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## Memories of Fukushima, five years on

Zen master Hougen San explains his philosophy on how to deal with Fukushima. Photo Jeff Dawson

**Harsha Prabhu**

It's now been five years since Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster, which to this day is still surrounded in secrecy regarding the cleanup effort and the extension of ongoing massive radioactive leaks into the ocean.

The 2011 magnitude-9 tsunami generated waves of around 3.4 metres, which travelled at speeds of around 800km/h from its epicentre.

While more than 18,000 people died from the waves' impact, it also unleashed one of the worst nuclear disasters in history when reactors were damaged. Five years on, more than 1,000 square kilometres of villages, mountains and forests remain out of bounds.

A people's gathering was held at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market on Friday, which included members

of the rainbow region's Japanese community with babies in tow.

The oldest was 80-year-'young' Zen master Hougen San.

He told the gathering he predicted the disaster and left his country 20 years ago to move to Australia.

'You know how serious this nuclear disaster is. I would like to shed light on a different point.'

### Considered a blessing

He then proceeded to turn the gathering into a Zazen session by suggesting the event could be instead considered a blessing.

'We need not just information. We need direct experience [and] discovery of this miracle of "now".'

'Otherwise we go on habitually and senselessly till the end. Without the discovery of this miracle of "now" all life is meaningless, [it's] just habits,

which also produce disaster in our daily lives. It's not just Fukushima.'

Activist Saya Minami told the group the Japanese government recently stopped supporting and compensating evacuees and cancelled the evacuation instructions, forcing evacuees to return to the contaminated area. She said, 'The subject of "radiation" is culturally very sensitive in Japan. Many people have decided to live normally and not worry about radiation...'

'Everyone should have the right to live healthily and safely on this earth. And it's a basic right as a human to protect our children. Nuclear power destroys our basic right to life.'

Saya told the group they can help by assisting her friend Taeko in Fukushima, who is on the frontline.

The Fukushima Kids project is at [www.pozible.com/project/203537](http://www.pozible.com/project/203537).

## Foreign ownership interest tested

**Luis Feliu & Hans Lovejoy**

With the recent purchase by Chinese investors of four large macadamia farms in the Dunoon area, *The Echo* asked local Richmond MP Justine Elliot (Labor) and Greens candidate for the upcoming election, Dawn Walker, their views on foreign ownership.

Owing to the upcoming vote on the Nationals preselection, both candidates – Matthew Fraser and Carolyn Byrne – are understandably unable to comment until a candidate is announced.

### FIRB approves \$18m maca farms sale

So what was sold? Totalling 380 hectares with around 130,000 trees, four farms were approved for sale by the federal government under its 'national interest test', which is headed by the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB).

*The Echo* understands Chinese investment group Discovery paid around \$18 million for the properties and that the Dunoon farms were previously owned by a US corporation.

A spokesman for the new owner told the ABC north coast radio last week that it would 'not make sense to bring in workers from overseas to manage the farms, as Australian farms were already highly-mechanised and efficient.'

Page electorate MP, Kevin Hogan (Nationals) told *The Echo* that all purchases of agricultural land, including on the north coast, that were over the \$15 million limit 'have

gone through the 'National Interest Test' and have been approved by the Foreign Investment Review Board as it exceeded the foreign investment threshold of \$15 million.

He said the Nationals at the last election 'took a commitment to lower the foreign investment threshold from \$250m to \$15m.'

'This is the level that the Foreign Investment Review Board investigate foreign purchases of land. They determine whether it is in the national interest or not. I am very disappointed Labor wants to increase this threshold to \$50 million,' he said.

The Australian Macadamia Society's CEO Jolyn Burnett also told ABC that about 10 per cent of macadamia farms are foreign owned and it is not concerned about any increase in that trend.

### Investment needed

So where does Labor stand? Richmond's Justine Elliot told *The Echo*, 'Australia's agriculture sector has huge opportunities to take advantage of demand for Australia's clean, green food products.'

'Our farm sector needs investment so these opportunities can be realised. Investment is good for jobs, prosperity and sustainability in regional communities like ours. That is why Labor will get the balance right between attracting investment and protecting the national interest.'

'I'll keep fighting for investment that delivers local jobs. That's the first, second and third test that should be applied to any foreign

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**Byron goes nude pedalling**  
About 150 skin clad cyclists made Byron's World Nude Bike Ride a huge success last Sunday. Pictured are four mermaids, who with the help of artist and cetacean activist Howie Cooke, made a serious point about the devastating effects of plastics in our oceans. Photo Jeff Dawson

**Lennox local knocks out heavyweight Kelly Slater**



Lennox Head underdog Stu Kennedy stormed through his second round face-off with Kelly Slater on the Gold Coast on Sunday morning to end Slater's Quiksilver Pro hopes. Photo Jeff Dawson

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**Tourism summit**  
Pictured at The Farm are Pam Brook (Brookfarm), Tom Lane (The Farm) and Jane Laverty (Council staff), who attended a local government tourism conference last week. The aim was to see how local government can embrace the changing tourism landscape and make a significant contribution to new tourism products. Photo Jeff Dawson

**Irene goes under the blade**



Irene Pearce, 70, had her hair shaved by Kate Govett at the Billinudgel Pub last Friday for Leukaemia research. For more visit [www.worldsgreatestshave.com](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com). Photo Jeff Dawson

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**The foreign ownership interest tested**

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The Echo also asked Greens candidate Dawn Walker for her views. She said, 'Foreign investment is important for Australia, but in an age of global warming and food insecurity, Australia needs to track purchases of our food-producing land and water, and make sure that those purchases are in the national interest.'

'Australia is one of the countries being targeted by foreign buyers to secure their nation's own food security.'

'Keeping control of our

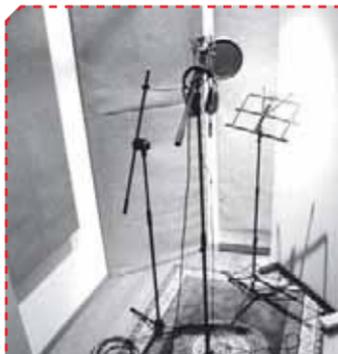
prime agricultural land and water resources is critical to maximising our own resilience and providing exports to the global market.'

Ms Walker said her party supported legislation to lower the threshold to \$15m, but would have liked it lowered to \$5 million. 'There is also the requirement that foreign entities declare any ownership of Australian agricultural land on the Australian Tax Office Agricultural Land Register regardless of the land value.'

It's important to note that these laws have exceptions

which apply to Australia's trade agreement partners, including, among many, the USA, Japan, China and Korea.

'Of note, a whopping near \$1.1 billion-dollar threshold applies to Chilean, New Zealand and US investors, and a \$50 million threshold applies to Singaporean and Thai investors. These thresholds are not cumulative. Because of these exceptions, trade agreements such as the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) threaten to weaken Australia's existing foreign-investment framework'



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## Former MP heads RDA

Retired Ballina MP Don Page has been appointed as the new chair of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Northern Rivers committee.

Mr Page held the seat of Ballina as a Nationals MP for more than 25 years, and was also NSW minister for local government.

NSW minister for regional development, Fiona Nash (Nationals), said that the RDA committees played a key role in growing stronger regions across the nation and ensuring that all three tiers of government worked together.

Meanwhile, NSW shadow minister for the north coast, Walt Secord, put a press release out describing the appointment as a 'job for a mate.'



**Open for business**  
The Brunswick Picture House is planning a big opening on Easter weekend, with the cafe opening on Thursday March 24, then entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The mixed arts venue, with an adjoining cafe, will host live theatre, kids' shows, circus performances and classic films. Pictured are the crew that made it happen: Hamish McCormic, Guy Kable, Brett Haylock, Sue Simpson and the dog in the cocktail glass, Vegas. For more visit [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com) or their Facebook page. Photo Jeff 'Dogs Make Great Lampshades' Dawson

## Paid parking revenue tops \$500k

Staff reporters

What business wouldn't be happy about netting \$500,000 in cash?

Byron Shire Council has announced that's how much its controversial parking meters have collected in the short time they've been in place.

And that's despite the fact that four-hour and all-day meters were not installed until after the Christmas-New Year peak.

While users still argue about whether the meters are a good or bad thing for Byron, at least they won't have to scramble for change any longer: the council has announced the machines will now accept credit cards.

Council's general manager Ken Gainger said it was 'a relief to finally have this facility available as it has been quite inconvenient to the community to have to access the volume of coins required for

parking machines, particularly in the four-hour and all-day parking areas.'

Mr Gainger thanked the community for their patience and, in particular, 'Byron Bay business operators who have been inundated with requests for change to feed the meters.'

### Income, not fines

Mr Gainger responded to a few *Echo* questions, including: 'Is there a breakdown available on how much of that \$500,000 is fines versus ticket revenue?'

He replied, 'The \$500,000 referred to is solely related to meter or ticket income generated since the meters were operational and not related to fines.'

A budgeted annual net revenue of \$2m from 2016/17 is predicted, he said, and Council 'is on track to achieve this.'

As for the machines themselves, Mr Gainger says Council 'pays a monthly lease fee to the leasing company.'

'Council, in accepting the tender for the paid parking meters, did not purchase the meters outright but took up the option of an operating lease that covered the meters and maintenance over a five-year period.'

When asked, 'Of the \$500,000, is that net or gross?' he replied, 'The quoted \$500,000 is not net, but was a gross figure of income received at the time it was included in the media release.'

### Chamber replies

As for businesses affected, Byron Chamber of Commerce vice-president Bjorn Peterson told *The Echo* the chamber, 'continues to seek feedback from local businesses and members of the public regarding the impact of the introduction of paid parking.'

'Preliminary results of the online survey suggest mixed outcomes for local businesses, with some in the CBD ex-

periencing a slight downturn in patronage, while others are enjoying increased turnover owing to customers being better able to readily access parking in town.

'The chamber will continue to work with Council, community stakeholders and business in order to achieve the best results for businesses and locals.'

The chamber's paid parking survey is still online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQ635SR](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQ635SR).

### Market replies

And how are the markets dealing with paid parking?

Acting Byron market manager Majida Steinfeld says that there has been no noticeable downturn or negative comments from stallholders, but it was also 'too early to tell.'

Ms Steinfeld also suggested that this time of year is generally quieter for markets.

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## Masterplan community presentation March 18

The community are invited to attend a Byron Bay Town Centre Draft Masterplan community presentation session at the Byron Bay Community Centre Theatre on Friday March 18.

Council staff say two session times are available: 2pm and 5.30pm. Registrations can be via email at [economicdevelopment@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:economicdevelopment@byron.nsw.gov.au), or register at the door prior to the session time.

Masterplan consultants McGregor Coxall will be pre-

senting the draft masterplan and there will be a Q&A session. Staff say, 'This is a great opportunity to get inside the plan, understand how the community input was developed into the key strategies, ask questions and participate with feedback.'

The draft plan is available at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) or the project website: [www.byronbayourplan.com.au](http://www.byronbayourplan.com.au), which also includes the project report and other materials.

## YAC cuts the cake for 21



Those on hand to celebrate 21 years of outstanding service to the young people of Byron Shire on Saturday were Deb Pearse, Lotte Boer, cake cutter Jan Barham, Niqui Yazdi and Rosalie Bryant with her grandson Salty. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Happy birthday Circus Arts



The family that ran off to the circus: Belinda Hultgren with her family, Ty, Halo, Jax and husband Ted celebrated ten years of Circus Arts this week. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Shark Spotters in town

While the NSW government recently rolled out its shark listening station for tagged sharks in Lennox Head, another small team will be in Ballina on Thursday March 17 to explain their model: Shark Spotting.

Based in Cape Town in South Africa, the group aims

'to balance the needs of both people and white shark conservation by proactively reducing the interaction and conflict between recreational water users and sharks.'

All are welcome to meet at the dunes on Shelly Beach, Ballina on Thursday March 17 from 6.30pm.

