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The Eastern seaboard was hit by cyclone Winston last week after it ravaged Fiji. Experienced surfers made the most of overhead waves. Pictured is a brave surfer taking on Main Beach. Photo Jeff Dawson

Round two: bypass DA now public

Byron Shire Council's Butler Street bypass development application (DA) is again up for public scrutiny after the first was withdrawn last year.

Public submissions close April 1, 2016 and the DA will be on display for a total of 37 days.

And all that time may be required to assess it, given the document comes in 12 parts and totals 963 pages.

The plans are to widen Butler Street from Byron's police station south, running west of the railway line. After passing the market site and houses, it will continue through wetlands, turn left and emerge at the Mitre 10 corner on Jonson Street.

Why did the first get rejected? According to the new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), there were inaccuracies and issues within the first application. A significant component called a BioBanking Statement failed to meet state government requirements.

The idea of a BioBanking Statement is to commodify vegetation and wildlife by offsetting the direct and indirect impacts of removal with 'credits'. And in this case, the site is considered a 'red flag', owing to 74 ecosystem credits being needed for the offset. It reads: 'Council has commenced investigations into properties in their ownership that may satisfy the BioBanking credit requirements of the proposal.'

The plans around Mitre 10 and Byron Music still propose reduced parking – and no compensation – owing

to the width of the lanes running between both buildings.

As for the option of using the disused rail corridor – which is proposed by Butler Street residents – it says, 'Use of the rail corridor is subject to resolution of complex issues such as land purchase and competing objectives for the available area (including providing for the proposed rail trail and retaining rail line infrastructure for possible future use).'

And it appears that the state government and former Nationals MP Don Page's preference for the route also played a part in the decision: The report reads: '... the preferred route was supported by the longstanding local state member.'

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Belongil residents threaten Council

Supreme Court ruling expected soon

Hans Lovejoy

A member of a committee overseeing the development of the shire's coastal zone management plan (CZMP) has warned councillors he and his fellow residents are 'determined to protect their rights' and claim that the 'planned retreat' policy is not lawful or enforceable.

Furthermore, lawyers acting on the behalf of residents say that if 'planned retreat' is part of Council's new draft CZMP, 'then our clients will be pursuing the council for further damages... and challenge the legal power on the part of the council to make such a decision.'

Coastal management practices are generally categorised into either protection works, such as rock walls, or 'planned retreat'. Protection works are known to erode beaches over time.

John James, a Brisbane-based developer with a Belongil property, told councillors in a letter on February 4: 'Some of the legal impediments arise from Council's construction and maintenance of the Jonson Street structure which is the subject of the Supreme Court proceedings.'

The Echo asked Mr James to clarify how many residents he represents and their names; however, he did not answer the question within his extensive reply.

He did say that it was irrelevent how many residents bought post 1988, when Council stipulated homes had to be relocatable.

'The dune at Belongil is about 6,000 years old and protects the freshwater estuary and wetlands behind it from the ocean. Reports endorsed by Council conclude that removal of the existing protection at Belongil would cause the dune to fail and the Belongil Estuary and Belongil Wetlands (that are home to a variety of bird and water life) would be destroyed. Other Council papers record that a failure of these dunes would also destroy tens of millions of dollars of public infrastructure which this community has no financial means to relocate or replace.

'Overarching these issues is the now accepted fact that the manmade structure to protect the town centre has caused the erosion at Belongil. Council has accepted and endorsed a report which says the effect of the Jonson Street structure extends beyond the Belongil Creek entrance.

Mr James believes 'Council has ignored our claims' over planned retreat as an option within the ongoing preparation of the draft coastal zone management plan (CZMP).

Such a policy, he says, could not be 'legally implemented or would give rise to a massive liability in damages'.

Argument based on Jonson St structure

A four page letter from global law firm King & Wood Mallesons accompanies Mr James's letter and says continued on page 3 ➤



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Start of an era for Byron



Raffael Loremann opened his new Lumen Gallery in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate last Friday to the sounds of musician Cye Wood and others. The gallery is located in the old Colin Heaney glass blowing studio on Acacia Street. Photo Jeff Dawson

Butler Street bypass DA back on display

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Additionally, the report argues that the Grab The Rail option of 'constructing a road through the nature reserve would require additional approval from the office of environment and heritage (OEH) as they own the land.'

'A road in this location is not likely to be supported by OEH unless it can be demonstrated it is in keeping with the management plan for the reserve.'

Council staff say that at the end of the public exhibition period for the bypass, submissions will be forwarded to

the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). The JRPP will determine the bypass DA. For more information, visit www. byron.nsw.gov.au/projects/ byron-bay-bypass.

The Echo sought comment from the Grab The Rail group for this story.

Spirit Fest set to materialise April 17

The Byron Spirit Festival returns to Mullumbimby from April 15 till 17.

Co-organiser Alison Pearl says, 'The full weekend program is created to get you into your heart, your consciousness, your body, your mind and your immediate and broader community. It's a big task. With our first state grant received, and the success of the inaugural Hampton Spirit Festival in New York last year, we're excitedly preparing an absolute feast of depth experiences for our fifth anniversary.'

She says the local and international event embraces yoga, music, dance, tantra, healing,



Photo taken from previous Spirit Fest. Photo supplied

indigenous insight, along with guided meditations, sound baths, gourmet organic food, 'and unforgettable celebrations so all can commune and

awaken in the most connective means available.'

Tickets are selling swiftly, Ms Pearl says, and are available at www.spiritfestival.com.au.

Art classic extends registration

Byron Arts Classic, the Shire's biggest art exhibition, has extended the registration closing date until Monday March 7 at 4pm.

Organisers say artwork delivery date is Saturday March 19 from 10am till 4pm.

'We have also waived the fee to enter our new division, Indigenous art, to encourage more entries into this exciting new category which is proudly supported by Arts Northern Rivers Professional Development Support Initiative.'

There are cash prizes on offer and the exhibition runs March 24 till March 30 at the Byron Community Centre.

The gala award opening

night will be held Wednesday March 23 from 6pm, and the theme is David Bowie.

For more visit www. byroncentre.com.au/whatson/arts-classic.

Echo apology: trigger warning

The Echo wishes to apologise to those people of Australian Indigenous background or African American heritage who were unfavourably triggered by the publication of the term 'nigger huts' in the letters pages last week.

The term was not used in an abusive or racist manner but in order to give historical perspective to an injustice in some rental arrangements on the north coast.

Missing person

Police are seeking information on the whereabouts of 36-year-old Canadian national Natalie Perkins, who was last seen on Fletcher Street, Byron Bay around 4pm on February 15.



Inquiries have revealed that she has not accessed her bank account or used her phone since the time she went missing.

The public are urged to contact police with any information: Byron Bay Police on 6685 9499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

End of an era for Byron



After 23 years of tattooing in Byron Bay, Creative Tattoo have called it a day. Owner Pete Davidson says the closure is owing to the high cost of running a business in Byron Bay adding, 'Paid parking was the straw that broke the camel's back.' Pete's other ink business is located at 111 Union Street, South Lismore. Pictured is Tom Denholm, who will now work at Innocent Ink Tattoo in South Tweed Heads. Photo Jeff'All About The Ink' Dawson

Belongil residents threaten Council

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that as maintenance of the Jonson Street structure has been determined, it must be included within the CZMP.

Additionally, they claim that within the Byron Shire Coastal Hazard Assessment Update report, 'the impact of the structure extends beyond the creek, causing recession of at least 20 metres.'

Law partner Karen Coleman claims that Council is not, 'as a matter of law, entitled or able to impose planned retreat on the property owners of Belongil Beach either at all, or, without a liability in damages to compensate...'

Creating the danger

Ms Coleman accuses Council of creating the danger by accepting the Byron Shire Coastal Hazard Assessment Update, which confirmed 'the impact of the Jonson Street structure extends the whole way along Belongil and past the creek.'

'The law is clear that a council which has created a danger comes under a duty to protect from the danger. It cannot take steps to do the opposite of that and take down protection, force people's houses back etc.' 'The residents say that the rock walls were placed with the express knowledge and/or acquiescence of the council. In those circumstances, Council has no power to enter into people's properties and take down the rock walls.

'That position is further underscored by the discriminating approach of protecting one part of the town, thereby endangering another part, and then exacerbating the danger by removing existing protection.'

Ms Coleman continued, 'Council has sought to impose a condition requiring retreat on some property owners by way of a development consent condition. If the resident property owners do not make a development application, Council has no ability to impose such a condition. [C]onditions requiring retreat have only been imposed on a small number of properties. Council has evidently not undertaken any legal analysis of how it could have the power to remove coastal protection works and impose planned retreat...

'Furthermore, the trigger for enforcing Part J is 20 metres and Council has reports advising that the Jonson Street

structure has caused at least 20 metres of recession. Council has not given any warning to purchasers before 2009 of any plan to remove all existing protection works along Belongil Beach.'

Ms Coleman says a ruling on some aspects of their pleading, 'is awaiting in the Supreme Court action... At the time of writing a judgment is awaited.'

No comment from staff

Council's legal services co-ordinator Ralph James told *The Echo* the letter was sent to external solicitors engaged by Council's insurers. He said, 'It is not appropriate for Council to comment.'

Don McLean postpones

Don McLean has announced that his upcoming Australian tour, including his performance at Bluesfest, has been postponed until 2017. A statement received from Don McLean's representatives said, 'Don McLean graciously accepts the willingness of the promoter to postpone the current tour to exactly the same time in 2017 in order to allow Don McLean and his family time to work at reuniting'.



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Bluesfest set to expand



Team Bluesfest celebrate the decision. Photo Jeff Dawson

Hans Lovejoy

Bluesfest was approved for additional events and permanent infrastructure at last week's Council meeting.

But it was met with resistance from neighbours - residents rallied to oppose the plans at morning access while Bluesfest director Peter Noble brought along employees to support his case for expansion.

So what has been approved? Called a 'Recreation Facility (major), the approval means that a range of event types and sizes are now approved, but must meet conditions.

Small events are described as up to 2,000 people and 100 days per year have been approved. Medium events are up to 15,000 people, and a maximum of ten event days per annum were approved.

Large events are defined as up to 25,000 people, with a maximum ten event days per year approved.

The staff report said, 'Bluesfest is an example of a 'large event', while the Boomerang Festival is an example of a medium event. Potentially a caravan show, wedding, a

Clean Up Mullum Sunday March 6

Byron Shire Council and Brunswick Valley Landcare will be celebrating Clean Up Australia Day with a walk and clean-up along the riverbank in Mullumbimby.

The clean up will start at 10am at Pool Park, located behind the Mullumbimby Swimming Pool on Jubilee Avenue.

The clean-up aims to finish at 11.30am in Heritage Park (near the tennis courts) with a well-earned morning tea provided by the CWA, or BYO picnic.

The campaign originated in 1989 after solo yachtsman, Ian Kiernan, was motivated to organise a clean up Sydney harbour.

For more info visit www. cleanupaustraliaday.org.au.



Residents are still keeping up the pressure. Photo Jeff Dawson

15-theatre production would be a small event.'

Staff supported the DA, with major projects planner Chris Larkin saying, 'On balance, the proposal is assessed as being capable of operation without significant adverse impacts.

The proposal also included a Koala Plan of Management, which has the approval of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

Within the report, the police and NSW government agencies all had their say.

Notably, the Road & Maratime Services (RMS) said that with completion of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade, they are 'investigating options to bring the motorway up to a motorway standard. That includes limiting side-road access... RMS has undertaken public consultation which includes the future closure of Grays Lane... Grays Lane will be closed... and will not be available for use for traffic management of events at Tyagarah.'

That concern was brought up by resident Gwen Gould in morning public access,

who said she would be 'landlocked' during Bluesfest if Grays Lane was blocked from the highway.

'I sleep with pillows against my window when the festival is on, she added.

John Bailey from the Tyagarah Sustainable Association also addressed the chamber and said his group are yet to get a response from Council over their complaints.

He said, 'Our legal advice says we have a case against Council and will take it to land and environment court. Historically, the Bluesfest has failed [with DA compliance]. We are being asked [to agree to] another 15 days. The cost is on our community; we leave the area at Easter.

Windows shake

Resident Michael Goldberg said he was also affected.

'My windows shake [during the event] and I don't get a free ticket. The noise goes over 50 decibels and there is no police or council checking on anything.

'So a lot of things aren't being complied with on this DA. Why isn't the existing

DA being upheld?'

At another point, resident Tony Baggio shut down morning access after he refused to stop complaining that he didn't have an opportunity to speak. He later told *The Echo* he has lived on Foxs Lane since 1997.

'The sound impact report is a fake,' he said, referring to the GeoLink Events Site Statement of Environmental Effects. He pointed to within the report where there is no reading for night-time.

'It states that lot 10 - my home - has the worst noise, which has been recorded with well over 50 decibels yet they blame it on insects!'

Events unlikely for some time

A press release by Bluesfest director said, 'The fear from our neighbours that we may have wanted to do another major festival on the site was addressed by Council in a manner that met our approval, and seemingly those in attendance at Council Chambers. It is not likely that there will be any new events for some time to come. First we will build the infrastructure so that there is a functions centre on site as well as, in time, permanent shower and toilet facilities and food and beverage areas.'



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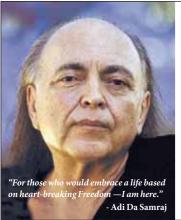
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Mystery of Burma revealed

A personal photographic journey capturing the culture of Myanmar (formerly Burma) and its people was launched last Friday by Byron Bay resident Anna Swain.

BURMA Tiffins, Nuns and Turmeric is her first book, and is self-published.

Anna says, 'After falling in love with Burma on a family holiday, I was inspired to return and take more photographs which in the end led to creating my first book.

The 254-page hardback features almost 300 full-colour photographs, with some travel tales and a couple of recipes.

The book is available locally at Mary Ryan's Book Shop Byron Bay, Bangalow Music and Books, and Red Ginger Byron Bay.

It can also be purchased online from www.shutterbooks.com.au.



Anna Swain's new book, BURMA Tiffins, Nuns and Turmeric, was launched at her family home to around 100 guests last Friday. Photo supplied

Politics in the pub packs out

The recently held politics in the pub in Mullumbimby was a great success, says coorganiser Richard Hil.

He told The Echo, 'The Court House in Mullumbimby was packed to the rafters last Wednesday as speakers professor Lyn Carson and Aidan Rickets held forth on the future of democracy, capitalism and activism in Australia.

'Organised by the Ngara Institute, the event was the first in a new politics in the pub series, entitled "Neoliberalism on Trial in the Court House".



Speaker Aidan Rickets. Photo Michael Balson

'Audience members were encouraged to think of ways they could help to dismantle global corporate capitalism through everyday actions.'

He says the next event at the Court House is on March 23 from 6.30pm till 9pm and features Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance advocate, activist and author of Fair Food, Dr Nick Rose.

Cert IV in Permaculture on offer

Byron Community College is now offering a Certificate IV in Permaculture, adding to its popular Cert III Horticulture.

Terry Gray, pictured right, with Byron Community College staffer Lance Hopson, has just handed over his last assessment for the Cert III Horticulture and says he's excited to undertake the new Cert IV in Permaculture.

College director Richard Vinycomb says the new course 'further reinforces the Byron region's local and national position as a major player in leading the permaculture revolution.'

The new course is a year



Lance Hopson from Byron Community College with student **Terry Gray.** Photo supplied

long, running over two days a week in Mullum. Low-income earners may also be eligible for Austudy allowance.

Alternatively, an 11-day

intensive Permaculture Design Course (PDC) starts on March 12. To get involved visit www.byroncollege.org. au or call 6684 3374.

The title of his talk is 'Beyond stuffed and starved? Progressive agendas for food sovereignty'.

Byron Bay Town Centre Draft Masterplan **Public Exhibition**

Thursday 3 March – Thursday 7 April

The Byron Bay Town Centre Draft Masterplan provides a long term framework for the future of the Bay. The vision for the Plan is to 'connect the Centre of Byron Bay with the Spirit of its Community'.

How to be involved in the exhibition program:

- Download the Draft Masterplan from Council's website
 - www.byron.nsw.gov.au or from the project website www.byronbayourplan.com.au
- Attend a community presentation at the Byron Bay Community Centre Theatre on Friday 18 March at 2pm or 5.30pm
- View the Draft Masterplan exhibition display at the Byron Bay Library Foyer, Cnr Lawson & Fletcher Street or Council offices in Station Street Mullumbimby during the exhibition period



- Visit the BSC stall at the Byron Bay Farmers Markets on 17 March and 24 March
- Participate in a 'Masterplan Conversation' at the library exhibition space between Monday 21 March and Thursday 24 March.

Submissions can be made by:

Email to: bbtcm@byron.nsw.gov.au or by post to: The General Manager,

PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482

All submissions will close on Thursday 7 April 2016.

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Federal government to fund a 'fossil-fuel' research centre

slammed the Australian gova fossil-fuel research centre.

Greens candidate for Richmond, Dawn Walker, described the coalition as 'climate vandals' after federal industry minister Christopher Pyne announced this week that the body set up to promote oil, gas and nuclear energy, to be known as National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), would 'promote collaboration and innovation across the energy resources sector'.

'The Growth Centre will

that it would invest \$15.4 mil- to build links with business after a public backlash. lion over four years to fund and industry organisations, Mr Pyne said.

'Importantly it will also promote industry-led research in priority areas by facilitating deeper engagement between industry and researchers?

Federal energy minister Josh Frydenberg said the Growth Centre would 'help position Australia's energy and resources sector for the next wave of investment'.

But Ms Walker said she was 'shocked' by the Turnbull government's announce-

North coast Greens have work closely with researchers ment, 'which comes just four from universities, CSIRO and months after the similar Bjorn ernment's announcement cooperative research centres Lomborg centre was canned

> Ms Walker has called on the Turnbull government to invest in renewables instead.

'It's hard to believe that four months after the Bjorn Lomborg research centre was canned by the Abbott government, here we have Turnbull trying to resurrect a similar idea,' she said.

'It's ludicrous that while the rest of the world moves away from coal, the Turnbull government is giving more taxpayer money to the fossil fuel lobby by funding a "research" centre.'

APN's regional newspapers to be sold after revenue decline

Chris Dobney with AAP

The owner of *The Northern Star* and other local newspapers including *Byron Shire News, Tweed Daily News, Lismore Echo* and *The Ballina Advocate* has put them on the market, saying they are dragging the company down.

APN News & Media own more than 100 regional newspapers and websites in QLD and northern NSW, and recently Rupert Murdoch's News Corp acquired around 15 per cent.

Known as Australian Regional Media (ARM), the APN subsidiary reaches an audience of more than 1.5 million between Mackay and Coffs Harbour.

But ARM's earnings dropped 27 per cent in calendar 2015, despite millions in cost cuts and growth in digital subscriptions beginning to replace the declining newspaper audience.

APN's chief executive Ciaran Davis said, 'Further investment in this business is now inconsistent with APN's long-term ambitions and we

have commenced the process to divest the business.'

According to industry publication *TheNewspaper-Works*, APN was asked after its results presentation, whether News Corp Australia was the only potential purchaser of the mastheads and how APN would ensure it was not disadvantaged in the sales process by News's investment in the company.

'In response, APN said it was talking to a number of parties, and it was too early for a price guide,' *TheNewspaperWorks* reported.

\$10 million loss

A \$51 million cut to the value of APN's regional newspaper mastheads dragged the company to a loss of \$10 million for 2015.

