want a free ride,' wrote Terry Gray on the Voice of Byron Facebook page. 'Go book into a caravan park like everyone else and put money back into local businesses (not just the pubs and bottle shops). Stop being a burden on the welfare agencies (cause it's all about a free feed) and take the bloody rubbish with you.'

Over the phone, Gray's voice softens when he reveals that, at 50 years old, he was

homeless. Until recently, Gray illegally squatted around Byron in a tent with his dog. He divides Byron's homeless in two: 'ones who choose that lifestyle, and ones who can't genuinely find a place,' reserving resentment toward 'takers' who live off the land, just as he did recently.

'I've been struggling and homeless before and I've had to use some of the services around town, like the Neighbourhood Centre [Larder].'

But others believe they're just kids, pursuing a higher spiritual journey, for which Byron was built.

Charlie is a 34-year-old former dental technician and empathises with the gypsy kids because he's on an odyssey himself. Mid-2015, he left the corporate world in WA, his job, house and professional community, to join the protest against 'insidious' invasions of the rights of Indigenous Australians.

'Some kids are on the streets because of drugs and alcohol, but a lot of them aren't,' Charlie says. 'Some are using them recreationally and for spiritual reasons, like taking magic mushrooms. They're not just getting out of their heads. They're making a connection with the infinite.'

■ Journalist Anna James produces and co-hosts the Community Newsroom on BayFM on Friday's from 11am. For more visit [www.annajamestown.com](http://www.annajamestown.com).

## Residents rally against Lennox road closure

A group of Lennox Head residents opposed to the decision to close the Eastern Road at Lake Ainsworth say they have so far gathered more than 1,100 signatures from residents and visitors who also do not support the Eastern Road closure.

Pip Carter says, 'Closing the road will reduce access for everyone, including young families, the elderly, people with disabilities and people using the dog beach access who frequent the eastern side owing to ease of access. NSW Police and NSW Rural Fire Service representatives have grave concerns over the area becoming a "hot spot" for antisocial behaviour if the road closes.'

To get involved, contact Pip on 0405 141 537.

## Where earth and water meet



Jan Rae's new exhibition at Byron's Lone Goat gallery is 'a response to the landscape I live in and love.' Ms Rae says, 'My artwork is an enquiry into the constantly evolving meeting place of earth and water and represents the geography of the imagination.' The exhibition finishes January 27 and the gallery is located in the Byron Bay Library. Photo Jeff Dawson

# Where art and nature converge



Orly Faya's infused artwork. Photo supplied

An initiative by artist Orly Faya in partnership with local Mindjinbal man Gavin Ivey has produced some stunning images. Orly says the idea was to '... creatively recognise the intrinsic connection between human and earth, specifically in acknowledgement of Australia's first peoples, the diversity of country, as well as highlighting our shared responsibility to care for country.'

Orly says the first creation took place on December 7 last year at The Pinnacle in the Border Ranges. 'We awoke at the crack of dawn and with a crew of five people we ventured on a five-hour return trip, to arrive at the tip of The Pinnacle. 'They were Gavin, his partner Mohammed, Dianna Rivers of the Rainforest Project and filmmaker Sharon Shostak.

'An extraordinary day took place that we will never forget, an honouring of our first people of Australia, a recognition of the spiritual depth that has been so long hidden beneath layers of Anglo culture. 'This project requires funding and support to continue. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact diannarivers@gmail.com.'

## Developer fined, compliance ramped up

Developers of the Cobaki Estate on the Tweed coast have been slapped with 'the maximum possible fine for failing to protect environmentally sensitive areas as required by its conditions of approval.' The Department of Planning and Environment says Leda Manorstead 'was required to fence environmentally sensitive areas during earthwork activities to protect them from any work associated with construction of Cobaki Estate.'

breach was assessed as having a high impact. 'The company is now required to pay a \$15,000 fine, construct the fence and remediate the affected areas,' the spokesperson said. 'The issuing of this fine should serve as a deterrent to all companies in the state...' In August last year, the NSW government introduced five-fold increases in penalties for companies that breach conditions. This has given NSW the toughest penalties in the country for planning offenc-

es, say the department. 'Companies can also be prosecuted in court for breaching conditions, with the most severe breaches attracting fines of up to \$5 million. 'The department has doubled the number of compliance officers in the field across NSW to monitor and enforce the conditions placed on developments of state significance such as residential developments. 'In November 2015, the department's compliance officers undertook 23 inspections across the Tweed and

Ballina LGAs as part of an increased presence campaign in the north of the state,' the spokesperson said.

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# Flawed laws

*'One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws'* – Martin Luther King Jr

Ever wondered why stupid laws exist?

It may be considered cynical, but the chances are it's because a corporate lobbyist wrote the legislation and corporately owned politicians passed it in parliament.

You can get a fine for leaving your car door unlocked. Who does that benefit? It has the fingerprints of the insurance companies all over it.

Pot smokers or those using medicinal marijuana are the target with dodgy unscientific roadside tests, while other more serious drugs that affect your driving go untested.

Who benefits? Maybe an increase in revenue for fines helps govcorp, but it appears to be just a measure to intimidate.

On a federal level, *Crikey* revealed last year how security spooks – ASIO and ASIS – basically wrote the cyberdata collection laws. It's clear the laws have little to do with keeping anyone 'safe' – it's just mass surveillance and again undermines democracy and the trust of the public.

Anyway here's a website I created this week: [www.flawedlaws.org](http://www.flawedlaws.org). While it's just a start – the more the merrier. Get involved!

Idiotic laws reflect the idiotic politicians who pass them.

Let's lobby – for example – to end the retirement entitlements of all serving politicians.

The implication of that law is that politicians are more important than us mere mortals. By being treated separately, they remain disconnected from the community's sense of reality.

Maybe in a utopian future of goodwill, sparkles, unicorns and rainbows, former treasurer Joe Hockey wouldn't have been given a cushy job as US ambassador.

Instead, he would have been banished to Norfolk Island because he produced Australia's worst ever budget.

Just a thought.

As much as Facebook is a steaming pile of social manipulation that benefits corporations, I will also reluctantly create a page there too. Remember – [www.flawedlaws.org](http://www.flawedlaws.org).

Next step is to petition these terrible laws in parliament.

It all helps. 10,000 physical signatures are needed to make state politicians debate a petition in parliament, for example.

It was one factor that helped get rid of CSG in the region.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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# Shorten on a winner with GST attack

**B**ill Shorten, says the government's environment minister Greg Hunt, is a nice guy, but hopelessly out of his depth.

Coincidentally, that's much the same way the environment feels about Greg Hunt, but that's another story.

Hunt's more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger chiding of the opposition leader is based on the fact that Shorten has spent his time this year fomenting resistance to a rise in the GST. And indeed he has: Shorten has been running around the country accosting hapless voters in precisely the style of Tony Abbott warning of the frightful consequences of a carbon tax.

The venues are different; while Abbott haunted small businesses, Shorten is infesting the aisles of supermarkets. But the message is the same: the proposal will wreck the economy, destroy the livelihood of millions, leave Australia mired in poverty and misery.

But, insists Hunt, there is a key distinction: the carbon tax was real – or at least it became so after the 2010 election, although Abbott had been inveighing against any form of pricing carbon emissions well before then. Indeed, he had won the party leadership on the basis of what was, at that stage, a policy rather than a bill before parliament.

The difference, insists Hunt, is that right now 'there hasn't been any proposal, policy, preferred option put forward to change the GST'.

And he's right: but that is exactly the point.

All Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison have done so far is canvass various ideas – what they like to call a conversation, although in fact they are talking only to each other, and

in total privacy. But the leaks, deliberate or otherwise, make it clear that a rise, in either the rate or scope or both, of the GST is definitely on the table – perhaps even their plan A. Sooner or later Turnbull will have to tell us: is it on or isn't it? And when he does, it will give Shorten a win.

If the answer is yes, then Shorten will say that he told us so: all the shilly-shallying was no more than a deceit and a deception. The government was always going to push for a GST increase, it was always intending to slug the workers and

change, education, health, welfare – there should have been lots to talk about. But there wasn't: Shorten simply failed to break through.

The ideas were washed away in days as more urgent matters (most obviously the erosion of Tony Abbott) took precedence. And infuriatingly, some of Shorten's best ideas were later taken over by his opponents: his proposal to beef up research and development was gleefully appropriated (Shorten would no doubt say misappropriated) as Turnbull's signature tune: innovation.

*Shorten's strategy may be derided as premature at present, but it makes perfect political sense.*

by Mungo MacCallum



their families, he has warned them and he was right: now the campaign proper can begin, vote against a referendum on this cruel and unfair impost.

But if the answer is no, Shorten will say that he had called the government's bluff; in the face of his relentless crusade, Turnbull and Morrison backed off. Shorten saved the honest toilers from the terrible fate their harsh rulers had in mind for them. Cynical, perhaps but potentially very effective. Shorten's strategy may be derided as premature at present, but it makes perfect political sense.

And, let's face it, he had to try something. Hunt is right about one thing: Shorten's year of big ideas last year got lost somewhere along the way. It was not that there were no ideas: Shorten talked about superannuation, multinational tax evasion, infrastructure, climate

The year of ideas proved a fizzer; so Shorten abandoned defence and turned to attack. Negative, certainly; but he had learned from a master. If Abbott could succeed through doing nothing except destructive and misleading diatribe based on slogans and photo opportunities, why couldn't he?

Unfortunately the answer is obvious: he is not Tony Abbott, but, far more importantly, Malcolm Turnbull is not Julia Gillard. Turnbull is not invulnerable, and his stellar popularity can, and almost certainly will, be tarnished before the next election. But he is smart, lawyer smart and media smart. He is not going to fall into the same traps, the same gaffes and miscalculations, that beset both Gillard and Kevin Rudd. And he has an electoral buffer; Gillard and Rudd were in a minority government when Abbott struck, while Turnbull has

a comfortable bit of fat to shed – he would rather not shed it, but it's good insurance.

It is unfair to Shorten for Greg Hunt to dismiss him as just desperately looking for something: 'I don't think I've ever seen anybody in the opposition leader's job look as lost as he does now,' Hunt has concluded patronisingly. But Shorten is not lost; knows what he is doing and why he is doing it. What he does not know is how to make it work – how to explode with the big idea which will finally capture the imagination of the disillusioned voters and sway the doubters and drifters behind him.

But in the meantime, he at least has a weapon with which to fight, and while it might not be a decisive one, it has proved in the past to be a potent one – just ask John Hewson, or even John Howard.

The big problem is to make people take him seriously.

This is Hunt's real agenda – to refuse to engage Shorten, to laugh him into irrelevancy. And for the moment at least it seems to be working. The story of last week was not the likelihood and consequences of a GST rise, but Shorten's taste in salad leaves – the relative merits of iceberg and cos. Diverting and even funny at times – a lot better than his zingers – but not quite what is needed from an alternative prime minister.

So Shorten's immediate task is to get out of the comic role in which Hunt and many of the commentators are trying to cast him, and make the drama real. Eventually Turnbull himself will have to provide the denouement, but in the meantime all Shorten's followers can do is channel the horticulturalists: pyrethrum. Or, more colloquially: lettuce spray.

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I appealed against this fine on the grounds that I was exempted and unclear instructions but the appeal was turned down. I will not be visiting Byron Bay again.

**Pat Janda**  
Ocean Shores

■ We have just left town after our overnight stay with a \$106 fine for doing the right thing, or so we thought. We eventually found a place to park yesterday morning in a two-hour bay. After a bit of shopping and sitting down for lunch with friends, we ran back to purchase more parking.

When we re-entered our licence plate, the machine said something about validating or checking, then gave us the go-ahead to put more money in, which we did, assuming we'd just bought another two hours parking. Returning



from lunch, we find a \$106 fine! If we weren't allowed to buy another two hours parking, why didn't the very new and very expensive-looking bit of hardware we put the money into tell us that?!

I realise parking is an issue, but for a machine to give people the go-ahead to pay for more parking, and then for your inspector to fine us for doing what the machine implied was okay is not okay!

**Jason John**  
Bellingen

**Grand plan?**

I read and reread (several times) Boyd Kellner's re-

sponse to the article (*Echo*, December 20, 2015) 'Climate Change or System Change'. I was trying to understand the point he was making. No doubt he will tell me if I am wrong but he seems to be telling us that he is fully aware of the problems that beset us but has nothing but contempt for those who would attempt to do something about it.

He uses such emotive phrases as 'banging on about its virtues', 'miraculous ways', 'populist utopians' and 'navel gazing' by the localising proponents. He seems to be suggesting that either he has the solution or that we should sit

and relax 'until the social economic reality triggers a mass political upsurge to seek out a realistic democratic political alternative:

1) evolution is less destructive than a revolution ('mass political upsurge');

2) hell could freeze over while we wait for said 'realistic democratic political alternative'.

I await his grand plan.

**Jim Nutter**  
Main Arm

**Drug driving tests**

In your editorial 'Oral Invasion' (*Echo*, January 13) the editor accuses the police/government of being unscientific and claims that the real concern is 'false positives'.

If a driver has not been using any illegal substances, it is not going to be too difficult to re-test and challenge the reading. Perhaps you may be able to give us some 'sci-

entific' data regarding poven false positives.

There is no need to worry about 'a herd of dull and uninspiring meat sacks'. Most of them are still trying to explain why the Pacific islands are not swimming in a metre of sea water as they told us in 2009 at the Copenhagen conference.

And finally, to all readers, just drive along the highway for an hour and count the number of floral tributes. It may inspire a greater interest in road safety.

**Tim Harrington**  
Lennox Head

■ The detailed story on 'false positives' is at [echo.net.au/a-third-of-regions-drivers-test-false-positive-after-roadside-swipes](http://echo.net.au/a-third-of-regions-drivers-test-false-positive-after-roadside-swipes) - Ed

**Suicide prevention**

In June 2013 I put my first Suicide Prevention Advertisement (SPA) in a Barossa newspaper, thinking I would do only one. I've just written my seventy-seventh 'long' SPA. They've gone into local papers now in two states, I've had much positive feedback, was nominated (2014) for a national award from Suicide Prevention Australia, and not had one single complaint.

All these SPAs are on my media and information site [www.suicidepreventionads.com](http://www.suicidepreventionads.com), along with suicide statistics commencing 1921 and road fatalities from 1970. Also a graph, other relevant figures, the original source of government expenditure figures on national infrastructure and

Beyondblue, relevant comment from then minister Catherine King and a chilling call to all Australians from the then CEO of Beyondblue Kate Carnell (2014).