## Marine debris campaign launched

Locally based non-profit-organisation Positive Change for Marine Life (PCFML) have launched a Marine Debris Challenge across Australia and overseas.

Co-ordinator Karine Rasool says the project aims to

mitigate the impacts of marine debris through locally led education programs, beach clean-ups and awareness events over a seven week period.

PCFML will meet at Main Beach this Saturday March 19 from 8.30am. All are welcome.

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- 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
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# The next politically savvy gen

Student Representative Council (SRC) members from Main Arm School are now responsible for portfolios, with roles including ministers for communication, technology, the environment, the arts, sport and social justice.

Special guests for the induction were mayor Simon Richardson and Mullumbimby High School principal Donna Pearson.

Mr Tranberg, who teaches the senior class at Main Arm School said, "The competition for positions this year was very strong with some excellent speeches from all students."

"To hold a position is a great honour and we know the students will do their very best."



The Student Representative Council have created ministerial portfolios. They are pictured with the school's Mr Tranberg and Mullumbimby High School principal, Donna Pearson.

## Action and funding called for as suicide rates climb

Chris Dobney

Lifeline Northern Rivers has joined its nationwide counterparts to call for increased funding for suicide prevention following the release of ABS statistics showing that the number of deaths by suicide is more than double the road toll.

And while there has been a 25 per cent decrease in the number of motor vehicle deaths over the past 10 years, the number of suicides has increased significantly.

In 2014, 2,864 people took their own lives in Australia – almost eight per day and an increase of almost 13.5 per cent from 2013.

Lifeline Northern Rivers

counselling centre manager Niall Mulligan says while there are many reasons people take the fateful decision, disconnection from community is a common theme.

### Grafton hotspot

He told *The Echo*, 'Government funding for suicide prevention, we would argue, is not currently at the level that is required. Undoubtedly extra funding would allow services to focus on towns, such as Grafton, that are having an unexpectedly high number of suicides,' Mr Mulligan said.

Government funding for suicide prevention is half that for road safety and one of the biggest problems for NGOs trying to tackle suicide is the lack of funding available.

- To sign Lifeline's petition, visit [prevent-suicide.lifeline.org.au/sign](http://prevent-suicide.lifeline.org.au/sign).

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

## Ballina rejects coastal works

Coastal protection works comprising a dry rock revetment (rock) wall on private properties at North Creek was rejected by Ballina Councillors at their last meeting, held February 25.

The minutes of the meeting say that it was refused 'due to the lack of suitable and legally binding public access along the foreshore being provided to satisfy the provision of the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*, State Environmental Planning Policy No. 71 Coastal Protection and NSW Coastal Policy.'

Ballina councillors who voted against the refusal were

Jeff Johnson and Paul Worth.

Cr Johnson told *The Echo* that around two years ago, Council amended its LEP to allow coastal protection works for the area, which he also voted against.

'These are the only four houses along a stretch that don't have a wall,' he said.

'Now they have the LEP amendment, they came to Council [to approve the wall], but Council wanted them to allow public access on the private land.'

'The other councillors got us into this mess, and now those residents are taking Council to court over it.'

## Man killed in Banora Point crash

A 58-year-old man was killed and a woman injured after a two-vehicle crash at Banora Point last week.

Police say that around 8.25pm on Wednesday, emergency services were called to the M1, at the turnoff to Fingal Head, following reports of a collision involving two cars.

The woman driver of the

second vehicle was taken to Tweed Hospital where she was reported to be in a stable condition.

The two drivers were the only occupants of the vehicles.

Tweed/Byron Local Area Command officers are investigating and are appealing for witnesses to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Boomerang fest fundraising dinner planned for March 18

A collaboration between the Three Blue Ducks (restaurant at The Farm), Harvest Cafe and Boomerang festival will result in a fundraising dinner on March 18 at Coorabell Hall.

Harvest's Jessica Howard says, 'Collectively the chefs, bar staff, event and marketing staff from both restaurants have been working tirelessly to bring together the first of

what will be an annual event.'

The dinner aims to raise funds for the Boomerang festival, which had its funding recently cut by the federal coalition government.

### Business support

She says, 'Other local businesses that have come together to support this cause include Maria from Frank

& Joy, Maria from Blossom Hunter, as well as production and filming professionals.'

Canapés will be served upon arrival, and the evening will include a three-course dinner with all beverages included. It starts at 6.30pm and includes live entertainment.

To book a ticket, visit <https://events.bizzabo.com/boomerang>.

# The Shorten show razzles Lismore

Story & photos Darren Coyne

Bill Shorten, Labor's hope of wresting the prime minister's mantle from Malcolm Turnbull, was in Lismore on Friday, working hard portraying himself as a man of the people.

And being a man for the people appears not to be for the paparazzi – after a marathon two hour public Q&A, there were just five minutes set aside for local media.

Flanked by Labor's Richmond MP Justine Elliot and former Page MP and current candidate Janelle Saffin, Mr Shorten showered the faith-



Labor leader Bill Shorten



Labor Page candidate Janelle Saffin



Labor's Richmond MP Justine Elliot

ful and curious with plattitudes, including the description of Lismore voters as 'politically aware'.

Issues covered included the National Disability Insur-

ance Scheme, climate change policy and mining, renewable energy, refugees and free trade agreements.

Mr Shorten then promised to adopt an old-style approach of electioneering by engaging with voters at town hall-style meetings where all questions would be welcomed.

He also said, 'Nine out of the ten poorest electorates are held by the National Party, which says a lot.'

It's a claim that was made by National's leader Barnaby Joyce and supported by ABC's *Fact Checker*.



Nannas promote equal opportunity when annoying those who make silly laws.

Mr Shorten said at another point, 'If you want a fighter then you should always be on side with the underdog.'



# Busting the medicinal cannabis myths

Emily Pierce

The recent legalisation of medicinal cannabis by the federal government may give hope to sufferers of cancer, but it appears, so far, the intention is only to assist epileptic children.

But what about epileptic adults like myself? Having struggled with drug-resistant epilepsy for years, I enquired about being involved in the trial but received a blunt response from NSW Health: 'It's only for kids and it's still in the very early stages.'

Epilepsy is not a 'one size fits all' condition; seizures affect everyone differently with some lasting hours untreated, and days are needed for recovery. Others can recover fully

from a seizure within minutes.

Likewise, medicinal cannabis is also not a 'one size fits all' treatment. When asked, doctors are generally hesitant to talk about medicinal cannabis.

Not only will it become a new treatment method for mainstream medicine; it brings with it negative drug connotations.

## Misinformation

And here's where the misinformation must be corrected: there are two dominant molecular compounds found in cannabis.

Writing for the The North American Industrial Hemp Council ([www.naihc.org](http://www.naihc.org)), Dr David West says, 'One type of

cannabis is high in the psychoactive cannabinoid, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), and low in the antipsychoactive cannabinoid, CBD. This type is popularly known as marijuana [Note: CBD is also known as cannabidiol].

He adds, 'Another type is high in CBD and low in THC. Variants of this type are called industrial hemp.'

But CBD hemp is also known to contain the medicinal component; *Business Insider* reported on March 1 that, 'CBD is the non-psychoactive cannabinoid which is said to have positive health benefits without the intoxicating effect of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).'

According to federal health

minister Susan Ley, every state will need to legalise cannabis separately for this to work and NSW Health say it's five years away. This is despite positive clinical trials elsewhere.

And questions remain over how it will be dispensed and whether long-term pioneers of medicinal cannabis will be pushed out by large corporations favoured by governments. Suggestions that it become legal to have a few backyard plants – as in South Australia – appears not the priority of the state government.

NSW premier Mike Baird recently said: 'We do not want patients or carers having to play pharmacist.'

■ Emily Pierce is doing work experience at *The Echo*.

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## Stumbling on melons

While I would not always go as far as the Dread Pirate Roberts in *The Princess Bride* to say that 'Life is pain, Highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something', it is likely that much of modern frenetic activity is built around someone trying to shift product, from armaments to superfoods.

Resist this urge, I say. Too much busyness, the need to achieve, to rush headlong into greater headlongness has put us on the path to doom – that, and faulty amygdalae in psychopaths (<http://bit.ly/psychmyg>).

Consider the snail. It neither toils nor spins, but it leaves a lovely silvery glittering track wherever it goes. It has become a symbol of the slowness movement, first inspired by Carlo Petrini's slow food jaunt. It has brought about great temples of learning such as the World Institute of Slowness, whose website takes forever to load.

In an almost-effort to further the almost-aims of slowness, I recently joined the International Institute Of Not Doing Much ([slowdownnow.org](http://slowdownnow.org)) based in Crumpetworthy Hall in Rompsire. The organisation requires very little of its members, as one should expect. It offers badges such as 'Multitasking is a moral crime' but I couldn't be bothered buying one. It does have the attraction of a Mistress of Languid Studies.

Andrew Marvell (1621–78), the bloke after whom one of the Bay's streets is named, started off worrying about 'Time's winged chariot hurrying near' but gave up that caper when he got out into the garden, where he found – as do all us slow people – that 'The nectarine and curious peach/ Into my hands themselves do reach;/ Stumbling on melons as I pass,/ Ensnar'd with flow'rs, I fall on grass.'

There's the whole day taken care of right there.

– Michael McDonald

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### CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The Candidates tournament to find a challenger for World Champion Magnus Carlsen began on Friday in Moscow but the drama began well before the first pawn was pushed.

Out of the blue, the organisers of the tournament, AGON, announced it would take legal action against any web site or journalist broadcasting the moves of the game until two hours after the game had finished.

AGON's action, backed by the world body FIDE, is an attempt to drive all traffic to their official web site. This site should be able to offer top quality commentary with the many advantages of being on site, but too often at FIDE tournaments this has not been a priority, with the result that chess fans have migrated to their favourite commentators on sites such as Chess24.com and ICC.

Equally importantly, if allowed to reproduce the moves, each country can set up commentary in their own language.

The response by the lead-

ing web sites, who had already signed up commentators to work throughout the three week tournament, has been rather muted since few chess web sites have the financial clout to take on a body such as AGON in a legal fight.

The exception was the Balkan site chessdom.com who declared they would ignore AGON's threats and publish the moves as they happen.

AGON has hinted that it would be happy to sell the right to the move transmissions – as it has done to Norwegian television station NRK in a multi-year, million kroner deal – but by announcing the ban just days before the Candidates tournament AGON has effectively prevented any negotiations taking place.

Chessdom's attitude may well encourage other web sites to simply ignore AGON but they will risk losing accreditation for any of their representatives among the press in Moscow.

Ultimately AGON's actions will probably result in a massive reduction in the number of fans following their tournament.

The Candidates' games may be viewed from 10pm AEST at the official site [worldchess.com](http://worldchess.com).

## Malcolm sails on past missed opportunities

Malcolm Turnbull should have called his election months ago.

It is easy to say it in hindsight, but passing up the chance to capitalise on the all but universal wave of relief that greeted his ascension was a seriously missed opportunity.

He had every reason, every excuse: all he had to do was to say that while the party room had passed its judgment, he needed a popular mandate from the voters.

And he had his double dissolution triggers ready: the abolition of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation was not an obvious choice, but the establishment of Registered Organisations was a natural: in the absence of the Building and Construction Commission, it was a serious piece of union bashing that could be guaranteed to enrage the ACTU and the ALP.

There was plenty of ammunition; while Dyson Heydon had not yet concluded his findings, there was ample public evidence that could be used to target everyone involved, including Bill Shorten. The employment minister, Michaelia Cash, has since said it would do very nicely for a major campaign issue.

But in any case, in this heady atmosphere the issues would be utterly irrelevant. The event would be all about the endorsement – the celebration – of the new superstar.

Other players would feature as mere extras; Bill Shorten would be lucky to manage a cameo performance as a fall guy.

It would not be entirely flawless – a double dissolution would not necessarily clear out the crossbenchers entirely: that would have to wait until the amending legislation could be finalised and passed ready for next time.