APN may also end up selling its New Zealand newspaper, radio and magazine business, NZME, which is its second biggest earner.

Plans to list NZME on the share market have been scrapped because of falling advertising spending, and APN said it is now considering its options for the business.

The company says it wants to focus on growth in its more successful businesses, the Australian Radio Network and outdoor advertising group Adshel.

Radio earnings rose 25 per cent in 2015, as Kyle Sandilands and Jackie O drove ratings success at KIIS, while its Pure Gold network also rated well in Sydney and Melbourne.

Mr Davis said the Australian radio market was up five per cent in January, with ARN continuing to take market share. The network wants to grow its younger audience, with investment in mobile, video and social platforms, such as the iHeartRadio app.

Adshel's earnings rose four per cent in 2015 as it launched digital billboards at bus stops.

At the time of going to press, APN shares were up 2.5 cents at 52.5 cents and its revenue remains flat at \$850m.

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The endless benefits of



Saturday's Byron Youth Service fundraiser at Byron Bay Bamboo in Myocum attracted hundreds who enjoyed displays by artisans, horticulturists and even 'bio-charists'. Pictured is property owner Kaye Wood with Lance Seadon, who created the boat. Photo Jeff Dawson

Mullum2Bruns set for May 22

Earlybird registrations are now open for the 10km Mullum2Bruns Paddle down the magical Brunswick River, to be held Sunday May 22.

With the tide running out for the 9am start at Mullum's Heritage Park, the journey downstream should be an easy one. Co-organiser Kim Rosen says that last year more than 1,000 paddlers participated and over \$30,000 was raised for the three groups from the entries, raffles and barbecues.

The Hotel Brunswick Paddle Challenge and the Print Rescue Stand Up Paddle Challenge numbers are building each year, so these competitive events have been moved to the start of the program, with 8am and 8.15am starts respectively. There will be more of the magnificent Dragon Boats this year with a dash between the two Bruns bridges, providing a great spectacle for those enjoying the free entertainment and community food stalls in The Terrace Park at the finish.

Earlybird registrations are available online now at www. mullum2brunspaddle.com to go into the draw for prizes.





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Councillor slapped with censure over code of conduct breach

Hans Lovejoy

A state government investigation into a complaint against Cr Rose Wanchap was tabled at last week's Council meeting, resulting in her being censured by her fellow councillors for breaching the Code of Conduct policy.

Held in confidential session in the afternoon, the mayor used his casting vote to support a motion which says she failed to 'acknowledge and declare a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests... thereby failing to manage the conflict in accordance with the Code of Conduct.'

The motion also says the matter will 'be referred to the division for further action under the misconduct provisions of the Act.'

The Echo understands the 'division' is the office of local government, while a firsttime 'censure' has no ramifications or consequences.

The original complaint, which is said to be 150 pages long, is by David Beattie from the Nungkari Treatment Centre, based in Myocum.

It was taken seriously enough to be reviewed by the Office of Local Government, which reported that Ms Wanchap 'may have had a non-pecuniary conflict of interest' when she voted on a DA approval.

The Echo understands that the code of conduct complaint relates to a possible conflict of interest with Cr Wanchap's potential investment in a competing health centre.

At the October 1, 2015 council meeting, Cr Wanchap abstained on voting on a DA for Nungkari Treatment Centre owing to a potential pecuniary interest.

Yet when the original DA was approved on May 1, 2014, Cr Wanchap voted against the motion, which subsequently sparked the complaint by Mr Beattie.

The Echo asked Cr Wanchap last year whether she operated a health facility as of her voting on May 1, 2015.

Cr Wanchap replied at the time, 'It is a grey area since it is not my facility. It is owned by a member of my family and they only purchased it a few months ago so there was no pecuniary interest at that time.'

'Nor is there probably an interest now, but I felt it was better to be on the safe side.'

During morning public access, mayor Simon Richardson insisted councillors treat the matter as confidential, and attempted to limit discussion.

But it was largely to no avail; a testy Crs Di Woods and Chris Cubis accused Mr Beattie of getting 'coaching' over the complaint, and questioned why he would pursue the issue given he was awarded the DA for his treatment centre anyway.

Call for the report to be made public

Mr Beattie told the chamber he wanted the confidential report made public.

'If this council wants to be held in esteem by the community, and have its integrity maintained, then they will make this matter public. And they will take relevant action to redress these matters. In our society today, we don't have enough of that...'

Cr Sol Ibrahim then attempted to wedge Mr Beattie over 'following the law' owing to Mr Beattie wanting the document to be made public.

Cr Ibrahim said, 'Do you believe personally, and on behalf of the community, that the community should respect the law in terms of what can and can't be made public?'

Mr Beattie replied it was a good question. 'In this instance, the issue has been investigated and a report has been presented to Council.

'Had they been just allegations, I think confidentiality should apply. [But] in this instance it is [more than allegations].

So how legally binding are confidential report?

The Echo asked council's legal services co-ordinator Ralph James if there is there a 'law' that would be broken by releasing the confidential report, or is it simply a policy.

He replied, 'The report of the Code of Conduct reviewer was received and considered by Council in confidential session.'

'Council's resolution, as per the minutes, is public. Confidentiality is applied as per Council's Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of Council's Code of Conduct - both of which are policies.

'[It] is a matter for any person who is not subject to Council's Code of Conduct.'

Bums on bikes to the ready



The World Naked Bike Ride Byron Bay is all set to take place from 3pm on Sunday March 13. Meet on the platform of the old Byron Bay Railway Station. Pictured from left are Sherrie Yeomans (Lennox Head), Mijimberi (Lismore) and Malcolm

COREM raises over \$1,700

COREM (Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby) had an exciting and successful launch of their crowdfunding campaign, attracting more than \$1,700 at their event in the Drill Hall Theatre last Friday.

Deborah Lilley told The *Echo* organisers would like to 'thank everybody who helped on the night, especially mayor Simon Richardson whose enthusiasm as MC warmed the audience. And Murray Muzz Drechsler, long-time protector of the Leard Forest from Front Line Action Crystal Castle

on Coal, brought news from Whitehaven's coalface, or rather massive pit.'

'The Corem Cafe was sponsored by Mullum businesses including Kombucha Mama, HariHar Chai, Santos Trading, The Source, and Eden's Landing. Donations for the raffle came from The Mullum Farmers Market: Grumpy Grandma's Olives, The Honey Wagon, The Spice Palace, Sauerkraut, Nashua Coffee and Puremelt Chocolate.

'The first prize was a voucher from the very supportive

New hospital complete but staffing issues continue

Chris Dobney

While construction of Byron Shire's new hospital has finished almost a month ahead of schedule, Health Services Union (HSU) northern NSW has rebuked claims by acting Northern NSW Local Health District CEO Annette Symes that 'Every permanent staff member will have a permanent position within the local health district.'

HSU's Jonathan Milman told The

Echo, 'I'm expecting to learn this week that one of the maintenance men will not be offered a job unless he's prepared to work as a part time cleaner.'

'In the admin area there are currently more staff working in the existing hospitals than there are positions to apply for.

'Yet the hospital hasn't released plans on how they expect them to cope with the increased workload.

'We're now told that the hospital could be open as soon as "late April", which is significant change from original plan of July 1. Management has not gone through proper consultation - they're making changes on the fly and our members very upset, he said.

Mr Milman added that the process had been 'managed atrociously' and 'in breach of government's own policy'.

He said local MP Tamara Smith (Greens) has been invited to tour the hospital today 'so she can hear firsthand of the significant issues.'

These are the days of our Council

Hans Lovejoy

Ah, the triumphs and tragedies of local government.

Much like a long-running soap opera, local council offers the same formula: drama!

Anyway what transpired at last Thursday's meeting?

Conduct code still confusing

It appears our locally elected representitives are in need of some moral guidance, or at the very least, ethical clarity.

Why? All councillors voted to write to the NSW minister for local government asking for a review of the state's model Code of Conduct procedures.

The request to Nationals MP Paul Toole includes reviewing 'the alignment of the treatment of members of Council Committees more with that afforded Councillors such as, but not limited to (Code of Conduct Procedures clause 5.18), explanation, counselling, training, mediation, informal discussion, negotiation or apology.'

Put forward by Cr Duncan Dey, the issue was sparked by a code of conduct inquiry into community volunteer, Angela Dunlop, after she contacted building contractors tasked with renovating the South Golden Beach hall.

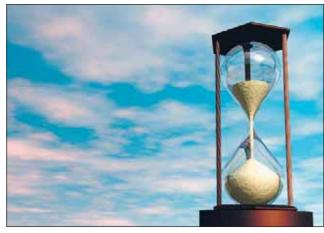
The rest of the motion bestowed platitudes upon Ms Dunlop and her team, 'recognising the success of the South Golden Beach Community Hall and its renovation and refurbishment...'

Mayoral rebuke

Mayor Simon Richardson used Council time last Thursday to accuse local press of inaccurate and sensationalist reporting.

Within his speech about a recent Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC) meeting, he referred to a recent *Northern Star* (APN) front page splash that featured Lismore mayor Jenny Dowell and Cr Richardson 'apparently at logger heads over signage on the highway.'

The story was speculative and highly inflammatory, the mayor said. 'We certainly aren't at logger heads at all, we have talked about it and sort of agreed that we would wait for a traffic count review to be completed which has been scheduled in a couple of months. So we truly get to know what the traffic is around Bangalow, if it's sig-



The days turn into months, the months turn into years, and all the while policy formulation and execution grinds onwards. Image from lochgarry.wordpress.com

nificantly less than what was the proposition or prediction and I think it perhaps will be that the old highway is very lightly trafficked.

'At that point we can suggest to have more signage or not, but we're certainly not at logger heads in any sense.'

The mayor continued, 'We are also meeting Bob Higgins of RMS next week I think. We chose a spot in Clunes at The General Store Café.

'Hopefully we can find a way forward, but what I wanted to get a sense of was that I must admit I haven't really received either condemnation or acylation from people in Bangalow at all.

'Apart from the general manager, I haven't had one comment from people in this Shire to whether they support me at least acknowledging that the Bangalow community want less traffic. So I'm curious to get feedback.'

Park and ride trial sets off into sunset

It appears the days are over – under the current council at least – for one of the mayor's pet projects: the NYE park and ride.

A double decker bus was commissioned to run from the Cavanbah Centre in Ewingsdale into Byron on NYE in an effort to ease traffic and offer a tourist attraction.

The plan, called NYE shuttle, was cautiously accepted a few years ago, however councillors such as Cr Chris Cubis were critical of its effectiveness and cost.

But last year, general manager Ken Gainger defended the trial's expense, telling the chamber that many unexpected events led to having to increase the budget to cover costs in that year.

During the last meeting, the five controlling councillors voted down an amendment by the mayor that said, 'Council assess the viability of Park and Ride in the future as part of any reviews relating to paid parking and Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan (access and movement) programs.'

Decrepit bridge: please explain

Staff are under pressure to respond to hard questions from Cr Chris Cubis over the state of O'Meara Bridge, located in the Binna Burra/ Federal area.

He tabled questions – which the staff took on notice – over why the bridge was allowed to reach this state and who is responsible.

Cr Cubis said, 'We don't believe the current infrastructure asset management and process is adequate. Where is the sinking fund? The proactive forward planning? What steps are you putting in place to ensure this doesn't happen again to other assets that are critical to the continued progress and development of the shire?'

In reply, Council's director infrastructure services, Phillip Holloway, said staff were preparing a response to the questions and propose a meeting soon with the community in relation to O'Meara's Bridge. A date is yet to be confirmed.

Byron masterplan

The draft Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan will go on exhibition from this Thursday, and comes with some disgruntled voices on social media regarding rumours the plans are to remove the Main Beach carpark.

Council's economic development & tourism officer Jane Laverty told *The Echo* that the suggestion for the foreshore is a redesign and not to remove parking entirely.

She said, I am comfortable and confident in saying that this plan is a direct reflection of the community input provided throughout the consultation and development phases – and there were some things that had the opinion (individual wants and needs) divided.

'Given that this is a high level framework I believe the consultants have not determined to make far reaching decisions, but rather guide us with projects and strategies that will lead to the best outcomes – such as a redesign of the car park and a review of the swimming pool that as projects in themselves will require more in-depth consultation with the community before any specifics are determined.'

Suffolk Park traffic lights: no go

A staff recommendation for traffic lights on the corner of Clifford Street and Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park, was rejected by councillors.

Instead, councillors voted that 'Council present all options contained in the report for consultation including safe pedestrian crossing arrangements with the community.'

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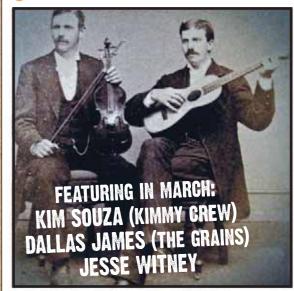
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A shrinking window

The news that Australian Provincial Newspapers (APN) intends to divest itself of its publications in Australia is not a good thing for media diversity (diversity being the principle that the more windows you have, the better the view).

The owners of APN are not for the most part ideological. The group's newspapers hold to generic capitalist positions but they don't hold them strongly.

Development is always good, but local opinion counts when a developer trashes the environment.

Fossil fuels produce jobs and export income, but their climate-warming effects are not denied. The shareholders are concerned with the bottom line rather than the power to persuade – hence the decision to jettison a sinking business.

However, there is one shareholder in APN who cares very much what message appears in his papers and who promotes an anti-environmental, extreme right-wing ideology in everything he owns.

Rupert Murdoch is best placed to buy up an armful of media bargains from APN. Fairfax has mismanaged itself into penury, and while it might eye up the online sites on offer, a company that is currently engaged in preparing the market for the end of *The Age* in paper form, and possibly the Sydney Morning Herald too, is unlikely to take on more print headaches.

But Murdoch is not the only possibility. The struggle to overturn coastal environmental protection is fiercest in Byron Shire, where developers dream of a mini Gold Coast from the Tweed border to Belongil.

As well as providing campaign contributions for the election of councillors attuned to this vision, as they did here in 2012, the white-shoe brigade might see gaining control of a local paper like The Byron News as a useful counterweight to *The Echo*. Of course the project would lose money, but the glittering prize of openslather development would more than compensate.

Unfortunately, the reality is that most of APN's titles will close, unable to find buyers. It may be some comfort that the least likely to disappear is The Byron News itself. Someone, somewhere will want to keep a media foothold in our most iconic town.

David Lovejoy News tips are welcome: editor@echo.net.au

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The orcs have their day in the sun

ndrew Bolt, Alan Jones that in the age of terrorism (now, and their armies of orcs

For months, years even, they inveighed against Malcolm Turnbull, vowing to destroy him, swearing mighty oaths that he must never become prime minister.

They formed barricades around their hero, Tony Abbott, assuring their devotees that his reign would endure forever the hordes of the moderates and their reviled leader were vanquished, destroyed, razed from the surface of the earth.

And even when he was treacherously, sacrilegiously, overthrown by his own fallen angels and the Antichrist was installed, Tony Abbott remained, in the eyes of his followers, immortal: not only would his works and memory endure forever, but he would eventually be resurrected. He was their rex quondam futurus - their once and future king.

And so it has come to pass. Malcolm Turnbull as we knew him has all but vanished; in a political sense, it could be said that he has been destroyed. Instead, we have a sort of Abbott avatar smoother, more articulate, even more plausible, but still undeniably the essence of the previous prime minister. Not only have just about all the old Abbott policies retained, but new ones - the sort that might have sprung, fully formed, from the head of the precursor – have emerged.

The chairmanship of the ultra-sensitive Intelligence and Security Committee has been gifted to the rightwing warrior Andrew Nicolic. Nicolic is an ex-military man, and nothing wrong with that, but he is hardly the leader needed to head what is supposed to be a bi-partisan group balancing national security with domestic concerns.

Nicolic is on record as saying

and presumably for a long time to come), human rights are simply not relevant. He lambasted the ASIO head, Duncan Lewis, for daring to advise Nicolic's predecessor, Dan Tehan (now promoted to the ministry), over policy matters.

Unsurprisingly, Labor regards Nicolic as something of a loose cannon and yet another sop by Turnbull to his ultra-conservative rump - the Abbottistas.

Then there was the Safe Schools kerfuffle, an opt-in program run successfully by many

policy ever devised by an opposition, a wrecking ball through the entire economy. We waited agog for news of the Whyalla wipe-out and the \$100 lamb roast.

If there actually was a message it appeared to be that limiting negative gearing to the purchase of new homes after July 1 2017 would depress existing house prices – or, perhaps, raise them in the case of new houses: it was not quite clear. Every home-owner would be at risk of insolvency, if not outright poverty: the new old slogan was Vote Labor and be poorer. And

share market? And for that matter, why should the punters on the nation's racetracks be left out? I'm sure Bolt and Jones would approve – their listeners certainly would.

Turnbull, if not always Abbott, is supposed to be a serious free marketeer. The whole point of negative gearing is that it distorts and interferes with the market.

This is why most genuine economists, especially the economic rationalists, regard it as a rort, a boondoggle. Of course, within sections of the party room, it is popular; partly because many Liberals indulge in the practice (one is reported to have no fewer than 32 properties in his investment package) but others want Turnbull to abandon any attempt to reform it purely on the basis that the already confused voters would see any change as an admission that Shorten just might be just a little bit right.

So Turnbull easily may toss yet another idea off the table. That, after all, is what Abbott would do: naked opportunism, politics above policy. Bolt and Jones would crack open yet another bottle of champagne: it wasn't quite the win they had planned, but hey, it will do until

the real thing comes along. Of course there is a down side: the more Malcolm Turnbull impersonates Tony Abbott, the further his lead in the opinion polls declines. And the more Abbott (the original one) continues to shower advice from the sidelines, the more the voters will remember how glad they were to get rid of him. Even if, it increasingly appears, that they haven't. The ultimate irony of the Bolt-Jones magical transformation is that it might, just might, not only turn demon king Malcolm back into emperor Tony but also turn Bill the toad into

Nicolic is on record as saying that in the age of terrorism, human rights are simply not relevant.

by Mungo MacCallum

schools for many years.

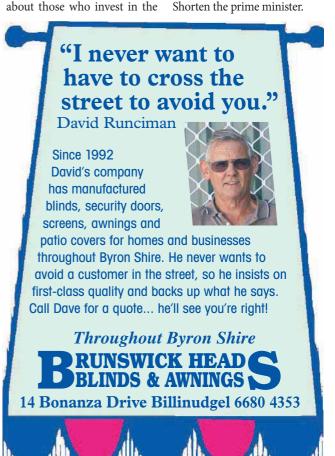
Suddenly its anti-bullying agenda drew the belated attention of some tabloid media demagogues and the extremists of the Liberal party room - Cory Bernardi, George Christensen and their coteries. So Turnbull, rather than ignoring them, instituted a review.

The clear signal was that the LGBT children it was assisting could, reluctantly, be tolerated but that they must never be regarded as equal, or be encouraged to be confident in their sexual identity: a totally Abbott approach to matters of so-called

But these were the sideshows - mere harbingers of what was to come. When it came to Bill Shorten's policy on negative gearing, Turnbull morphed into the full Abbott - implacably belligerent, relentlessly negative, wildly hyperbolic and barely coherent. Malcolm Turnbull's negative gearing became Tony Abbott's carbon tax: the most destructive not only that; the entire property market would collapse as every investor withdrew. Teachers, nurses, policemen, ordinary mums and dads would have their precious savings ripped from their piggy banks because of Shorten's reckless rampage.