You don't have to be a Rhodes scholar in emotional mathematics to work out that if our governments spend \$5.5 billion/year on infrastructure/road safety for three decades, and yet less than one per cent of this figure, currently a paltry \$41m/year on our 'emotional roads' (Beyondblue), it's hardly surprising road fatalities have reduced by 77 per cent while suicides have shown no reduction at all. There are now two suicides for every one road fatality.

Shame on each and every Aussie politician who allows this situation to continue.

I'm looking to get my little SPA messages into as many hearts and minds as possible. They are currently available to any Aussie community for the price of the advertising space, paid directly to the newspaper, not to me.

I'm not a complete stranger to our big circulation print media and ABC Radio National over past environmental and reconciliation issues but when I want to debate prevention policy, their doors suddenly shut very tight.

**Tim Barritt**  
Barossa Valley

**Brutal misogyny**

Complaints about Peter Dutton calling a female journalist demeaning names because he was unhappy with **continued on next page** ▶



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# Dangerous celebrations under an uncompromising sun

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'Why don't you have a tap at the sink?' Granddaughter asks, watching the stainless steel bucket fill from a hot water tap in the breezeway. The tin roof pops in the morning heat. Startled, she looks up. 'What's that?' she asks.

So many questions. Summer is here. Finally. It's only early and already the sun is a fierce monster, hanging over the eastern ridge, drooling UV, the dappled shade caused by the ironbarks barely muting the sun's leery aggression. Ah, the Australian sum-

mer. Barbecues and beer, beer and beach. Celebration of an Australian lifestyle that delivers a smug but fragile nationalism, liver degeneration and melanoma. As summer burns towards Australia Day, the beer coolers are decorated with the Australian flag, people lie baking on Australian flag beach towels, and the meat industry is using Australia's penchant for war as a marketing tool. (Come on, 15 years of war-making is a penchant.)

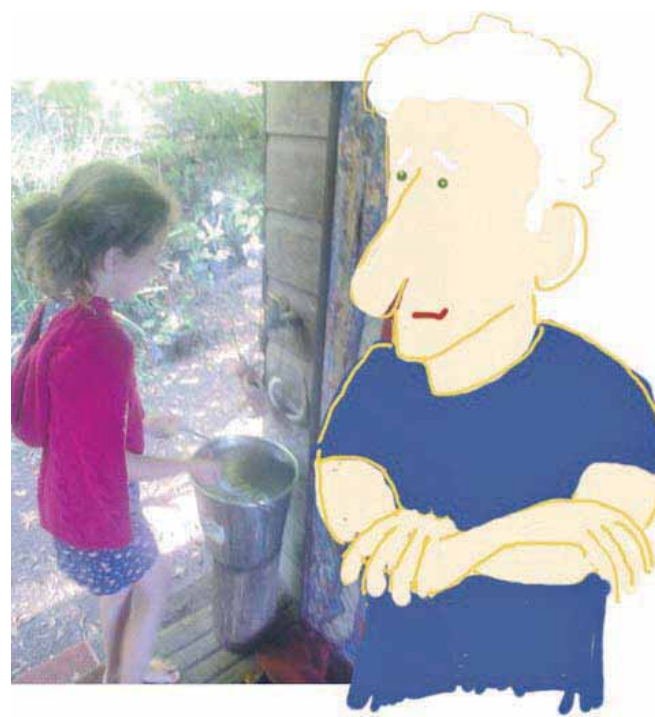
Patriotism is on the rise. This makes politicians and merchandisers happy, but makes me nervous. I don't think it's healthy for Granddaughter.

I am not, of course, at the beach. I'm at home.

'The sun makes the metal on the roof hot and it expands. That makes the creaky noise.'

My shack under the cliffs is a shady retreat from the debilitating of propaganda, merchandising and Oi Oi Oi. Apart from the rise and fall of the cicada chorus, the popping roof and a distant brushcutter engaged in the constant war against grass, all is quiet on the western front.

I don't particularly like the beach in summer. My body,



whose genes call Scandinavia home, is scarred where skin cancers have been removed. Hereditarily for me, the beach is a rocky shore where a bloke, his mates and a swag of weapons could land a longboat for a bit of weekend pillaging in the snow.

But as a young Viking stranded in a sunburnt country taken without agreement, payment or legality from the first Australians (who have appropriate skin for the climate), I spent too much time at the beach, trying to cultivate a cool tan, but only succeeding in cultivating a pre-melanomic pinkness with peeling bits.

Don't get me wrong; I like the sun - it gives me electricity, makes the plants grow, dries the washing, and gives the Earth something to revolve around - but I don't like it on my body. It's a narrow temperature range that can support human life.

The hot water system is just near this tap. So the hot water comes out straight away. If I put the tap all the

way over near the sink, there would be a lot of cold water before the hot water came through,' I explain. 'And water is precious,' she says. (She's smart. She wouldn't understand why water is treated so disrespectfully in this dry southern land.)

I hope the politically expedient militarisation of our nation doesn't rebound on her. A lot of angry karma builds up when you bomb other countries. I hope the covering up of real issues with a manufactured fear of terrorism doesn't leave Granddaughter in a burnt-out land of eternal summer and war.

With a warming planet, a rapid decline in biodiversity, out-of-control population growth, rampant water contamination and a global capitalism that believes you can eat money, it seems weird that many Australians perceive the biggest threat to their lifestyle is an old religion. Suddenly eating lamb is a patriotic duty. It's a national trait. (Like it is in the Middle East.)

The bucket is full. I carry it to the kitchen and pour it in the sink.

'Your house is funny,' she says.

'You're funny,' I say.

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the article she'd written about the bad behaviour of his colleague have nothing to do with political correctness. His verbal abuse is a deliberate tactic used to try to silence women when they dare to speak out. The PC furphy is continually rolled out by unreconstructed males in an

attempt to trivialise the very serious issue of endemic violence against women, which starts with language then, too often, escalates into brutality and murder.

That anyone would try to justify verbal abuse and bad behaviour with the claim that 'some women actually enjoy an uncomplicated encoun-

ter with a famous confident and experienced male' shows a complete lack of respect and ignorance of appropriate behaviour. To a modern educated, confident, independent, professional woman, the above translates as 'I find it highly offensive to be mauled, abused and harassed by repulsive, unreconstructed

(usually old) men, and I will not tolerate it'. Women are no longer the chattels of men to do with as they please.

It speaks volumes about Malcolm Turnbull's credibility that he tolerates Dutton in the ministry. Would he have been so tolerant if the demeaning name-calling had

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## CHESS by Ian Rogers

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While Bobby Cheng was winning his first Australian Championship title over the New Year period in Melbourne, an even stronger event was taking place across the Tasman.

Building on the success of the Queenstown Classic, retired New Zealand Grandmaster Murray Chandler hosted the New Zealand Open in his chess centre in Auckland over the same period and managed to attract six Grandmasters - twice as many as competed in Melbourne.

Top seed Nigel Short was star of the show and media anti-hero. His comments about women's brains being less suited to chess plus his simultaneous exhibition against 20 women players attracted both local and international television coverage and multiple newspaper articles.

However, Short was demolished by world number 5 woman player Ju Wenjun - poetic justice - and his compatriot Gawain Jones then coasted to victory without even needing to play Short.

Thanks in part to Short's notoriety and more significantly to growing interest among young players, the New Zealand Chess Centre - a former church in the northern Auckland suburb of Devonport - was filled to capacity for the Open and accompanying events. Tournaments were staggered throughout the day with many juniors playing both morning and afternoon events.

Locals were fighting for the NZ championship, with Alexei Kulashko and veteran Michael Steadman tying for the title.

The key game in Auckland came when Jones beat Short's conqueror to go into the lead.

New Zealand Open  
White: G Jones  
Black: Ju Wenjun  
Opening: English  
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1? Intending 8.e4 and then 9.d4. 7...d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.d4 cxd4 11.Qa4+ Bc6 12.Qxd4 0-0 12...Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 is not as equal as it looks; Black's queenside light squares are weak. 13.Be3 Bf6 14.Qb4 Na6! 15.Qa3 Nc5 16.Rac1 a5 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Qxc5 Bxf3? Based on a miscalculation. After 18...Rc8 Black has fair compensation for the pawn. 19.Bxf3 Bxb2 20.Red1! Qc8? Having said 'a' Ju feels that she must say 'b'. However awkward, 20...Qb8 keeps Black in the game. 21.Bxa8 Bxc1 22.Qxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb7! 1-0 The point: White wins a bishop.

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# Council: Volunteers deserve praise, not censure

■ I would like to thank *The Echo* for shining some light on the inconsistencies of the council's code of conduct ('Conduct confusion', January 13). Having extensive personal experience of code play as a councillor and having advised Angela Dunlop, the volunteer in this matter, feel there is more to be said.

Cr Ibrahim clearly breached the code by contacting a tender applicant prior to a contract being signed. He had a code violation brought against him, not by the GM (?) but by a member of the community. As a result he had his case assessed by a council-paid 'examiner' with all the checks and protections afforded by the code. He walked away with a recommendation of 'no further action'.

On the other hand volunteer Angela Dunlop, not getting answers from Council, approached a contractor for information (after the contract had been let) in the hope that, as manager of SGB Community Centre she could continue doing her job. The GM Ken Gainger, instead of ringing Angela and offering to facilitate the information

his staff was not supplying, slapped her with a code of conduct charge, 'improper or unethical conduct and/or abuse of power'.

Angela wrote back refuting the GM's version of events, asked questions and requested an interview as she thought the code stipulated. Mr Gainger did not respond for eleven weeks and then sent a letter, 'guilty as charged, formal penalty of "censure" imposed'.

Detailed complaints to the Office of Local Government and the Ombudsman produced the 'helpful' advice that while volunteers were subject to the same penalties as councillors and staff they did not enjoy the same protections under the code. In other words, volunteers were completely in the hands of the GM and if they didn't like it they could contact their local member.

Mr Gainger was so pleased with his work that he failed to mention, in his annual code of conduct report to Council, that he had officially censured a volunteer.

Several councillors have been aware of these events but have sat on their hands.

Hopefully they will now ask some questions.

**Tom Tabart**  
Bangalow

■ Where is the justice? A volunteer who has saved Council thousands of dollars in potential wages through her hard work and dedication to a community project as a member of a S355 committee has a code of conduct penalty slapped on her for a perceived trivial offence. Meanwhile two councillors who got away with throwing shoes into the gallery at a council meeting and contacting a builder during a tender process undoubtedly breached the code of conduct.

One of these councillors is let off with a slap on the wrist with no case to answer. One wonders what the outcome would have been had Angela Dunlop been given the equal opportunity to have had her case assessed by Council reviewer, Gary Faulks, instead of GM Ken Gainger.

The inequity is astounding. The code clearly needs reviewing in order to provide some modicum of justice for volunteers. If certain Council staff had carried out their

duties effectively as we, the general public, have a right to expect, and had responded to Ms Dunlop's reasonable questions in a timely manner this situation could have been avoided.

In her capacity as chair of the S355 committee and manager of SGB Community Centre Ms Dunlop worked tirelessly on the hall renovations project to achieve a remarkable outcome. I would even go so far as to say that our hall is one of the most outstanding halls in our Shire now because of Ms Dunlop's attention to detail and research while keeping an eye on the budget. Our residents can now boast a community centre to be proud of and Ms Dunlop should be congratulated, not vilified.

Why would you want to be a volunteer for Byron Shire Council when this is the gratitude one gets?

**Kathy Norley & the SGB Community Centre S355 committee members**  
South Golden Beach

■ How sad it is to see a tireless worker for the South Golden Beach community being hung out to dry for trying

to do the right thing by her community regarding the refurbishment of the now excellent South Golden Beach Community Hall. It appears that Ms Dunlop has trodden on somebody's toes over her interest and excitement to enquire about the renovations that she, as part of the hall committee, was so involved in getting the very much-needed upgrade through to building stage.

The north of Byron Shire needs as many energetic community workers as possible. For Ms Dunlop to be warned off from contacting the builder, even though she and her committee were so instrumental in driving the upgrade, and to not be backed up by the general manager, reflects poorly on Council protocol and may convince others with a wish to get involved in community matters to back away.

To be 'greatly appreciated and acknowledged' by Council after being censured and charged with misconduct for doing a great job for our community is pathetic and creates a further divide between council and the few residents who want to make Byron

Shire a beautiful and properly functioning shire.

The Ombudsman has let her down for not requiring the 'censure' to be removed and for not letting her be a part in the process.

**Paul Arrowsmith**  
Yelgun

■ Byron Council's GM Ken Gainger gives no explanation for why he decided to 'censure' Ms Dunlop for this rather trivial 'breach' to the code of conduct when his staff was unable to provide the necessary information to the SGB management committee in a timely manner.

Community consultation and participation is far more than a box-ticking exercise. We demand the right to be involved in the spending of our public funds and the development and implementation of worthwhile projects.

It is increasingly difficult to find volunteers willing to do anything – and who can blame them when instead of being honoured, thanked and rewarded by Council, Ms Dunlop was censured in her vital role.