But it would certainly weed out some of the current lot of

recalcitrants, and, given Turnbull's then stratospheric popularity, there was even a chance that it could deliver control of the senate to the coalition.

And, best of all, there was a genuine hope that in the excitement of snap election, a dispirited and disconsolate Tony Abbott might be persuaded to retire – perhaps to the cushy job of High Commissioner to Great Britain.

He would still leave behind him a grumpy rump of conservatives, but in the absence of their flag-bearer they could be dismissed as fringe-dwellers.

A glorious fantasy, and what a contrast to the muddle through which Turnbull and his disillusioned colleagues will now have to navigate.

*Turnbull has every reason to dash to the polls: things are not going well.*

by Mungo MacCallum



It is hard to believe that they have been so unprepared; surely someone within the organisation would have pointed out the relevant dates.

For immutable technical reasons the last day a double dissolution could be called was May 11, which was, as everybody knew (or thought they knew) the day after the budget. And it could not be held until the first Saturday in a July, unless the electoral schedule was overturned and yet another half-senate election was planned for 2017 – an occurrence unattractive to the parliament and the public alike.

But then it got worse: to make sure of securing supply the budget would almost certainly have to be brought forward a week, and if that happened, it would be the clearest possible signal of an election on July 2 – two very long months

away. The long campaign would be nearly unendurable and close to unaffordable.

But there is now every indication that Turnbull is going to inflict it upon us – not yet, of course, but when he gets around to it. And even before it begins, there is much unhappiness within his own ranks, and indeed across the nation.

Turnbull is seeking to bestride the path of righteous inevitability: the Constitution was specifically written to deal with the problem.

If there is legislation rejected by the senate twice over a period of three months, the deadlock can be broken by a double dissolution election followed by a joint sitting of both houses of parlia-

ment to resolve the impasse.

This is true, but it hardly ever happens: there have been double dissolutions aplenty, but only once has the legislative stalemate been passed at a joint sitting, in 1974 by the government of Gough Whitlam.

And Turnbull's argument for a reprise appears particularly feeble: what he trumpets as the vital need to re-establish the Building and Construction Commission has been knocked back once, but has not yet appeared on the notice paper for a second try.

Apparently it was postponed by a deal with the Greens to reform the senate voting system, a far more urgent priority required to eradicate the crossbenchers in time for, you guessed it, a double dissolution. Presumably the ABCC bill will be re-introduced when the senate sits again, and since the only

real opportunity for a vote will be if the parliament is brought back on May 3, the early budget, and the early election, becomes a fait accompli.

Turnbull assures us that this is not a matter of political tactics: it is a political and constitutional necessity, driven by the purest possible motives.

But no-one, not even his closest allies, believes him.

The cynicism is reinforced by his ministers, who keep parroting that they are all working to a budget on May 10, but all are leaving themselves loopholes and get-out clauses: well, the budget will definitely be in May and the election will be in the second half of the year – and really, July isn't all that much earlier than September, is it?

Turnbull has every reason to dash to the polls: things are not going well and could get worse.

The budget and the election will at the very least supply a circuit breaker and perhaps even a fresh start to what has been a hugely disappointing resurrection.

But in the process he has appeared indecisive, mean and tricky and whatever the campaign will be meant to be about – curbing the unions, saving the country from Shorten's reckless agenda, selling what will have to be a pretty wishy-washy budget – the interminable campaign will include mistakes, setbacks and pitfalls.

It will certainly not be the triumphal march that it was meant to be. The government is likely to be returned – first governments almost always are, and although Labor has become competitive, the late resurgence is unlikely to be enough. Turnbull will be vindicated, after a fashion, but he will be even more chastened, and probably even more cautious, than before. How different, how much better, it could have been.

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## State fascism

The NSW Liberal government is tabling a law to outlaw peaceful protest. This is against all democratic, United Nations and moral principles. It is unconstitutional and it is fascism, defined as the collusion of the state and big business.

Armed with this law, police can brutally suppress protesters, jail and heavily fine them. These laws have been passed in other states, in many other countries, and are part of an international corporate stranglehold on the 99 per cent of us who do not benefit from treaties such as the TPP, or degraded environments, or lost democracy.

The law to ban protest is in order to defend the right of the party's financial sponsors, mineral corporations. Fines for unauthorised mining will be reduced to minor amounts.

It is frightening to imagine our state as one in which people and ecological awareness are suppressed. What have we come to?

**Dr Liz Elliott**  
Mullumbimby

## The HL game

I attended and gave evidence to the Legislative Assembly inquiry into holiday letting (HL). Simon Richardson (*Echonetdaily*) is correct in assuming that not much is to be expected from their recommendations, at least not much for councils or those oppressed by this illegal trade.

The holiday-let lobby turned up with seven del-



I took this shot at Billinudgel, with ancient memories of journeying up here in the early 70s in the red cedar carriages of the North Coast Motorail Express, stopping all the way.

I have been told it will cost hundreds of millions of dollars to replace wood sleepers and all the rail bridges between Casino and Murwillumbah. I thought it was essential to

egates to community members' three.

Apart from showing obvious bias, this member of parliament was pushing a very detrimental line for the community and for Council. Self-regulation is a time-honoured method of avoiding responsibility and scrutiny. It has never worked for the community, as clearly demonstrated by the Byron experience.

If adopted it will be used as an excuse to not fund councils, as the compliance authority and the community will be back in Dodge City. It will of course be much cheaper and less troublesome for absentee landlords and multinational letting giants.

HL is now the biggest game in town. It must be controlled by strong legisla-

tion and pay its way. But don't hold your breath.

**Tom Tabart**  
Bangalow

## Why a bypass?

Hang on one red hot minute! The questions begs asking – why is the Butler Street bypass still on the table at all? Blind Freddy himself could see what a remarkable difference the extra lane at the roundabouts heading into town has made. What was once an exasperating traffic snarl has become minimal at worst.

So, what's the plan now, shred through wetlands and upset a myriad of residents and business owners just so the odd Suffolk Park resident can nip up to Sunrise IGA? Not one visitor will use said bypass because of course everyone holidaying here wants

retain the rail easement for when some innovative new transport system replaces trucks.

But with much of the line crossing coastal swampland, the rising sea level over the next couple of hundred years is likely to drown any dreams of ever reinstating the rail.

**Michael Balson**  
Upper Wilsons Creek

to have a good old rubber-neck through town!

I feel common sense is taking a back seat to bureaucratic nonsense. Again. In Byron Shire. Well, colour me surprised.

**Mick Webb**  
Byron Bay

## NBN towers

Many of us who live on a hill in the Byron shire have been approached by the NBN – or will be in the not too distant future. Currently, the decision to erect an NBN tower on private property rests solely with the landowner. The NBN negotiates directly with the landowner and neither party is obliged to consult the community.

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– Lord Byron*

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- Women may think because they spend lots of time *looking after everyone else*, they have to be a rock - ALL of the time!
- We ALL might think others will see us as weak, and think badly of us!

### U don't have to 'tell the world' - just tell \*someone!

My regular S.A. readers will know I've shared a lot of *stuff* publicly, like being sexually assaulted as a teenager, and brushes with depression, loneliness, cancer, heart attack, erectile dysfunction, workaholic and separation. No-one has EVER chosen to use this information against me in any way and...

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it stands, the first you may hear of a tower is once it is erected. By then it's too late.

Diana Sweeney  
Federal

## Racist Echo?

I felt sick when I read the letter of February 24 comparing the practice of renting illegal dwellings in the Shire to what the writer describes as 'nigger huts'. A quick google of the term does not come up with any definition. Only an assortment of racist websites where people of African heritage are denigrated.

I agree with the writer's concerns about unfair rental exchange in the shire. I just don't understand why it was necessary to use such an offensive term to highlight these housing issues.

While this situation is exploitative, comparing it to something as horrific as slavery is insulting to the millions of people kidnapped and kept as slaves to work from dawn to dusk, treated as property, branded and so on during the transatlantic slave trade.

A week later *The Echo* jumps in with an apology assuring people that the use of the word was not in fact racist but used in a historical context, to make a fair point and

Re 'Winter - Homeless' by David Shaw (Letters, March 2)

## Byron Winter - Homeless

This woman's winter is so kind,  
the sea breeze caresses skin - sharpens her mind,  
The town has places for her, somewhere to go,  
No tracks mark her way in freshly mowed meadow.  
Bushman's boots, silk frock - covered in lace,  
her bed tonight, comfy couch or star-studded place.  
Her lullaby, the hum and rumble of waves on sand,  
the chance of food -  
warm nutritious meals from a community's hand

Morgan

so should not cause offence.

Newsflash: If a word is generally used to denigrate another race then it is racist. For this reason it should not have been printed.

Also offensive is a apologist jumping in to defend and whitesplain that the term wasn't meant in an offensive way. Whenever race comes up in the media you can be sure a bunch of white men will jump up to explain away racism.

The only way we will end racism is to call it when we hear it.

Oh, and on a practical note. The rental tribunal is the first step if you are concerned that you are being taken advantage of. If you don't have a lease they will still act on your behalf.

Sharon Gibson  
Mullumbimby

ers who have already paid for parking in the past, via DA approvals and contributions, and over any common sense, ranks alongside the 'peek-a-boo' flasher toilets. We are living in a comedy of which the Pythons would be proud. Swift could base a career on it.

So, what more can possibly be said? I'm stumped. There's only one thing left to do: citizens, dump the lot.

Matt Hartley  
Byron Bay

## Council inquiry

Will anyone join me in insisting on a public inquiry into Byron Shire Council? Councillors may come and go but there is something insidiously wrong with this council.

The questions I raise are:

They are constantly and consistently wasting our money on legal proceedings. Are they harbouring 'friends' in the legal fraternity and keeping them in work?

Why are they consistently and constantly crying poor, when it has come to light that they don't need to amalgamate with another council because their finances are healthy and in order?

If our finances are in such a good condition, why have they only just begun fixing the roads?

Why did Council waste our money going to court to fight for the Roundhouse site to be community land, only then to say that they had to sell it on because of court costs? Why

did they sell the land at such low prices? Does anyone agree with me that there should be a moratorium on this land and a public inquiry held?

Byron Shire residents - it's time to get some honesty and transparency. Will you join me in demanding a public inquiry into the workings of this council?

Paula Besford  
Ocean Shores

## Election gaming

Phillip Frazer ('Above the line or below...?' *Echo*, March 2) correctly observes that Jacqui Lambie, Ricky Muir - along with established independents - would be more highly regarded as 'doing a goodish job' well ahead of all members of the big parties. This surely implies that a random selection from the citizenry would give us a better set of representatives than the present system does!

Senate voting options are being changed because of gaming by the micro-parties of the voting system; but this is superficial compared with the entrenched gaming - via the party preselection process - of the major parties for both houses.

In the honoured manner of the court jester, Charlie Pickering in his show of March 9 gives a brilliant exposé of how the preselection process works; how voter interests come about fourth in priority after factional Interests, lobbyists' concerns and branch stacking. Check it out on ABC iView, starts seven minutes in - it is hugely educational and would be hilarious if not so true.

Colin Cook  
Bangalow

## Massive traffic

According to the government's Brisbane-Sydney Corridor Strategy (2007) traffic on the Pacific Highway crossing the Queensland border

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having to get the facts.  
- E B White



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE BYRON SHIRE

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After working closely with Byron Shire Council and The RMS, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise potential traffic impact in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Tanner Lane and Yarun Rd Tyagarah. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from **Thursday 24th to Tuesday 29th March 2016**.

### TRAFFIC

A temporary ban will be in place for right hand turns, into and out of Grays Lane at the Pacific Highway intersection.

The Mullumbimby off ramp at Tyagarah will be closed to south bound highway traffic.

**South bound festival traffic will be directed to turn into the Festival off ramp.**

North bound Festival traffic will enter the site via the indicated off ramp.