But hang on a moment. The logic of that is that property prices must never, under any circumstances, fall, and it is the responsibility of government - well, the Turnbull/Abbott government, anyway - to keep them rising forever. And moreover, the profits of investors have to be guaranteed: any losses are simply unacceptable. The purpose of negative gearing is not to regulate a competitive housing market and expand home ownership and rentals, it is, primarily, to feather the nests of property speculators.

And why stop there? If property speculators are to be given iron-clad financial security and unlimited capital gains, what about those who invest in the





Still not convinced on sewage issues

concentrate during festival events that arrive in Byron,

included in this independent

reuse of effluent from Byron

STP wetlands to parks, etc.

It amazes me that at no stage

has there been any discussion

on dual plumbing for future

subdivisions. This is where

the majority of reuse water

Byron Wastewater Steering

Committee in 2005. It makes

you wonder how long it takes

for BSC to put something

Mr Rees also talks about

Reuse was raised at the

could be going.

positive into place.

Mr Rees also talks about

study?

■ In *The Echo* of February 24 Byron Shire Council's utilities manager Peter Rees states, 'In 2015 Council completed an independent capacity assessment of Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant.'

The question is how does Council complete an independent study or does Mr Rees mean a consultant was commissioned to do the study and, if so, who was the consulting company and has this report been supplied to the catchment committee?

Mr Rees also states the plant is running at 72 per cent capacity and could take another 4,000 houses and that an upgrade would be required in 2025. Does the independent study advise this?

Byron STP was augmented in 2005 with a design concept for 6,000 EP.

The question is, was the impact of the thousands of tourists, including those who

the 24-hectare melaleuca plantation. What data has been gathered on the effect

the melaleucas have had on acid sulphate soil levels in that area and what data has been supplied to the catchment committee on this?

Mr Rees fails to men-

tion the hydraulic impact of the original wetlands on the two adjoining farms and the greater hydraulic impact the wetlands have had on these same farms since the wetlands were augmented in 2006.

Mr Rees was part of the design concept meetings that were held prior to the augmentation of West Byron STP. He then managed the augmentation of the wetlands. Was any consideration given to the impact of the expanded wetlands on these two farms and the legal implications that Council could be facing by allowing effluent to continue to encroach onto them?

Alan Dickens Brunswick Heads

■ I find the reassurance of Mr Rees on the viability of the West Byron STP less than convincing.

No-one I know on the water and sewage committee has

heard of the 'independent capacity assessment of 2015'. If it were the usual Councilfunded 'independent' study it would have started with the implied question, 'What would you like us to find?'

Most of the 'initiatives to respond to community concerns' are pie-in-the-sky plans, around since my days on Council, and have failed or gone nowhere. Mr Rees also fails to mention anything about concerns that were raised about the failure of the Mullumbimby sewer system and the water overloading of the Brunswick Valley STP.

Rather than take the word of a junior manager with limited professional qualifications I am waiting for Mr Holloway (Director Infrastructure Services) or the GM to give us their take on the situation.

Tom Tabart Bangalow

Anti-vaxxers

Message to you anti-vaccination people out there.

You do have freedom of choice. If you refuse to vaccinate your children you simply do not receive taxpayer-provided family benefits.

It's your choice based on ignorance and irresponsibility to your children's welfare. Still, as it is likely that you are of the cohort that are net takers from our welfare system (the taxes that you pay are exceeded by the benefits you take) you are doing the rest of us a favour in that regard.

Colin Clarke Ocean Shores

The Mills DA

The Mills Estate 50-lot subdivision at Bayside Brunswick Heads extends over 6.649ha. Approximately 70 per cent is flat cleared wetlands, recently rezoned from general rural (1AH) to R₃ medium density in a process that bypassed community consultation!

Approximately 30 per cent of the proposed site is Crown land zoned 7B coastal habitat.

The DA indicates the Mills commercial plant nursery has encroached onto 7B coastal habitat land that forms part of the wildlife corridor and adjoins Simpsons Creek, a Marine Park Sanctuary. Aerial photos (DA appendix Land & Fire Assessment) indicate extensive land clearing and the nursery expansion onto

Crown lands occurred between 1997 and 2007.

The Mills DA is now seeking to acquire all the designated 7B buffer zone/habitat area between the property boundary and Simpsons Creek, including the public pathway, from Crown Lands for inclusion within the Mills development site.

A ring road loops through the 7B habitat area and a large stormwater drainage pond is proposed. Lots 28, 32, 37 and 41 are located within the 7B lands. The 'residual lot' No 51 (19,200sqm) is also on land zoned 7B with a dwelling site (718sqm) proposed (p67–70).

The habitat area has already been reduced by more than 50 per cent which has inevitably had an adverse impact on flora and fauna in the immediate locale. The environmental report by Peter Parker (in Appendix) suggests the Bayside area has significant flora and fauna, but virtually none remains on the Mills 'greenfield' estate

Clearing coastal habitat lands and operating a private business without permission or prior notification is certainly not permitted, yet the Millses have used public land without any repercussions or penalty from Byron Council or Crown Lands for up to 20 years. Agreeing to the inclusion of 7B lands within the development site would surely send a very wrong signal. Will

planning officers/Crown Land reps exonerate and reward landowners for the inappropriate clearing and encroachment of protected Crown lands? At what cost?

Michele Grant Foreshore Protection Group

Train EIS

It is totally alarming to learn that an environmental impact statement (EIS) concerning upgrading track works for the toy train at Belongil has been avoided by both Byron Council and Transport NSW.

Debate has continued concerning the dire effect of diesel particles, which travel large distances, lodging in the lungs of living species and residing on vegetation. Twenty-eight countries in the EU have rejected the ongoing use of diesel technology,

Yes, it's the 21st century and the north coast desperately deserves a train(s) for the most obvious of reasons, but does it deserve a toy train? Despite arriving as a dirty diesel technology we were told that after a period of time (maybe two years according to Elements) it would undergo a remarkable transformation; and finally present to the shire as a solar technology. The full makeover.

The reality is far more concerning. According to expert information by solar engineers the train is much too heavy to convert to standalone solar/electric and would need a carriage full of lithium ion batteries to travel one way only down the 3km stretch of track.

During the clean-up period Roundup will be used to clear overgrown tracks. One in three sleepers will be replaced, no doubt increasing the risk of releasing asbestos and arsenic contained in same and residing in subsoils.

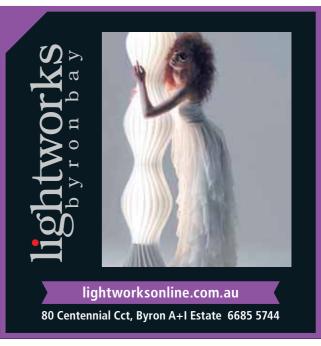
Jo Faith Newtown, Sydney

Grave peril

Regarding Ms Coman's February 10 letter, the unstated, yet distinct message is: No freedom of speech. No-one

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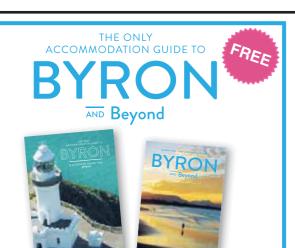
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

Former World Championship challenger Nigel Short has made it his mission to play tournaments in as many countries as possible, but only next month will he be able to add Australia to his list.

The Ballarat Begonia Open - www.begoniaopen.com - will celebrate its 50th edition in March, with Short heading a large and powerful field.

As with last week's Bunratty Open, Short managed to convince the organisers that their tournament should not be world ranked; Short wishes to retain his position as the oldest player in the top 100 for as long as possible and a few accidents against low rated players might send him tumbling down the rankings.

The Ballarat tournament has tended to be seen as the poor relation to Canberra's Doeberl Cup but over the years it has featured plenty of foreign stars, including the man Short displaced as English number one, Tony Miles.

ony Miles. the house. 30...Rf5 31.Ngf3 Nxf3 32.Qxg6
Ballarat has always been Re5 33.Nxf3 1-0

Darryl Johansen's favourite territory, with the Melbourne GM winning a dozen titles, far more than any other player.

This year most of Australia's top players will be competing in their second-last outing before Olympic selection - Short may not have it easy.

■ The following game was crucial in Junta Ikeda winning his sixth ACT Championship title last week in Canberra.

ACT Championship 2016 White: J İkeda

Black: A Brown

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 The modern preference, though more due to fashior than strength. 4...dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 h6 Awkward, 10.Bh6. 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nh2 b6!? Sophisticated play, keeping the Black knight on d7 for as long as possible. 12.a3 a5 13.f4?! exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.Rae1 Be6 16.Kh1 Rd8 17.Qe3 g5 **18.Qg3 Qf6 19.Bc1 Qe7 20.Ne2** 20.Bf4 was objectively stronger but, half a point behind his rival, lkeda could not afford a draw. **20...** 0-0 21.Qe3 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Bd2?! Bg6? Missing 23...Bxd3! which nets a clean pawn. 24.Bc3 Qd6 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Ng3 Re8 27.Ne4 Qd5 28.Qf2 Rf8 28...Nd7 was safer. 29.Qg3! Rf4? 30.Nxg5! A rude shock for Black; now if 30...hxg5 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.Qxg5 wins

Justice is the drug we want the most

■ I've heard it said, and is it true, that drinking a concoction of H2O with a good splash of vinegar or lemon juice will, to some degree, negate the discriminatory 'lick the stick' drug tests currently being unfairly targetted at northern NSW drivers? Or should I be changing my drinking habit and seeking an undetectable icier alternative to the wee harmless joint I enjoyed last night?

Name and address withheld

■ Chibo Mertiineit is quite right: the roadside drug test is not a test for impairment (Letters, February 17). Indeed, the roadside drug test can detect minute traces of three popular but prohibited drugs, namely cannabis, ecstasy and speed.

Minute traces of these drugs can remain in the body for hours, days, even weeks after ingestion and long after is why many people are unsuspectingly falling foul of the roadside drug testing regime. Many times they do not even realise they have traces in their system until the test returns positive, and it can be a devastating experience for someone who has never before been in trouble with the law and only occasionally uses drugs.

But you don't even have to be an occasional drug user to test positive at a roadside drug test, since trace amounts can be passively inhaled or in other ways unwittingly ingested, for example by spiked drink or food. In such cases a driver may be completely unaware that they could register positive at a roadside drug test.

The police and politicians claim the roadside drug testing regime is about road safety, but clearly it is criminalising drivers who are not drug impaired at the time they

any effect has worn off. This are tested. Furthermore, there are no scientific or statistically valid studies that quantify and calibrate the level and nature of impairment caused by varying doses of the proscribed

> No doubt these drugs cause impairment above a certain dose, as do most drugs, but the current testing regime does not test for impairment. This point needs to be repeated often and loudly. It is not a test for impairment and it is therefore not a matter of road safety. So what is the real reason for the roadside drug test? I suspect it's a combination of ignorance, prejudice, drug war zealotry and prohibition propaganda.

Road safety is an important issue, but so too is social justice. As citizens and individuals, we have a basic human right to privacy and security of person, and we have the common law privilege against selfincrimination. These rights are enshrined in domestic and international law and cannot be violated willy-nilly by the

But these days, owing to the appalling contempt for human rights and civil liberties exhibited by the authorities, few people even realise we have rights. In fact I've been told by a police officer that I don't have any rights. This is the sort of the attitude that prevails in the police force and the polity at large.

These days, I feel a bit like Julian Assange, living under self-imposed house arrest for fear of persecution if I go out, even though I haven't done anything more than mind my own business. If anyone else feels this way and would like to talk about it, please feel free to contact me at jmscriv@gmail.com.

> John Scrivener Main Arm

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is permitted, she wishes, to deviate from the chardonnay socialist account of unlawful entrants in our country.

Those who try to dictate dogma usually have their facts wrong as well. For this lady xenophile I quote a much under-read Good Book: 'There is no hope, no. For I have loved strangers and after them will I go.'

Our sovereignty, environment, and peaceful way of life are in grave peril from forced mass third world migration.

> Vyvyan Stott Mullumbimby

A call to teachers

Doctors protected a baby at the Lady Cilento Hospital in Brisbane from deportation.

As teachers we are supposed to be mandatory notifiers of child abuse. I want to call on all teachers to make their voices heard regarding the plight of 37 babies and many children currently incarcerated in detention centres or facing deportation at the hands of the federal government. I'm not going to be silent any longer.

Please write to the Teachers Federation and demand stronger action.

> **Rod Murray** Ocean Shores

Rail under threat

While Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC ('Rail Corridors Up for Grabs with New Bill, Echonetdaily, February 25) is working hard to try to stop the state government introducing leg-

Online comment of the week

Short sighted governments have screwed us by not implementing a commuter rail service in the northern rivers and basing planning decisions on residents' ability to move around the region on public transport.

■ Comment by Jeff Johnson in response to the **Endometdaily** story 'Rail corridors "up for grabs" with new bill' - echo.net.au/rail-corridors-up-for-grabs

islation that will allow the government to give itself discretionary powers to destroy unused rail lines across the state, including the valuable Casino to Murwillumbah rail line, and sell off the land to developers, some uninformed people are actively helping the government in their dastardly activities. Dr Faruqi is also an engineer who knows a thing or two about the cost and value of train services.

Are people really suggesting that all Australian train (and bus) services should be shut down as they run on diesel and have no EIS? That would cause riots in our cities.

It's a mystery where these people get their information from. According to the Climate Change Authority's review of vehicle emissions 2014, 57 per cent of transport emissions come from cars and light vehicles (those stuck on congested Ewingsdale Road for hours), 18 per cent comes from trucks, and an amazing three per cent of emissions come from trains! People who drive many thousands of kilometres in their cars every year

create the most pollution.

While ever the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line sits wasting away not being used it remains under threat from vested interests. The only way to save the line and get the train service this region has needed for many years, is to get trains on it.

They will have to be diesel trains, but the technology is being developed to allow more environmentally friendly options in future. But if we have no train line there'll be no trains of any kind, just a tsunami of traffic increasing every year.

Byron Shire residents are really looking forward to that.

Louise Doran Ocean Shores

Floating a solution

The inability on the part of both of our major parties to solve the refugee problem is just one more indication that our political system has exceeded its use-by date. Both parties claim to want to 'protect our borders' and to 'save lives at sea' through 'off-shore processing.

With all their wisdom our pollies haven't come up with what seems to be a pretty obvious solution. At the same time our government is spending taxpayers' money on advertisements extolling 'innovation' (which is in conflict with conservatism).

Also, we as a country are suffering the ignominy of our cruelty to the already traumatised. We all feel the guilt. The other part of the dialogue is 'destroying the business model' of the 'people smugglers'. This is as much a diversion as is blaming the 'pushers' and smugglers in the drug industry. This is the 'free market' at work. They are supplying a demand. Morally they are not far removed from some mining/oil companies.

The solution? Our government buys or leases ocean liners and picks up refugees at source and processes them at sea. Two birds with one stone. The ship becomes a floating city where instead of languishing in hell on Manus Island the desperate, demoralised could be learning cooperation, politics, languages, etc. By the time they were processed many would be skilled tradesmen and practitioners of many arts, sporting, healing and IT.

It would be a wonderful experiment for the future world with respect to social scientists, city planners, etc. Each ship would become a place of refuge where someone who arrived with nothing could leave ready to face the world with a university ➤

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They say there's only 4 things we need to survive and reproduce Food, Water, Shelter and Sex. But 'they' forgot about some 'happiness and contentment' like feeling good about ourselves, who and 'where' we are -

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Meditations on an amphibian tale

Story & photo Mary Gardner

One of my favourite things is meeting this frog. Her presence is a small sweet confirmation of the power without name. A tiny fertile egg had become a tadpole and then an adult. Food was there when needed. The water was fresh and uncontaminated. The leaves which were once shelter from sun now become platforms for sunning. Earlier, two frogs mated, having experienced all of that living for themselves. They in turn were the result of living that goes back from one individual to another along millions of years.

Another of my favourite things is the shiny green leaves emerging from the water. Submerged roots anchor the stalks of leaves. These parts also create a bridge from the nutrition of mud to that of air and sunlight. The power without name appears green with streaks of red and yellow. It tastes of the sugars and starches of the tissues of the plant. This plant, like the frog, is another result of living that also stretches back over all those barely imaginable years.

Maybe my favourite

thing is water. Improbable compound of hydrogen and oxygen, defining this entire planet. Here, in this sultry season, it exists as cool liquid below as well as high clouds above. Tween these states, it is that vapour enveloping skins, fur and feathers. The humidity that all of us creatures inhale and share again as exhalations, sweat, spit, urine and tears. The haze off the sea. The evaporation that gently blurs the long view from a hilltop or along the beach. Such power and with

Frogs are favourite symbols of transformation. European stories tell of princes caught in spells and turned into amphibians. To become human again, the drama looks to the alchemy of love. Chinese stories also tell of frogs but more often as characters who are wise advisors in their own right. They have already come through the change of self. In the stories, the human characters listen to the frog's reports of meeting with a nameless power. The message guides them closer to the reality made of many lives all tangled together.

My favourite thing is that I do encounter a frog, a plant or water. The whirl of entirely human enterprise can act as a set of blinkers or a blindfold. I appreciate these interruptions. They are opportunities to hear about the conditions and circumstances of others. There are so many encounters to be had: with the red dragonfly, an old gum tree or the edge of a cyclone far far away. Some places seem more

likely settings but these encounters can be everywhere. When I think slowly about it, I admit encounters require something else. Some cooperation is occurring, on scales I cannot entirely comprehend. What I do know is that I, like other people, are constantly prepped to notice better and observe more carefully. Some of this I learn this from some one who learned from some other in a network

ing elected, giving them a greater chance of holding the balance of power which will give them more influence/ leverage in negotiations with governments. Self-interest.

Don't be fooled when they claim it will be more democratic. It's not more democratic to make 25 per cent of the population's voting intentions more difficult to express. It's anti-democratic.

Okay, it's not great that, by gaming preferences, someone with 0.5 per cent of votes gets

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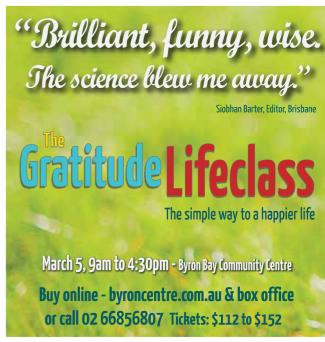
of noticing and telling that reaches further and further back in time.

One more favourite thing of mine is to hear and tell of all this. Continuity is a strong part of this world; maybe more so than change. To hold on and through time could

be the more difficult role.

I often wonder what any frog remembers of being a tadpole. Do tadpoles anticipate becoming frogs?

Such questions, lolling in the hot air and humidity. Like this season, they are another one of my favourite things.





➤ degree. Or be reluctant to harnessing the thoughts of leave this amazing society. Of course there would

be expenses but I think they would be offset by the restoration of our 'face', our street cred and our sense of ourselves and, who knows, the ships could become self-sustaining cities interacting with the world economy.

We know the costs of the current system financially, politically and morally. Our politicians seem to think innovation is a way to make more money. Innovation is

those who are not stuck in the box, trapped in the 'dominant paradigm, to solve the more intractable problems. Our political system is not up to the job.