**Michele Grant**  
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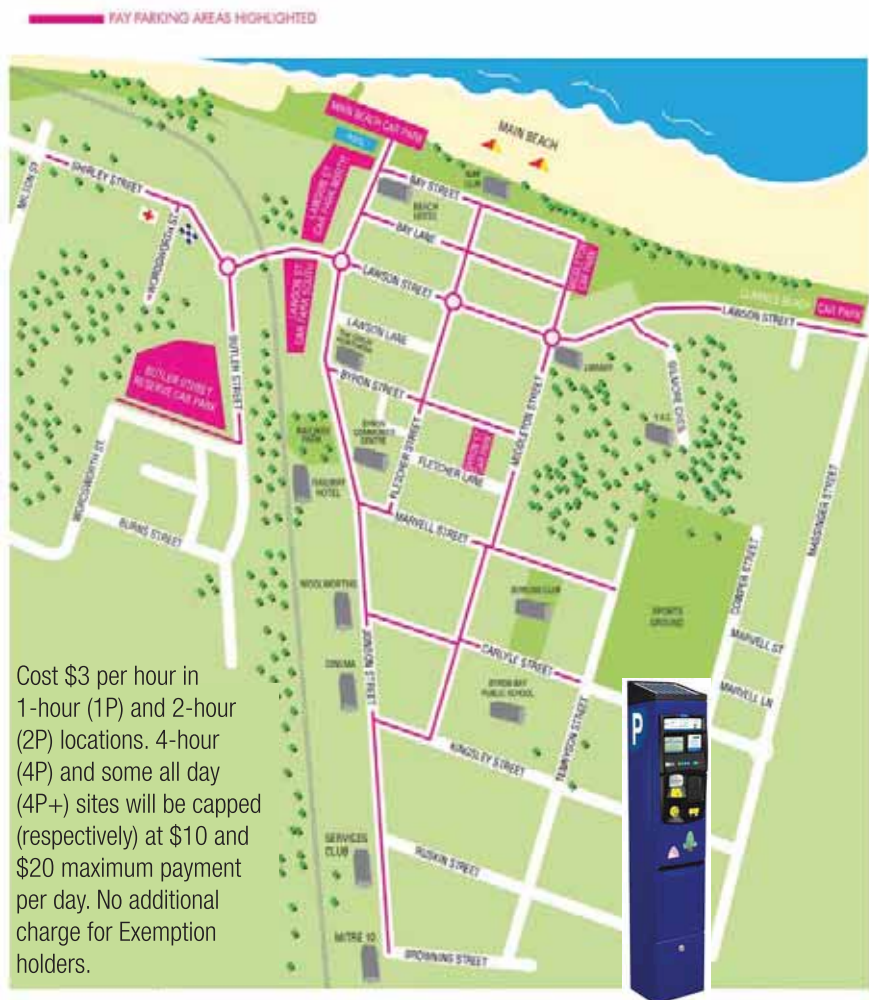
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been directed at his wife or daughter?

David Leser spells it out very clearly in his article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 11.1.16. David is spot on when he asks 'is it because... a brutal misogyny actually permeates every culture and society in the world? That burning witches in medieval times and ditching witches (or calling a female journalist a "mad witch") in modern times, are simply the opposite points on the same spectrum?'

Thank goodness for the intelligent, reconstructed men in our society who understand what is going on and are speaking out.

Too many women's and children's lives continue to be destroyed by misogyny and violence in the 21st

century and it has to stop. We're supposed to be a civilised society.

**Louise Doran**  
Ocean Shores

**Nanny state**

In reference to Mark Oliver's letter regarding our head-long slide into 'nannystatism' (*Echo*, January 13) the nannies were out in force during their replies in *Echo*netdaily, responding with an almost appalling disgust that somebody dare challenge the law.

People who wish to wear helmets to ride a bike, close their windows and lock their car at every possible opportunity and want to voluntarily offer their saliva for testing just in case you may have passively inhaled a marijuana joint the last time you went to the pub, are

all welcome to do so freely. Mark's point, and that of the majority of law-abiding conscious citizens living in the region that I have met and talked to, is that we are sick and tired of being told what to do when to do it and by whom.

Freedoms, just like democracies (even though the democracy we have is a farce), have been fought for by many for many years. Not just the right to vote or the right to a fair trial, but more significantly the right to live a safe but hassle-free lifestyle, away from police harassment and over-regulated day-to-day activities.

Once upon a time, a public servant's job in the police force was to serve and protect: to chase down criminals and show empathy and compassion towards teenagers and the young, who are learning life's tricky path.

Nowadays it is all about producing criminals, topping up the state's coffers financially and producing enough crime to maintain and continue the privatised world of law courts, lawyers, barristers, jails and those who rely on the boys in blue to prop up their crony self-interest.

It is not about the free-

doms we have any longer as much as it is about those freedoms we are losing at an enormously fast rate.

Risk is part of life, as is having fun, taking drugs, and believing somewhere in among all this that the state and its elected powers are there to produce safety nets for our own passage, as they are required, and not to legislate in a kneejerk reaction.

Acts of law willy nilly favouring a few self-interested lobby groups mean this fair, just and valid belief in our ability to self-govern and control most of our own lives and the consequences is sadly no more. Shame, Australia.

**Kol Dimond**  
Mullumbimby

**Threats to Christians**

Gareth Smith (Letters, December 30) should speak to more Christians in Israel. And he should try to privately speak with Palestinian Christians when they are not in fear of death from the Palestinian security service.

Having just returned from Israel, here are a few facts told to me by 'Gabriel', a prominent member of the Armenian Christian community in Old Jerusalem.

1. The Christian Quarter

written in all maps of Old City is no longer. The Christians have been forced out by the Muslims, who now totally own what was previously the Christian Quarter.

2. Christians have been forced out of Bethlehem by the Muslims. A skeletal population of ten per cent remains. Only the Church and the De La Salle school and university remain as Christian institutions.

3. Most remaining Christians, including Armenians, in the Old City of Jerusalem, are seriously considering moving out to Jewish towns and Jewish parts of cities, where they feel safer for themselves and their children. Others are looking to emigrate to Australia, UK, USA and Canada. Directly because of Muslim pressure, only nine per cent of Jerusalem now remains Christian - 72,000 out of a population of 800,000.

**John Nemes**  
Sylvania, Sydney

**Carpetbagging**

The application and implementation of radical intelligence made the Byron Bay, Brunswick and Mullumbimby areas famous and it is now being stifled by a small group of small-minded would-be

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In Brunswick Heads that agenda has been typified by the attempted takeover of the river foreshore and beyond the bridge to the Torakina parkland. Unfortunately the council orientation doesn't serve wider community cultural interests who sense that their pioneering works are being bulldozed to fit patterns enunciated from above.

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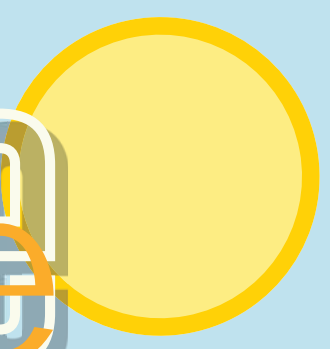
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Experience Dance Excellence with The Byron Ballet as they celebrate their 10th anniversary with an array of new dance courses and workshops. Special guests include Micheal Braun (principal dancer NZ, WA Co) and Louise Dowling (ex-Sydney Dance Co).

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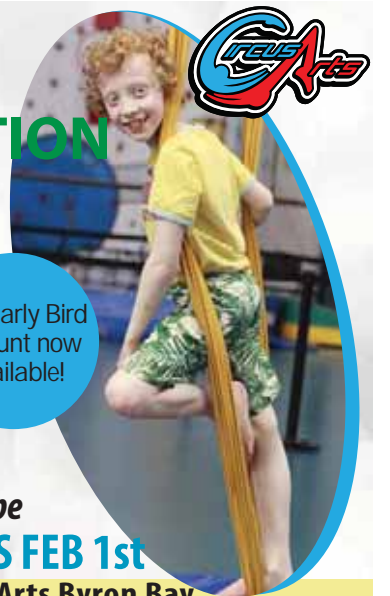
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Sign-on is Saturday 30 Jan at the studio in Lismore 9am-12 noon for Lismore and Clunes or at the Byron Studio - Unit 4, 102 Centennial Cct, 2-5pm - troupe auditions at 4pm.

**Check out timetable and costs etc on the website  
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## Couples choose mortgage over marriage

A national survey commissioned by industry super-fund-owned bank ME found many young Australian couples may be choosing a doorbell over wedding bells this wedding season.

In a survey of 2,036 Australians, ME asked if any had sacrificed goals to buy their first home.

With the cost of a wedding averaging \$36,000 (ASIC estimate), nearly 23 per cent of Australian millennials revealed they've delayed or downsized their nuptials in favour of buying a home.

Furthermore, 21 per cent delayed or downsized their honeymoon, and 24 per cent have decided to delay parenting or have fewer children to commit to a mortgage.

The prospect of buying a home is so daunting that some brides and grooms now ask guests for a monetary

contribution towards their house deposit instead of traditional gifts.

But buying a home outside of marriage is not out of the norm either. Around 37 per cent of Australian couples were not married when they purchased their first home, according to ME's findings, a figure that coincides with the general rise of de facto couples living together.

ME head of home loans, Patrick Nolan, said with house prices more than doubling in the past 15 years, it's not surprising couples are questioning the value of an extravagant wedding.

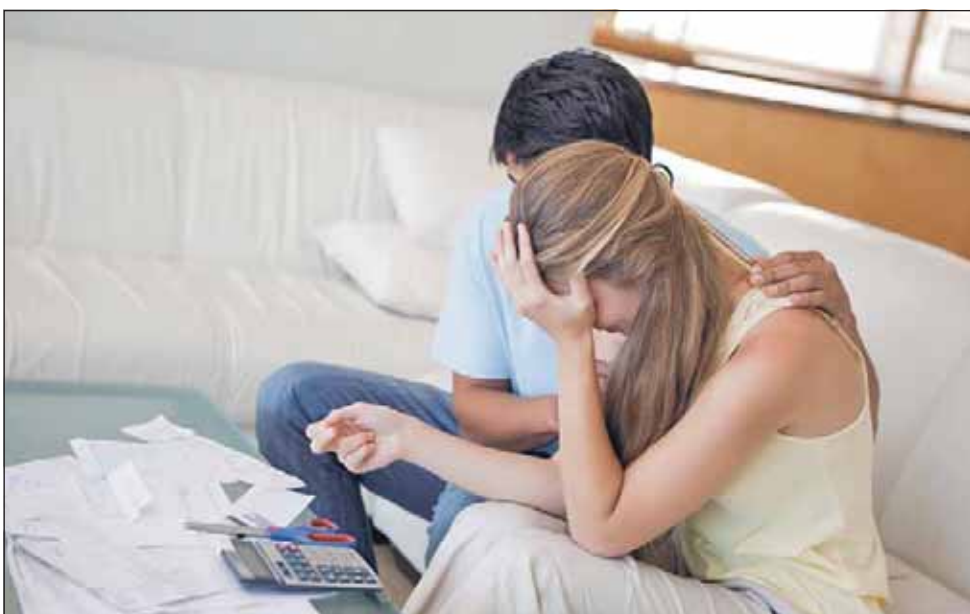
'What we've seen, however, is that with a little lateral thinking and some sensible saving and budgeting, couples are finding increasingly savvy ways to save for their house deposit and eat their wedding cake too.'

**Top tips whether you're being carried over the threshold or simply want to buy one:**

• **Something old:** And so the old adage goes: a little goes a long way. Set a fixed amount to be automatically deposited into a high-interest online savings account so you're less inclined to touch it. It won't be long before you start to see that pot of savings grow.

• **Something new:** Deploy a new home-buying strategy: buy with friends or family, consider alternative locations, or start out with an investment property to get your foot in the door.

• **Something borrowed:** In the current climate, we're seeing more than ever families getting together to help out with big financial decisions such as buying a home and saving for a deposit.



• **Something blue:** Avoid a 'financial blue' by talking about your finances. According to the ME survey, the more you talk about money, the less tension and conflict it causes.

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### 66 PLANTATION DRIVE, EWINGSDALE

- Charming family home with open plan indoor/outdoor living & resort style ionised pool
- Substantial and private secondary dwelling
- Approved as a bed & breakfast offering home & income potential
- Occupying a stunning 3097m2 with tropical landscaped gardens
- Sought-after Ewingsdale; minutes to town's restaurants, famous beaches and boutiques
- Endless options; an inspection will impress

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Resort style family home with B&B approval and substantial secondary dwelling

**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Details:** \$1,295,000 to \$1,395,000

**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 | Su Reynolds 6685 8466



### 147 THE CHANNON ROAD, THE CHANNON

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- 10 acre hinterland property with stunning rural vistas
- Charming 1918 heritage home with generous living areas
- Warm country ambiance with an abundance of natural light
- Clean, slightly elevated north facing land with town water
- Gorgeous gardens, fruit trees, pool and wraparound veranda
- A true sanctuary offering a private and peaceful country lifestyle

**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 2.30 – 3.00pm

**Details:** \$770,000 to \$810,000

**Enquiries:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



### 5 BAY VISTA LANE, EWINGSDALE

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- Easy-care rural living with all the luxuries: 'Buddha's Retreat'
- Nth facing 2.7 acres designed for relaxation and privacy
- Inviting 5 bed home with various living spaces, gourmet kitchen
- The ultimate rural lifestyle property
- Entertaining decks, large pool, Balinese gazebo, tropical gardens
- Only moments' drive to Byron Bay's CBD and beautiful beaches

**Open:** Thursday, 21 January 1.00 – 1.30pm

**Details:** \$1,795,000 to \$1,970,000

**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232

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### 14 MONET DRIVE, MONTECOLLUM

- Exclusive 17 acre property with ocean, lighthouse, mountain & valley views
- Large modern home offering the much desired indoor/outdoor lifestyle
- Quality built with multiple living spaces, gourmet kitchen and spacious bedrooms
- 3 decks with glorious outlooks, pool, heated spa and beautiful gardens
- 8 mins to Mullumbimby & 20 mins drive to the beach, Byron & Bangalow
- A fabulous property in what can only be described as one of the most beautiful locations on the north coast

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Perched high on the Montecollum Ridge with panoramic 360 degree views

**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 2.00 – 2.30pm  
**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 | James Young 0419 856 840



### 4 COOGERA CIRCUIT, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Great family home in Suffolk Park
- Well maintained with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Open plan dining and living + separate formal lounge room
- Level 606m2 block, ample room for expansion
- Easy access to golf course, tavern, shops and beaches
- This is a great opportunity to enter the Byron Bay market

**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 10.00–10.30am  
**Details:** \$650,000 to \$690,000  
**Enquiries:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



### 45 BEECH DRIVE, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Light and bright with upgraded kitchen, open plan dining/living
- Extensive deck area ideal for entertaining
- Includes studio with private entrance
- Fully fenced and private yard with established gardens
- Great location, walk to Shaz & Baz, Tallow Beach and Suffolk shops
- A fantastic opportunity for both home buyers and investors

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Details:** \$695,000 to \$735,000  
**Enquiries:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649

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# Property

## Great location & lifestyle

281 Fernleigh Road, Fernleigh

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Interest from \$795,000



Only minutes from Tintenbar and Newrybar stores this extremely functional four bedroom, two bathroom home on three fully used acres is the perfect country lifestyle retreat. All on one level, the home offers expansive entertaining potential, with spacious kitchen, dining and living areas, a main bedroom with ensuite and oversized office.



With a new roof, solar hot water and 80,000 litre water supply, you will love the easy and safe access to Ballina (only 10 minutes away) and fabulous beaches only 12 minutes drive from the door.

Other features include a fabulous 3 car bay shed with storage and side rumpus/office, fully fenced horse paddocks, stables plus dressage arena and great view from almost everywhere.

Vendor looking to buy a larger farm so the property has been priced to sell.