These measures are designed to minimise traffic impact however, please be prepared for possible delays.

### PARKING

The Festival car parks, in the north and south of the site are accessible from Tanner Lane and Yarun Rd, this will be open for day patrons. Temporary "No Stopping" signs will be installed in Tanner Lane, Yarun Rd, and Fox Lane and on parts of Gulgah Road and Grays Lane. Please **DO NOT** park in the local road network around the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, which is the Blues Festival site. Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the weekend.

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## Seeking the stats on our sewage

People interested in the Shire's welfare and evolution can input to Council's processes via several channels other than by becoming one of our nine councillors. One such channel is by joining a council committee.

The Water, Waste & Sewer meeting of March 3 resolved to advise Council to produce an annual statistic for each of the Shire's four sewage treatment plants (STP). We want Council to annually assess and publish (i) the average dry weather flow (ADWF)

to the STP, and (ii) the three highest peak wet weather flows (PWWF) since the STP was commissioned.

The ADWF reflects the daily volume of sewage the town is producing. The PWWF is the sum of that plus stormwater that makes its way unwanted into the sewer during wet weather. The ratio of one to the other tells us how leaky the sewer system is.

Back when Mullumbimby had an STP separate from Brunswick Heads, that ratio had measured as high as

14. For every litre of household and commercial sewage, there were 13 litres of rain captured by the sewers. At that time additional raw sewage also overflowed into the Brunswick River on 'bad' days, because pump stations couldn't get it all to the STP.

Building the combined Brunswick Valley STP in the noughties included upgrading Mullum's sewage pump stations. Records since then indicate there is now 20 times more stormwater reaching the STP than sewage on the

worst rain days.

The data and analysis will likely be reported to Council in April. I hope that Council staff will comment on the veracity of the analysis because, if it is correct, the leaky sewer problem is growing.

Conventional sewer design of new systems expects ratios of five to seven times stormwater to actual sewage. The ratio grows as sewer systems decay but a ratio of 20 tells me the system's life has expired.

**Cr Duncan Dey**  
Main Arm

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into NSW is projected to increase to 151,000 vehicles per day in the next ten years, an increase of almost 400 per cent on the 2007 number of 41,724 vehicles per day. We know a massive amount of this traffic comes into our towns.

What is the state government planning to do about this massive amount of traffic headed our way and the increased congestion and parking problems it will cause in our towns?

According to their Draft North Coast Regional Plan document 2016 they recommend ripping up the Casino to Murwillumbah (C-M) rail line, and replacing it with a cycleway. They also plan to 'work with local bus operators to develop routes and timetables to improve bus services in the region's major centres and their connections with regional communities.' As if our local roads can cope with more (mostly empty) large buses.

How ripping up the C-M rail line, which connects eight out of ten north coast communities, to replace it with a cycleway and more buses will provide public transport options for people travelling to and around the region, and reduce traffic congestion in our towns, is not explained.

Why would any government even think of ripping up the one piece of infrastructure that, if the 22k connection is built to Coolangatta, could take many thousands of cars off our already congested roads? What are our local state and federal MPs doing about this? Nothing. They seem happy to allow this valuable piece of public infrastructure be destroyed.

Perhaps it has something to do with the \$millions in donations that both major political parties receive from the road transport industry, oil companies, road construction companies, car manufacturers – and on it goes.

Byron Bay Rail Company (BBRC) is undertaking re-

pairs on 3.4km of line to the north of Byron Bay station at a cost of \$1.1m, and will be running regular train services on the line from April. This example shows that the C-M line can be repaired and trains running for much less than the government has claimed.

For little more than ripping up the line for a cycleway, there could be small trains running regular services on the line, providing genuine public transport for locals and 4.6m tourists, at the same time reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions in our towns.

**Louise Doran**  
Ocean Shores

### Tallow flushing

Regarding the issue raised by Mr Pugh (*Echo*, March 9) urging criminal charges be pursued against people digging a trench facilitating flow of Tallow Estuary water flowing out to the sea and causing the asphyxiation of fish carried, or swimming out: I would ar-

gue that in the absence of the now discontinued practice of an excavator facilitating a regular flush and oxygenation of the estuary water and no death of fish, these 'criminals' may have been the albeit unwitting saviours of thousands of fish.

The estuary tends to fill up behind a sandbar at the shore. Progressive stagnation ensues, with concomitant oxygen depletion.

The last time the estuary broke through to the sea after prolonged deepening of the water and stagnation, and following heavy rain, the mortality of fish of many species was little short of ghastly, and the smell that followed gagging. The force of the current, escaping in a rush, also took away trees.

I was already concerned to see the same pattern developing, and hoping for a sufficiently heavy rain, and maybe some manual assistance, soon. Both occurred and the actual number of dead fish

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# Farewell to Ian Hosken, loved activist and larrikin

Brian Mollet & Alan Close

Our good friend Hoss lost his battle with cancer last Thursday March 10, aged 65.

Much loved community elder, champion of progressive local politics, larrikin, landscaper, environmental-

ist, builder of fine drystone walls, sometime actor, get-down dancer, man of many sports and master of none, Hoss will be remembered as one of the most vibrant characters in a Shire which isn't short of character.

Stridently honest, plain

speaking and passionate, Hoss embodied the idealism and energy which grew from the early years of hippie settlement in the 1970s and 80s and remains the foundation of the community spirit we enjoy in the Shire today.

Hoss and his sister Cheryl were raised in Melbourne and spent a happy childhood roaming free in the paddocks around their house in Glen Waverley.

He was a promising cricketer, Cheryl reports, and horse mad, spending all his free time at the trotting stables nearby. And while other boys were mucking around with marbles and slingshots in primary school it will be no surprise to those who knew him later in life that Hoss was already courting his first girlfriend.

## Hippie trail

Political even as a teenager, Hoss cut his activist teeth on the 1960s Vietnam Moratorium marches in Melbourne and after a false start as a trainee teacher hit the hippie trail to Asia. He arrived in Mullumbimby in 1979 and was a founding member of the Namara Tya community, carved from an old banana farm high in the hills behind Main Arm.

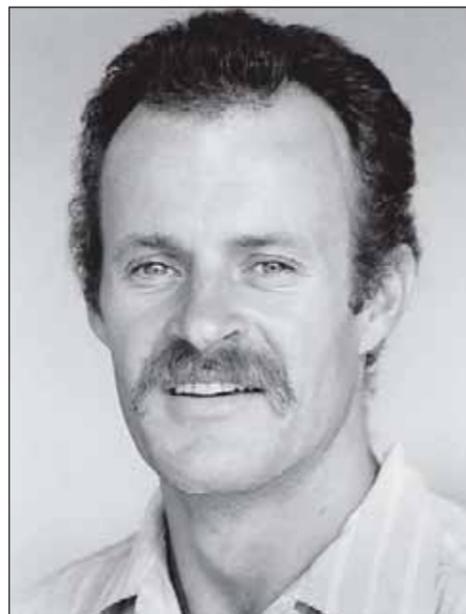
Like many early alternative settlers, Hoss built first one shed, then another while he slowly worked on the house, which remained his home until his death.

In these years he formed a long and loving relationship with Kaye Wearne. Their son Solai was born at Mullumbimby Hospital in 1980 and daughter Lani in the top shed at Namara Tya in 1984.

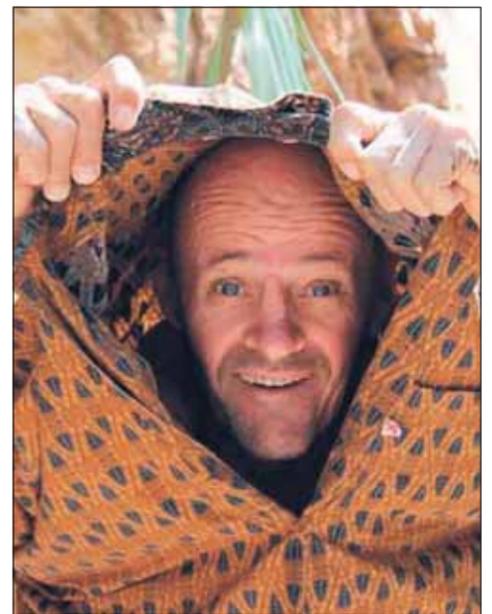
Hoss was a proud warrior for the environment. He played his flute in front of bulldozers in the Terania



Ian 'Hoss' Hosken with blue people (Roundabout Productions) at a Bluesfest a few years back. Photo Jeff Dawson



Above, Hoss during his time as a Byron Shire councillor (photo by John W McCormick) and right, clowning about in the bush.



Creek logging protest in 1979 and was part of the Franklin River blockade in 1982.

He served as a Byron Shire councillor from 1995 to 1999. These were years of confrontation and division between pro-development and green factions and Hoss was never afraid to argue his views on environmental protection. Although he made political foes, it is also true that personally he lived as he died, a man without enemies.

## Last to leave

Hoss was above all a people person, open, gregarious, generous and incapable of ill-feeling. If there was a party, Hoss was last to leave.

If there was work to do, he was first to arrive. If a friend was in need, he was close at hand. He loved and was loved by many women and one of his great life skills was the ability to maintain deep friendships with his ex-partners.

Hoss embraced a second family with Sue Davidson and her daughter Elle and in

2006, in search of the next adventure, Hoss and Sue moved to Japan to work in the ski fields and hopefully start an English language school. It was in Japan that Hoss was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2008. He and Sue returned to Australia for treatment and Hoss was eventually declared cancer free in 2009.

## Fight with cancer

In September 2014, however, aggressive tumours were found in Hoss's bowel. After initial surgery he made the decision to fight the cancer with lifestyle changes and natural therapies and for many months enjoyed an active, if quieter life. But his optimism and determination were not to be rewarded.

Hoss didn't speak openly about dying. But it was the unspoken subtext of the hastily arranged 65th birthday party at his beloved Namara Tya only four days before his death. Hoss was propped on an outdoor divan under the mulberry tree in his garden,

and his friends and loved ones listened in teary silence as he gave a brave speech alluding to what all knew – that this birthday would be the last.

He declined quickly and died peacefully at Mullumbimby Hospital with his family around him.

## Affection

A quick glance at Facebook as word spread of Hoss's passing reveals the depth and breadth of affection he engendered. Photos have been posted from around the world and across the decades.

He will be remembered as a man of integrity, loyalty, unwavering commitment to values of community and sustainability – and above all, laughter and fun.

A celebration of Hoss's life will be held at Kohinur Hall at 2pm on Saturday March 19. All are invited. Bring hat and sunscreen.

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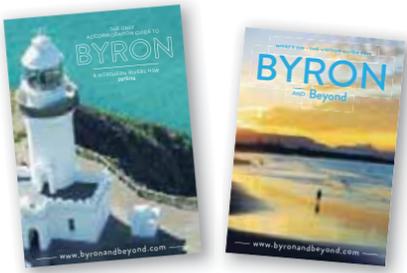
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# The Elements train

■ Regarding the use of the rail corridor from Bayshore Drive to Shirley Street intersection by the Elements Resort train, our community should demand a full EIS/EIA is made by the developer and an impact on community and the economy objectively assessed regarding the rail line use.

If you recall the VW debacle last year, think about this: the Elements train has no filtration system. No car or train or truck runs without this. Diesel is the dirtiest fuel you can get.

I wonder if Accor Hotel Group, which is in charge of HR and management at the Elements Resort, know they are supporting potential damage to our ecology, environment and community, which tourism relies on. Byron Bay is being made an absolute joke, and so are our attempts at upholding a community based on health and wellness.

Issues with the train: asbestos, carcinogenic particulate diesel, hours of operation, disturbance at the bridge during construction, disturbance

to residents during construction, possible pollution and destruction/disturbance of the estuary, potential pollution to the beaches and areas connected to the estuary, misinformation to the public about the enduring negative impacts on the community, damage to the wellbeing of flora, fauna, soil and water by pollutants, harm and stress to residents and visitors by a regularly operating train from 7.30am to 10.30pm, destroying the quiet enjoyment of life for residents and guests along this corridor.