> Jim Nutter Main Arm

Senate voting

According to former Greens leader Christine Milne, 'We have to restore the health of our democracy. We need to educate everyone, to put it up in lights, just how big business and wealthy individuals use their money and connections to take and retain power.' Another way they do it is by getting the Greens to collude with the coalition to disenfranchise those voters unpatriotic enough to vote for someone other than a coalition, Labor or Greens candidate. That's 25 per cent

And why are the Greens doing it? Self-interest. The changes to voting in the senate will likely result in more Greens senators be-



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Above the line or below, the senate vote card is exhausting

Phillip Frazer

The coalition government is trying to get new rules for senate elections through parliament in time for the vote Turnbull will call for July 2 if he wants it to be for every house and senate seat – or for September if it's just a regular house and half-senate election. The new rules are supposed to fix the problem of people like Ricky Muir (Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party) who became one of Victoria's 12 senators after getting only 17,122 votes – even though at least 483,076 votes are required to win a seat in Victoria.

Muir and other microparty candidates won because the current preferential system of voting, which allows your second, third, or fourth preference to be counted if your first, second or third choices are eliminated for having too few votes, got complicated by a 1983 reform that was pushed through with insufficient thinking, like this reform will be.

Muir got votes 'transferred' from several other microparties who had even fewer votes than he had, and then his

enlarged vote put him ahead of some larger parties (DLP, WikiLeaks, Family First), and after he got some of their transferred votes, he had more votes than the third candidate on Labor's list, so that the Labor candidate's preferences went mostly to the Greens who won one seat but had their 'surplus' votes passed on to the Sex Party, putting them ahead of Palmer's party, which in turn passed most of their eliminated votes to... Ricky Muir.

You got that? No, that's why something does need to be fixed.

Ricky who?

In the end, Ricky Muir's vote consisted of his initial 17,122 plus 472,424 transferred preferences. Most, or possibly all, those 472,424 votes were from people who never intended to vote for Ricky.

The main reason people have, for years, voted for someone they never heard of was that the party they did vote for, whether that was the Liberal party or the Motor Enthusiasts or whatever, had sent the Electoral Commission a list of second, third, and fourth preferences. Most

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Senator Ricky Muir, beneficiary of surplus votes, is congratulated by Senator Jacqui Lambie after delivering his maiden speech in parliament. AAP Image/Lukas Coch

voters didn't look at those lists on the AEC website, or read them on the how-tovote cards. Who knew your fourth preference would ever matter, and who knew your preferences had been decided for you, probably with choices you would never have made yourself?

Now, having said all that, let's face another huge fact of life in the Australian senate: the only time politicians discuss anything in a reflective or reasonable-argument way in parliament these days is in senate hearings when the microparty senators - or under Gillard/Rudd, the crossbenchers - get to talk.

If there were a survey of which pollies we all thought did a goodish job, I'm betting Andrew Wilkie, Rob Oakeshott, Tony Windsor, Ricky Muir and Jacqui Lambie would outpoll Tony Abbott, Bill Shorten, Malcolm Turnbull and all the big party members who most punters don't know anything about.

So, what reform is being pushed by Turnbull and his malinois Mathias Cormann?

Wildcards

They want to kill any possibility that wildcard politicians will again be elected by eliminating those cross-preferencing lists. If you want to choose your own preferences, all the way through a hundred or so candidates, you can - that's what voting 'below the line' means, because the long lists with all those little boxes are below a big black line. About half a million Australians go to the trouble of doing this,

The preferences determined by the parties themselves will no longer apply, except that party bosses will still list their own would-be senators in the order they've agreed on in hot-air-filled backrooms: the right faction gets numbers 1 and 2, the left gets 3 and 4, and spots 5 and 6 go to Jenny and Joe as tokens because we'll never win that many seats in a halfsenate election.

Below the line

The proposal as it stands, which has the Greens' and Xenophon's support so it will be passed even though Labor will vote against, says you can preference which parties you would vote for if yours is eliminated, by numbering the parties (listed above the line) 1 through 6. In other words, you can preference parties but not persons. If you want to pick and choose individual candidates, you have to take the time to vote below the line and risk stuffing up too many times so your entire vote is rejected.

All this means that tiny parties, no longer allowed to push each other's preferences around the room like dancers doing musical chairs, will never get elected the way Ricky Muir did. And individuals like Nick Xenophon and Jaqui Lambie won't have a chance either unless they are very well known, like Nick and Jaqui, and they create a new party, which Nick's doing and (so far) Jaqui isn't.

Precisely because only parties will be listed above the

now by voting below the line

and numbering the candi-

Problem is that to deter

below-the-line voting (they

want you to vote above the

line so their preferences will apply) you have to number all

squares, which can be in the

hundreds. By reducing the

number of squares below the

line to be numbered to, say,

dates ourselves.

line, not un-partied candidates, Clive Palmer is trying to herd micropartiers such as Bob Day (Family First) and David Leyonhjelm (pseudolibertarian) into a new United Australia Party.

Debate about the new rules rages, on websites more than in any venue where pollies have to answer to people. One major provision that was not recommended by the Committee of New Rules, is that, if it all looks too hard, or you can't possibly identify six parties to preference, you can simply put 1 in your favourite party's box above the line, and walk

Critics say this encourages the big parties by allowing their large numbers of 'excess' votes to be thrown out. Senators get elected when they get a quota of their state's votes and excess votes over the quota are either transferred to voters' next preferences, or 'exhausted', meaning no-one gets those excess votes.

Bit of a joke

Advocates of more preferencing say this makes the whole recommendation that you rank your six best parties above the line a bit of a joke, because most folks will just vote 1; they want those excess votes to be distributed to other preferenced parties, and they say you also should be able to list your choices among your own party's candidates.

Meanwhile, the 'firing' of the Rickies and Jaquis will add to the people's sense that the big-party politicians should be fired, for making no sense.

■ Phillip Frazer has, over the years, voted for Gough Whitlam and Barack Obama, and preferenced Rose Wanchap last among the Byron Greens, who should have known. See

more at coorabellridge.com.

more fully. We can do that preferences gamed by the party they vote for can vote above the line. This would be more democratic.

> It is not believable that the proposed changes will lead to a more democratic outcome. It will just make it more likely that a Liberal, National, Labor or Greens candidate will be elected at the expense of independents or minor parties. That would be a less democratic outcome.

and they will still be able to.

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elected to the senate but it's certainly preferable to a system where minority views can't be expressed. Some minor tweaking of the quotas should be able to fix that without reducing the possibility of diversity in parliament.

Liberals, Nats, Labor and the Greens all game the preferences system. They all do it, every election. They're just not as successful at it.

posed changes will allow voters to express their intentions

<u>Cooper</u>

to be filled, those who wish to It's not true that the proallocate their own preferences could do so more easily and those content to have their

the number of senate places Be a smart voter. Vote below the line.

Warren Kennedy Mullumbimby

Southern Cross

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NORPA reveals a thrilling year of performing arts in 2016

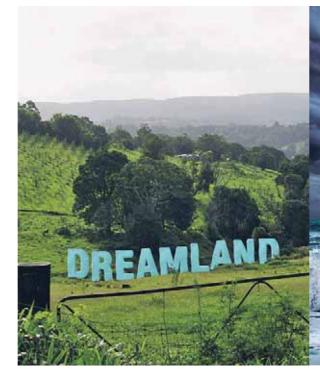
NORPA has revealed an outstanding season of theatre and performance for all tastes and ages this year.

Among the ten shows on offer is a new NORPA work, Dreamland, that will be performed in and around Eureka Hall in the hinterland for two weeks in November. Created by the same team behind NORPA's hit show Railway Wonderland, Dreamland has been developed in association with Arts Northern Rivers 'If These Halls Could Talk' project that connects creative teams with the communities of numerous rural halls across the region.

'We love being based in regional Australia,' says NORPA artistic director

Julian Louis 'We thrive working in the northern rivers community as it reflects essential notions of what Australian culture is and can be. This community values art, embraces diversity, isn't afraid of a challenge and expresses itself boldly.' Louis describes NORPA's 2016 Season as 'gutsy and glitzy and celebrates the depths of human expression and the spectacle of performance.'

In a further boost for the region, NORPA unveiled Lismore Laughs, a new regular comedy event attracting high-profile comedians to the region. Kicking off Lismore Laughs this year will be Hannah Gadsby in Dogmatic, Nazeem Hussain with *Legally Brown* and comedy



duo The Listies with their wickedly funny show for kids The Listies Make You Lol.

Among many other highlights are

contemporary circus company Circa with their show Il Ritorno that combines thrilling acrobatics with opera; kamikaze cabaret star



Many shows are expected to sell-out so it's advised to be quick and grab your tickets now. You can buy

tickets to individual shows or three-show packages start from as little as \$54 (for Under 18s) to \$89 (for Adults). That's a lot of topquality performance for a fraction of what folks are paying for the same shows in the cities.

Il Ritorno

■ Tickets for all NORPA 2016 shows are now on sale! For bookings go to www.norpa.org.au or phone 1300 066 772. **Box Office: NORPA** at Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore.













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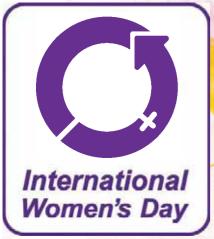
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International Women's Day

Here in this Northern Rivers Women in Business feature we are using International Women's Day to focus on some of the amazingly talented women who conduct their business in this diverse region.

As women, indeed as humans, we all go about our lives doing our jobs, filling our roles, finding our purpose. However when we take a step back and look beyond our our northern rivers bubble we see a world where in some countries women are denied access to an education or are considered the property of their husbands.

International Women's Day is a chance to check in. How are women doing around the world? Equal pay? Safety? Health? Perhaps having a day that focuses on women gives us an opportunity to assess the situation both locally and globally and ask are we

Deborah Preston - Painted Earth

Deborah Preston is a local woman who owns and operates three businesses in the area – which is really too many, she says!

Two of the businesses started as small, part-time, and gradually grew into larger businesses. One

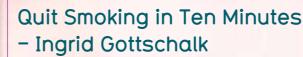
is catering for retreats using organic ingredients; it began 13 years ago. The other is a business selling eco-friendly, non-toxic paints and wood finishes, Painted Earth, which started 10 years ago as a home-based business and moved into a retail shop eight years ago when it grew too big for the living room floor.

Painted Earth moved to larger retail premises four years ago and a vision to set up Green Building Centre – the third business – was born. 'I guess I am driven by being a visionary really,' says Deb. 'I'm usually five or 10 years ahead of the mainstream in what I see as an obvious direction for society to move in. I was cooking with organic ingredients 30 years ago when the average person didn't know about organic food. Now organic food is valued in mainstream society.

'Green Building is the same. It's a business with a future. It's obvious to me that's the direction we have to go.

'What's been difficult for me personally in business is that I value many things equally if not more than personal financial gain – things such as honesty, integrity, beauty, order, kindness, social contribution, giving value for money etc. Putting these values first often means the financial rewards of a business come further down the track, but unless you have the finances and cash flow in a business you may not get further down the track.

'This has been one of the hardest lessons for me in business. I liken it to valuing both the masculine and the feminine aspects of a business equally.'



Ingrid set up her business six years ago. She had been a smoker herself and had difficulties stopping. This system proved successful and she wanted to help others like her. After the Quit Smoking program she also developed a program for weight-loss issues.

Ingrid says, 'My business follows a simple model, yet I endeavour to stay abreast of the latest development in brain, body, healing and energy sciences. For that reason I have incorporated some belief-change work into my program as well.'

What Ingrid likes best about her work is seeing the difference it makes in a person's life when they change a deep-rooted negative

belief, take control of their weight or stop smoking. 'I might not be able to change the world but if I can make a difference in one person's life that is its own reward. I want to make the world a better place and if each of us is our best self, or even an improved self, that is what will happen.'

Ingrid and her family have lived in this area for 22 years and absolutely love it! Doing business in a close-knit community makes you very accountable because your reputation is everything and in a small community like ours word of mouth spreads very quickly.

As for Ingrid's goals, she would like to be one of the go-to people when people need to change their habits or take control of their health. Judging from successes she has had with some of her clients, she is already there.



Daisy Sturm - Oh My Goddess!

When Daisy went into the retail business she had absolutely no idea about the trade.

After being supported by her parents from age three to follow her passion and talent for dance, it was not considered a 'safe and secure' job. So she studied fashion design for four years full time.

After a 20-year career in dance, choreography, teaching and running two dance schools in Switzerland she rekindled my love for fashion when I arrived in the Byron Shire.

'I opened my shop Oh My Goddess! 15 years ago in beautiful Brunswick Heads. Starting with lingerie it morphed unintended into a one-stop-shop celebrating the total female from underwear, stockings, gloves and swimwear to fun and chic fashion, shoes and much more for goddesses of all ages and shapes.'

Daisy says her stage background definitely shaped her boutique.

'I never found it hard to be a woman in business. Who can understand a woman better then a woman? Teaching women for 20 years to move and enjoy their bodies is quite similar to helping them look and feel their best.'

Daisy's advice to woman going into business would be: Be prepared to work really hard, be resilient and have discipline and passion. Be flexible and open to changes. Love what you do.

7 Park Street, Brunswick Heads



As branch manager of the northern rivers office of Beaumont Consulting, Justine Dorrell is passionate about recruitment. She loves working with clients to find fantastic people for their teams. A move from Sydney via Canberra in 2011 saw her start her local recruitment journey and she has never looked back. With her family based between Mullumbimby and the Gold Coast, Ocean Shores was a great place for Justine to call home.

An opportunity in 2015 to open a branch for Beaumont was really a dream come true as she had worked for Nikki Beaumont in 2006, and loved everything that Beaumont stands for. 'Our motto is "People Before Profit". Putting people first means our focus is to help our clients and candidates every day to achieve great things. The profit is just the outcome, not the reason why we do what we do.'

Justine thinks it is important to believe in yourself and not to lose focus of your dreams. 'Starting a new office is challenging but with the support of our team, the determination to succeed and a love of what I do, I knew it would be a success.' Her goal is for Beaumont to be the agency of choice in the local area.

Justine has good advice to other women going into business. 'The northern rivers is a special place but having a business here can be a challenge. Embrace the community and get to know the people. To anyone starting out: know your product, your customer and have a great mentor but, most importantly, love what you do.'



Women in business

8 March, 2016

satisfied with the status quo and, if not, what is each of us going to do about it.

There is a women-only gathering at Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall on Saturday March 5 to raise money for Aboriginal women and children, refugees and homeless women.

The brilliantly funny Bernie Hobbs is MC, with the quirky and colourful Kazya K and the beautifully powerful multi-award-winner singer, Kerrianne Cox. The inspiring Geash Bowler will be opening the event with 5Rhythms at 4.30pm.

There will be an auction and raffles to raise funds. \$20 earlybird tickets at stickytickets.com.au (Luscious). More info on Facebook Lantana LOVE.

In the meantime, take time to read the stories of the women on this page. These wise women are fine examples of how the combination of passion, drive and muliebrity can bring success not only in business but in life.



Emma Smith - The Source Bulk Foods

Emma has been in business more than 10 years. She and her husband left corporate Sydney and moved to Mullumbimby where they bought a fruit and vege shop. 'We were desperate to get out of the rat race and lead a simpler, more meaningful life. It was the best decision we ever made!

They started selling bulk foods in Eden's Landing, the fruit and vege store, and they realised there was a huge need for a specialised bulk-food store in Mullumbimby. They started The Source Bulk Foods in 2012. 'We have always been passionate about the environment and reducing waste. When we opened our first store in Mullumbimby we had no idea how big it would become!' says Emma. 'We currently have 25 stores around the country, which is incredible!' There are also plans to take the brand international in the near future.

Emma says, 'We want to make a positive impact on the environment and encourage people to live more consciously. We truly believe in the power of one: if everyone makes

small lifestyle changes we could leave the planet a little better for our kids! That is our aim."

Emma says are challenges, however. 'It's not easy running a business and being a mother. Our two young boys always come first. It's fantastic to see other mothers and women succeed in business. I think it would be great to set up a group so we can all help support each other.

Emma advice to other woman thinking of starting a

'Believe in yourself and your dream 100 per cent. Work hard, be kind and stay focused on what you are doing.

Maryanne Bristow - First Class Accounts

Maryanne Bristow owns and operates First Class Accounts - Byron Bay.

The business is fairly new to the northern rivers though she has been in the industry for more than 25 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in bookkeeping and financial services to Byron Bay and



network provided by First Class Accounts, Australia's largest bookkeeping franchise, I am able to provide a bookkeeping service that far exceeds all expectations.

Maryanne has been part of the Byron Bay community for more than 20 years. Not only is she a small-business owner but she also works as a marriage celebrant, making her very aware of the local business requirements and atmosphere.

She was inspired to start her own business as her previous employment was not within the local community and required a great deal of travel. Maryanne wanted to work close to home and be more involved with the local community. I am a driven hard-working woman and figured if I put the same amount of time and energy from being employed into my own business I would be successful.

Maryanne says the best advice that she has been given is: 'Success is not measured by money; success is different for everyone. For me success will be measured by achieving my goals in business, spending time with family and friends and doing the things that I enjoy. If I can find this balance, I will be successful!



Mercedes Castrikum - Stuart Garrett Lawyers S+P

Mercedes Castricum in one of four solicitors at Stuart Garrett Lawyers S+P. Here is her story:

Once upon a time at home, my young daughters said they wanted to

I would ask myself, 'Did they mean me in my role as Mum and confidante, or did they mean me in my role as student and university participant/graduate speaker/lawyer?'

For the years that I read fairytales to them, I would always leave out 'happily ever after' and replace with, 'and she had children of her own who she read to every night and when they were older, she went off to university and became a lawyer'.

I realised that I was the perfect person to help my girls to see a version of success that was not necessarily driven by money.

It became less important about how others saw me, and more important about how I could influence my girls to grow into strong, successful and compassionate women.

As graduate speaker, I realised that it would be pointless to deliver a speech that would resonate with the academic procession... after all, they were already 'successful'.

It was essential that I deliver a speech that would connect with the children.

So I pitched my speech to my girls, and all the other little kids sitting there, bored and tidgeting.

Success! I could see the kids sit up straight and peer towards me with squinted eyes, listening intently to my fairytale.

The crux of which was: Cinderella and Snow White (and all the others) had their own children, faced life's struggles with love and laughter, and when they could, they went to university to become whatever they wanted because they could!

Somewhere recently (on Facebook, I think), I read a quote which struck a chord and went something like this: Teach your daughters to worry less about fitting into glass slippers and more about shattering glass ceilings (author unknown)!

Julie-Ann Manahan - Raine&Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads Julie-Ann Manahan's passion for real estate and love for all things northern rivers led



her to open Raine&Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads. Her enthusiasm and vast marketing experience have proven a successful recipe in creating lifelong bonds with her satisfied clients.

Julie-Ann relocated from the Hawkesbury in 2014, with her husband and business partner Charlie Markham. They enjoyed years of holidays in the hinterland; our region's paradise is now their chosen home. With their combined real estate expertise, you now have access to the support and know-how they offer to make your own property dreams become reality!

Julie-Ann is actively engaged in local events, and her standout positive attitude, sincerity and friendly demeanour are easy to spot. If you see her on one of her rare days off, she is happy to connect and share her wealth of knowledge while sipping a coffee, walking the beach, or enjoying the many activities our community offers.

Julie-Ann shares her sales style: 'The art of selling a property lies in open communication, trusting relationships and providing exceptional customer service. I give my clients my all, so the results speak for themselves.' This reflects her belief that every client is royalty,

and should be treated accordingly... which is why Julie-Ann Manahan is the ideal choice to successfully handle the sale or purchase of your next home!