**Contact:** Scott Harvey 0412 296 872  
Scott Harvey Real Estate

## Natures Own Oasis

321 Upper Coopers Ck Rd, Upper Coopers Creek

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For Sale \$585,000



This rare and beautiful 5 acre property is located in an elevated position in the northern rivers hinterland surrounded by lush gardens and tropical fruit orchard.



The one-bedroom cottage is quaint and appealing with a light open-plan living space that looks out onto covered decks.

Featuring a high raked ceiling, timber floors, woodfire combustion and renovated bathroom, life doesn't get any better than this. Right on the banks of a crystal-clear spring-fed creek sits a rustic 2-room studio, just waiting for a makeover.

Abundant wildlife can be found almost everywhere, such as wallabies, platypus and birds to name just a few.

If you are looking for privacy, serenity and being one with nature then this property will delight!

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Contact:** Tracey Wild 0411 668 338  
Elders Bangalow

## High on Montecollumn Ridge

14 Monet Drive, Montecollum

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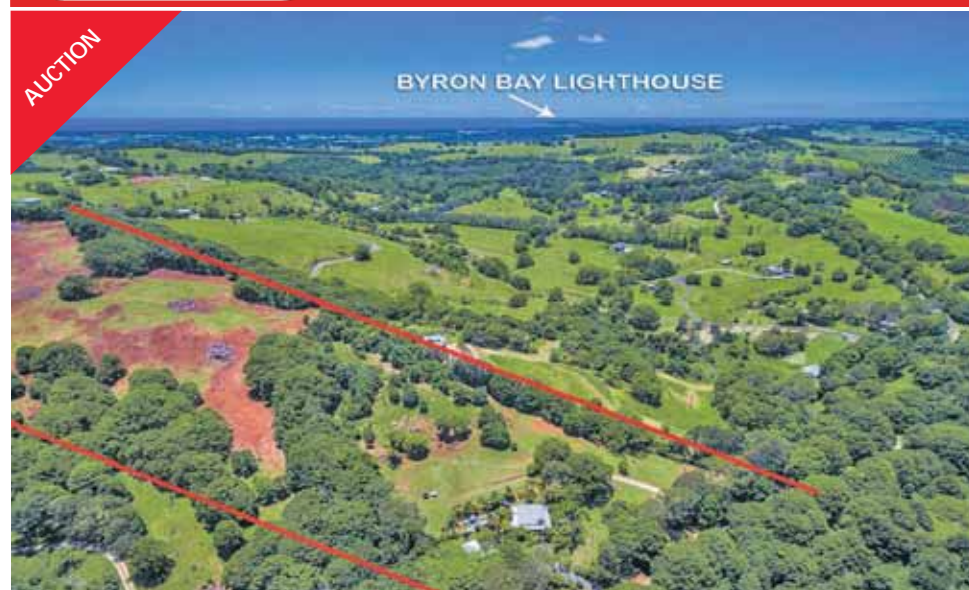
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**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 2.00 – 2.30pm  
**Contact:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, James Young 6685 8466  
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## Elders Bangalow



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### RUSTIC COTTAGE – FARMLET ACRES SLEEPY CREEK VALLEY LOCATION

- Idyllic hobby farm lifestyle on 6 acres
- Just minutes to Byron & Bangalow
- Location, location – Sleepy Creek Valley
- Original cottage with wraparound verandah
- Ideal DUAL OCCUPANCY site
- Established landscaped grounds & gardens
- Stunning tropical oasis pool and setting

212 Fowlers Lane, BANGALOW  
Open House Saturday 12noon - 1pm  
Greg Price 0412 871 500

**AUCTION**  
13th February

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## King-Sized Oasis in Mullumbimby

**\$889,000**

- Expanded and updated original 1930s timber home
- 885 square metres on two lots
- Duplex and/or granny flat development potential (STCA)
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- 4 car garage (huge 7m x 12m)
- 10 foot ceilings
- Polished timber floors
- Solar power and solar hot water
- Gas cooktop and gas heating
- Open plan living
- Kitchen with island bench, built-in water filter and bay windows
- Ceiling fans and insulated throughout
- Views to Mt Chincogan and hinterland
- Master bedroom with ensuite and fireplace
- Rural feel while seconds from main street
- Fenced private rear yard

**Ph 0487 682 738**





Price \$569,000

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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View** Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

**Agent** Franco Braico  
Area Sales Manager  
0438 565 525

**12 Alooata Crescent, Ocean Shores**  
**A much loved family home!**

Superbly elevated, north facing home, set on 1,119m<sup>2</sup>. Solid brick and tile construction with lovely gardens.

- 3 generous bedrooms, all with built-ins
- Spacious living room with raked ceilings

- Large modern kitchen
- Original bathroom plus en-suite
- Sparkling inground pool, established gardens
- Sun room, barbecue area, air conditioning
- 2 individual remote lock up garages



**AUCTION**  
If not sold before...

Auction

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**View** Sat & Wed 2.00pm – 3.00pm

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**11 Mia Court Ocean Shores**  
**Mamma Mia!**

Set in a quiet cul-de-sac, this architecturally designed masterpiece is ideal for a family to enjoy the benefits of a community-minded neighbourhood while maintaining the privacy of spectacular surrounds! Just beautiful!

- Light and bright modern entertaining spaces
- Indoor outdoor living
- Landscaped entrance
- Large home office, with built-in work station and storage
- Fully fenced, securely gated & separate side access



Price \$659,000

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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View** Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am

**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
Licensee/Principal  
0411 081 118

**8 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores**  
**It's a Birdie, it's an Eagle... NO it's a hole in ONE!!**

Feel like you're living on acres, but with a low-maint, 715m<sup>2</sup> block of land, with the protective beauty of surrounding mountains and established trees.

- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Direct access to Golf Course

- Picturesque views of the 7th fairway and green
- Natural landscape with abundant birdlife
- Spacious downstairs rumpus room, potential 4th bedroom/home office (STCA)



**AUCTION**  
If not sold before...

Auction

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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View** By Appointment

**Auction** Saturday 13th February 3pm On Site

**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
Licensee/Principal  
0411 081 118

**14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach**  
**Stunning Beachside Home**

Light, breezy & elevated, this home captures coastal breezes, and a pleasant nature-filled outlook, all while being in one of the most sought-after locations: South Golden Beach!

- Easy level stroll to beach and local shop

- 9ft ceilings, increased feeling of space
- Split-level contemporary layout
- Side access to backyard
- Just 25 minutes to Coolangatta and 15 minutes to Byron Bay



Price \$799,000-\$869,000

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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View** Saturday 2.30 – 3.00pm

**Agent** Kylie Charlton  
Area Sales Manager  
0428 440 740

**1094 Terranora Road, Tumbulgum**  
**Peace, Space & Endless Natural Landscape!**

Ready to invest in peace, space & an endless natural landscape? You can, with this picturesque, tranquil property, set up to support your family to grow!

This private 9.33ha (23 acre) land is a rich natural paradise:

With a vista diverse enough to incorporate ocean skyline glimpses, Kingscliff's sparkling lights, river access, rolling hills, & lush countryside, it is the epitome of why the Northern Rivers is so highly sought after!



Just Listed

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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View** Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
Licensee/Principal  
0411 081 118

**36 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry**  
**Expansive, Uplifting & Spectacular!!**

Breathtaking hinterland views, all the way to the National Parks of Nightcap Ranges & Minyon Falls! Half acre property with 3 separate dwellings. Each with privacy & outdoor entertaining area.

- R/C air-conditioning

- Solar power / hot water
- New carpet throughout
- Separately metered electricity for the main house and 2nd dwelling
- Just 25 minutes to Byron Bay and Lismore. Mullumbimby is only 10 minutes away

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## Gazumping: Immoral? Illegal? Or fair enough?

Gazumping occurs when you have achieved an agreement through an agent or seller to buy a property and, before contracts are actually exchanged, another buyer sneaks in ahead of you, usually by over-bidding on price, but also on terms (eg unconditional immediate exchange).

Only on exchange of contracts does a formal contract come into existence; and both the buyer and the seller are legally committed to the deal in that contract.

Gazumping is not illegal in NSW.

Agents are legally obliged to pass onto the seller all offers received for the property, up until the exchange of contracts.

If you are gazumped, neither the agent nor the seller is obliged to compensate you for any money you may have spent on legal advice, inspection reports, finance application costs or inquiries.

However, any deposit paid must be refunded in full.

Gazumping is more prevalent in a buoyant market, but can happen at any time.

Please contact our office in order to find out ways to best protect yourself and avoid the disappointment of being gazumped.

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## Mamma Mia!

11 Mia Court, South Golden Beach

AUCTION if not sold before...



The very best 'beach-life' location in the most sought-after street in South Golden Beach!

This architecturally designed masterpiece is ideal for a family to enjoy the spectacular surrounds!



Open-plan lounge and dining, polished floorboards, raked ceilings, high skylight windows, built-in cabinetry and surround sound.

Gourmet kitchen is a chef's delight: Double-vaulted ceilings, trapeze lighting, recessed cabinetry and a horizontal pantry.

The gardens include a plunge pool, a water feature and bursts of plant colour.

Soak up the sun on the decks, listen to the ocean, enjoy the short stroll to the beach, or arrange a game of tennis.

**Open:** For Inspection. Saturday and Wednesday 2–3pm

**Auction:** If Not Sold Before... Saturday 13th Feb 1pm, on-site

**Contact:** Franco Braico 0438 565 525  
Area Sales Manager  
R&H Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads 6680 5000

## Outlook & Privacy in Suffolk Park

4 Orchid Place Suffolk Park

Price \$750,000



Here is your perfect opportunity to purchase a solid family home in popular Suffolk Park.

This neat and tidy, split level family is on a 685m2 block & one of only six residences in this quiet, private cul-de-sac. It is only a short stroll to Suffolk village, Byron Bay Golf course and beach. Enjoy an elevated outlook and sea breezes while relaxing on the covered NE facing balcony, accessed from the open plan living/kitchen/dining area. With 3 of the bedrooms and a bathroom located over the lower levels, this house is designed perfectly for guests as well as a family. There are easy-care & established gardens with room for a pool (STCA). Move in and keep as is, or renovate to your own taste—the choice is yours. Located 5 minutes from popular Byron Bay, 10 minutes from the beautiful village of Lennox Head.



**Inspect:** Saturday 1-1.30pm

**Contact:** Mark 0429 868 001

Lois Buckett Real Estate



Price \$499,000 – 539,000

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**R&H Ocean Shores**  
6680 5000

**View** Saturday 12.00pm – 1.00pm

**Agent** Franco Braico  
Area Sales Manager  
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3/14 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach  
Fondly known as 'The Pepsi House'

A charming timber home, high ceilings, and timber floors. The main bedroom has built-in wardrobe and its own balcony. The ground level offers a well-designed open plan layout, with timber floors and a distinct homely feel.

The lush, private yard has a 'privacy-screen' of tall trees and abundant birdlife.

- 3 spacious bedrooms plus upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs powder room & internal laundry
- Just a short stroll to the beach

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## Timber home in prime location

8 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay

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\$875,000 - \$920,000



This exclusive 17 acre property boasts panoramic 360 degree views, from the pristine beaches enveloping Byron Bay through to Cape Byron Lighthouse and Mt Chincogan down the Huonbrook Valley.

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Three wraparound entertaining decks with ocean and hinterland views. Large in-ground solar-heated swimming pool, heated spa, adjacent shower room and beautiful established gardens.

Sensational location only 8 minutes' drive to Mullumbimby shops and 25 minutes' drive to beach.

**Open:** Saturday, 23 January 11.00 - 11.30am

**Contact:** Paul Banister 0438 856 552  
First National Byron Bay

## Stunning Beachside Home!

14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

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AUCTION if not sold before...



Light, breezy & elevated, this open & spacious home captures coastal breezes, and a pleasant nature-filled outlook, all while being in one of the most sought-after locations and just a short level stroll to the beach!



- 9ft ceilings, increased feeling of space
- Side access to fully fenced backyard
- Modern kitchen with electric oven, gas cooktop, plus plenty of cupboard & storage space
- Quiet, peaceful location, minutes' stroll to the beach
- Bright, light & airy, with ample storage
- Ceiling fans, down lights
- Double garage with internal access
- A HUGE bonus is the fully self-contained downstairs area, ideal accommodation for family or extra rental income
- Just 25 minutes to Coolangatta and 15 minutes to Byron Bay

**Open:** By appointment

**Contact:** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
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R&H Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads 6680 5000

## Last block left. Don't miss out!

Lot 6, 113-115 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park

Expressions of interest



This is an exclusive opportunity to purchase land in a magnificent Suffolk Park location.

With the build price from \$350,000, this is the most affordable house/land package so close to Byron Bay town centre.

Enjoying total privacy and surrounded by lush native rainforest, the block is within walking distance of Tallow Beach and the renowned Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, which boasts an award-winning restaurant and luxurious spa and gym memberships are available.

The allotment comes with DA approval to build a stunning architecturally designed home.

With very few lots available in our town, 'Retreat At Byron' is a highly desirable location where all life's pleasures await you.

Or for investors the property has a fantastic rental income potential with a market rental appraisal of \$820-900 per week.

**Open:** By Appointment

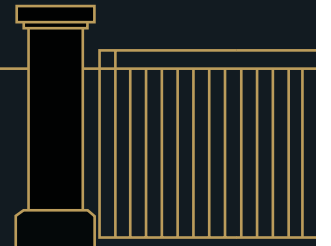
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Discover a new oversized designer shed built on a concrete slab floor with designated living/kitchen areas and separate bedroom and bathroom perfect for the weekend visit. Everything is new and tastefully designed to create a fusion of comfort with the beautiful natural surroundings. New septic system, huge storage area, large water tank and phone lines add practical aspects to living in this idyllic spot central to everywhere.

Interest from \$885,000

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Lennox Head

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\$1,195,000

**FAMILY OASIS** 6 Hilltop Place

You will be instantly immersed when walking through the front door of this totally unique property.

From the open plan living area with raked ceilings to the tropical inground pool in the backyard, and everywhere in between, this property has room to move and grow.

With beautifully polished timber floors, the living space transitions perfectly to the outside covered timber deck enjoying the most gorgeous rural vista of local farm land and the Newrybar hills beyond.

Other internal features include a recently renovated kitchen complete with granite bench tops, a 4 car garage and additional laundry room.