This rail line has become an established wildlife corridor and sanctuary since the rail closed in May 2004. This train and its carcinogenic particulate diesel fuel use does not align with Byron Shire's ethical, environmental, community and ecologically conscious ethos. Wake up, Byron Shire, and stop believing the hype/media spin. I love our shire and we need to protect it!

**Bethany Hudson**

Sunrise Residents' Group  
Community Alliance For  
Byron Shire

■ In *The Echo* of March 9, Jeremy Holmes, Elements project manager, is reported as saying that the proposed train will be converted to 'solar powered electric operation.' So far, there are no solar trains on planet Earth! As far as I can tell, Elements has given no information regarding details or dates of conversion.

I contacted an engineer at a train solar conversion factory in India; and the manager at the Lithgow Mining Museum where the diesel engine was refurbished. The solar power for Indian trains is for running air conditioners and lighting – not the engine. In Lithgow the manager said it could be done for half a million dollars.

Panels on top of a train are insufficient for moving it. Solar farms are needed to supply power for electric trams and trains.

I think a train is a great idea. Mr Holmes, let's have a rubber-tyred, solar-powered train that fits Byron's zero emissions goals, before it starts operating in Byron Bay.

**Lee Cass**

Byron Bay

► continued from page 12 was very small compared to the last time when no run-off was facilitated, and very far from 'massive'.

At the time of my observation, some few hours following the breakthrough, three people were carefully assisting gasping fish back into the main current flowing out to sea, and park rangers were watching, and taking photographs.

When I asked why the excavator no longer dug a timely trench that had prevented any fish dying for years, I was advised 'Because it is considered an unnatural event.'

Behind us was a bank of bitou bush stretching down the beach but limited to the shore zone, recently poisoned (glyphosate) and doing what such a death does for all to see. In view of the above the issue of well-considered excavation and criminality might well be revisited.

**Gavin Greenoak**  
Byron Bay

■ In regard to Tallow ICOLL (Intermittent Coastal Lakes and Lagoons), it is a bit different to most ICOLLs, having been part of a sewage treatment plant and receiving the runoff from a growing number of dwellings, and the runoff of glyphosate liber-

ally sprayed on the bitou and grasses at its edge.

It has been my observation as a daily walker to, and lover of, this lagoon and all her living creatures, that her health fluctuates. When remaining closed for months she expands and sometimes becomes dark and does not smell healthy.

I have seen her stagnate and at such times seen dead fish in her dank, green-edged waters, seen the birds leave her shores, and people stay out of her waters. I have seen her keep swelling in volume, left to naturally break her own way into the ocean, and I've seen thousands of fish dead on her edges – and along Tallow Beach for 50 or so metres along the shoreline as well.

With regard to Dailan Pugh's comments in the last *Echo*, I spent quite a bit of very sad time around a 'natural' lagoon flow-out a few years back, and this one was nothing like it.

This time I saw hardly any dead fish, no putrid lingering stink, and it would seem to me that, had the lagoon been able to fill up with more rain coming down from the hills, the wave of water was likely to have been a great deal bigger, and more fish caught and suffocated under it in

the heavier detritus lacking oxygen.

The thoughts of fishermen who depend on plentiful and healthy fish might contribute valuably to any further discussion.

**Suzie Deyris**  
Byron Bay

## Solar home crisis

The NSW government's lack of planning around the transition of early solar customers to new metering arrangements could trigger a crisis for 150,000 solar homes across the state.

Solar homeowners will be forced to pay for new meters that could cost up to \$700 – which in some cases provide less information about their solar than they currently have.

There's no detail on how the meter change will roll out across the state and it's not clear whether all solar homes can be fitted with new devices before the 60c/kWh feed-in price expires at the end of the year. It's debatable whether there are even enough electricians and meters to deal with this whole-of-state transition.

NSW has gone from a solar leader to a solar laggard. This needs to be fixed, fast.

**Reece Turner**

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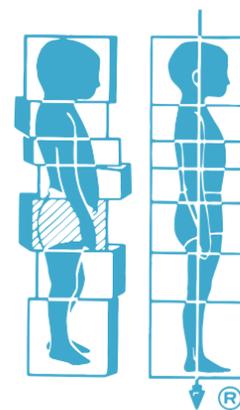
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**NORTHERN RIVERS & THE GOLD COAST**

# Who is Bernie Sanders? What is he proposing to do? Can he do it? US presidential circus episode 4

Phillip Frazer

Two weeks ago in Michigan, a state that used to make America's cars, Bernie Sanders beat Hillary Clinton in the state's presidential primary – which should have been huge news. As usual, the TV and print media led with the more hairy news – that Trump won Michigan's Republican primary.

In fact, the US media (and even our own ABC) have gone to ludicrous extremes to shun Sanders like a plague, even though he's a way more important story than Trump is.

The media are not just slaves to the big bad cor-

porate bosses; they are also conventional thinkers, and no-one saw Bernie coming as a real contender to be the Democratic candidate – even Bernie didn't! In Michigan, all the polls said he'd lose, and the nation's hottest prediction website, Five Thirty Eight, said Clinton had a 37 percentage point lead. More than a million people showed up on the day and 595,222 of them voted for Bernie.

Why? Nate Silver, America's top pollster, says he'd assumed that people under 50 would make up less than a quarter of all voters in this primary; they made up

more than half instead, and Sanders won 81 per cent of 18- to 29-year-olds. And he won most of the surprisingly large number of independent voters who turned out on the day. (America now has more registered independents than either Democrats or Republicans.) And he got more African-Americans' support than pollsters said he would.

Even though the Clintons have long 'won the black vote', some in northern states like Michigan now see Sanders as more in their interests than Hillary would be. In the 11 states of the old Confederacy, where African-Americans now dominate the Democratic Party, Clinton has won about 68 per cent of primary votes, but all the remaining primaries are in non-Southern states where Sanders has so far scored 57 per cent, which bodes well for the old civil rights campaigner.

## Who is Sanders?

Just a few months ago a hot-shot Democratic Party consultant told my mate Jim Hightower, who's a former Dem politician from Texas himself, to forget about Bernie: 'Who's gonna vote for an old senator from a tiny state of Birkenstock-wearers damn near in Canada? [Vermont.] And for chrissake, Hightower, he's Jewish. Plus, he's some sort of socialist, right?'

Actually, Sanders, born in 1943, was raised in a low-income Brooklyn family, became a student activist and civil rights protester at the University of Chicago in the 60s, then moved to Vermont with his girlfriend. He worked there as a carpenter, filmmaker, and writer, but his heart was in grassroots politics, and in 1980 he stunned the Democratic old guard in Burlington by being elected mayor in what he gleefully called a '10-vote landslide'. He served three terms as mayor, then was elected to the US Congress, next a US senator, and ... to be continued.

Last November Sanders told *Rolling Stone*: 'I am running for one simple reason: This country today is facing extraordinary crises [from] climate change, income and wealth inequality... a corrupt political system which is leading us toward oligar-



A Bernie Sanders for President campaign event in 2015 at Creative Visions ([creativevisionsia.org](http://creativevisionsia.org)), a Des Moines organisation founded by Ako Abdul-Samad to help families get out of poverty. Photo Phil Roeder flickr.com/tabor-roeder

chy... the collapse of the middle class... more people in jail than any other country on Earth... an immigration policy that is clearly completely broken. I just do not believe that establishment politics are going to address these issues. We need millions of people to stand up and fight back.'

That's why Bernie is appealing to the young, the poor, and the seriously disillusioned middle class – but just last week, Asher Edelman, the man who inspired the greedhead character of Gordon Gekko in the film *Wall Street*, praised the Sanders plan for the economy.

## Spread the wealth

'When you have the top one per cent getting money, they spend five to ten per cent of what they earn. When you have the lower end of the economy getting money, they spend a hundred, or a hundred and ten per cent of what they earn. As you've had a transfer of wealth to the top, and a transfer of income to the top, you have a shrinking consumer base, basically, and you have a shrinking velocity of money.'

He added: 'Bernie is the only person out there who I think is talking at all about both fiscal stimulation and banking rules that will get the banks to generate lending again as opposed to speculation.'

Bernie has shared the Congressional corridors with Wall Street types, but he also understands that many

Trump supporters are infuriated and scared because they've lost jobs, homes, and hope to greed, personified by the earlier version of Edelman. 'You have a right to be angry,' Sanders tells the Trumpeteers, so let's work together 'to create an agenda and a political movement that will make your life better, not just other people's lives worse.'

## Real issues

Bernie has already changed the debate inside the Democratic party. These days Clinton is forced to talk about real people's issues such as Medicare for all, a \$15 minimum wage, the job-destroying effects of Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership, whether Wall Street's control of America's money should be busted up, pay equity for women, free higher education for all (paid for with a 'Robin Hood Tax' on stock speculators), getting corporate money out of politics, the expansion of social security, rebuilding America's infrastructure, and more.

Clinton's still getting the huge cheques from Wall Streeters. Sanders's main fat-cat donors are Ben and Jerry, founders of the Vermont-based ice-cream biz. Most of the phenomenal \$100 million plus his campaign has raised so far has come from more than four million enthusiasts who've pitched in less than \$30 each.

Ever since the Supreme Court's inaptly named 'Citizens United' decision allowed a tsunami of billionaires' bucks to buy elections, liberal

Americans have demanded the Court overturn that decision, and bolder progressives are demanding that elections be publicly funded, as some state contests already are.

Bernie's secret strategy, which just might make him president, was to take Obama's small-donors/social media campaigns, but with an uncompromised message – not 'HOPE' but 'LET'S DO THIS' – and he has raised more than twice Obama's small donors gave, and he's still raising more every week than the previous week. Who knows, by November 8 this people's candidate could beat the multibillionaires' puppet candidates (Trump being his own puppet) with old-fashioned plans to put people back in charge, and, equally extraordinarily, a moral context of right and wrong.

Could Bernie win? At first, the biggest argument against Sanders was that he couldn't win the general election, but polls have been showing for months that if the November election were held today, Sanders would defeat any of the potential Republican nominees – winning by margins greater than Clinton could.

The media, still blindsided by reality, continues to ignore him.

■ Phillip Frazer once lived in western Massachusetts, just across the stateline from Vermont, and visited Bernie's hippie town of Burlington. These days he writes from the hippie hills of Coorabell. See more at [coorabellridge.com](http://coorabellridge.com).

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# How Byron Bay is fighting against the age of instant gratification

Anna James

‘When something’s there free, it’s kind of hard to say no,’ says Sunrise resident Conan, 32. Conan has a two-terabyte external hard drive, a graveyard of illegally downloaded films, categorised, sitting in wait. Despite his hearty film library leached from flashy websites and roommates’ hard drives, he recently subscribed to Netflix. ‘Look – occasionally I do like to go to the video store and the movies.’

Conan’s activity is the norm. According to the Intellectual Property Awareness Foundation (IPAF), in 2015 46 per cent of Australian 18–24 year olds engaged in online piracy, jeopardising the \$90 billion copyright industry and its 900,000 employees.

‘It’s a multimillion-dollar industry where actors are getting paid ridiculous amounts of money,’ said Conan. ‘It’s not like I know them.’

Actually, he does.

The true victim of illegal downloading, under the pile of millionaire movie stars, Hollywood producers and studio executives, is the small business owner.



Late Nite Video founder Rudiger Wasser took second prize in the photographic section at the 2015 Ocean Shores Art Expo with his work called *Monsters*. See more of Rudiger’s photography at [rudigerwasser.com](http://rudigerwasser.com). Photo Jeff Dawson

In 2011 Rudiger Wasser gifted Byron Bay’s most popular video store to his staff.

Rudiger moved to Byron Bay from Sydney in pursuit of a quieter life, acquiring Late Nite Video in 1987, one of three video rental stores. Business, at first, was booming.