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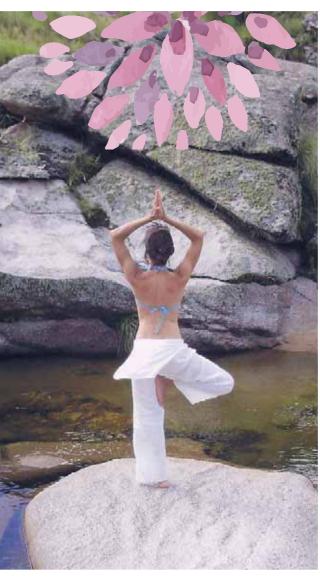
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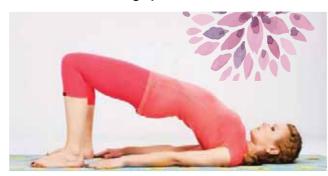
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A unique series of monthly events promoting individual and family wellbeing. Hosted by integrative health practitioner Dr Oscar Serrallach and special guests each week, these evenings are open to the general community and will be specifically targeted at those wanting to find out more about living well and feeling great.

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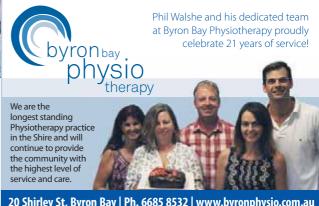
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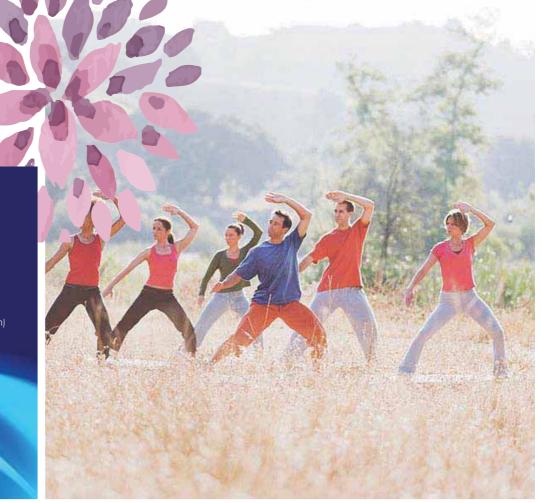
A new training is commencing with an introductory weekend 16–17 April, the first part of a four-weekend level 1 course.

The basic training consists of three levels at six-monthly intervals. Students are then supported by an ongoing advanced training with a weekend every three months.

There is a free introductory evening at the Byron Community Centre 7pm, Wednesday 13 April.

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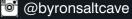
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Property insider

Attention all agents: The REINSW has its Real Estate's Big Day Out, the 2016 Roadshow coming to Byron Bay on 7 June. There is a principals-only session worth three CPD points and a general industry update worth nine CPD points. You can find out more information and register via reinsw.com.au.

Gary Brazenor (pictured) is one of the consultants at Unique Estates. Unique Estates specialises in the marketing and sales of 'unique' and luxury homes. Property Insider reported la

Property Insider reported last week that there were clear signs the market may well be softening; however, Gary says the anecdotes he is hearing tell another story.

'I recently met a couple selling a property in Sydney's Lower North Shore. At the initial open home they had 55 inspections with nine contracts taken. Perhaps it is reflective of performance in the higher end of the market.'



Gary says he continues to meet lots of buyers at the high end of the market: those moving from the cities to the beautiful Byron Shire. Not only baby boomers but an increasing number of families looking to escape the rat race. 'If anything,' says Gary, 'there is currently a shortage of listings in the area with the usual demand for hinterland properties and homes in towns close to Byron, such as Bangalow, with Mullumbimby becoming increasing popular as well. Gary says, 'Even in a strong market it is worth presenting your property to the highest of standards. After all we can't all have lighthouse views with a northeasterly aspect to seal the deal.

The best idea is to try to see your home through the eyes of a potential buyer. Your home should feel clean, restful and de-cluttered, and look like it has been well cared for.'

The **Macquarie Group** have a quick 6-point checklist for investors.

- Check your risk profile.
 Ask yourself if you're comfortable carrying debt and making additional investments.
- 2. Ensure your income is stable and adequate to support the debt if a tenant moves out or unexpected costs come up.
- 3. Develop a life plan that considers events that may arise, such as having children, travelling, studying or changing jobs. You can accommodate these events if you have a clear, documented plan.
- Assess each investment on its own merits and risks.
 Expected returns – income plus capital gain – must exceed the borrowing costs over the long term.
- 5. Invest in what you know.

At least to start, stick to one suburb or city and know the market well, including the public transport on offer.

6. Plan to lift the rent. Most properties are sold on a multiple of the yield they produce. Increasing the rent is a starting point to lifting the property's value.

In a media release from the Real Estate Institute of NSW, president John Cunningham says there is no advantage in removing negative gearing. He said removing negative gearing from existing properties will not solve the supply problem.

Mr Cunningham goes on to say, 'People who invest in residential property do so as it is considered a safe haven but at the same time there is risk and, as such a large assets class, that risk is high. Negative gearing lessens that risk slightly. People are generally terrified of shares and don't trust government with super, whereas property provides them with a sense of security as they can see and touch it.'

As well as launching the new Remax Coastal – The Real Estate Collective, they are about to launch a new app made in Byron called REALTA at the International Property Expo in Las Vegas. The REALTA apps allows the Remax Coastal team to create video walk throughs of properties on their phones and immediately message buyers directly with the video limb.

For more information contact Matt Towner matt.towner@ remax.com.au.

Gazumping is a term that is used when an owner has accepted an offer on a property and then accepts another offer from a different buyer. The first buyer is said to have been 'gazumped'. This can only happen if contracts have not been exchanged. Until a written Contract of Sale has exchanged between the parties there is no binding contract. A contract can be exchanged with a 'cooling off' period or this can be waived if a signed Section 66W

Certificate is attached to the contract. Contracts exchanged at auction are unconditional; they have no 'cooling off' period.

If as a purchaser, an offer is submitted with a signed contract with a 66W certificate and payment of 10 per cent deposit to the vendor's agent then they have placed themselves in the best position to have the offer accepted, contracts exchanged quickly and therefore avoid being gazumped.

Purchasers don't realise the an agent must present all offers to vendors at any stage up until contracts have been exchanged. Even offers of the same price but perhaps with different terms can sometimes be more attractive to a vendor.

HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

Any new faces? Career milestones? Exceptional results? Market observations? Have you had anything quirky or unusual happen to you out in the field? Email propertyinsider@echo.net.au.



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The property features 5 bedrooms with built-ins & ceiling fans; outdoor entertaining area; craftsman built home; spacious timber staircase; rear access to walking track, creek and beach; oversized garage; kitchen with stone bench and plenty of storage; side access for boats and caravans; fully insulated; solar panels; ceiling fans throughout; tank water servicing laundry and toilets; park and playground opposite; walkways through to Kingscliff.

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17 Palisade Way Lennox Head.

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- built-in robes & ceiling fans Modern, renovated kitchen, stone
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Open: Saturday 5 March 12-12.30pm Auction: 5.30pm March 16 in our rooms Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399 Lois Buckett Real Estate

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10 Laverty Court, Mullumbimby





Architect designed contemporary home well positioned on an elevated 1363m2 block, with a stunning backdrop of mature Brushbox trees.

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5 March 11 - 11.45am Open: Ruth Russell 0402 855 929 Professionals Mullumbimby

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14 Goonengerry Mill Road, Goonengerry

Auction if not sold prior



This is a bonanza lifestyle block as the views are wonderful looking back to Cape Byron and Julian Rocks.

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Auction: April 2

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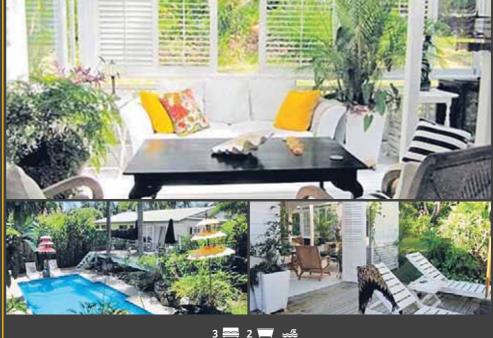
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Story and photos by Lesley Hannaford and Cristina Sharratt

You would have noticed the changing face of Cocomangas in recent weeks as it evolved into The Sticky Wicket Bar.

I'm sure many of you would have darkened the door of Cocomangas over the years. It was a Byron institution and one of the few places in town run successfully by the same owners, Sue and Gary, for more than 20 years.

Changing lifestyles and their English/ Canadian backgrounds led them to the idea of the North American-style sports bar with a nod to the British local pub - something a little different for Byron Bay.

A place where everyone is welcome to have a drink, eat great food or catch up on national and international sport on a choice of 13 screens. Whatever you follow, chances are they'll be showing it. If it isn't, let them know and they'll put it on. When I went it was Manchester United, ice-cold wine and three really good fish tacos - heaven.

And don't think the food and drink take second place to the action. The Americaninfluenced menu delivers fresh food made daily by head chef Tom Gower - perfect accompaniments to their impressive range

of tap and bottled beers, wine and cocktails. Cricket-stump beer taps are a fun touch and the beer menu is unique with Melbourne craft brewers Cricketers Arms and Asahi Black on tap. The legendary Cocomangas Jam Jar cocktails are still available and only \$10 during happy hour - Mon-Fri 5-6pm along with some mighty fine \$1 wings.





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PROFILE

by Vivienne Pearson

Sean's On The Balcony

Who wouldn't visit Byron Bay as often as they could? For chef Sean Connolly, that's going to be around twice a month. He'll be flying in from places as diverse as Auckland, Sydney and Adelaide as he flits around his growing restaurant empire.

Sean first visited Byron Bay nearly 30 years ago. 'I had a camper van and long curly hair, he laughs. He was left with the overwhelming impression of Byron being a place 'famous for being hospitable.

Sean is now on the giving rather than receiving end of the hospitality divide - this week he is officially launching his newest restaurant venture: The Balcony Bar & Oyster Co. He bought the restaurant in October, along with business partner, restaurateur Fraser Short. Since then, they have gradually worked to improve the kitchen and change the menu to ensure all was up to speed before any official launch. 'We're now locked and loaded, he says, giving strong credit to local chef Glenn Mason, who Sean sees as 'an extension of me and my recipes.'

The new menu is an ex-

tension of various facets of Sean's culinary experience. His personal favourite is the lamb shoulder, which, along with his signature dish Duck Fat Fish & Chips (and his still distinctive accent), hark back to his Yorkshire upbringing. He knows that these meals aren't to everyone's taste, so has created more of a seafood focus than some of his other restaurants. Further vegetarian dishes are being developed, using the 'great and inspiring local producers'.



Sean has a growing taste for raw foods and juices, finding these helpful in balancing the less-healthy eating that can come with a hectic lifestyle. He may have lost his long curly hair and camper van, but Sean clearly has a bit of Byron within.



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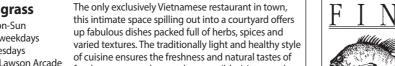
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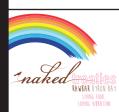
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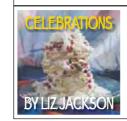
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FLASHBACK TO THE 80s

STRAP ON SOME SHOULDER PADS, BREAK OUT THE BIG HAIR AND DIVE INTO THAT BLUE EYESHADOW!

The 8os was a decade of being larger than life. The *Absolutely 8os* show features some of Australia's favourite pop music icons – from Uncanny X Men's Brian Mannix to Boom Crash Opera's Dale Ryder and Scott Carne from Kids in the Kitchen. Scott Carne talks about the show, the concept and what it's like playing those hits...

What do you think it is about the 80s that has such a timeless appeal? When I listen back to the music I often love how unselfconscious we seemed to be – even the fashion. Is that part of the appeal?

It's the whole box and dice... 80s music was the birth of the garage band, where everybody was making it up as they went along: every fashion, videos, music and attitude!

What is your favourite memory of the 8os?

Countdown, drinkcards, hair-gel and when shoulder pads were hip and lunches were tax deductible...

What were the highlights for you in that era with Kids in the Kitchen?

Countdown, meeting Princess Di and Chuck, Andy Warhol and travelling the world... the list goes on!

I know the *Countdown* TV show has made us nostalgic but how do you think things were different then – was *Countdown* our version of social media?

Pretty much everyone watched *Countdown*, so it was all the social media in one at 6pm Sunday – the church of music!

How did people promote music before YouTube, the internet, etc? I really can't remember!

Music press, local paper and TV... and playing live – that was it.

Tell me a bit about the show that you are doing now with the Absolutely 8os Band?

Well it's a two-our show where the singers alternate singing our big hits of the 80s and a couple of 80s covers with a huge finale that sees us all on stage together. High energy, never a dull moment. We take everyone back into the 80s time bubble – that's why it's Absolutely 80s show!

What are the song highlights?

They all are... 50 Years, Change in Mood, Onion Skin, Everybody Wants to Work, Dancin' in the Storm, Current Stand... and loads more.

What should we expect for the show at the Ballina RSL?

People to walk away happy with sore legs from dancing the night awayyyyyyyyyyy!

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Live Music





NORM DE PLUME AT THE STICKY WICKET BAR IN BYRON ON SATURDAY FOR DISCOVERY

REAL JARRAH AT THE MIDDLE PUB IN MULLUMBIMBY ON SATURDAY

MUSICAL JOCK AT CLUB LENNOX

Jock Barnes is a professional surfer, musician and songwriter who has collected a world of inspiration to create original lyrical content and original re-workings of his musical influences of acoustic blues, rock and pop. With a blend of covers spanning from Jimi Hendrix to Bernard Fanning, Ray Charles to Johnny Diesel and his own original tunes, Jock's live performance has a way of engaging an audience and is one not to be missed.

Jock Barnes plays the **Sunday** arvo session at **Club Lennox**.

WHEN YOUR BOSS IS A FAT PRICK

You write a song. And you call it My Boss is a Fat Prick and then you record it and then it ends up being released on Triple J's Unearthed! Thats what Byronbased four-piece Real Jarrah did. Frontman Jarrah and JJ (bass) met at a soccer match, where they found themselves discussing the fine art of grass cutting and their mutual love for loud rock. Soon accompanied by Mark (guitars) and Gil (drums), the band was formed in 2012 and Jarrah set out to write rock tunes, drawing on some humorous life experiences. Real Jarrah recorded at U-Live Studios in 2015 laying down some punchy rock tracks for their upcoming EP. Their live shows are kicking goals, notching

up plenty of gigs around the local area and up to the Goldy. Real Jarrah's energetic set showcases their original material and covers from the likes of Foo Fighters, Green Day and Frenzal Rhomb. Their ever-growing audience are encouraged to get onstage as the communal tambourine is passed around, getting an absolute flogging!

Real Jarrah play the Middle Pub in Mullumbimby this Saturday at 7.30pm. Free entry.

DISCOVERING YOUR NORM DE PLUME

Discovery is a new monthly party hosted by Norm De Plume (UK) and Dale Stephen (Bay FM). Rotating all night long the pair will explore the music they both love: deep house and disco. From the classic to the obscure, from modern edits to original 12-inch vinyl versions, but always containing that special funky deepness...

Byron's answer to NYC's Body & Soul! Norm De Plume from London-based deep house label Delusions of Grandeur also releases on and runs his own vinylonly imprint Plumage.

He's released on Kolour Ltd (Detroit) and spun at Fabric & Corsica Studios in London. He's toured to Berlin, Mexico City, Copenhagen, Reykjavik, Melbourne and Sydney. Dale Stephen aka DJ Brevil, founder of Electric Larry Records, is an Australian DJ and producer, currently based in the Byron area. Dale works locally, nationally and internationally as a DJ, musician and producer. His style is similar to Sir Norman Jay and Greg Wilson, both of whom he's supported on a number of occasions. He also co-hosts the Solar Love Machine show on BayFM. **Discovery** – Deep House and Disco Edits this Saturday at Sticky Wicket Bar in Byron -9pm. \$5/10 OTD.

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conventional meat-eating family more than when one of your kids decides to be vegan. And it's not iust the issue of separate meal preparation, or the death by salad. It's the constant bombardment of vegan propaganda.

While sipping on her soy latte and observing me make sandwiches my darling food activist pipes up: 'Did you know that cheese is as addictive as illicit drugs?'

rhetoric is ludicrous. 'Really?' I say. Well wrap me in Alfoil and call me a cheese wheel!

This may come as a shock to cheese detractors everywhere, but the internet is not a credible source of information about the harmful effects of cheese consumption. So in defence of cheese I consider my rather cheesy argument... I will accept that cheese blocks your arteries, creates more mucus and that ethically and environmentally perhaps the use of animals for food is questionable and in the long term not sustainable. If we want to cut down on our carbon footprint then we should all be eating carrot sticks and kale. I know that. I accept that.

But we are not talking food ethics here. We are talking about the addictive qualities of aforementioned caseus. (That's latin for cheese, dickhead.) There is a big difference between 'addictive' and 'sustainable'. I would suggest that cheese is not actually addictive; it is in fact, simply, delicious. I guess if you're into opiates you'll probably chime in with 'heroin is delicious'.

a Class A drug. As far as I know, no-one has ever sold their body for haloumi. Bikies do not go on interstate cheese runs. Cheese lovers don't hock their DVD to score some skanky blue-vein. A week-long bender on brie will not see you hit rock bottom. Child Protection don't turn up because your cheese addiction has caused you to neglect the kids. You don't book into rehab to get off Persian feta. Your first thought on waking every day is not 'how will I get parmesan today?'

But unlike heroin, cheese is not

A cheese lover's life doesn't revolve around the getting and eating of camembert. When you acquire cheese you buy it at Woolies; you don't go to a park to meet a bloke in tracksuit pants

and score it. Cheese production does not fund the Taliban. Cheese dealers don't require cheese mules to lodge baby edams up their bums so as to smuggle illegal dairy through customs to sate the desire of the cheese market. You won't be executed for strapping cheese to your body. People will just avoid you.

Cheese makers hang in wine bars, not cartels. No-one has ever made a TV series about cheese. Breaking Bad's Heisenberg would lose its kudos if he were cooking up bacteria instead of meth. You can eat too much cheese, but you won't actually suffer from an OD requiring an agent that reverses the effect of cheese. Cheese eating doesn't change your behaviour - you don't nod

off, scratch, or talk with a strange gravelly voice.

ENTERTAIN MENT

Cheese doesn't make you lie to your mother. Eating cheese does not make you feel like you've been kissed by God and then hours later like you've been fucked over by Satan. Loving cheese is not a disease. It's a personality type. I guess, like drugs, there is hard cheese and soft cheese, but in my opinion cheese is more of a gateway drug to heavier stuff like a champagne and Sauv Blanc.

I'm not wearing this 'cheese is evil' rubbish because after years of cheese addiction I know that sweet dreams are made of cheese. The vegan has lost interest and left. Lactose addiction isn't an addiction, it's a discheese.



YOU GOTTA LOVE THE VIBES

Byron Vibes is bringing their party back to the **Byron Brewery** this Saturday with another impressive lineup. Kicking off at 3pm with Olivia Rosebery, and continuing with Jamie Pattugalan, Tay Oskee, Out of the Range, Sweet Roots and at 6.45pm the Byron Vibes Jam Stage kicks off. Bring your dancing shoes!

The **Byron Vibes Jam Party** begins at 2pm on Saturday. Free entry.



WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE LAMB

may be fairly new to the music scene but each individual member has had his fair share amalgamation of indie folk and

Brewery at 8pm. Free. The boys from **Lamb Boulevard**

of musical experiments, and so brings his own flavour to a unique rock. The boys like to consider themselves just a little bit different.