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New Price \$1,195,000

Fernleigh

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Interest from \$795,000

**VIEWS, LIFESTYLE AND AFFORDABLE**  
281 Fernleigh Road

Minutes from Tintenbar and Newrybar this extremely functional property on 3 acres is the perfect country retreat. The single-level home offers great entertaining potential, with spacious kitchen, dining and living areas, a main bedroom with ensuite and oversized office.

With a new roof, solar hot water, ample water supply, horse paddocks, stables and a dressage arena, you will love the easy access to Ballina (10 minutes away) and fabulous beaches only 12 minutes' drive from the door.

Priced to sell with interest from \$795,000.



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- 3/67 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Thu 10-10.30am & Sat 10-10.30am
- 5 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 23/58 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Thu 1-1.30pm & Sat 10-10.30am
- Lots 1&18 Wilfred Street, Billinudgel. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 4 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar. Sat 10-10.30am
- 33 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6/114 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 33 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 8 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 66 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 46 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 2/16 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 142 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 8 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 10 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 14 Monet Drive, Montecollum. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 147 The Channon Road, The Channon. Sat 2.30-3pm
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- 23 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 10-10.30am
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- 32 Azalea Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 1 Kulgun Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
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- 4 Orchid Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 33 Bundaleer Road, Broken Head. Sat 2-2.30pm

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- 8 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 175 Overall Drive, Pottsville. Sat 11.30am-12.30pm
- 3/14 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach. Sat 12-1pm
- 58 Overall Drive, Pottsville. Sat 1-2pm
- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores. Sat & Wed 2-3pm
- 36 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry. Sat 2.30-3.30pm
- 1094 Terranora Road, Tumbulgum. Sat 2.30-3pm
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- Auction February 13**
- 212 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow

### RAINE & HORNE BYRON BAY

- Auction 11am onsite Saturday January 23**
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- Auction 1pm onsite Saturday February 13**
- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores

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## Bolt Hole: Unique new Byron bar and restaurant

The Bolt Hole is a unique new Byron Bay bar and restaurant that has just opened near the Byron Surf Club, at the beach end of Fletcher Street. Fitted out with green Chesterfields, a six-metre tarnished-copper bar, reclaimed materials and its own imported wood-fired barbecue smoker, it's the first bar in Australia to serve tinnies exclusively.

Yes, that's right, no beer taps impinging upon the aesthetics of the bar and no bottles.

This is the sort of place with 40 different gins on offer, a huge range of 69 whiskies and other 'artisanal spirits'. If you fancy a vintage gin from the 1960s, this is the place to go. So, as you can imagine, the beer options for tinnie drinkers are not restricted to 'green can versus yellow can'; craft beers such as Newtown's Young Henrys and Melbourne's Mountain Goat are served alongside craft beers in cans from throughout the world.

The bar has been created by Chris Mills ('Millsy'), creator of multi-award-winning Sydney bar The Barber Shop (yes, right again; a traditional barber shop combined with a cocktail bar). It has a slightly American vintage theme with references to hunting, steam trains and nautical escapades (the logo features an octopus with a monocle and a moustache).

But Chris didn't come to

Byron with the idea of creating a bar. A yoga practitioner for the last nine years, he moved to Byron a year ago with a yoga studio in mind; however, those plans were derailed by the birth of a child. 'Byron's such a great place to raise a child,' said Chris, who was also conscious of previous businesses at the Bolt Hole's location. 'We cleared the previous energy in the building and set our intentions for the future in a blessing ceremony, while drinking cacao and chili to open our hearts.'

The recycled timbers have come from the backpackers across the road, and an old surf shop, which brings us to the eco-friendliness of tinnies.

'Bottles have six times the carbon footprint of a can, when you consider volume, weight, production and transport - all those things add up,' says Millsy. 'We can fit 100 cartons of tinnies on a standard palette, versus 65 cartons of 330ml bottles, so it takes a lot less fuel to transport them.' Aluminium is lighter than glass, while a can's tidy shape means more efficient packing and stacking, and Millsy says the beer's flavour profile is maintained by the can, which withstands UV light.

The produce at The Bolt Hole is 100 per cent organic and sourced locally where possible, but the inspiration for the menu is American barbecue. Pitmaster (that means



skilled barbecue chef) Jordan Brannon, former sous chef at Bondi's Panama House, is serving up Angus Beef Brisket, Smoked Berkshire Pork (it's smoked low and slow for 24 hours), Smoked Sticky Salmon \$24, half a Hickory-Smoked Chicken \$24, Apple-Smoked Pork Spare Ribs \$30 and has his own signature Bolt Hole Burger \$24.

While he's waiting six or eight or even 24 hours for the meat to cook, pitmaster Jordan spares a thought for the pescatarians (think Crispy Cuttlefish and King Shrimp) and even vegetarians, who can sample Spiced Black Bean Burgers or various corn, potato and salad creations such as Southern-Style Hush Puppies (cornmeal balls).

Bar manager Beau Lynch has also been locally sourced (he's originally from Byron Bay), but has been working overseas. He's recently imported his Canadian girlfriend, but is now looking forward to



One of the venue's signature cocktails: Bacardi miniature served bum-up in a freshly drilled coconut.

experimenting with the local seasonal produce in the noble pursuit of excellent cocktails to sip while enjoying the views.

Through the open panoramic windows you can see breathtaking sunsets and the Byron hinterland from the Bolt Hole's second-storey location; it's worth a look.

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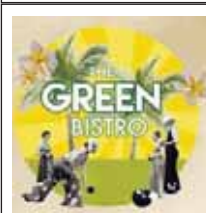
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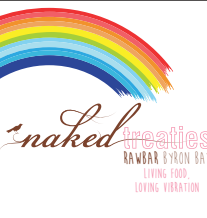
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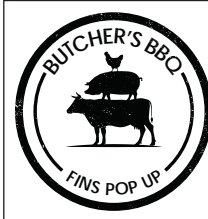
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25th INTERNATIONAL SHORT-FILM FESTIVAL  
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Mullumbimby  
Civic Hall  
Friday 22 to  
Sunday 24  
January 2016



CELEBRATING  
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Flickerfest Mullum  
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Flickerfest 'Hot Shorts' Cafe  
is open from 7.30pm Friday  
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on Saturday, serving delicious  
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Flickerfest returns to the northern rivers 22–24 January for its 18th year, screening a smorgasbord of the best short films from the Byron Region, Australia and the world across one jampacked short-film weekend at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

Celebrating 25 years of Hot Shorts in 2016 Flickerfest remains Australia's leading Academy-Accredited and BAFTA-recognised short-film festival, ensuring that we continue to present A-list short film programs recognised as among the best in the world.

At Flickerfest Mullumbimby we will be screening an entertaining, inspiring and award-winning range of 30 Flickerfest short-films, many of which are world or Australian premieres, giving local Flickerfest audiences the first look at the hottest short films in the world today. We will also be presenting the Best of Northern Rivers Shorts at the Byron All Shorts finalists' screening showcasing a wonderful new collection of creative shorts from very talented local filmmakers.

TICKETS:  
[www.iQ.org.au](http://www.iQ.org.au)  
and at the door

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### Friday 22 January

7.30pm  
– Opening Party & Screening

Join us as we celebrate our 18th year in the northern rivers to launch our festival of thrilling short films in style with a fully catered opening-night party including Greek inspired food from Fat Belly Kaf and drinks from our partners Rosnay Organic Wine, Little Creatures, Phoenix Organics and Vodka O.

Followed by:  
8.30pm – Best Of International 1



Following the opening party Flickerfest is thrilled to present its first international program of highlights from our Academy-Accredited Sydney competition. Stunning films in the collection include the delightful festival

favourite *Oh Be Joyful* from the UK and *Ave Marie* from Palestine – recently nominated for an Oscar.

### Saturday 23 January

3pm – In Conversation:  
Wayne Blair

Join multi-award-winning Indigenous director, actor and Flickerfest alumni Wayne Blair as he talks about his journey from short-film maker to award-winning director. Wayne's credits include the highly acclaimed feature film *The Sapphires*, TV drama *Redfern Now*, recently completed feature film *Septembers Of Shiraz* starring Adrian Brodie and Selma Hayek, and soon-to-be-released six-part ABC series *Cleverman*.

4.30pm – Byron All Shorts



Also returning is Byron All Shorts, for the 11th year presenting the best of local shorts from the northern

rivers, and encouraging audiences to experience the many amazing films and local stories that are produced in the region each year. 21 local short films will screen across this 120-minute program. Highlights include clever political animation from *Citizen To Activist*, moving documentary *The Battle* and quirky fun animation *Team Tick*.

8.30pm – Best of Australian Shorts

Join us as we celebrate a diverse range of stories from across Australia that celebrate our unique identity and culture with our Best of Australian Shorts program; highlights include delightful locally produced film *Nan and a Whole Lot of Trouble*, Oscar winner Adam Elliot's new animation *Ernie Biscuit* and moving family drama *Flat Daddy*.

### Sunday 24 January

8.30pm – Short Laughs Comedy

Enjoy an evening of laugh-out-loud comedy from across the world including *Nulla Nulla* starring award-winning director/actor Wayne Blair (The Sapphires, Redfern Now) set in a remote NT community where a new White cop is hilariously introduced to local culture, and the

wickedly charming buddy comedy *Satan Has a Bushy Tale* from the UK.



## PROGRAM / TICKETS:

Fri 22 Jan: 7.30pm Opening Night Party | 8.30pm Best of International 1, \$20/18

Sat 23 Jan: door 2.30pm/3pm – FlickerLab In Conversation: Wayne Blair, free workshop sponsored by SAE Creative Media Institute.

Sat 23 Jan: door 4pm/4.30pm – Byron All Shorts, \$12/10

Sat 23 Jan: door 7.30pm/8.30pm – Best of Australian Shorts, \$15/12

Sun 24 Jan: door 7.30pm/8.30pm – Short Laughs Comedy, \$15/12

Season Pass: \$50/\$40

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# GIVING MOVIES THE FLICK



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING ACADEMY-ACCREDITED SHORT-FILM FESTIVAL TURNS 25 THIS YEAR AND, AFTER ITS PREMIERE AT THE BONDI PAVILION, MAKES ITS FIRST STOP ON THE 50-PLUS-DATE TOUR TO MULLUMBIMBY. *THE ECHO* SPOKE WITH FESTIVAL DIRECTOR BRONWYN KIDD ABOUT THIS ICONIC EVENT.

### What are the challenges in mounting an event such as Flickerfest?

Always in the arts, arts versus commerce is the biggest challenge and it becomes harder every year to stay true to our vision of independent cinema. Like all arts organisations in an era where there is a multitude of film festivals and events on each week I guess remaining unique and committed to our vision of presenting truly spectacular shorts is one of our biggest challenges. Some of our challenges are in fact in part owing to the festival's ongoing growth, which is all very positive! With the growth of the festival we get more and more entries to view each year - almost 2,500 for this year's festival - so getting through the sheer volume of entries to select our world-class competition takes many, many months and loads of manpower from our 50-person-strong industry selection committee! The ongoing growth of Flickerfest's national tour to 53 venues Australiawide this year also means a lot of effort from a very small team to bring the festival to the far reaches of Australia and we are very much looking forward to bringing the films to our home town of Mullumbimby this year.

### Are short films like the green frogs? How is the quality and innovation indicative of the health of the overall industry?

Short film is the most innovative, creative and independent part of our industry and I'm pleased to say that again this year I've seen some remarkably inspiring and heartfelt work that I'm thrilled to share with our audiences. Short film should be free from the commercial concerns of the feature-film industry and I'm really glad that at Flickerfest we can show radical, remarkable and inspiring work that makes us all look at the world in a different way. For me short film is the

most exciting place to be in the world of cinema today.

### What does it say about the Australian film industry at the moment?

The quality of stories and production values we have seen in this year's entries and screening across our Flickerfest tour to Mullumbimby is exceptional and points to the fact that the future of our Australian film industry is in very good hands. Being a platform for this sector of the industry where the main focus is independent stories made from passion and seeing so many talented filmmakers coming through again this year is a great sign that the short-film sector of our industry is thriving.

### What about our local filmmaking - as indicated by submissions for the Byron All Shorts?

I'm really super impressed. Shane Rennie, iQ general manager and Flickerfest tour manager extraordinaire, has been organising Byron All Shorts for the past 11 years alongside our Flickerfest screenings and the quality of the shorts just gets better and better each year. Over the years at Byron All Shorts we have seen the overall quality and volume of entries go from strength to strength, which indicates that we have a very strong film industry growing well in our region. I know that audiences will love all of our local short films on offer as part of the Byron All Shorts competition this year and it's great to see such a rich representation of our local life being produced here.

### What criteria do you use when selecting films?

Entertaining is always our first criteria. And we are always looking for fresh, unique stories that are well crafted and have something new to say that will resonate with audiences. Something that engages you! Short film is also very much about



being a platform for new talent so we are looking for filmmakers whom we want to encourage, and bring to the attention of audiences, filmmakers whom we believe will be the future of our industry.

### What is the key to a powerful short film?

Great script, good acting, good overall production and a unique world view combined with a contemporary and unique story.

### In your opinion what are the standout films in Flickerfest this year?

As usual there are so many to choose from and in Mullumbimby we are screening a highlights program, so it's a best of the best of the festival in Sydney that we have chosen to showcase. I love the humorous and delightful locally produced indigenous drama *NAN AND A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE*, and we are very much looking forward to the northern rivers premiere. Australian animator and Oscar winner Adam Elliot's new short *Ernie Biscuit* is also warm and uplifting and I'm a great fan of his work. In the international section *Oh Be Joyful* from the UK, a tale of love, family and acceptance, was a huge favourite at our Bondi fest and Indigenous comedy *Nulla Nulla* starring actor Wayne Blair is a fun and fresh look at culture that I'm sure people will love. And of course in Byron All Shorts there are so many amazing local films to choose from and I think people will be suitably impressed by all the great films from our local area this year.

### Why did you choose to move from the Bangalow A&I Hall to Mullumbimby Civic Hall?

We've loved being at Bangalow for the past 13 years but living just outside Mullumbimby ourselves we really wanted to screen close to home. We really like the Mullumbimby Civic Hall and certainly the air-conditioning was a big plus for our steamy summer weather, and being in the cool to enjoy some quality cinema is going to be great.