Rudiger’s uniquely curated store (by movie stars and directors) attracted film aficionados, filmmakers and

the thespians themselves. Val Kilmer rented ‘about ten sci-fi movies’ from Rudiger, in preparation for *Red Planet*.

An assistant for Tom Cruise and his then-wife Nicole Kidman popped in (the card was in Nicole’s name). The late Heath Ledger and his ‘very quiet’ girlfriend, Naomi Watts, once visited Late Nite. ‘As soon as he walked in I heard him, that voice, you could

tell it was Heath.’

Rudiger described his ‘visual library’ as a community meeting place. On average, patrons spent half an hour in-store, although ‘one and a half hours was not unknown’.

‘It was leisure time. So often people would stand there and chat and meet friends that they hadn’t seen in a while,’ said Rudiger.

There was a process, and sometimes discussion,

explained Rudiger.

‘It was where people came to physically touch films, take them in their hand, look at what they wanted. It was tactile, not just quick – oh yes, good title, I’ve seen that on Facebook, whatever. It was deliberate. People came there and they felt like, “what would I like to see today?” And they made the decision then and there to go home and watch it.’

In the mid-2000s, the industry slid into decline, with the introduction of ‘day and date’ release, making DVDs and videos available to public and stores at the same time, removing the one-year monopoly the video store had on releases before they entered the consumer market.

Today, films at the cinema are available to download online.

While ‘\$2 Tuesday’ and the sale of phone cards kept the business head peeking above water, Late Nite took another hit; downloading films via internet became the status quo.

Australians are some of the highest consumers in the world of illegal content. Since Netflix launched in March 2015, Australians have go-

dodged in record numbers, sneaking their way into the US catalogue. Even after entering a paid agreement, the consumer still demands unlimited access.

Somehow, still standing, is a \$428 million Australian video rental industry.

IBISWorld’s 2015 Video and DVD Hire Outlets report revealed a 19.2 per cent reduction in annual growth from 2010 to 2015 in 125 video stores across Australia, with 2,175 employees. More sinister than film theft, is the ‘snatch-and-grab’ society it creates.

‘Film is not just something to have, but rather it’s a cultural product. By not having video stores you do not have somewhere that looks after our visual side,’ said Rudiger.

‘That’s where our culture is heading – have, have, me, me; must own, I’ve got it.’

Perhaps heeding the VHS tapes’ warning; ‘You wouldn’t steal a television; you wouldn’t steal a movie,’ a small but loyal demographic supports the two video stores in Byron, investing in a culture that values film as a gift, not a given.



## Pay Parking Byron Bay



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Byron Bay’s town centre pay parking is now fully implemented and the credit card facility at the machines is now available for visitors and non-Exemptions holders.

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To everyone, thank you for being patient as the new system is rolled out. Like anything new, there are always a few things to learn and refine and the scheme is being closely watched to see where we can improve.

Staff have received plenty of encouraging feedback in regard to availability of car spaces and the all-day Council managed car parks are being better utilised by workers – it’s resulted in fewer workers moving their cars from space to space throughout the day, leaving more car spaces for everyone else.

Budget wise, we are tracking well to reach our target of \$2 million net per year and 100 per cent of the funds generated from the pay parking machines will form part of our goal. Funds raised from pay parking will be put back into infrastructure to help improve our ageing infrastructure and the new scheme is a key part of Council’s *Fit for the Future* program.

#### Who is eligible to for a pay parking Exemption?

- Byron Shire Residents and ratepayers can purchase an Exemption for \$50 per year.
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- Workers within the pay parking area, but who live outside of the Shire, can purchase an Exemption for \$100 per year.
- Byron Shire businesses and commercial operators can also purchase exemptions and set up an account to manage their vehicles.

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## Property insider

**Germaine Johnson-Turner** relocated from Victoria to the northern rivers in 2013, to develop her real estate career. She has recently joined the **Re/MAX Coastal** team as the office manager and a sales associate.



According to Re/Max Coastal's owners Matt and Lainie Towner, Germaine is perfect for the job. 'Germaine's bright disposition and respectful approach makes her a delight to deal with. She loves the people of our community, and prides herself on providing exceptional customer service. From administration, property management of rural and residential properties to moving into sales, she has proven dedicated and attentive in all aspects of the process.'

Germaine says she is excited

by by new beginnings and building strong relationships with clients, whether they be landlords or tenants, vendors, developers or buyers.

'Our landlords consistently appreciate Germaine's efficient approach to all facets of the property management process. Her care the the properties helps our landlords maximise their return on investment to its full potential.' Outside the office, you'll find Germaine surfing the local beaches, singing or relaxing in nature.



According to their Facebook page, the good folk at **First National Byron Bay** are excited to welcome **Sonya Wilkin** to their team as client care manager: 'Sonya her husband of 20 years Carl, son Ayrton

and their little black dog Bear, relocated to Byron Bay three years ago from Adelaide and are delighted to call Suffolk Park home.

Sonya brings to our team a wealth of business acumen and a passion for proving an exceptional level of care and service to our clients, our team and our community.'

Property Insider hasn't heard of any local auctions using online bidding but it is happening in the cities.

In Sydney the auctioneering company Auctionworks conducts auctions in its rooms in the Sydney CBD but registered bidders however can view the auction action live online and bid either via the internet or the telephone.

Being able to view the auction live allows buyers to get more of sense of the state of play than relying on the information being relayed via the phone plus it also allows buyers to bid in the more relaxed environment of their home of office.

[www.auctionworksonline.net.au/bidding-demo.html](http://www.auctionworksonline.net.au/bidding-demo.html)

The sale of **11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores**, set a new record for the quiet cul-de-sac. The listing agent of the 4-bed, 3-bath architecturally designed home was **Franco Braico**, area sales manager with **Raine & Horne Ocean Shores and Brunswick Heads**.

The property sold for \$980,000. Julie-Ann Manahan, principal of the agency, said the outstanding result came from an extensive marketing campaign and the full team approach that Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads bring to every listing.

**21 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby Creek** sold for \$915,000 last week.

The architecturally designed 3 bedroom, 3 bath home of 1.65 areas was sold by **Heidi Last** and **Stuart Aitken** of **McGrath Byron Bay**.



**Todd Buckland** and **Tod Martin** from **Byron Shire Real Estate** sold **207 Howards Road, Burringbar**. The property which has two fully approved houses on 104 acres and features a permanent creek sold for \$1 million.



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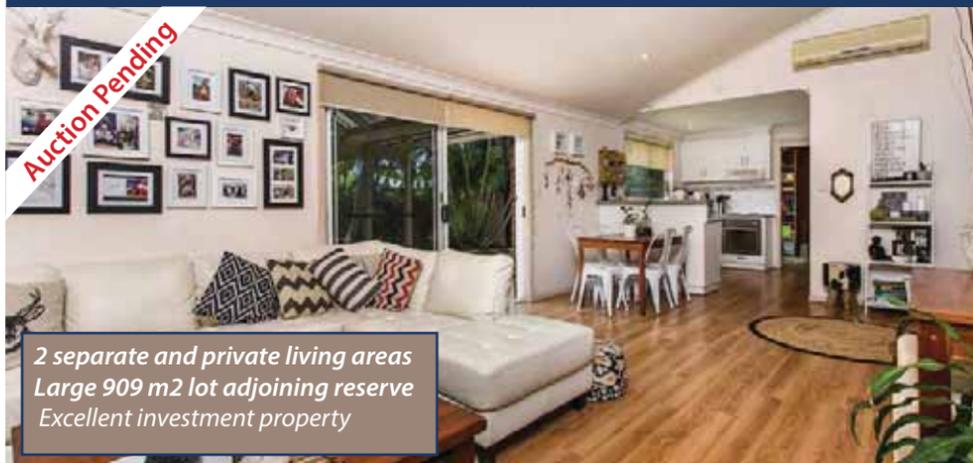
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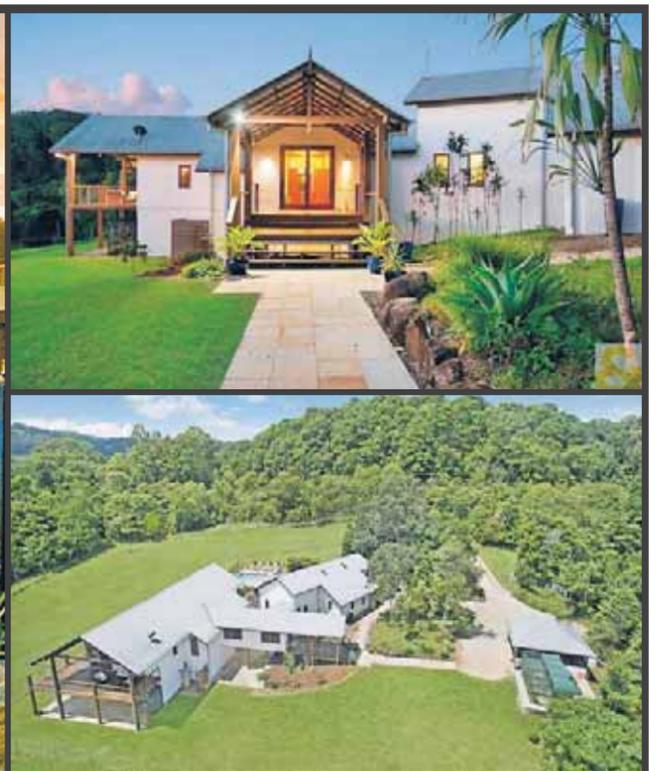
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**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232 | Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



## 75 BUTLER STREET, BYRON BAY

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- Beach house plus guest accom in the centre of town
- Loads of character, timber floors and high ceilings
- Total privacy with a glorious bush backdrop
- A huge veranda creates a perfect outdoor living room
- 4th bedroom, bathroom and living with separate access
- Ideal holiday home or home plus potential income

**Open:** By Appointment

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## 2 GENERAL STUBBS DRIVE, ROSEBANK

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- Owners relocating
- 93 acres with executive style main home, cottage, bails & dehusking plant
- Beautiful dam, waterfalls, Coopers Creek frontage – unlimited water
- Previous DA approval for multiple dwellings
- Open vistas with stunning views to Nightcap Ranges
- A rare balance of a sustainable lifestyle and income from an ORGANIC farm

**Open:** By Appointment

**Price:** \$1,550,000 to \$1,675,000

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## 2/30 BRANDON STREET, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Stylish 2 bedroom duplex only 100m to beach
- Tastefully renovated with modern interiors and timber floors
- Large, private yard with rear access
- Covered outdoor entertaining space overlooking garden
- Only one street to Tallow Beach and an easy walk to shops
- An appealing home or investment in this prime location!