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In saying that, their music is hard to describe as it goes from having a banjo and violin to a smooth folk acoustic sound. Lamb Boulevard started with Liam (singer) and Dave (banjo) when they had just finished high school.

Playing as an acoustic duo across Melbourne, they met Dylan through an open mic night held at a venue called Musicland. Dylan approached the boys and the lineup became what it is today, with Jeremy later being added on keys/violin. Friday at the Byron



I NEED A VRIEND

Internationally acclaimed Canadian retro soul songstress a series of shows with her band. Considered by many an honorary Australian, Ann is well known for her enigmatic shows and is looking forward to bringing her band back with her for her 2016 east coast tour.

'I am known to a lot of Aussies as a solo performer, as up until recently I've performed almost exclusively solo in Australia, says Ann. 'And while I enjoy that intimate way of performing and am glad I have that ability up my sleeve, this latest album is all about groove, all about the rhythm section. So I'm pretty excited about showing off my band to Aussie audiences. We've toured a lot in the last two years

and we have worked out some live

arrangements of our material from

the album that I'm really proud of.'

Ann plays the Treehouse in Belongil on Friday.

GETTING INTIMATE

Intimate Live is a new line of live music night at The Brewery taking place on the first Thursday of every month with three acts playing 40 minutes each from 8pm.

This March Intimate Live will be featuring Brazilian roots reggae artist Kim Souza of Kimmy Crew

CATCH TABLAO FLAMENCO, DIRECT FROM ADELAIDE FRINGE TO THE DRILL HALL IN **MULLUMBIMBY ON FRIDAY**

playing a solo set, grassroots artist Dallas James of The Grains playing a solo set and local artist Jesse Witney. 8pm. Free entry.

BUSH DANCE AGAINST GAS

Kyogle Group Against Gas are holding a family bush dance to raise funds for the Pilliga campaign to help protect the forest from the invasive gas industry. It will feature The Ragged Blossom Bush Band, so grab a partner and head to the **Kyogle Memorial Hall.**

Saturday from 6pm. It is a family event. Tell your friends. Entry is \$10 per head, \$5 for children aged 13-18, and under 13 free.

THE TIJUANA CARTEL AT **HOTEL BRUNSWICK**

Hailing from the Gold Coast, Tijuana Cartel has build a firm reputation for beats that span the globe. Multi-lavered grooves, touches of slide and flamenco quitar, trumpet, vocals and Afro-Cuban percussion mixed with some hardened electronica - it's a combo that's intriguing, energetic and utterly delicious!

Constant touring here and abroad and an enduring love affair with live gigs gives these guys a very raw and electric energy.

Tijuana Cartel play for Bay FM fundraiser on Friday at the Hotel Brunswick at 7pm. Free entry.

ANNE McCUE AT CLUB

Polka Dot Productions welcomes Australian-born East Nashville resident Anne McCue back to Mullumbimby following her four fullhouse performances during Mullum Music Festival last November.



Ann Vriend returns to Australia for





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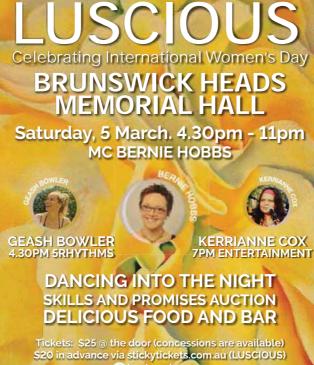
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She plays the Mullumbimby **Ex-Services Club** on **Saturday** 12 March at 7.30pm. Pre-sale tickets s20 + bf: www.trvbooking. com/179607.

Tickets at the door \$25.

GETTING YOUR MUSES SORTED FOR IWD

Muses Trio are coming to play at Byron fresh from performances in Brisbane and Sunshine Coast!

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KEEPING IT REAL - THE MUSIC OF

ROCK HISTORIANS HAVE DESCRIBED RICHARD CLAPTON AS 'ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AUSTRALIAN SONGWRITERS OF THE 1970S'.

And while it's true, it probably underestimates the maturation and ever-changing direction of Clapton's songwriting over generations, seeing him being inducted into the Aria Hall of Fame

Clapton is modest about the accolades.

'It's obviously very gratifying when people describe me that way, and I would think that it's probably because I just wanted to write songs that were going to mean something to people's lives rather than getting into the pop culture.'

With the last 18 months seeing the rock stories of the 1970s and 1980s making it to the small screen in biopic-type dramas, how does Clapton feel about the honesty of the storytelling. Is the spirit

of the work lost in the sanitised reflections of middle-aged men no longer prepared to tell the truth about what 'really happened'?

'I have a feeling of resignation about a lot of stuff like that.'

Clapton admits to being unimpressed with the shallow Australian pop scene and, being enamoured by artists like Byob Dylan, decided this was the type of musician he wanted to be.

'In the 70s the music industry just viewed me as this enfant terrible! People couldn't understand me. I was a very slow starter. I think I confused everybody. It was only recently I could tell the truth but I had Prussian Blue and only sold 2,000 copies so Festival pretty well said if I didn't come up with a radio-friendly hit single I would be dropped from the label. I was living with this young guy who had been the A&R guy at Festival; he begged and pleaded me to compromise. I got drunk, went home, and the street I walked along was called The Avenue. I didn't' regret that; I got it to number one!

Clapton's star exploded.

'You can have a hit single and 15 minutes of fame, and then a few months later you can't get any work and any gigs!'

A headstrong idealist, Clapton was never going to take the easy route in his career.

'I took the road less travelled and then actually stormed out of the whole Australian music industry – and so I went back to Berlin and was determined to wipe the slate clean in Europe.

'I really lucked out on Lucky Country. It's like a movie for your ears! Lucky Country actually has this dark underbelly. I thought it was hilarious that it was a finalist for the 2000 Olympics theme song in Sydney.

Lucky Country was a song about my father, who was a well-to-do doctor and his political outlook. Beatlespeak was about people building up impossible walls and we still call it home sweet home, so in other words in Lucky Country I am saying: 'I am alright Jack, fuck you...!' Not really a fitting theme song for the Olympics!

Complexity is key for Clapton's songwriting.

'I like songs like an onion and you peel the layers off. One of the joys of the singer/songwriter thing was hidden meanings.'

Clapton's most recent album Harlequin Nights was born from a divorce that went too long.

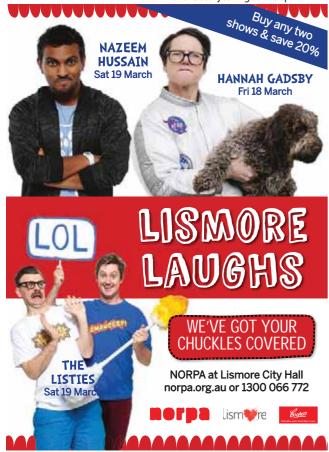
'That was my catharsis album; this album House of Orange was done in Nashville. It's anything but country; it's pretty raw rock. There is a song called Stay With Me about banks and debt-collector lackeys; there is another song, Liberty Bell, which I am going to saddle up and join Bernie Sanders – it would be perfect for him!'

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ARIES: After a busy month spreading yourself thin, the present climate, while difficult for discipline, is ideal for restorative reflection. So ease up on your daily routines, withdraw for some dreamy lounge-lizard time out, and let this highly fertile week water the seeds of your imagination, your inner creative... TAURUS: With Venus giving your social magnetism a

TAURUS: With Venus giving your social magnetism a tonic pep-up, this week it pays to trade the comfort couch for mixing, mingling and meeting people engaged with community doings. Employing the classic Tauran more-is-better approach could lead to over-indulging, so take a midweek break for some multi-level pampering.

GEMINI: The coming month's emphasis in your business sector makes spending extra time with someone who can further your professional ambitions worthwhile. Ditto taking responsibilities a little more seriously, which away from the occupational domain means those closest. Home is where you'll need to put in the most effort this week.

CANCER: This week's concerns aren't helped by the uncertainty of confusing communications, so try not to make assumptions, jump to conclusions or act prematurely. If you find yourself in the discomfort zone, respect boundaries, because you're not the only one feeling sensitive. With emotions intensifying, some connections strengthen as others dissolve.

LEO: This isn't a week to wing it – you'll need the backup of facts. Appearances can be misleading, and judgments of people or assessment of situations may not be accurate. Misunderstandings are rife and drama won't cut it. Aim for restraint, self-control, co-operation and emotional poise when giving opinions or receiving information.

VIRGO: With relationships, partnerships and alliances of all kinds centre stage for the coming month, if recurring replays of familiar situations reappear in some kind of Groundhog Day time loop, that's your cue to respond differently. What didn't work in the past probably won't be successful now either. Time to try a radical change.

LIBRA: Feeling a little limp and your mind's telling you to pick up the pace? You're way better off not to race. Wiser to pull back than overextend. You're an air sign and there's a heavy loading of emotional moisture in this week's astral weather patterns, so information's best processed by balancing intuition with logic.

SCORPIO: This week's significant planetary presence in your romance zone opens Scorpio hearts wide to love, creativity and pleasurably warm connections. Stable long-term commitments can be made now, though postpone big decisions if something feels off. Trust your gut. Listen to your inner wisdom: right now it's spot on.

SAGITTARIUS: Had a full-on month? March, surprisingly for you rolling stones, ushers in a lull of homey domesticity, and/or the experience of being more at home wherever you are. Social contacts are satisfying, friends and groups true blue... along with a robust balance of the snaky, flaky and unreliable.

ENTERTAINMEN

CAPRICORN: March is ideas and communication month for clan Capricorn, though neither is likely to be as cut and dried, black or white as you'd like. Social opportunities have interesting potential, and late-week Capricorn moon suggests that accepting the present is a far smarter option than glamorising the past.

AQUARIUS: This week inflates expectations, so don't put all your faith in promises. Over-estimations and exaggerations can disappoint if you're counting on solid returns. The good news is a Venus–Uranus connection working some special magic, so friends and even strangers are likely to surprise you, in a wonderful way.

PISCES: With your birthday month an important marker for personal growth, it's not the time to let things slide. This week's receptive to your making a good impression by addressing what needs attending to in person, speaking to people rather than texting. And being discerning where you direct your energy so it's not squandered.

Live Music

LEAVE ITTO BEAVIS

With a plethora.

of planets in

air and water

signs, this week's

mixed messages

are easily

misinterpreted.

So be clear

and practical;

balance idealistic

with realistic...

Brisbane blues and rock 'n' roll musician **Jimi Beavis** has just released the first single from his upcoming second album set to be unleashed in June.

The release of this single – I Got What I Wanted (But I Lost What I Had) – will be celebrated with a six-show east coast tour. I Got What I Wanted (But I Lost What I Had), inspired by a Little Richard story, is a frenetic Motown soul featuring a three-piece horn section and the trademark drum and tambourine combination. The track's upbeat

mood keeps your feet moving while disguising its grim message about the price of fame. Catch Beavis with his a full band at the **Rails** on **Sunday.**

MUSIC IN FULL BLOOM

With a poet's heart and a rockstar's soul, **Luka Bloom** is regarded as one of Ireland's best-respected contemporary folk artists, having produced 20 albums since the 1970s. Bloom continues to push the boundaries of what his music can do. An internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter and recording artist, Luka Bloom has

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enjoyed more than two decades of success worldwide. Since the release of one of the all-time Irish classics *Riverside* in 1990, people from all corners of the globe have embraced the true beauty of this remarkable musician. Luka returns for his 12th Australian tour, to the country he loves as much as his homeland.

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Luka Bloom has the power to bring audiences to a hush as his poetic lyrics bounce over melodies in a beautiful, captivating way. The same artist can rouse the spirit of the audience to the ceiling when he changes the tempo. At the **Byron Theatre** on **Saturday**. Bookings: 6685 6807 or byroncentre.com.au.

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THE SPIRIT AWAKENS

Now in its fifth incarnation, the **Byron Spirit Festival** embraces yoga, music, dance, tantra, healing, indigenous insight, along with guided meditations, sound baths, gourmet organic food, and unforgettable celebrations so all can commune and awaken in the most connective means available. This year's exceptional lineup includes Lulucruza from Colombia and Argentina, Elijah Ray (USA), the inimitable Srikalogy (USA), the Kirtaniyas (USA), the return of world songstress Peia (USA), Vijay Krsna, Wild Marmalade and more. The yoga stream features new and returning master teachers such as Louisa Sear, Dena Kingsberg, Daniel Aaron (Bali), Beth Borowsky, Clive Sheridan, Delamay Devi et al. The program also includes Conscious Dance, Tigress Yoga, Somatic Sex Education and other cutting-edge practices that make up our popular Tantra stream featuring experts from Australia and beyond. The Healing Arts will see leaders in their fields such as Ly de Angeles initiate participants into ancient and modern modalities that heal body, mind and spirit. 15-17 April in Mullumbimby.

Tickets are selling swiftly, and are available online now. www. spiritfstival.com.au

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Women are invited to celebrate International Women's day at Luscious, an event that features MC Bernie Hobbs, 5 Rhythms' Geash Bowler and singer/ songwriter Kerrianne Cox. Bernie Hobbs is best known as a popular judge from ABC TV's The New

Inventors, and she's a firm favourite with audiences for her weekly science spots on ABC radio around the country. Bernie has that rare combination of a sharp intellect, quick wit and warmth. With a background in medical research, environmental writing and science teaching, Bernie can tackle tough or technical subjects and bring the driest topics alive for lay or expert audiences. She has a first-class honours degree in biochemistry and microbiology, a very nerdy habit of birdwatching, and more than a passing interest in cycling, kayaking and ridding her backyard of asthma weed. This charity event will be raising money for Aboriginal women and children, refugees and homeless women. **Memorial Hall Brunswick Heads** on Saturday from 4.30pm.

\$20 earlybird tickets at stickytickets.com.au (Luscious) or \$25 at the door. More info on Facebook Lantana LOVE. Women only! See you on the dancefloor!

ALL ABOUT WOMEN – LIVE FROM THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE!

Hosted by our very own Jesse Blackadder and featuring *Orange is the New Black* memoirist Piper Kerman, multi-talented artist Miranda July and Washington powerhouse Anne-Marie Slaughter catch the headline program of influential thinkers when the fourth **All About Women** festival takes over the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Sunday, ahead of International Women's Day 2016.

The Satellite panel featuring Jesse Blackadder will be at the Opera House, and streamed to the **Byron Theatre** at 12.30pm.

PATH OF LOVE PARTY

Path of Love (POL) is a transformational retreat that has been refined over 20 years. POL retreats and workshops are currently held in more than a dozen countries. Recently described in a review as 'psychospiritual rock and roll... a profound and moving process aimed at melting your heart and helping you to face your demons', POL has had a profound impact on many people in the Byron Shire and beyond. **Celebration of Love** is an opportunity to find out more about what POL offers. All are welcome at this special Path of Love event! The evening starts at 6pm, with Alima and Samved giving a taste, or experience, of some POL process work, then there is a vegetarian dinner and a night of dancing. For pre-sale tickets (\$20) please email maitreya. gina.bloom@gmail.com or text 0404 093 865. Otherwise tickets are \$25 on the door.

Saturday 5 March from 6pm at Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

OPEN MIC AT MULLUM

After garnering four-star reviews for Women Like Us with fellow comedian Ellen Briggs claiming, 'prepare yourself to be hunched over in hysterics ... hitting the nail on the head of charismatic female comedy', Nolan returns to the talking stick this week as MC of the popular **Open Mic comedy** at the Court House Hotel

Catch a full lineup of some very funny people – **Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby**, this **Thursday** from 8pm. Free!



BYRON'S RAW Comedy Heats UP!

RAW Comedy is Australia's biggest open mic competition, and Melbourne International Comedy Festival is looking for the country's best new comedian.

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Local comedian Ellen Briggs got her break when she won the OLD final and made it to the national finals. For anyone who wants to fast-track their journey to becoming a comedian, then winning RAW is the way to do it. Mandy Nolan's former comedy student Hannah Gadsby is a testament to this as her win has seen her go on to become one of the most sought-after comics in the country. Hannah can now be seen fronting documentaries on the ABC with appearances on Good News Week and Spics and Specks, and numerous headlines at international festivals. Heats take place nationwide, with one scorching Byron Bay Heat at the Pandanus Lounge at the Byron Ex-Services Club on Monday 14 March at 8pm. Shows are all \$10 with tickets at the door.

POETRY IN MOTION

Writers at the Rails' first show for 2016 on Sunday arvo features

two award-winning poets: popular Irish storyteller and poet Maleny's Joe Lynch and winner of the 2015 Nimbin Poetry World Cup poet/ muso Josh Holms. The show will include invited readings and the ever-popular Poetry Slam. Visiting writers always welcome. Starts at 2pm, free entry.

RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER ON BROADWAY!

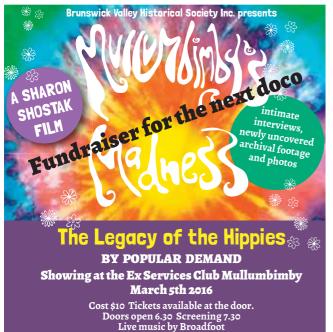
Join Lismore Amateur Musical Society for an evening of standup, singing, dancing and entertainment celebrating some of Broadway's best. With soloists, choirs and duets performing routines from some of Broadway's best-loved productions, this night promises something for everyone with music that has inspired generations of musical theatre lovers. Star Court Theatre in Lismore on Friday and Saturday. For all ticket enquiries, please contact the Star Court Theatre directly on 6622 5005.



45 YEARS

We all live in our own heads, do we not? Years of co-habitation, of deep and enduring love and friendship can still never fully erode the wall surrounding a secret enclave of indelible memory that is the author of our true, intensely personal story. Pop psychology insists that it all be let out, that everything be revealed, but maybe it goes against the grain to not keep a little something just to ourselves. As close now as they have always been, Kate and Geoff Mercer (Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay) are preparing for a party at which they will mark forty-five years of marriage. Kate is fully aware of the ill-fated relationship her husband had with a German girl, Katya, before she met him, and to Kate

it is water under the bridge... until Geoff receives news in the mail that will send a tremor through the emotional bedrock of their life together. Katya had been killed when she and Geoff were hiking through the Swiss Alps and her body, after all this time, has been discovered frozen in a glacier. The result is to launch the elderly, childless couple on different trajectories of introspection and self-discovery. Set in the wintry Downs of Kent, details unravel bit by bit in the leadup to the weekend's celebration. Geoff seems rejuvenated by the memory of Katya - he and Kate dance in their living room, they make love, and walk together with their German shepherd, Max. But Kate, increasingly uncertain of her own standing in the hitherto rock-solid marriage, chips away at finding a truth that Geoff has concealed from her. Every good story has a twist and the one in this arrives when Kate climbs into the loft to dig out Geoff's slides from the hiking trip with Katya. I didn't see it coming and it changed my take on the movie as much as it did Kate's understanding of her husband. Two of the finest actors of their generation deliver vintage performances in a poignant film of startling honesty.





HAIL CAES

Had we not already been aware of it, Joel and Ethan Coen's magnificent re-make of True Grit (2010) made abundantly clear how much the

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brothers were beholden to and smitten by Hollywood's lasting legacy - and its impenetrable ego. Their staunchest fans would be reluctant to concede it, but at heart the boys are traditionalists (notwithstanding their aberrant pretensions, ie, No Country For Old Men) – and more power to them for it. However, when it comes to satirising the industry that butters their bread, as they've done here, the guise of self-deprecation and mockery is, like Maxwell Smart's 'reverse psychology trick', never strong enough to conceal a genuine belief in the status of cinema as a godsend to humanity. (And, again, good on them. All artists should be driven by this conviction. Otherwise what's the

NOW SCREENING...