### What should people expect from this year's Flickerfest?

A wonderful smorgasbord of amazing shorts and an incredible trip around the world, Australia and the northern rivers on the big screen. I hope that our films will make people laugh, be moved and also inspired by some of the most talented film makers the world has to offer. The iQ Hot Shorts kitchen will be a great place to hang out with like-minded lovers of independent art and film over the weekend. We are also kicking off with a stellar fully catered opening night of the festival, which includes sponsored drinks including Rosnay Organic wine, Little Creatures Brewing, VodkAO and some yummy Greek-inspired food from Fat Belly Kaf at Brunswick. May the festival begin!

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### MARRYING MR MURDOCH

It was with some relief that I read of Rupert Murdoch and Jerry Hall's engagement. At least now he'll leave me alone. It wasn't easy for Mr Billionaire media magnate to settle for second best but he's not getting any younger. You know you're getting on when the wedding register includes a will kit. And Jerry Hall is a good choice of partner. She's clearly used to picking up the underpants of men who seek world domination. But not me. I've never liked super-rich men. I'm happy with my simple

life. With my uncomplicated bloke. Even billionaires can't buy love. This is the first time I've told this story, so here goes. Before he proposed to Jerry, Rupert loved me. For the last 18 months Rupert has been driving me nuts, begging to see me. 'Give a King Maker a chance,' he texted one night. He was even sending me inappropriate pics of his little bald head. At least I think it was his head. Yes, that's right. He told me that at 83 he'd started fantasising about living an ordinary life.

And nothing complemented an 'ordinary' life more than an 'ordinary' woman. He told me I was the most 'ordinary' woman he'd ever met. I wasn't so much flattered as profoundly annoyed. He didn't want a trophy wife. He said he wanted a woman who could put up the shelf and he could be her trophy husband. A shrivelled giant. He wanted to be the man waiting in the car while I was at bingo, beeping the horn. He wanted to be the man who put the bin out. The man who mowed the lawn. The man who hid in the shed.

You don't just run into media moguls at Centrelink. No, our paths crossed at a Path of Love workshop. I can't tell you what happened, because it's top secret. But let's just say his writhing nude

dance to Phil Collin's *I Can Feel it Coming in the Air Tonight* was both furious and frightening. The floor routine was stunning. I didn't know a man on his back could do that kind of thing.

This was clearly a man on the edge. A dancing dictator. The man who pulled a thousand strings but couldn't pull his own. 'I want to be vulnerable,' Rupert cried, as I held him in my arms. Who would have thought the corporate serial killer had a soft side? He was a natural in the drum circle. In fact there was a moment when I spied Rupert sweating behind his bongo, wearing nothing but a sarong, when I thought, maybe. I imagined him with a stall at the markets; maybe he'd sell crystals, maybe he'd mass-produce moon-

cycle calendars, maybe he'd even grow a ponytail. Shit, with all that money he could graft one onto the back of his head.

Rupert was obsessed with living a life that the found inaccessible. He said, 'I've always wanted what I can't have. And I have everything.' It's hard to enjoy the game when you just keep winning. He told me he wanted to feel fear. He fantasised about poverty and oppression. 'Minimum wage freedom,' he told me was all he really wanted. His dream was to live on a pension and read *The Echo*. The one paper even his money couldn't buy.

He told me he was thinking of writing letters to *The Echo* about stuff like chemtrails. 'It's not a conspiracy,' he told me. 'I spray the

shit.' It was the simple anonymous life that he craved. He even asked me if I'd put him in a home. He got down on one knee and said, 'Will you be my carer?' I spoke to John about building Rupert a granny flat in the back yard, but we both thought it was a bit weird. Although it would have been strangely satisfying to wipe Rupe's bum with one of his newspapers.

I was flattered but I just didn't feel the same. And I didn't want to lead him on. So I just had to cut the connection. I didn't return his calls. I deleted his emails. I sent back his gifts. Do you have any idea how difficult it is to return a tropical island? With people on it? It was around this time he met Jerry. 'She's just like you,' he said, 'except she's got class.' But that's another story.



### MAKING AUSSIE BLUES AND ROOTS THE REAL THING

THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN AN INCREDIBLE MUSICAL JOURNEY FOR RUSSELL MORRIS, THE MAN WHOSE SONGWRITING GENIUS CAPTURED OUR IMAGINATION WITH *THE REAL THING* IN 1969.

Fast forward 40-plus years and to his current offering – a trilogy of albums that capture Australian history in perhaps our most authentic blues and roots to date. *Sharkmouth*, *Van Diemen's Land* and *Red Dirt – Red Heart* tell three very different stories of Australia. 'It was sort of accidental,' says Morris. 'I decided to do a blues album because I wanted to play stuff that I started playing in the beginning.'

'Where I grew up I saw SP bookies in the back lanes, and gangsters. I went to a nasty school and I was a wimp; luckily I learnt how to be invisible.' *Sharkmouth* sheds light on the shadowy urban stories of Australia. Much of Australian history and story lays undiscovered. 'It's in our persona. In the old days if all of a sudden someone said "wasn't your grandfather a convict?" they would go No No! The stigma was

appalling; it was really, really bad, so people in Australia generally didn't talk about their pasts ... but you have to look at the good, the bad and the ugly.'

*Van Diemen's Land* was about the prison ships and the bigger pictures of the two world wars we were in, and Breaker Morant, the shearer's strike, there is also a song about my father who was a prisoner of war in World War II – that was about the bigger picture of Australia that made us – the major stories that made us, such as the Eureka stockade.'

The trilogy would not be complete without the story of Indigenous Australia.

'In *Red Dirt – Red Heart* it's about the interior of Australia. If you go out at dusk and stand in the Nullarbor you feel timelessness, you see we are a small speck, you feel a part of the great universe. This was the sense of space and vastness that Mitch Cairns (producer) and I wanted to achieve in this album. I also included a song about Kadaicha man, the man who points the bone. There is a song about Alice Springs – it's one of the most beautiful towns if you can see its beauty; in different lights it's so pretty, it's a magnificent place.'

For Morris, although the project was grand, the challenges were in keeping it simple.

'The second album, *Van Diemen's Land*, was a bigger album. It got

a bit too big for me and we had to take it back to basic blues and roots music, that was the challenge. We spoke (Mitch) and said this is how we want it, earthy tones, and back to basics; we wanted it to feel rootsy.'

Recording these Australian blues and roots albums and finding a unique sound was a no-brainer for Morris.

'I hadn't had any chart success for 30 years. People asked why I was making a blues album if I haven't you done a blues album before. I said, who cares if I jump off this cliff?'

Morris will be presenting his remarkable homage to Australian stories at this year's Bluesfest.

'There are the four of us,' he says, 'and we are a tight-knit unit. We try to keep it sparse onstage as well. I don't really like too much clutter; the vocal needs a big space to sit, everything should go around it and not take up too much space. We try to keep it sparse and look for feel, to make it feel right. There is a lot of communication to the crowd; we want to talk about the music and get them involved in Australian history, we want them to get engaged in the story.' For tickets and program info go to bluesfest.com.au.

Part of this year's Bluesfest story involves Boomerang Festival, **CONTINUED P 36**

### LIVE MUSIC

#### SUNDAY SAFARI BACK AT THE BEACH

Join the **Sunday Safari** crew at the Beach Hotel for some party time. The lineup features **Skream** – the pioneer of the original dubstep scene. Widely acclaimed by fans and the industry alike, Skream's versatility and talent are as rare as they are brilliant. He also loves a good party. Then there's Artwork – one-third of Magnetic Man; alongside Skream and Benga he's going to be unmissable. Supporting this unfathomably sweet lineup, and catering to all your psychedelic



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Backing up their recent performances, **PLTS** will be returning for a set of special co-headline shows with Brisbane rock band **Pro Vita**. Coming fresh from their performance at Originals Festival, Pro Vita will be launching a new single and road-testing their recently released track *Not Gonna Lie*. Drummer Harry Deacon spoke with *The Echo* about the burgeoning career of this Byron band.

**Hi. Tell me about your new single *On & On*. What is it about? What was the feel you were going for in the studio?**

*On & On* is the first taste of music we've released in more than a year. Lyrically, the track evokes a strong sense of nostalgia as it draws inspiration from transitions in life: new places/people/relationships. Sonically, it's a massive rock-banger, aimed to make you feel good. Instrumentally, it shows the natural progression this band has made over the years. Credit goes to Sydney-based producer JP Fung (Josh Pyke, Last Dinosaurs)

who produced, engineered and mixed the track, while maintaining our original vision.

***On & On* has been called anthemic. What makes a song anthemic, do you think?**

I've heard that a few times now, and it's pretty rewarding to hear the connection people are making with the song.

Throughout the writing process we naturally gravitated towards sounds and lyrics that created an uplifting vibe. When I think anthemic, I think uplifting, so I guess we ticked that box!

**How did you all come to be playing together?**

Byron (guitar), Eli (bass) and I grew up in the Byron area and had been playing/touring together in various bands for years. Kit (vocals) was originally from a beautiful coastal town on the South Island of New Zealand before moving to Byron. Somehow (back in 2012) by fate and a mutual love for aircraft and aviation, we met, we jammed and became great friends through



music. We've since spent a lot of time getting to know each other musically, and it has been amazing to see how far each band member has come in terms of their own personal development.

**How does living in Byron shape the kind of music that you play?**

This area is a hub for creative/freethinking people. It seems that a large portion of the population can manage to sustain and thrive doing what they love. Maybe there's something in the water, or maybe it's the shit they DON'T put in our water, but there's something special about this part of the world and the people who are lucky enough to call it home.

As for the music we play: I guess growing up listening to punk/hardcore and being lucky enough to have a really strong music scene here in Byron. Attending events from an early age seems to have embedded a lot of positive attributes in us, as well as allowing us to gain valuable experience. We've taken a lot of those DIY ethics and basic elements and applied them to our own music,

the result of which you could say has manifested in a DIY approach to the indie/rock music we make.

**Who are the acts that have most influenced you?**

Between the four of us, there's a huge number of artists/sounds we take influence from. The list could well fill this entire interview page, so I'll narrow it down to two main qualities: We take influence from anyone/anything that makes us feel good inside, and inspires us to push ourselves and to do what we do.

**What should we expect for your upcoming show at the Hotel Great Northern?**

It will be a big step up, and a fresh experience even for those who have seen us live recently. New sounds, good vibes and quality banter. Our Sunshine Coast bros Pro Vita are supporting and will blow you away if you haven't seen or heard of them yet.

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## LIVE MUSIC continued

### BREWERY BABY

Fresh from the success of their first major headline tour across the UK and Europe and appearances on major festivals, Amsterdam-based psychedelic/shamanic/folk/rock trio **MY BABY** is ready for the next round. The trio will be heading to Australia and New Zealand, the home for guitarist Daniel 'daFreeze' Johnston and by now the band's second home in support of their album *Shamanaid*.

Expect their swampy blues-, roots- and funk-inflected sound and be ready to what they call 'a voodoo ceremony'.

MY BABY have been rightly celebrated by *Q Mag*, *Clash*, *The*

*Sunday Express*, BBC Radio 6 and 2, *Classic Rock Blues* mag, Balcony TV, *Artrocker*, *Amazing Radio* and more.

Earlier this year brother-sister duo Joost 'Sheik' (drums) and Cato van Dyck (vocals) plus faithful guitarist Daniel supported blues legend Seasick Steve, playing 14 major venues (including the legendary Hammersmith Apollo) throughout the UK and gaining many new fans along the way.

They play the **Byron Brewery** on **Saturday** at 8pm. Free entry.

### SUMMERSONG SUPERSHOW!

Direct from Brooklyn, New York, in his first and only Australian gig, composer/pianist/arranger **Bob Telson** will join choirmeister/singer Tony Backhouse, folk legend Kristina Olsen and sublime songstress Shelly Brown for one concert at the Byron Theatre.

Bob Telson was born in France and grew up in Brooklyn, and earned a degree in music from Harvard University, where he had a political protest band with Bonnie Raitt. His was organist in the Philip Glass Ensemble, then pianist of salsa stars Tito Puente and Machito. He's composed/arranged and produced for Five Blind Boys of Alabama. Collaborating with director/writer Lee Breuer, in 1983 he composed the musical *The Gospel at Colonus* featuring Morgan Freeman, the Five Blind Boys, Jeveeta Steele, and the Soul Stirrers.



MY BABY AT THE BREWERY ON SATURDAY

Bob collaborated with KD Lang to create the haunting theme song *Barefoot* for the only feature film in which she starred, *Salmonberries*. In 2013 he was musical director and pianist for Sinead O'Connor's gospel show at Lincoln Center, New York.

Bob 'Calling You' Telson, Tony Backhouse, Kristina Olsen, Shelly Brown: **Sunday** at **Byron Theatre**, 8pm. [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)

### YESHE AND CYE IN THE GARDEN

**Yeshe** and **Cye Wood** come together in a special one-off meeting of old friends before these two acclaimed musicians depart for new musical adventures overseas. Exclusively at the unique Starseed Gardens, Yeshe and Cye had will weave their mellifluous magic together and will be playing old favourites as well as new tunes from Yeshe's upcoming EP. Hailed by the *Sydney Morning Herald* as 'Groundbreaking roots musician' and 'Sublime \*\*\*\*\*' by the *Montreal Metro*, German-born 'genre bender'

Yeshe has explored all corners of the globe in developing a rich tapestry of sound and a vivid collage of musical culture. Since the release of his sophomore solo release *Roots & Wings*, Yeshe has truly come into his own and has been in high demand, earning the growing respect and love of a global audience.

He has worked with many great artists since that time including Lisa Gerard (Dead Can Dance), Eartha Kitt, Jesse Younan, Sarah Blasko, Harry Manx, Jimmy Little, Yeshe, Angus Stone and many others. Throughout his career he has been pushing boundaries and developing his own unique approach to the creation of new, beautiful and sublime music. **Sunday** at 5pm at **Lotus Tea House**, Starseed Gardens, 103 Yagers Lane, Skinners Shoot. \$20/\$15 concession

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**Stars with Lilith**

Mercury finishing its first retro transit for 2016 brings last-minute opportunities to fine-tune plans before next week's forward surge...

**♈ ARIES:** Recharged your batteries? Streamlined the year's agenda? Good. Now this week offers a taste of how regular routines, disciplined development and incremental progress can be equally satisfying and less stressful than radical rearrangements. Though Uranus will still supply plenty of exciting, eureka-style epiphanies...

**♉ TAURUS:** The old mojo been somewhat slow-mo lately? Jupiter in your celestial house of passion and Mars vamping up your partnership zone return the heat to the kitchen in no uncertain manner. Current caution? With this week's astral impetus both indulgent and stubborn, more of the former and less of the latter's advised.