**Open:** Saturday, 19 March 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Price:** \$685,000 to \$720,000

**Enquiries:** Paul Banister 0438 856 552 | Helene Adams 0412 139 807

Agent declares interest



## 21 SCOTT STREET, BYRON BAY

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- One of Byron Bay's best lifestyle locations!
- Direct access to beach through National Park
- Open plan lounge and dining area with adjoining kitchen
- 630m2 block with north facing backyard
- Peaceful position at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac
- Easy walk or bike ride to town centre and schools

**Open:** Saturday, 19 March 9.00 – 9.30am

**Price:** \$860,000 to \$930,000

**Enquiries:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



## 10 WRIGHT PLACE, BYRON BAY

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- House plus granny flat in town
- 3 bedroom home with north facing back yard
- Separate 1 bedroom granny flat (STCA)
- Situated in quiet cul-de-sac, walk to beach and town
- Possible rental return \$950pw
- Exceptional value in this sought after area

**Open:** By Appointment

**Price:** \$830,000 to \$880,000

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Location shot - 30 seconds to this

### 148 BANGALOW ROAD, BYRON BAY

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- Entry level home in Byron Bay
- Central location
- Established rental income
- Hardwood floors
- Private back deck looking out to gardens
- Secure yard

**Open:** Saturday, 19 March 10.00 – 10.30am  
Thursday, 24 March 11.00 – 11.30am  
**Price:** \$680,000 to \$750,000  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



### 106 ARKINSTALL ROAD, TUNTABLE CREEK

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- Secluded 132 acres of elevation and rolling hills
- Classic authentic 1950s home that is well built & maintained
- Breathtaking views from every window
- Ample water and fertile land ideal for cattle, horses, crops
- Must be seen to appreciate the beauty, views and privacy!
- Owner moving back overseas

**Open:** Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30pm, Saturday 3.00 – 3.30pm  
**Price:** \$665,000 to \$725,000  
**Enquiries:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649 | Paul Prior 0418 324 297



### 46 FOWLERS LANE, BANGALOW

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- Quality acreage with magnificent ocean views
- Close to Byron Bay and Bangalow, certified organic
- 61 acres of gently sloping, north facing clean land with rich soil
- Suitable for agricultural, horticultural or lifestyle endeavours
- Upgraded 4 bed home with studio and sensational covered deck
- 40 megalitre irrigation licence, new fences, large machinery shed

**Open:** Saturday, 19 March 11.00 – 11.30am  
**Price:** \$2,150,000 to \$2,350,000  
**Enquiries:** Paul Banister 0438 856 552 | Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



### 26 MAHOGANY DRIVE, BYRON BAY

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- Spacious family home in town on 1002m2
- Prime location on elevated beach side
- 2 separate very large living spaces
- Covered patio overlooking established gardens
- Enormous yard, space for granny flat and pool
- Walk or cycle to town, beach and schools

**Open:** Saturday, 19 March 12.00 – 12.30pm  
**Price:** \$925,000 to \$975,000  
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## Country living at its best

20 Newells Rd, Main Arm

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\$1,195,000



Tucked away at the end of a quiet country lane is a 12.27ha (30 acres) quality property boasting many attributes.

Lush paddocks, forest backdrop, spring-fed dam and some of the best escarpment and rural views in Byron Shire.

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**Open:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Ruth Russell 0402 855 929  
 ruth@promullum.com.au  
 Professionals Mullumbimby Inc Mark Cochrane Real Estate

## Lifestyle block with family home

9 Callistemon Drive, Federal

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\$780,000 - \$850,000



This is a wonderful opportunity to secure a fantastic lifestyle block within walking distance of Federal village.

The home sits high with a sunny northern, rural aspect and although there are some cosmetic and minor works to be done to complete the home you can take advantage of this and apply your own finishing touches.

The property offers loads of potential because of its 3.9 acre or 1.594Ha size and location and has been previously tenanted.

The block can be enjoyed as a big fun family block as it is mostly cleared and one could be self-sufficient by planting fruit and nut trees, a vegetable garden and running some chickens.

You could also have a pony or two and there is room to add a pool, studio or granny flat, (STCA).

There is a massive 336,000 litres of water storage.

Come and see for yourself the opportunity that is now on offer here.

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 James Young 0419 856 840  
 First National Byron Bay

## Luxury coastal living

32 Warrambool Rd, Ocean Shores

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Price \$1,150,000



A home of the absolutely highest standard designed perfectly to take advantage of its brilliant ridgetop yet near-level location. The impressive list of features is almost endless, creating one of the finest homes in the entire north of the Byron Shire.

From the moment you enter you are greeted by a light-filled atrium in the foyer setting the standard of luxury and design. The lower level comprises 3 guest bedrooms, a home gym, office/5th bedroom, guest lounge opening onto an outdoor entertaining area with access to the 14m solar-heated lap pool and outdoor spa.

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**Open:** By appointment  
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## Character home, beach house feel

59 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay

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\$780,000 - \$850,000



With all the charm of a bygone era mixed with a relaxed beach house feel, this charming home is located in one of Byron Bay's most sought after streets.

Set on 772m<sup>2</sup> block with rear lane access. Stroll out your back gate and a few minutes' walk will have you on Main Beach, at the Top Shop or in the CBD.

Features include 11ft ceilings, original timber floors, and timber ornate details. The large kitchen and semi-open-plan dining and lounge rooms are all very spacious and open to wide covered verandahs on two sides of the home.

3 large bedrooms plus a study. The main bedroom has an ensuite, WIR and opens to the north facing verandah overlooking the backyard.

A spacious and private north facing yard is big enough for a granny flat, pool and backyard cricket.

This is one of the most beautiful addresses in which to live and certainly one of the most prime investment areas.

**Open:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660  
First National Byron Bay

## Stunning beachside home

14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

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\$799,000 - \$849,000



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

This 639m<sup>2</sup> block is visually impressive – surrounded by lush, tropical landscaped gardens, including well established trees that offer ample birdlife, shade & privacy, while still allowing for bright, light sun-streams to enter the home abundantly. With quality fittings and well thought-out design throughout the entire home, you'll have ample reason to take pleasure in this modern, stylish, split-level home. A HUGE bonus is the fully self-contained downstairs area – ideal accommodation for family or extra rental income.

The modern kitchen offers a beautiful open-plan design, with plenty of storage, quality stainless steel appliances, including dishwasher, electric oven & gas cooktop. The open-plan family and living rooms flow effortlessly onto a huge covered timber deck and outdoor entertaining area. This impressive outlook provides the very peace you are looking for. The private backyard has been transformed into an extremely tranquil sanctuary. It features a sparkling pool, with glass fencing, and stand-out timber decking surrounds, for extra design appeal.

**Open:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
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- Lots 1 and 18 Wilfred Street, Billinudgel. Thu 12-12.30pm
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- 20 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Thu 2-2.30pm & Sat 10-10.30am
- 2 and 3/71 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay. Fri 12-12.30pm

- 5 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale. Fri 1-1.30pm
- 21 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 34 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 148 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4 Barby Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- Lot 19 Campbell Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 46 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2/30 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 26 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 21 Johnstons Lane, Main Arm. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 9 Callistemon Drive, Federal. Sat 1-1.30pm
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**Auction 3pm Saturday**

- 19 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

### FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

**Auctions Saturday April 2**

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**Auction 2pm April 9**

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## Addictive Indian feast

Story and photos: Eve Jeffery

When I first went to Billi Indian, when they opened four years ago, the food was good but, I could tell that like most new eateries, they needed to settle in.

Recently a friend told me that every time she goes there (once a week!) the food keeps getting better and now she is addicted; she drools over the fish curry and I recommend the delicious chick pea channa masala.

There are plenty of vego/vegan dishes to choose from; my dinner companion and I ordered the onion bhaji – which, I think, are close to the best I have ever had – and the delicious tandoori mushrooms for our entree.

Our mains were a dahl fry (I ordered medium and it was pleasantly ‘warm’) and a mild Malai kofta. I was very impressed with the kofta – the croquettes were soft and crumbly and held their shape just long enough to melt in the



creamy sauce and my mouth. The raita and mint sauce are house made. Order them. Don't argue. Just do – okay?

Owner Rohit uses his own korma recipe, which is great. The butter chicken and the lamb rogan josh are their big sellers. Midweek you can choose special curries and combos that aren't on the menu, which my addicted friend does with her kids.

Billi's is great. The kitchen's fragrance beckons you from the street. On the verandah (I pretty much always like to eat outside), there is lovely breeze with virtually no traffic noise. There is heating in and out for winter.

The menu is ever expanding and has lamb, beef, chicken and seafood as well as veg, and has all the expected curry 'faves': tandoori, korma, vindaloo, tikka, sagwalla, madras, and any others you can think of. There are six types of rice and seven naan choices including the specials board; the servings are generous and entrees all come with fresh salad.

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### Boomerang your karma this Friday

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David Peasley with a Columbian 5 year Castillo variety selected for Australian trials

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

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# Good Taste *Eating Out Guide*

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hello@thebolthole.com.au  
6685 8410

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Byron Bay  
6680 9960  
[targabyronbay.com](http://targabyronbay.com)  
[targabyronbay@gmail.com](mailto:targabyronbay@gmail.com)

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

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



**The Green Bistro at Club Byron**  
Lunch: 11.30am–2.30pm,  
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(closed Mondays)  
18–20 Marvell Street  
6685 6202

**TUESDAYS** | 6pm MEAT & VOUCHER RAFFLE  
**WEDNESDAYS** | 5.30pm–close BYO VINYL  
**THURSDAYS** | 6pm MEAT & VOUCHER RAFFLE  
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**SATURDAYS** | from 6pm THE MONTHLY MUSO  
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[info@thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au](mailto:info@thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au)  
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**Basiloco**  
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Mon, Wed–Fri from 6pm,  
Sat & Sun from 12pm for lunch  
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32 Lawson Street 6680 8818  
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Come and experience the best Italian/Mediterranean cuisine, made with the best local products, plus Byron's best wood fired pizza.  
We do weddings and special event functions.  
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Lunch on weekdays  
Closed Tuesdays  
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Phone orders welcome  
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BYO & RSVP  
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[www.lusciousfoods.com.au](http://www.lusciousfoods.com.au)

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• Wood-fired pizzas  
• Fresh juices  
• Great coffee



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Byron Bay  
6685 5366  
[raes@wategos.com.au](mailto:raes@wategos.com.au)

**Open for Breakfast**  
Saturday and Sunday  
7am till 10am



**REPUBLIC**  
restaurant & bar  
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Dinner every night  
95 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
[republikbyronbay.com](http://republikbyronbay.com)  
6685 5009  
[helo@republikbyronbay.com](mailto:helo@republikbyronbay.com)

**Kids eat free 5–7pm Monday–Thursday**  
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Full Cocktail & Wine Bar.  
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6680 9452

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[treehouseonbelongil.com](http://treehouseonbelongil.com)



**Italian at the Pacific**  
Open for Dinner & Cocktails  
7 days from 6pm till late  
Next to the Beach Hotel  
Bay Street  
6680 7055  
[italianatthepacific.com.au](http://italianatthepacific.com.au)

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



**Happy Chilli Garden**  
Open 7 days 12pm till late  
Byron St (opp Aldi) Byron Bay  
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F 6676 4869  
M 0403 516793  
[happychilligarden@hotmail.com](mailto:happychilligarden@hotmail.com)

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6639 2111  
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**Savour your experience!**



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[www.stelmodining.com](http://www.stelmodining.com)

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



**The Deck**  
at Byron Bay Golf Club  
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6685 6470  
[thedeckatbyron.com](http://thedeckatbyron.com)  
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**Fins**  
Salt Village, Kingscliff  
6674 4833  
[dining@fins.com.au](mailto:dining@fins.com.au)  
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Lunch Fri, Sat & Sun  
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This year we celebrate 25 years of serving the finest local seafood.  
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**Extended Summer Hours**  
Lunch every day from 27 Dec till 10 Jan



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6674 4833  
[dining@fins.com.au](mailto:dining@fins.com.au)  
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**The team behind Fins have just opened their new POP UP Restaurant THE BUTCHER'S BBQ.**  
Located next door to our fine diner, The Butcher's BBQ offers a share style menu with 'small's' and 'big's' cooked on the grill (from \$8–\$38), communal tables, a cracking cocktail bar, boutique wine list and Gin Bar. This concept is only here for a short time.  
Extended Summer hours.  
Lunch every day from 27 Dec till 10 Jan