Venturing into comedy, at which they have always understood narkiness better than subtlety, their latest outing is a mixed bag, but overall a ripping good yarn. It's set sometime in the McCarthy 'fifties (without his purgings being specifically referred to). The famous actor Baird Whitlock (George Clooney), starring as a Roman centurion in a Jesus epic, has been kidnapped by a coterie of miffed screenwriters calling themselves Communists and demanding a larger slice of the box-office pie.

The loosely structured, slightly loopy plot is built around a series of reverential and irresistible set pieces; Scarlett Johansson features as the mermaid in a classic, all-too-short aquatic ballet, Channing Tatum tap-dances, shimmies and humps his way through a high-camp Gene Kelly sailor routine, Ralph Fiennes suffers as the artiste directing a schmuck actor and Alden Ehrenreich, a cowboy who's made it big, does a remarkable turn with a lasso while waiting on the sidewalk for his date. The attention to detail is to be savoured, and holding it all together is the stressed producer, Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin). I found it impossible not to love this movie for the weird reason that, ultimately, escapist entertainment is lauded for being cheap and superficial, but justifiably cherished.



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Sunday March 6

Monday March 7

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Tuesday March 8

Wednesday March 9

The Hateful Eight

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The Revenant

Saturday March 5

Rebellious Flowe

Friday March 4

THURSDAY 3

- **■** GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL **BYRON JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM THE SHOOFLYS
- BEACH HOTEL BYRON 8.30PM UNITY ROOTS
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM KIM SOUZA + DALLAS JAMES + **JESSE WITNEY**
- BYRON FRESH 4PM **STEVE TYSON 7PM NICK** CUNNINGHAM
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **NICK BAMPTON**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- BYRON MASONIC CENTRE 1PM JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI: WHY DO WE HAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS?
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGII 7.30PM **FRANK SULTANA**
- **BANGALOW BOWLING** CLUB 7PM ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **OPEN** MIC COMEDY WITH MC MANDY NOLAN
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE **ACID BLEED**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM JON J BRADLEY
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL **RICHIE WILLIAMS**

FRIDAY 4

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL BYRON **SONS OF THE EAST**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM THE FLOATING BRIDGES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **JOSHUA MATHESON 8PM**

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- BYRON FRESH 7PM TAY YACROCKCAFE, BYRON **8PM STRAIGHT OUTTA** COMPTON (MA)
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **GROOVE DJ**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM MICKA SCENE / LOCAL DJS
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **WALLFLOWER MEADOWS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM ANN VRIEND
- LUSCIOUS FOODS, BYRON A&I 6PM PALM WINE **AMBASSADORS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM JACK EASTWOOD PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK
- PARK 7PM LUKE BENNETT
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- **BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7.30PM** TIJUANA CARTEL ■ MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS
- MARKET 8AM **JESSE** MORRIS
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM TABLAO FLAMENCO
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE** ■ BALLINA RSL 8.30PM MASON RACK /
- **ABSOLUTELY 80S DUNOON SPORTS CLUB 7PM**
- **SLIM PICKENS ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM**
- **CONSPIRACY OF ONE** STAR COURT THEATRE LISMORE 7.30PM A NIGHT **ON BROADWAY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE DAMIEN COOPER, KAZYA K

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SWAMP STOMPERS

8.30PM GREEN ROOM RIOT

CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM

STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM 15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH KIM BANFFY,

BARRY TIFFEN, HAPPY

■ MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC HALL 7.30PM THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING

MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM

SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **JOCK BARNES** 7.30PM

CLUB, COOLANGATTA 5PM

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HOTEL 8.30PM STEPHEN

■ CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM TANGERINE + PEACH FUR + TRAPDOOR + SCOTT

SATURDAY 5

GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL

BYRON THE SEA GYPSIES

- 4PM SETH, MITCHEL, MICHAEL & ARLIA, NASHBULL
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM BYRON VIBES
- BYRON FRESH 7PM JOSH & **JOEL HAMILTON**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM LUKA **BLOOM**
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- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM JOSHUA SWAN / DJS NORM DE PLUME & DALE STEPHEN
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SLUMBERHAZE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM KIM SOUZA
- **BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- **BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**

■ BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL HALL 4.30PM KAZYA K, KERRIANNE COX, **5RHYTHMS**

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- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM THE ZIKA PANDEMIC DJS PERFORM THEIR SONATA 'THE GLOBAL POPULATION **CULL BY CORPORATIONS** JUST KICKED UP A GEAR'
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **MARK HILTON**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 6PM PATH OF LOVE WITH **LOVE DJS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **THE** SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **MULLUMBIMBY MADNESS** SCREENING + BROADFOOT
 - MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **REAL JARRAH**
 - FEDERAL HALL 8PM **WOMEN LIKE US WITH MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN** BRIGGS
 - BURRINGBAR HALL 7PM SKANKSTARZ, UNITY ROOTS, ROSIÉ MISSCHIEF, **ELEMENTARY HI-FI**
 - BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM BOB WALTON
 - BALLINA RSL 7PM RICHIE WILLIAMS
 - WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **MANOA**
 - MARY G'S, LISMORE PINK ZINC
 - ST ANDREWS, LISMORE 7.30PM BALLADS BY CANDLELIGHT
 - STAR COURT THEATRE LISMORE 7.30PM A NIGHT ON BROADWAY
 - TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE ANN
 - VRIEND ■ SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM LIQUID AMBER 7PM MAPSTONE
 - KINGSCLIFF BEACH
 - **BOWLING CLUB JASON DELPHIN** ■ MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC HALL
 - 7.30PM THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
 - KYOGLE FARMERS MARKET 9.30AM WATLING BATES + **THOR PHILLIPS**
 - KYOGLE MEMORIAI HALL 6PM THE RAGGED BLOSSOM BUSH BAND
 - PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 1PM **SAKREWSKI-SYMONS ULTRA JAZZ QUINTET** PM WILD MARMALADE HAYDEN HACK INFUSION, WIL MASSEY BAND
 - SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS

7.30PM KYLE LIONHART TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 9PM EUREKA FUNK

ENTERTAINMENT

CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **DOGTAGS, TOKYO** BEEF, CORNERSTONE, THE STOUTS

SUNDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY-VEE** RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 2PM WRITERS AT THE RAILS 7PM **JIMI BEAVIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BOPM ROUND MOUNTAIN **GIRLS 8PM ELEMENTALS**
- **BYRON MARKET 10AM** BROADFOOT, ROB CSOKAS, DINKUM BOHOS
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **GROOVE DJS**
- BYRON THEATRE 12.30PM **ALL ABOUT WOMEN WITH** JESSE BLACKADDER
- **BYRON EX-SERVICES CLUB** 4PM **GOODRICH** BYRON FRESH 7PM **LUKE**
- YEAMAN BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM GREG LYON & THE HIP **OPERATION**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- THE BOLT HOLE, BYRON 5PM JEZ MEAD & THE GOLDEN MILE
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM DJ EVA J & FRIENDS SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **HUNTER & SMOKE**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET
- **BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM**
- **SUNDAZE SESSION** BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM THE
- FLOATING BRIDGES MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY
- 3PM **OPEN MIC** BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM
 ADAM BROWN, LYNE
 DAVIS, GRANT ROBERTSON
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **JOCK BARNES**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM CHECK 2 COUNTRY, KYLIE CASTLE
- ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLINA 3PM ATTILLA SAUTOV'S BACH & **PAGANINI SOLO RECITAL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **FINN & JAKÉ**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM LEIGH **JAMES**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 1PM BEETLE JUICE** WINDARA MUSIC MUSTER FUNDRAISER, CASINO 1PM
- WATLING & BATES TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM SUGARFOOT

- 7.30PM EUREKA FUNK
- **COOLANGATTA-TWEED** HEADS GOLF CLUB 2PM
 ELIZABETH ROSE, MILTON
 Q, TWEED LINKS MUSIC
 CLUB QUARTET
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM PINK ZINC
- THE YARD, MERMAID BEACH 2PM JESSE MORRIS BAND

MONDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON TAYOSKEE
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM HIGH ROLLERS
- BYRON BREWERY 9PM 4'20' ■ BYRON FRESH 7PM **HAYLEY**
- GRACE
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM DJ OVAL
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM JAM **NIGHT**

TUESDAY 8

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL BYRON MARSHALL O'KELL
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM RAMBLING BOYS BEACH HOTEL, BYRON
- 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BLUE LOTUS, BYRON 7.30PM **DJ DAKINI & MADHU** HONEY
- BYRON FRESH 7PM SIMON BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM NO LIGHTS NO
- **LYCRA** ■ WOODY'S SURF SHACK,
- BYRON 8PM LIVE DJS CREATIVE INTUITIVE, BYRON A&I 7PM **HEARTCHANT** WITH TARSHITO, NYCK
 - **JEANES & FRIENDS BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- **NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS** MARKET 8AM **STEVE** MANOA
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM UNI SHOWCASE
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**

WEDNESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **RAMBLING BOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM LEIGH JAMES
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM OPEN BYRON FRESH 7PM HARRY
- NICHOLS BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM CALEXICO
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**

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Sun Sun Moon Moon rise set rise set Day of month High tide. height (m) height (m) 1 T 0637 1918 2352 1242 0153,1.44; 1412,1.24 0819,0.67; 2009,0.66 1334 0248,1.42; 1516,1.19 0927,0.69; 2110,0.70 2 W 0638 1917 1426 | 0353,1.43; 1632,1.18 | 1040,0.66; 2220,0.69 3 T 0639 1916 0038 4 | F | 0639 | 1915 | 0127 | 1518 | 0500,1.49; 1745,1.23 | 1146,0.59; 2327,0.64 5 | S | 0640 | 1914 | 0221 | 1608 | 0600,1.57; 1842,1.31 | 1242,0.49; 1318,0.50 0641 1913 0320 1657 0652.1.68: 1930.1.42 0025.0.56: 1330.0.38 7 M 0641 1912 0421 1745 **0741,1.79**; 2016,1.53 0116,0.46; **1415,0.28** 1910 0525 1831 **0829,1.87**; 2101,1.63 0207,0.36; **1458,0.20** T 0642 9 | W | 0642 | 1909 | 0631 | 1915 | **0916,1.91**; **2147,1.72** | **0257,0.28**; **1540,0.16** 10 | T | 0643 | 1908 | 0737 | 2000 | **1005,1.89**; **2233,1.78** | **0347,0.23**; **1624,0.16** 1907 0843 2045 **1055,1.83**; **2322,1.80 0440,0.22**; **1708,0.20** 11 F 0644 1146.1.72 12 S 0644 1906 0950 2131 0534,0.25; 1754,0.29 13 S 0645 1905 1055 2219 **0012,1.78**; 1240,1.58 0631.0.32; 1842,0.39 14 | M | 0645 | 1904 | 1158 | 2309 | **0105,1.74**; 1338,1.43 | 0733,0.40; 1934,0.51 15 T 0646 1903 1259 0202,1.67; 1444,1.31 0842,0.48; 2034,0.60 16 | W | 0647 | 1901 | 1356 | 0002 | 0307,1.61; 1600,1.25 | 0957,0.53; 2145,0.66 17 | T | 0647 | 1900 | 1448 | 0056 | 0418,1.58; 1716,1.25 | 1109,0.53; 2258,0.67 18 | F | 0648 | 1859 | 1536 | 0150 | 0527,1.58; 1821,1.30 19 S 0648 1858 1620 0246 0626,1.60; 1912,1.37 0002,0.63; 1305,0.48 20 | S | 0649 | 1857 | 1700 | 0340 | 0715,1.63; 1954,1.44 | 0058,0.58; 1347,0.44 21 | M | 0650 | 1856 | 1737 | 0434 | 0759,1.64; 2030,1.50 | 0145,0.53; 1424,0.42 22 | T | 0650 | 1854 | 1813 | 0527 | 0837,1.64; 2104,1.55 | 0226,0.49; 1457,0.41 23 | W | 0651 | 1853 | 1847 | 0619 | 0913,1.63; 2137,1.58 | 0303.0.47; 1527,0.41 24 | T | 0651 | 1852 | 1922 | 0711 | 0947,1.60; 2208,1.61 | 0339,0.45; 1556,0.43 25 F 0652 1851 1956 0802 1021,1.57; 2240,1.62 0415,0.45; 1625,0.45 26 | S | 0652 | 1850 | 2032 | 0853 | 1057,1.51; 2313,1.62 | 0452,0.47; 1655,0.49 27 | S | 0653 | 1849 | 2109 | 0944 | 1133.1.45; 2348.1.60 | 0530.0.50; 1727.0.54 28 M 0653 1848 2150 1036 1213.1.38 0612,0.54; 1801,0.59 29 T 0654 1846 2233 1128 0027,1.57; 1256,1.31 0658,0.58; 1840,0.65 30 | W | 0655 | 1845 | 2320 | 1219 | 0111,1.53; 1346,1.25 | 0650,0.63; 1928,0.71 1309 0203,1.50; 1448,1.22 0852,0.65; 2029,0.75 31 T 0655 1844

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RINGLAND, **BRIAN WILLIAM** 26-03-1932 ~ 24-02-2016



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Government policies ignore children in poverty, says ACOSS

The Australian Council of Social Service last week called for the federal parliament to reject proposals to cut the family payments of low-income single parent and couple households, following the release of a new report showing that an extraordinary 19 per cent of children aged 8–14 years are going hungry.

In addition, ACOSS has renewed its call for Australia to set a clear poverty reduction target as the core purpose of economic growth and job creation.

The Australian Child Wellbeing Project launched last week shows that although most middle-years children are doing well, almost one in five children surveyed are falling behind and going hungry. These include, young people with a disability, young carers, materially disadvantaged young people, culturally and linguistically diverse young people, Indigenous young people, young people in rural and remote Australia and young people in out-of-home care.

'Our governments have forgotten that the core purpose of our family payment system is to protect against

child poverty. Former prime minister Bob Hawke is the last leader to have placed child poverty at the centre of his government's agenda. His legacy of a targeted family payments system has been eroded since then and is indeed under further attack,' said ACOSS CEO Dr Cassandra Goldie.

'Policies of recent governments that have targeted vulnerable families, including single parents, have increased the risk of child poverty. Our Poverty in Australia report in late 2014 found about 603,000 or 17.7 per cent of all children, and one in three single-parent families, were living in poverty.

Simplify

'ACOSS has long advocated for family payments to be simplified and targeted to families who need them most. Yet the federal government's \$4.26 billion cuts to family payments would have a devastating impact on some of the most disadvantaged parents and children, especially single parents and low-income-couple families.

'Our analysis shows the cuts currently before the sen-

ate would see a sole parent, under 60, with one child over 13 years, lose roughly \$2,500 per year or \$48 per week, and a sole parent with two children around \$3,000 per year or \$58 per week.

'Most families with children under 13, including those in the "middle years", will also be worse off due to the loss of supplements. The abolition of the \$730 a year Part A supplement would only be partly offset by a proposed increase of \$262 per annum to the Part A payment (resulting in a net loss of \$468).

'The Part B supplement is \$354 per family. A dual-income family with one primary school aged child will be \$468 a week or \$9 a week worse off if it is abolished. A single-income family with a child under 13 years will be \$822 a year worse off, or \$16 a week.

Hardship

'It is estimated that about 130,000 single parents with older children will be adversely affected by the changes to Part B alone, some of whom are already on very low incomes. The numbers affected and the extent of the

income losses mean that the changes are likely to lead to an increase in child poverty, which is already concentrated in single-parent families.

'This would be unconscionable and lead to greater levels of hardship and poverty, and more children going hungry.

'As the Australian Child Wellbeing Project report points out, 19 per cent of young people who are going hungry are also more likely to miss school, report health complaints, bullying, and low levels of engagement at school. We urge the parliament to block the government's legislation, as the consequences would be too great for children affected.

'ACOSS has put forward an alternative package of reforms to family payments designed to reduce child poverty, target payments more appropriately and reduce workforce disincentives. We call on the government to withdraw the current bill and rethink its approach to families policy to ensure that low-income families receive the assistance they need and children get the best start in life,' Dr Goldie said.

Geelong Star whale shark scandal deepens

The Stop the Trawler Alliance last week expressed disgust at learning the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) have withheld important information from the Australian public about the controversial *Geelong Star* incident where a whale shark was caught.

AFMA initially assured the public on February 19 that the *Geelong Star*'s interaction only involved 'a whale shark ran into the outside of the net and became caught by two of its fins... The whale shark was subsequently freed from the net and swam away without difficulty. No injuries to the animal were observed.'

AFMA released a statement on their website (February 24) reporting that 'video footage shows that the whale shark spent no more than four minutes out of the water. That is, the time from the animal being brought onto the boat, freed and being released back into the water was estimated to be 3min 35sec.' No mention was made of how long the whale shark was en-

tangled in the *Geelong Star*'s net or how long it took to get the giant fish on board.

Withholding

'AFMA has clearly been withholding important information from the Australian public about the supertrawler *Geelong Star*'s catching of a highly protected whale shark. They have specifically downplayed the level and intensity of the interaction and initially didn't even admit that the protected species was lifted onto the trawler's deck,' said Rebecca Hubbard, Environment Tasmania.

'Initial reports from crew members alerted us to the fact that the whale shark was dragged on board with a crane; however, AFMA specifically avoided these reports and did not admit to this intense part of the interaction until yesterday. Why do they feel so compelled to protect the *Geelong Star* operators from proper public scrutiny?' asked Ms Hubbard.

'The AFMA account of events appears to con-

flict with a statement made on social media by the PR group for the *Geelong Star's* owners that the whale shark come alongside the net and the vessel manoeuvred away and the whale shark swam off unharmed; said Josh Coates of Australian Marine Conservation Society.

AFMA is refusing to release the full video footage of the interaction that could allay community concerns, citing that it is 'commercial in confidence'.

'What is commercial in confidence about footage showing the capture of a highly protected whale shark? The public's confidence in AFMA is now at stake. They must make publicly available the full, unedited footage of this and all protected species interactions with the *Geelong Star*,' concluded Mr Coates.

Local impacts

'AFMA claimed that the large size of the Australian Small Pelagic Fishery meant that the industrial trawlers would not limit their impacts to local areas. However, just before Christmas, AFMA showed recreational fishers a map that actually focused the industrial trawling to our shelf waters.

'Since then, the supertrawler *Geelong Star* has been hammering the south coast of NSW during the peak game-fishing period, and recreational fishers have lost faith in AFMA being able to address localised depletion in our fishery,' said Nobby Clark, Game Fishing Tasmania Sports Fishing Club.

'Our fishing industry and fisheries management do not deserve to have their reputations continuing to be tarnished with this kind of scandal. It's clear that AFMA is withholding information from the Australian public about this destructive supertrawler operation, and it's past time that the Turnbull government stepped in and permanently bannned these monster trawlers from the Small Pelagic Fishery,' concluded Ms Hubbard.



Great start to ANZAC Cup for Byron Rams

The first round of Football Far North Coast's preseason competitions, the Anzac Cup and Callan McMillan Shield, produced a mixed bag of results for the Great Northern/Rails Hotels Rams and Wildcats.

With so many familiar faces and new recruits lining up to play for Byron, the Club has entered four teams in this year's Cup - one in the Premier Division, two in the Open A competition and the Wildcats womens team in the B Division of the Callan Macmillan Shield.