**♊ GEMINI:** If midweek Gemini moon has you bored or restless to push ahead without the necessary information or preparation, honestly it isn't worth it. With your ruler Mercury retro, careless remarks could spark flash reactions, which means extra time and energy dealing with fallout. Next week's more auspicious for making that move.

**♋ CANCER:** For maximum benefits, Jupiter the expansive planet definitely suggests getting out and about this week – networking instead of nesting. Treating the crab cave as a mobile caravan. There's no danger of going overboard into burnout if you take enough nourishing breaks and spend late-week Cancer moon with caring friends.

**♌ LEO:** Work certainly isn't a dirty word with Saturn in your house of creativity this year dialling down drama, mastering your favourite crafts, polishing your presentation, refining relationship skills and generally honing your talents as the capable leader in your field that you are. This week highly recommends cleaning house on all levels...

**♍ VIRGO:** Jupiter only visits your sign once a decade with its auspicious opportunities for growth and expansion – making this your year to seize the day, come what may. To chase your dreams, tick off the bucket list and above all walk your talk – because Jupiter operates on honesty and practicality, not Pollyanna platitudes.

**♎ LIBRA:** With communications fluctuating between withholding, inaccurate hearsay and way too much information, a balanced perspective isn't the easiest thing to maintain. Don't overthink situations, or spend energy second-guessing people's motivation. This week's closures, reconstructs and new starts are all actually progress, even if that's not evident yet.

**♏ SCORPIO:** Now Saturn's moved into your second house of stability, you're back on much more solid ground after a year of existential boot camp. And in forceful, full forward mode as well. Never mind the cranky angst and snappy reactions of retro Mercury – leadership's your game, and this week has your name on it.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Plenty of scientific studies confirm something we all know: ie the more you complain, the more you keep complaining. So issue an embargo on grumbling. If this renders life happier, continue. And make the most of Venus's last week in Sagittarius by luxuriating in some look-good, feel-fabulous pampering.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** With your planetary ruler Saturn waving its cosmic wand in your house of magic and enchantment this year, better kick back, relax and receive, Caps. Of course you'll want to force things, but Saturn is teaching you a valuable lesson in surrender. Also in opening up to radically different ideas and experiences.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** With Jupiter in your house of transformational breakthroughs and private dancing, coasting in emotional shallows isn't an option. This year you're required to dive deep. Saturn in the Aquarian zone of teamwork and community support suggests redrawing your inner circle with discretion and selectivity with regard to whom you consider true friends.

**♓ PISCES:** There's an emphasis on self-development this year, and on ruthless honesty this week. It's worthwhile taking a long cool look at your image and consulting a stylist, designer or expert in the field to update your branding. No need to rush though, treat it as an ongoing work in progress...



**YESHE WITH CYÉ WOOD AT LOTUS TEA HOUSE AT STARSEED GARDENS ON SUNDAY**

been a hit in Sydney and are now launching in Byron. Hundreds of locals and tourists alike are set to experience the delight and freedom of dancing on the streets of Byron. Each participant is given a set of wireless headphones linking the group and allowing DiscoD's high-energy dance instructors to lead the participants in a 1-hour flashmob-style dance-a-thon to the tunes of Kylie Minogue, Bruno Mars and Michael Jackson.

Participants can sign up for scheduled tours or can organise a group tour with as few as eight people. DiscoD offers the ultimate fun way to experience the magical Byron environment on the beach and in the streets.

DiscoD is a social-enterprise business that encourages people to both feel good and do good. With DiscoD any charity or any supporter or organiser can organise a group tour and a portion of the ticket price

automatically goes to the charity they nominate. 'We have already raised more than \$1,000 for various charities and want to dance to raise more. We think the community-minded locals of Byron will be totally supportive of this concept,' says DiscoD's creator, Ms Harrington.

DiscoD is launching the Australia Day long weekend with three promotional tours – offering a 60 per cent discount to get people out dancing! Tours will be running 6.30pm **Thurs 21 / Fri 22 / Sat 23 Jan** from outside the **Byron Surf Club**. Tickets \$20 (normally \$35). [www.discodtours.com.au](http://www.discodtours.com.au)

**ROCKING FOR A FLUORIDE-FREE NORTHERN RIVERS**

For something completely different from the usual folksy fundraiser, the **Fluoride Free NR**



**KATE MILLER-HEIDKE AT THE BYRON THEATRE ON 11 FEB**

**Benefit gig will be headlining Twin City Riot.** This unique and self-styled punk rock band from the Gold Coast is just one of five bands playing on the Australia Day weekend in Lismore. Atomic Monkey Chunks, describing themselves as part of the new dronecore genre, will also be featured together with SLUG, Black Ghost Party and Gruntus and Friends.

This is an opportunity to experience the latest in grunge noir and have a dance to raise awareness and funds for the ongoing campaign to make water fluoridation obsolete.

It all happens at the **Tatts Hotel** from 7.30pm on **Saturday**.

**NOWHERE TO HEIDKIE**

Kate Miller-Heidke has spent the last year spreading her wings into new creative fields – such as composing and starring in the Helpmann Award-winning opera *The Rabbits* and filming her television acting debut in the musical mini-series *The Divorce* that aired on the ABC in December – and now she is keen to get back on the road to perform material of her own.

Kate is thrilled to announce a tour of capital cities and selected regional centres with a show at the **Byron Theatre 11 Feb**. Tickets at [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au).

CULTURE

**POWER PICNIC**

**Enova Community Energy** is celebrating the successful capital raising to commence Australia's first community owned renewable energy retailer by inviting investors, supporters and their families to a picnic on Saturday. With entertainment, children's activities and information stalls. Be at the **Bangalow Bowlo 2-5pm**.

For event details, to register attendance, and to provide support/volunteer on the day, visit [www.enovaenergy.com.au](http://www.enovaenergy.com.au) events.

**WOMEN LIKE US GO FEDERAL**

Well it looks like people really like **Women Like Us**. The show that brings together the comedy talents of **Mandy Nolan** and **Ellen Briggs** makes its way to the **Federal Hall** with one very special show on **Saturday 5 March**. Catch these two knockout standups as they present an hour each of their riotous humour, and find

out why they have been selling out up and down the coast, with recent venues having to add extra performances. 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.'

In demand on the comedy circuit and adored for their ability to find the humour in everyday experiences, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs believe it's their everyday lives that give them strength with audiences audiences.

'We're 40-something mothers of teenagers, we're wives, and ex-wives! Ellen can wrangle a snake and operate a ride-on mower in the afternoon, and by evening

**FREE ENTRY**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-11pm

Secret Garden PRESENTS **Beats & Eats**

Mark Ridout, LeeLee & Zevon, Tristan O'Meara, DJ Eva J


Anise, JR Smokehouse, Hungry Like the Wolf, Stone & Wood, Batlow Cider, Cafe on the Way, Byron Popcycles

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Alison Pearl Presents

**SUMMERSONG SUPERSHOW**

Featuring BOB ('Calling You') Telson (NYC), Kristina Olsen (LA), Tony Backhouse (NZ) & Shelly Brown (OZ).




**8pm Sunday 24th Jan, Byron Theatre**

All tickets via Box Office, Jonson Street, 66856807 or [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) \$35 + BF

*'The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls'*

Pablo Picasso



**WRIGHT + RYAN** – a new exhibition

Come along and wash off some of the dust – *Figures, Fabrics and Fauna* – a tapestry of new art, by two well-known local, professional artists, Melissa Wright and Lesley Ryan.

**Opening Friday 29 January 2016, 5.30-7.30pm.** Everyone is welcome – light refreshments provided.

**28 January to 10 February** at the **Lone Goat Gallery, Byron Shire's Community Gallery.**

## MAKING AUSSIE BLUES AND ROOTS THE REAL THING

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which will be contained within the mothership this year.

Boomerang Festival is in its final weeks of its crowdfunding campaign and needs as much community support as possible.

Mayor Simon Richardson has just joined the likes of Archie Roach, Paul Kelly, and Troy Brady in doing a video of support and raised his hand as one of the first friends of Boomerang in a gesture of solidarity. View it here: <http://bit.ly/1Nh9NgG>.

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she dons heels and a frock and she's emceeing a charity ball. We're smalltown showgirls. And boy do we have fun onstage!

*Women Like Us* is Saturday 5 March. Federal Hall. Tickets: \$25 presale or \$30 at the door if any left. To find out more or to purchase tickets go to [www.womenlikeus.com.au](http://www.womenlikeus.com.au).

Delicious home-cooked meal by Federal Loves Refugees. Licensed bar. (General admission seating)

Doors open from 7pm with show at 8pm. Enquiries to 6619 0529.

## LAST CHANCE FOR THE PALACE

Two complementary works telling dark tales of passionate love that sours to violent jealousy comprise the final opera presentation, *Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci*, to be screened before Palace Byron Bay closes its doors for the immediate future. Pietro Mascagni adapted Giovanni Verga's play *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Rustic

Chivalry) for a competition held by the music publisher Edoardo Sonzogno. His opera, a verismo masterpiece, won the competition and became a tremendous success on its premiere in May 1890. *Cavalleria Rusticana* was an undoubted influence on Ruggero Leoncavallo when he too wrote a short opera for Sonzogno, this time based on a true story. His *Pagliacci*, first performed in May 1892, was another huge success. The two works, sharing dramatic concision, melodic richness and an obsession with violent jealousy, were soon paired and have since

become almost inseparable.

Antonio Pappano conducts a terrific cast including charismatic Dutch soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek, exciting Italian soprano Carmen Giannattasio and thrilling Latvian tenor Aleksandrs Antonenko. *Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci*, sung in Italian with English subtitles, was captured live from Covent Garden, London on 10 December 2015 and screens at **Palace Byron Bay on Sunday** at 1pm. The cinema closes on 27 January for rebuilding, with re-opening expected in early 2017.



ROYAL OPERA'S CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA SCREENING AT PALACE CINEMA SUNDAY

THE PIGHOUSE FLICKS BYRON LOUNGE CINEMA PRESENTS

DAVID BOWIE in Nicolas Roeg's film

THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH

screening from Friday

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HATEFUL EIGHT OPENS THURS

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THE BELIER FAMILY (M) (no free tix) Thu-Sat/Mon-Tue 9.00, 4.10, 6.00pm Sun 9.00, 4.30, 6.00pm

THE HATEFUL 8 (R18+) (no free tix) Thu-Sat/Mon-Tue 1.00, 3.30, 8.00pm Sun 12.00, 3.00, 8.00pm

CAROL (M) (no free tix) Wed (20) 1.00, 2.50, 6.20 Thu-Sat/Mon/Tue 11.00, 1.15, 6.30 Sun 11.10, 4.15, 6.30

GOOSEBUMPS (PG) (no free tix) Wed (20) 9.00, 10.40am Thu-Sat/Mon/Tue 9.00, 11.00am Sun 9.10, 11.00am

THE REVENANT (MA15+) Wed (20) 1.10, 3.20, 8.40pm Thu-Sat/Mon/Tue 12.15, 3.10, 6.20 Sun 1.20, 6.40pm

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (M) Wed (20) 10.35, 4.10, 6.50pm Thu-Sat/Mon/Tue 9.45, 8.45pm Sun 9.30am, 8.45pm

SUFFRAGETTE (M) Wed (20) 12.40, 7.25

POINT BREAK (M) Wed (20) 5.10, 9.30pm Thu-Sat/Mon-Tue 9.15pm Sun 9.35pm

ROYAL OPERA: CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA/PAGLIACCI (CTC) (no free tix) Sun 1.00pm

JOY (M) Wed (20) 9.25pm

SNOOPY AND CHARLIE BROWN: THE PEANUTS MOVIE (G) Wed (20) 8.45am

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE ROAD CHIP (PG) Wed (20) 8.45am

THE GOOD DINOSAUR (PG) Wed (20) 11.00am

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# Cinema Reviews BY JOHN CAMPBELL



## CAROL

It's not uncommon for anticipation to put the mock on what might have otherwise been an uplifting and rewarding experience. Patricia Highsmith, more than just creating Ripley, wrote novels of edgy foreboding peopled by characters with jagged, barely accessible mindscapes (*Strangers On A Train*, my favourite Hitchcock, is hers). As a longstanding fan, I expected Todd Haynes's movie to be something that it wasn't and was subsequently a tad disappointed by how staid - dreary would be going too far - it seemed. Nobody bats an eyelid at lesbian relationships any more, but in the 1950s they were still, as Queen Victoria believed, 'not possible'. Therese (Rooney Mara), a sales assistant at a New York department store, serves Carol (Cate Blanchett), who is doing her Christmas shopping. Their eyes meet, etc, and an enduring and loving, if slow-burning, relationship grows between them. Therese needs to deal with her blockhead boyfriend (Jake Lacy), while the older Carol must cope with a disintegrating marriage that involves a bitter dispute over the custody of her daughter. I kept waiting for something dark to happen (because it's Highsmith) and was sure that the hidden gun would be the key to unlock the women's psychic terrains - but the moment fizzled out. This is not a criticism of the film, for it is beautifully made. The period is impeccably created, thanks largely to the iconic Sandy Powell's costume design; Carter Burwell, the go-to man for so many up-market dramas, has written a score that doesn't miss a beat; Edward Lachman's cinematography creates a frosted, elusive intimacy; and you could not fault the performance of anybody in the cast. Rooney especially is fantastic. Less mannered than Blanchett, she is mesmerising as the naif entering a world about which she knows nothing. The sex scene, however, didn't work for me, for neither actress appeared comfortable doing it and, in hindsight, I think now that it was because I was never wholly convinced of Therese and Carol's connection. It's good, but for mine the movie's sum is not as great as its perfect parts.