The weekend's opening round saw the return of many Byron regulars and the debut of some talented new signings.

Byron's Wildcats womens team hit the ground running with a resounding 8-1 win over Lismore's Rovers Rangers. The Open A - Pool A Rams had a strong opener, but went down 1-0 to a more seasoned Ballina crew.

The Open A – Pool C boys copped a bit of a hiding with a 7–1 loss to a strong Lismore Thistles.

The Great Northern Premier Rams lined up with a



New signing Quinn McDonald made a powerful first impression, scoring with a cracking 30 metre drive.

mix of seasoned Byron campaigners and new signings for 2016. While the team is obviously still in its 'settling in' phase, they did play simple and creative football and outclassed a newly rebuilt Italo Stars 3-1.

Stars opened the scoring with a superbly taken free kick to take an early lead. Byron stalwart Jonathan Pierce opened the scoring for the

Rams moments later to level the score at 1-1. While the experience and cohesion of the Rams regulars was clear, Byron's newbies also acquitted themselves well.

Chris Watts pounced when the Stars' keeper spilled a power drive from Tyson Kaye and drove home his first goal for the Rams and debutante Quinn McDonald blasted home his first with a cracking strike from 30 me-

The next round has the Prems at home in Ewingsdale on Sunday at 4.30pm against Lennox Head. The Wildcats take on Tintenbar/East Ballina in East Ballina at 2.30. The Open A, Pool A Rams meet Richmond Rovers in Lismore at 4.30 while the Pool C boys are off to Nimbin for a 2.30

Campaign for girls to make a move on sport

On Monday a landmark awareness campaign was launched to encourage younger Australian women to 'make your move' after bombshell new research found teenage girls were only half as physically active as their male peers.

The #girlsmakeyourmove promotion will be headed by a series of fresh TV advertising spots plus a social media campaign, featuring girls getting active and involved in physical activities or sports they enjoy.

Minister for health Sussan Ley said the campaign comes on the back of new research showing nearly 60 per cent of girls aged 15-17 reported undertaking little to no exercise or physical activity compared to one-third of boys.

'This campaign was a fun way to encourage young women in their teenage years to build their bodies as they are growing, said Ms Ley. 'It aims to tackle this sliding-door moment in young women's lives when they actually are laying down the foundation for the rest of their lives.

'Physical activity in the teenage years lays down the muscle and bone you need for the rest of your life. It's a unique time as your body develops and the greatest



opportunity to build up strength in later years.

'It will also help us to tackle a serious "epidemic" of diseases and chronic conditions facing this current generation if they do not exercise more.

'The research is telling us around the late primary to early high school age girls first engage in some form of physical activity within peer groups. And if that first experience is not enjoyable the idea of exercise and sport also can become a negative.

'Yet we know, for girls, exercise and physical activity is the number one way to prevent illnesses such as osteoporosis, later in life, which affects almost one quarter of all Australian women aged over 50. And we're doing it by playing physical inactivity at its own game - through inactive pastimes such as social media and TV.

Hidden within the Australian Bureau of Statistic's recent National Health Survey 2014–15 were some disturbing figures for girls aged 15-17 showing:

- · Proportion of girls aged 15-17 years reporting no or low exercise levels (55.9%) was much higher than boys (38.3%).
- Less than half (44%) of girls aged 15-17 years were undertaking moderate or high levels of physical activity compared to 62 per cent of boys.
- More than twice the number of boys aged 15-17 years than girls report high exercise levels (36.7% and 15.3% respectively).

Ms Ley said there were a number of reasons why girls may be inactive, including lack of time, low confidence in their ability and a fear of being judged. 'I've been a teenage girl, and there's everything from pimples, periods and other puberty blues through to trying to look cool and fit in, in your decision making when it comes to playing sport and exercising.

'When you're a boy, it's cool to be a sports hero and get all sweaty and dirty. I want girls to get that message too.

'It doesn't have to be intense exercise or even joining a

FNC life savers head to state

Far north coast junior life savers are state bound

A committed group of junior life savers from across the far north coast will take on the best surf athletes NSW has to offer when the NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships get underway on the central coast later this week.

From Friday, almost 3,000 competitors aged between nine and 14 will hit the waves as they battle it out in events including beach sprint, swimming, ski paddling, board racing and ironman.

It promises to be a barnstorming three days of competition as the best young lifesavers vie for medals and the chance to write their names into the history of the largest surf carnival of its type in Australia.

Almost 40 representatives from seven far north coast clubs will make the trip south.

Byron Bay SLSC and Cudgen Headland SLSC will be fielding the largest teams with 10 and 18 competitors respectively, while Lennox Head, Yamba, Brunswick, Cabarita Beach, and Ballina SLSC will all be fielding teams.

The State Champs will be a highlight of the competitive season for these youngsters, many who are full of confidence after a highly successful Country Championships campaign at South West Rocks last month.

Among those who will make the trip are Hayley

Smith (Cudgen Headland), who won silver in the U13 Board in 2013, and Tex Hembrow and Leilani Carter, both of Byron Bay, who are also hoping to come home with medals again this season.

Other athletes to watch out for are Paige Leishman (Byron Bay), who enjoyed a highly successful time at Country Championships, and will be lining up in the U14s, Joey and Elizabeth Warne (Cudgen Headland) and Jorden, Malik and Yasmin Elabbasi, and Kalani Ives all from Yamba SLSC.

NSW Surf Sports manager Rob Pidgeon expects that the 2016 State Champs will be a memorable experience for all the athletes, officials, volunteers, and spectators who make the trip.

'The State Championships are always eagerly anticipated by our young members, who will be looking forward to testing themselves against the best competitors from around the state in a diverse range of events, Mr Pidgeon said.

'They will also get to experience firsthand the camaraderie that life saving is famous for, and this will, we hope, encourage them to stay involved in life saving. Many of our long-serving members still look back fondly at their time competing at the State Champs and other surf carnivals, and all of the current competitors will be looking to add to this rich history.

'Personal' year for Mick Fanning

Sydney AAP

Three-time world champion, Tweed's Mick Fanning, plans to compete part-time in this year's World Surf League but he will return to the scene of his shark attack.

The 34-year-old will contest the first two events in Australia - at Snapper Rocks in Queensland and Bells Beach in Victoria - before skipping some others throughout the season as he makes 2016 a personal year.

Fanning was left feeling 'empty' after a tumultuous 2015, during which he split from his wife, survived a shark attack in competition at Jeffreys Bay in South Africa and learned of his older

brother Peter's death while vying for the world title at the season-ending event in Hawaii, which he narrowly lost.

'Last year was definitely intense... I got to a point at the end of the year where I felt empty, Fanning said.

'I didn't feel like I had much to give back.'

After some time away, Fanning said he would take stock to assess his emotions.

However he expects to return Jeffreys Bay to confront the demons of last year's great white shark attack during the 2015 final, which was televised live and watched worldwide.

'I feel like there's something there that I want to go and face, I want to make sure that I scratch that off the list.'

team. Even moderate gentle exercise reduces your risk of cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes, colon cancer, obesity and even just minor injuries.

'Regular forms of activity also help manage stress, alleviate depression and anxiety, strengthen self-esteem, enhance mood and boost mental alertness.'

Ms Ley said the campaign would be available online to view and download at australia.gov.au/girlsmove.

Community at work

On The Horizon

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BHPA meeting

Brunswick Heads Progress Association meeting on 7 March commencing 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads: focus on draft development plans for the Boat Harbour precinct. Visitors welcome.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Next meeting at the RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby, at 10am on 8/3/16. Diana Hart will speak on Lesser-Known English Gardens. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350

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Suffolk dune care

Suffolk Park Dune Care Saturday 5 March at 8.30am at the beach end of Macgregor St, Tuckeroo Estate. Phone Helen on 6685 4964.

Byron Market

Butler St Reserve, 8am-3pm. Be entertained by Broadfoot, Rob Csokas and Dinkum Bohos. Please leave dogs

Orchid news

See our beautiful orchids and learn about what to do to get your best spring display at Byron District Orchid Society meeting on Monday March 14 at 7pm at Ewingsdale Hall. Enquiries Penny 6680 1600.

U₃A Brunswick Valley Tues 8 March, 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal give an insight to the history of the Brunswick Heads Surf Club. Phone

St, Brunswick Heads. Ray Linabury will

Friendship Morning Tea

Ladies Friendship Morning Tea in the Brunswick Uniting Church Hall on Wednesday 8 March,10am-12. All ladies welcome. Contact 6685 1487.

Inspired Women

Weekly Women's Inspire and Creative Networking group for the over-50s and beyond. Small contribution welcome. Ph Mariana 0430 175 923 for details.

Bridal fair

Bangalow Rotary Bridal & Events Fair Sunday 3 April, 10am-3pm, A&I Hall, Bangalow. Presented by Rotary Club of Summerland Sunrise. Enq Bev 0419

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Jiddu Krishnamurti, religious philosopher, author and educator, DVD (with subtitles) presented by Gerald Reardon, Thursday 3 March, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia

ADFAS Byron Bay

The Best Photographs of the 20th Century, presented by Paul Harris (UK), 7 March, A&I Hall, Station Street, Bangalow. Doors open 6pm prior to the lecture at 6.3opm. Guests welcome (\$25 including a welcome drink and a light supper afterwards).

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience weekend on 13–15 May at Arabella Garden Inn Motel in Wollongbar. Personal-encounter weekend for those who grieve the loss of a partner through separation, divorce or death. Bookings Judy 6624 1549, Jan 6624 5175 or 0437 112 031, or visit www.belismore.org.au.

BPA meeting

Bangalow Progress Association will meet on Thursday 3 March in Heritage House at 5.30pm. Members and new members welcome

New Spiritual Horizons

Fun and free community energy healing, meditation and sharing, 6pm on Tuesday 8 and 15 March, Heartspace,

12.15pm at the Brunswick Heads Bowl-

ing Club. All welcome. Info: Silvia Van Rossum 6676 3720.

Byron Girls Group

A fun, creative and supportive group for girls aged 12–18 every Wednesday 4–6pm at the Byron Youth Service. Contact Lotte 0490 026 840 for details.

Bay Community Singers

Bay Community Singers is a singalong group for seniors and anyone else who likes to sing. Mondays, Byron Community Centre, 10.30-11.30am. Entry by donation. 0417 277 211, info@ raisetheroofsinging.com.

Nature Walk

A two hour walk with Eugene around the Brunswick river talking about the flora and fauna of the area, identifying edible plants of our region, 9.30 sharp every Thursday morning leaving from the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood centre. Must wear closed shoes, hat, sun/insect screen

ManTime

Calling all fellas who as a boy or man went on a Pathways, Making Men or Men₂B Rite of Passage camp: weekly Monday night men's group 7–9.30pm at the CWA Hall Mullum. Email mantime.mullum@gmail.com or call Karim 0403 755 192

Town Choir

Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Carers Community Group

Presented by Womens Health Forum 2nd Thursday of each month 1-2.30pm Ewingsdale Hall. Info: Yasmin 0437 886 424, whfcareresgroup@gmail.com.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors The Community Art Gallery (Gallery at the Drill Hall) is open every Tues &Thurs 10am-2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am-4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale. The Drill Hall Complex, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum. potters@yahoo.com.au

Mystery talks

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above Santos, Mullumbimby. Ph Bridge 0431 691 562

WHAT meeting

Are you or someone you know deaf or hearing impaired? WHAT (When Hearing At Times) will host its first meeting about hearing loss on Monday 7 March 6.30-8pm in the downstairs back room at 104 Stuart Street, Mullumimby.

Volunteers needed

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre call-out to people interested in volunteering to facilitate gentle exercise, movement, yoga etc groups run from the centre. Call Clinton 0429 841 816 to discuss.

SGBCA AGM

South Golden Beach Community Association AGM Friday 11 March at 11.30am at SGB Community Centre. Renewals and new membership applications will be processed prior to the meeting. See www.southgoldenbeach.com for further information.

Book fair

Friends of Libraries Byron are collecting books for their annual Book Fair to be held 9 & 10 April at the Surf Club. Donations needed. Phone Beryl Main 0449 680 665, 6685 3030 or email byronbayfol@gmail.com.

Soul food gatherings

Soul food gatherings are held every second month in Mullumbimby. This month the theme will mark International Women's Day at 11am on Sunday 6 March at the Yellow Church, 9 Myocum Street, Mullumbimby. Info: 1300 854 814 or facebook.com/byronbahaisoulfood.

VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club lunch meeting Thursday 10 March at Mullumbimby RSL at 10.30am. Apologies to Rae 0427 103 072 by Monday 7 March.

Mungo's Crossword N114

ACROSS

- 9. Making heavy weather of Iran! (4.5)
- 10. Alternatively, the German system (5)
- 11. Character of the physical world (6)
- 12. The Scorpion, perhaps and a rich
- 13. Glue a large light shade! (6)
- 18. English following the cricket venue can be a traditional Australian aid to sleep (8)
- 21. Merman is covering the matter, a
- 23. Soldier comes back to John's houses (6)
- flower of India (5)
- 27. Yankee girl bounding going flat
- trip (7,8)

- 1. Unfairly assigns the blame back to the vegetable (7)
- Constructed only about 49 (5)
- 3. One with opposite directions requiring action for rebel (9)
- 5. A royal majesty cares desperately
- for the military build up (4,4) 6. A hundred and one holy books -
- saint rises, impassive (5)
- 8. Trends in public opinion about God
- produce vehement speeches (7)
- 14. Meal at the pigs' swill (9)
- 16. Oasis or Kata Juta? (4,5)
- 20. Sniff queer bouquet (7)
- 22. Hairstyle for a star unusual (5)
- tree (5)
- 25. Clumsily utter an insult (4)

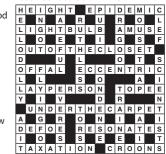
Quick Clues ACROSS

- 1. Busses, trains, trams etc (6,9)
- 9. Downpour, squall (4,5) 10. Command, edict (5)
- 11. Personal traits, characteristics (6)
- 12. Spider, scorpion or mite (8)
- 13. Light or delicate colour (6)
- 15. Egg-shaped wind instruments (8)
- 18. Bedtime drink, taken with warm milk (8)
- 19. Protect, hide (6) 21. Flimsy, tenuous (8)
- 23. Inuit houses (6)
- 26. National flower of India (5) 27. Running like a horse (9)
- 28. Personal possessions, what belongs to an individual (7,8)

DOWN

- 1. Root vegetable (7) 2. Constructed, erected (5)
- 3. Rebel, invader (9)
- 4. Implement, instrument (4)
- Contest between nations to secure
- superior weapons (4,4) 6. Impassive, unyielding (5)
- 7. Decree or sacrament (9)
- 8. Diatribes, denunciations (7) 14. Type of pasta (9)
- 16. Band such as the Rolling Stones (4,5)
- 17. Enmesh, tie up (8) 18. Cover, with a bit extra (7)
- 20. Posy, bouquet of flowers (7)
- 22. Jamaican cultist (abbrev) (5)
- 24. Willow tree (5)
- 25. Insult, disparage (4)

Last week's solution N113



Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Come and chat, enjoy a

morning tea in the hall. All welcome.

Discussion group

Byron Market Sunday 6 March at the

U3A Brunswick Valley

cuppa, the company and your craft. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history. Bangalow Museum & Tea Room open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please

contact the museum 6687 2183.

Drug support groups Call Alcoholics Anonymous 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. Confidential meetings in Byron Bay 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, upstairs at 75 Jonson Street (stairs beside Westpac Bank). Phone Jane 0410 494 933. Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666

www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

U3A discussion group U3A over-50 discussion group Thursdays 10am in Mullumbimby Ex-

Services Club.

Bay Singers The Bay Singers (BB Community Choir) meets Mondays 10.30-11.30am at the Community Centre each week. More

info: easwain@bigpond.com. **Quota Club**

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

Spanish conversation

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

men's groups on different nights in

both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk

Men's Groups Complete Men has regular fortnightly

0422 508 533.

End-of-life choices Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. Phone Elaine 55808215

Repair Cafe

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

to advise how it might be done. **Rainbow Dragons Abreast**

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@gmail.com.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. More information

President Joan Towers 0400 484 419. Free Yoga Nidra

Every Tuesday in Ocean Shores,

Low-cost food Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. C3 Care

Byron Bay Food Care - log on to

2-2.45pm. Contact Heidi 0426 977 575.

www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

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

Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanon-

ymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Liberation Larder

Volunteers needed for new dinner service every Mon from 4.45 - 6.45pm. There is also a variety of other roles. Please contact Helen Hamilton on 0439 409 655 or visit www.liberationlarder.org.au or our Facebook page.

Bridge Club

Byron FLEA

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Cres-

from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young

cent) 2nd Saturday of every month

people. Call Lotte 0490 026 840.

Cryptic Clues

- 1. Car pop blurt isn't needed use

- crook (8)
- 15. Wind instruments for small sheilas?
- 19. Protection discerned about credit
- very tenuous concept (8)
- 26. America follows the fate of the
- out! (9) 28. You own it - make voter pay per
- 4. John, time's up for the instrument (4)
- 7. Command one to infiltrate the artillery! (9)
- 17. Tie up specialist viewpoint (8) 18. Bowler's task: circle to cover! (7)
- 24. Very large, that is right for a willow







Sixties with a cardboard Kombi framing a display highlighting the books, music, film and fashion of the times. You might even catch a librarian in a retro miniskirt

or dancing the Watusi...

What do you want to happen/be improved at Cape Byron? More light shows on the lighthouse? Better walking tracks? National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is intending to put a master plan on public exhibition in April and May and is looking for feedback to npws. byroncoast@environment. nsw.gov.au. Read more about the state conservation area at http://bit.ly/CapeByron.

Further to our story last week on Cape Byron Steiner School ramping its solar system up to 30kW with the assistance of Sunbeam Solar, we are told that before the school connected to the grid Keith Dunstone with Neil Smith installed the first solar system there. 'Keith ran Sunranger Solar in Mullumbimby, the first alternative power company in this area, from 1989 to 2000, our informant says. Rainbow Power Company over in Nimbin was incorporated in 1987.

A reminder for those who missed it that Mullumbimby's *Madness – The Legacy of the*

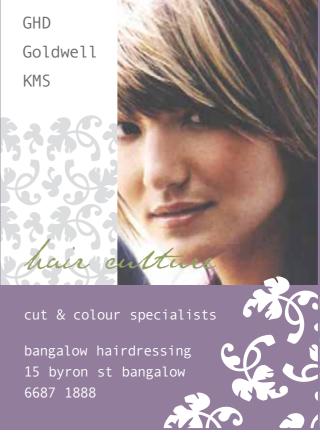
Hippies is showing at the Ex-Services Club Mullumbimby on Saturday March 5. Doors open at 6.30pm, screening at 7.30pm, and Broadfoot is playing live prior to the screening. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 each - no concession, no bookings.

Question Time in federal parliament reached Pythonesque heights last week when two Labor MPs were ejected for taunting treasurer Scott Morrison with a toy unicorn. Not quite as silly as Morrison selling off the farm to the Chinese dairy industry. There's obviously a need in Byron Shire for taunting-byunicorn workshops.

The Guardian reports that the 'Stoner Sloth' advertising campaign cost the NSW government \$350,000 and took 265 public servant work hours to pull together - they must've been stoned! But think of all the children it saved from being seduced by the devil weed. ---

Oh, nothing... just an ear made with Van Gogh's DNA: http://bit.ly/VGear.





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