## GOOSEBUMPS

Unless you're lucky enough to have a reviewer's comp, paying to see a flick on the big screen (which is the way filmmakers *always* want their work to be seen) is a bit of a wallet-gouge (especially when you factor in a couple of mandatory choc-tops). Understandably, you become selective in your visits to the cinema, waiting for Judi or Meryl, gorgeous George or jokey Johnny, or, if you're into the cult of the director, Quentin, the Coens or some unpronounceable Euro or Korean master. Meaning that a lot of unpretentious but clever and highly entertaining movies pass you by until you catch them on late-night, slug-out, free-to-air TV. This is one such semi-precious gem that you might enjoy in the dim and distant future... Teenaged Zach (Dylan Minnette) has just moved to a daggy town in Delaware where he will attend the high school at which his recently widowed mum has been appointed deputy principal. Next door, behind a high-picketed fence, cute Hannah lives with her bad-tempered, mysterious dad (Jack Black), who happens to be the reclusive horror author, RL Stine. Inadvertently, Zach opens a book in their library and scary creatures come alive from the pages. It's a neat idea that trades on kids' love of fantasy. Following a standard, easily comprehended intro of who/what/where, director Rob Letterman plays his first fright card with the sudden appearance of an eye-catching and remarkably life-like Abominable Snowman. Letterman, however, is clued enough to appreciate that it's the ventriloquist's dummy, the pointy-hatted gnomes and the bad-trip clowns that send the iciest shivers down the spine. Pretty soon, all of Stine's creations are free and running amok, threatening civilisation as we know it in the form of the school dance. Because it's aimed at young teens, the violence is cartoonish rather than graphic, the language clean and the hero, Zach, entirely inoffensive. Best of all, it's about writing and how life-changing the written word can be. With a reverential nod to *The Shining*, this is a lot of fun.

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Friday Jan 22

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Man Who Fell To Earth 5:45pm

Rock The Kasbah 8:30pm

Saturday Jan 23

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Tanna 4:15pm

Youth 6:15pm

Man Who Fell To Earth 8:30pm

Sunday Jan 24

Rock The Kasbah 3:30pm

Man Who Fell To Earth 5:45pm

Youth 8:30pm

Monday Jan 25 - Final

Daddy's Home 4:15pm

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Rock The Kasbah 8:30pm

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**THURSDAY 21**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PETE ALLAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL** 10PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 6.30PM **SILENT DISCO**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ PEBBLES**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **DOMINIQUE MORGAN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **ALTAIS**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 5.30PM **HANNAH MASSEY & NATHALIE VERDEJO, AMANDA BROMFIELD, IMBI DAVIDSON, STEVE WALLER**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **JEBEDIAH & GUESTS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON**

**MARSHALL O'KELL**

- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **EPIC**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 5.30PM **MOANA**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 7PM **LEGALLY BLONDE JR**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- YAMBA BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **ROB MURRAY**
- THE CHANNON BUTTERFACTORY TAVERN 7.30PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 5.30PM **BROMMERS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **PETE ALLAN**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7.30PM **THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY**
- TUMBULGUM TAVERN 7.30PM **THE PRELOVES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **ROB WILEY**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **RUSSELL MORRIS**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **REDSTARBORN, UNITED STATES OF OZ, VERSUS FATE, LILLYE**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **BLACK RABBIT GEORGE + FELICITY LAWLESS**

**FRIDAY 22**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **PILOTS, PRO VITA, DIATOMS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LUKE & SEBASTIAN** 8PM **CHASE CITY, BAD PONY** 9PM **THE BELLIGERENTS**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **FERGO & THE BURDEN**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 6.30PM **SILENT DISCO**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **GROOVE DJ**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **MICKA SCENE, LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DOS ONO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **TORA**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **JEZ MEAD**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **MY BABY**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **WALRUS & THE CARPENTER**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM **FLICKERFEST OPENING PARTY** 8.30PM **BEST INTERNATIONAL 1**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **THE WEATHERMEN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM

**SATURDAY 23**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BOO SEEKA, BOOTLEG RASCAL, LYALL MOLONEY, DJ CHRIS BRADLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JIMMY WILLING & THE REAL GONE HICCUPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ CUTLOOSE, FAINT ONE**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **SI MULLUMBY**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **MY BABY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1PM **A CAPPELLA WITH TONY BACKHOUSE**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 6.30PM **SILENT DISCO**
- MISS MARGUARITA, BYRON 10.30PM **DJ CHRIS BRADLEY**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **GUEST, LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JOSUE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK

**PARK 7PM NICK BAMPTON**

- BANGALOW BOWLO 2PM **ENOVA COMMUNITY ENERGY CELEBRATION**
- BANGALOW RSL HALL 7PM **THE BIG SING WITH CHRIS JAMES & FRIENDS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **BRIAN WATT BAND**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 9PM **THE COAL HOLE BOY BAND & THEIR REQUIEM: 'FARMING & MINING MIX TOGETHER LIKE OIL & WATER'**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ILONA HARKER**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 4.30PM **FLICKERFEST BYRON ALL SHORTS** 8.30PM **BEST AUSTRALIAN SHORTS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE SWAMP CATS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **WANDERING EYES**
- BALLINA BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **BEN WILSON**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **SAM FLETCHER** 8PM **BIG GIG WITH STEVE ALLISON, ANDY THOMPSON, ELLEN BRIGGS**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 7PM **LEGALLY BLONDE JR**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **THE ROMANIACS**
- GOONELLABAH TAVERN 9PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **MELTED COUCH, ATOMIC MONKEY CHUNKS, SLUG, BLACK GHOST PARTY, TWIN CITY RIOT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **PINK ZINC**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 1PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **MANOA** 7PM **GEOFF TURNBULL**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- HAVEN BAR, MURWILL-UMBAH 7PM **PETE ALLAN**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **MESCALITO BLUES DUO**

**SUNDAY 24**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**

**RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM BLIND WILLIE WAGTAIL**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE HOMBRES** 8PM **DJ SUNSHINE**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **GROOVE DJS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **FERGO & THE BURDON**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **SUMMERSONG WITH BOB TELSON, TONY BACKHOUSE, KRISTINA OLSEN, SHELLY BROWN**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- STARSEED GARDENS, SKINNERS SHOOT 5PM **YESHE + CYE WOOD**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **DJS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL HALL 7PM **GOLDEN TALES CONCERT**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM **FLICKERFEST: SHORT LAUGHS COMEDY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM-BIMBY 3PM **OPEN MIC**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TONY FALLON**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 2PM **LEGALLY BLONDE JR**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR 4PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 1PM **BEEBLE JUICE**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **PIGEON BOYS TRIO**
- COOLANGATTA MARKETS 10AM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 1PM **JEMMA LEE & CASEY DUQUE**

**MONDAY 25**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAX HAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **THE VANNS**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **4'20'**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 3PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**

**TUESDAY 26**

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FERGO TRIO**
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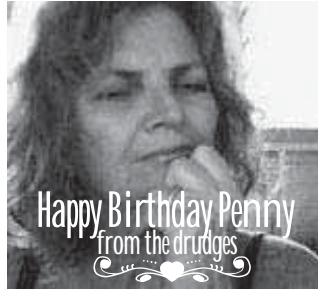
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# Country Surf Life Saving Championships launched

The hard work has been done, now it is the competitors' time to shine – that's the message the organising committee of the 2016 Stramit NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships had at the official launch ceremony held last Thursday.

Excitement was in the air as young life savers from South West Rocks SLSC joined representatives from the business community, Kempsey Shire Council and Stramit to launch country life saving's biggest event. The perfect beach-backdrop is empty now but in just over three weeks' time will be full of action and colour as surf life savers chase medals and personal bests.

With the championships return-



Pictured are last year's winners, Byron Bay SLSC. Photo Jamie Nilsson

ing to the mid-north coast for the first time since 2013, there is expected to be an increased turn-out of competitors from right across

northern NSW who will look to take advantage of the great location.

Byron Bay SLSC will be out to continue their recent run of form at the Championships defending the title they won comprehensively in 2015, while southern rivals Warilla-Barrack Point will fancy their chances.

The 2016 event will also herald in a number of changes to the format of the competition. It is now condensed into a two-day format as well as being held later in the summer to avoid peak season with at least 1,400 competitors and thousands more family, supporters and officials to flock to the town for the duration of the championships.

South West Rocks club president Rod McDonagh says his team are excited about hosting the event again and are still hard at work preparing. 'We are really fortunate to have a great bunch of committed volunteers who are vital to making this happen,' he said. 'It's a lot of work but we're almost there and looking forward to welcoming everyone to our little patch of paradise.'

The Stramit NSW Country Championships is the only event on the surf sport calendar to feature a full range of events including surfboats, as well as all age groups from U8s through to Masters, within a two-day surf carnival. It will be contested at South West Rocks on 6-7 February.

## Surf series begins on the Goldy

Australian and international elite junior surfers will converge on the Gold Coast on 19 and 20 January for the first of seven qualifying Subway Surf Series Pro Junior events, sanctioned by the World Surf League (WSL).

Seven different nations including France, Indonesia, New Zealand and Japan will be represented over the two days of competition, with 64 males and 24 females participating in the competition.

2012 WSL Men's World Champion and Surf Series ambassador Joel Parkinson will be part of the action next week, and highlighted the importance of the event series. 'I'm thrilled to be part of the very first Surf Series Pro Junior event,' he said. 'Having the WSL on board will help to launch the careers of our best and brightest surfing talent who I'm sure will be dominating the international competition.'

That talent includes current Under 18 Australian Champion Kai Warner, and other big names such as Ethan Ewing, Quinn Bruce, Macy Callaghan, Lucy Callister, Alyssa Lock and Pacha Light, who will all don a com-

petition rash vest.

WSL is equally pleased with the bolstered junior event series. 'It's great to have WSL and Surfing Australia work together with Subway to form the world's most comprehensive junior surfing series,' said WSL Australasia tour manager Will Hayden-Smith. 'Then to have the support and backing from 2012 World Champion Joel Parkinson is a great endorsement for these events and I know the junior surfers will be excited to meet and learn from one of their surfing heroes.'

Fourteen-year-old local Billabong athlete Pacha Light said she was looking forward to the challenge of competing against the best juniors on home turf, nearly all of whom will be several years older than her, as she is competing in the 18-and-under women's division.

'I love surfing Duranbah and all the Gold Coast breaks so hopefully that little bit of local knowledge helps in the competition,' said Pacha. 'It is my first Pro Junior and to be surfing against the older girls who absolutely shred will be a great experience.'

Bolstering an already impressive draw, there will be four wildcard entries including Victorian WSL Wildcard Joe Van Dijk and Laura Poncini who will be deployed in round one as added event heavyweights.

Subway marketing manager Lara Corbiere was delighted to continue to support junior surfing in its new-look competition.

The WSL sanctioned Pro Junior events, which includes 18-and-under men's and women's divisions, form part of the 2016 WSL Australasian Junior Qualifying Series (JQS), providing the winning athletes with an opportunity to win a coveted world title, at the WSL World Junior Championships in early 2017.

## Ballina prepares for wooden boat regatta

By Val Hodgson

Wooden boat fever is again sweeping the northern rivers as Richmond River Sailing and Rowing Club is hosting its 3rd Annual Wooden Boat Regatta on Sunday 24 January.

Open to all wooden boat owners and enthusiasts, this regatta features sailing dinghies and trailer sailers, hopefully some rowing skiffs and, last year, a classic wooden speedboat.

For the past two years Barry Kean, semi-retired Goonengerry boat builder, and Paul Webb, Meer-schaum Vale woodworker and woodwork teacher, have collaborated to build a 10-foot-six-inch gaff-rigged clinker sailing dinghy, working together one day a week



Barry Kean and Paul Webb at work on their wooden boat.

at Paul's shed in Ballina.

'The lines of the dinghy are taken from a Port Phillip Bay crabbing boat, so this boat is a replica of a true working boat,' Mr Kean said.

'We went to the Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart and were enthused to build a wooden boat,' he said.

'I did my apprenticeship

building wooden boats and I want to pass on the skills.'

The yet-to-be-named boat will be on display on Sunday, along with many others, equally as lovely. All wooden boats and rowing skiffs are welcome.

Enquiries to Graeme Fleming 0414 281 699 or rrsc@exemail.com.au.

## The importance of eating before exercise

Many athletes put a lot of emphasis on the pre-event meal, believing it is the key element to performance. It is important to remember that food eaten throughout the training week and food and fluid consumed during the event is just as important.

Consuming food and fluid before exercise should be seen as an opportunity to fine-tune carbohydrate and

fluid levels and to ensure you feel comfortable and confident.

Food consumed before exercise is only useful once it has been digested and absorbed. This means you need to time your food intake so that the fuel becomes available during the exercise period.

The time required for digestion depends on the type and quantity of food

consumed. Generally, foods higher in fat, protein and fibre tend to take longer to digest than other foods, and may increase the risk of stomach discomfort during exercise. Large quantities of foods take longer to digest than smaller quantities. Generally, food is better tolerated during lower-intensity activities, or sports where the body is supported (eg cycling) than sports such

as running where the gut is jostled about during exercise.

A general guide is to have a meal about 3-4 hours before exercise or a lighter snack about 1-2 hours before exercise. You need to experiment to find the timing, amount and makeup that best suits your individual needs.

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Oh, how we laughed. Richmond Labor MP Justine Elliot had a go at Larry Anthony, National Party president and possible candidate for pre-selection for the seat of Richmond, for his connections with the proposed Shenhua Watermark coal mine in the lovely Liverpool Plains food bowl. There's a slight whiff of hypocrisy in the air because at a federal level Labor has failed to rule out support for the mine. Both parties seem wedded to the fossil-fuel age, and in the Libs Greg Hunt has reaffirmed his position as the minister for coal. So what's wrong with that? We explore the problem in the following *Backlash*.

Yes, fossil fuels. According to a paper published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, 'ocean acidification - where our oceans absorb gases like carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide that are released during the burning of fossil fuels - will increase to such an extent that by 2100 several species of phytoplankton will die out, robbing several larger marine species of a vital food source...' Read more at <http://bit.ly/enphyto>. This is very sad for the animals themselves and a big threat to some people's food supply but we also note that other scientists have pointed out that phytoplankton produce around 50 per cent of our oxygen supply. So by



A semiotician's delight, this sign, outside the new Byron Bay hospital works, cleverly combines street cool, tantric sensibilities and bad grammar. Drivers are advised to pull over before following directions. Photo Jeff 'Last Tango In Bangalow' Dawson

cutting down the forests and acidifying the oceans we are effectively choking ourselves. Apparently the microscopic marine sediment-dwelling Loricifera survive without oxygen, but that's about it.

However, activists have a defence in their efforts against the fossil-fuel madness, and it is likely to come into play across jurisdictions. A group of US activists who blocked a train were given leave in court to argue that 'violation of the law by stopping the crude-by-rail train was justified because it was done to "avoid a harm which social policy deems greater than the harm resulting from violation of law"'. See <http://bit.ly/delta5court> for more. No doubt minister for coal Greg Hunt will seek to legislate against activists using such a defence in his efforts to defend the sustainability of fossil fuels.

At a more cosmic level, does the informal declaration of the Anthropocene, an age in

which humans are acting like a force of nature, put a dent in the theory of cosmicism? Or does one tiny planet not matter in an allegedly infinite

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