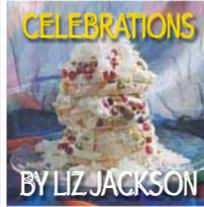
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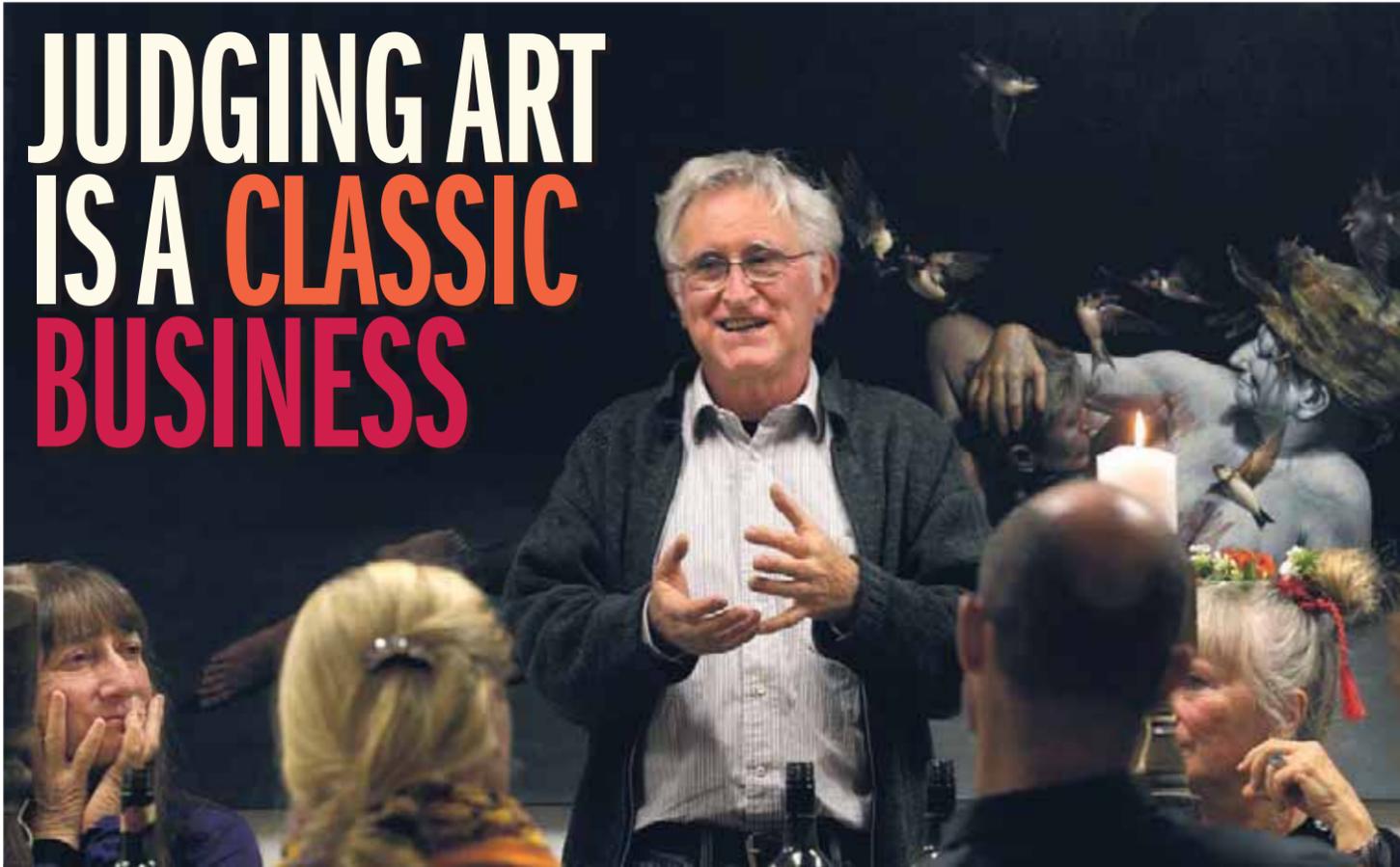
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## JUDGING ART IS A CLASSIC BUSINESS



THE BYRON ARTS CLASSIC (BAC) IS AN EXCITING COMMUNITY VISUAL-ART EVENT THAT HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CULTURAL FABRIC OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS REGION, OFFERING A SEVEN-DAY CELEBRATION OF INSPIRATION, CREATIVITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS, AND A GALA AWARDS NIGHT WHERE JUDGES ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE SIX DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.

One of the judges this year is locally based but nationally lauded artist James Guppy.

**In your opinion, how has the art scene here evolved? Are we a more artistic and creative culture than most?**

Having lived here for the last thirty-four years, I find it's amazing how it's evolved. The Easter Arts Classic was one of the few constants. The short answer? Hugely and Yes.

The evolution seems to go in steps or phases, always tied to the initiative and energy of individuals.

Richard and Diana's gallery in Mullum in the 80s was hugely important. The Epicentre in Byron, CASE, PAN, FEHVA, the many commercial galleries in the Shire that have come and gone, the community college, and now we have the Byron School of Art and the Lone Goat. There is probably a very interesting history to be written by someone there. And, YES we are more creative because initially the beauty and freedom of the area attracted creative types, then the communities we formed became a further incentive. Now we are 'festival central' and surveys have shown

that, outside the major cities, there's more bloody culture here than anywhere in Australia.

**But is our work any good?**

Well, that's the \$64,000 question! Ask me after we have judged the competition and I'll find another way to avoid answering it. Actually, to be honest, the answer is YES and it's getting better all the time. But of course the work is a mixed bag and that's as it should be. There is an amazing range of styles and abilities in our area.

**What are the challenges faced by artists living in regional areas?**

Many. Sydney ignores us and many of the regional preoccupations about land and place have little urban resonance, so the city galleries usually aren't interested. But there are also many advantages to being a regional artist. We have a much closer arts community. We are all friends and try to support each other. Being away from the hype and distraction of the city culture allows more time to find and develop ourselves. The internet and travelling exhibitions at the regional galleries help mitigate somewhat against

the physical isolation.

**Is it actually possible to live as an artist? And support a family? Who would choose such a life?**

It's a great life except for the money. If you are into STUFF, being an artist is probably not your thing unless you can marry yourself off to a financier. But as an artist, you get to do what you love doing and has meaning for you, and you get to do it with like-minded people.

Making ends meet for artists is nearly always incredibly hard. Most work two or three jobs, one of which is their art practice. The family has to go without things other families take for granted. The art community in Byron Shire is full of fantastic people, interesting and alive. Artists tend to live longer because their work and life have more meaning and purpose. This is as long as they avoid the self-destructive 'romantic' drug-fucked path of your Whiteleys and Arkleys. Mind you, most artists I know are working too damn hard to let booze and drugs take them over. It's also probably become a bit ho-hum in the art world these days. I guess the drugs

and booze are left to the footballers and sport.

**Why did you become an artist?**

Because art rescued me. As a five-year-old I was ostracised at school for being different and funny looking – having a big nose and wearing glasses. Luckily I could draw and escape into my own private world. My expertise at drawing became a prop for my developing a sense of self so that by the time I became socially acceptable at around age 11, art was already an important part of who I was. It also fit with my quietly questioning and rebellious nature.

**How did you hone your craft?**

By doing it relentlessly. Practice is crucial.

**Can you be a part-time artist? Or is it something that is 24/7 – something you live and breathe?**

Yes, you can be a part-time artist. It may not be possible to be more than that or you may not wish to be more, but for me that is not the point. If you are really creatively engaged with the thing we call ART, it is a 24/7 preoccupation. It can and does seep into all areas of your life.

**Does an artist see the world differently?**

If they are doing it properly, yes. The world is questioned and transformed in a particular way. We learn to see patterns and possibilities that continually feed what we do, while our practice refines our experience of the world; this in turn deepens our perception and the possibilities. Pretty awesome.

**Whom should artists paint for? Themselves? Audience? Galleries?**

The reality is we paint for all of the above. The emphasis will be different from one person to the next and at different times in their career. Artists need to be realistic as to why they create and whom they are painting for. The one caveat is that you must respect what you do. Potboilers, painted solely for the money, will only get you so far and then the truth will seep out and ... well, it's not a pretty sight.

**What are you looking for in the work this year?**

To be surprised, engaged and challenged. This is what you should look for in any art. Having said this, it should be expressed through the craft of visual expression. If someone falls weeping into my arms I will be surprised, engaged and challenged but this does not make it art. It makes it self-expression. There is a context and tradition in art within which our actions make sense and become art. I will be judging from that context.

**What are you looking forward to most with regards the Easter Art Classic?**

The thing about the Easter Arts Classic is that you see such a wonderful mixture of art – from the tentative beginner to the accomplished professional. It's the variety and enthusiasm of the entrants that are really engaging. As a longtime professional artist, it's easy to get cynical about the art world, so things like the Classic and teaching remind me art is important and it doesn't only give meaning to my world.

**Byron Arts Classic Opening Gala Night is Wednesday 23 March at 6pm. \$15**

The evening is David Bowie-themed Gala and the best Bowie wins a prize! Tickets: \$15.



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**THUR 17 JESSE PUMPHREY**  
**SAT 19 BUGS, EL BRAVO, YES SIR NOCEUR**  
**SUN 20 SALT BRAIN**  
**MON 21 DAN CLARK**  
**TUES 22 MARSHALL O'KELL**

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# ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Every few minutes my phone beeps. The tone tells me whether it's a Facebook notification or a text message. If I'm playing hard to get, Mr Apple reminds me again by piercing my solitude with another little bleep. The blue dots on my email inbox sit patiently, alerting me to the presence of messages I haven't read. As soon as I clear my dots, there're three electronic pings and three more dots appear.

The red light on the home phone is flashing the number five. That means inside that little black box are five messages from someone who wants me to do something, answer something, pay something, go somewhere,

tell them something. Voicemail tells me that my mobile has 38 recordings on messagebank. I'd play them but it's going to take too long, and mean I'm going to have a whole bunch of things I'm either too late for or have to do immediately, so I just wait for them to expire and disappear into the digital abyss.

I click on my email: Jetstar are offering me weekend deals to fly to Melbourne; Stayz wants me to go to Fiji; Shopbop is showing me pictures of summer dresses for just \$200; and Pinterest has some pins of funky wallpaper they're certain I'm going to love. They know this because I'm always googling wallpaper.

The phone rings; this time I answer it. It's American Express wanting to sell me life insurance. I tell the caller I can't talk because I am in the car and hang up. A friend messages me on Facebook asking to meet tomorrow. I stumble across some comments on a post I made the day before and feel obliged to LIKE them. I am halfway through clicking on a comment when I remember I was supposed to be working.

I sat down to write this half an hour ago, but I haven't had ten seconds without an interruption – not an insistent snot-nosed child bawling for a glass of milk or a bandaid, but a consistent digital tug on my cerebral cortex,

asking me to 'Look here. Buy this. Come here. Go there.' It's like being pecked to death by ducks. All this bombardment and I haven't left my chair.

Everyone wants my attention. My attention is worth money. If you get my attention you might get my credit-card details. They've reached peak oil, logged our forests into deserts, so what resources are left to exploit? Attention. Our attention is the latest resource and is being aggressively mined by clever technology-adaptive capitalists.

Like oil, attention is also finite. There's only so much attention one person can give

in a day without significant environmental impacts. I sometimes imagine that my brain must look a bit like the Barrier Reef. Once bright and colourful and full of fish and snorkelling backpackers, now it's bleached and lifeless. A dead sponge in a tepid sea of murky cerebral fluid. I try to pay attention, but I lose my way, and in the end I just pay.

I sign up for life insurance, just to get rid of American Express. But now I'm on the 'sucker' list so now they're hitting me up for income insurance. I don't seem to have a consistent stream of thought longer than five minutes. I am starting to think ADD – attention

deficit disorder isn't a disorder at all. It's a normal consequence of continual attention harassment and subsequent harvesting.

Stuff beeps. Stuff bongos. Stuff pops up. Everywhere I look I am reminded of what I should buy, what I don't have, how much better my life would be with a new car, new shoes, a replica Eames chair. I have brain fry. My attention is running out. I forget to feed the dog. One of the kids will be telling me something important. Like they got detention.

Or there's a man at the door. I drift off. 'Mum' beeps my son. 'There's a man at the door.' I go downstairs. 'Good afternoon, Madam, my name is Jacob. I'd like to share the good news of God's Kingdom. Do you have a few moments?' Nooooo!!!!

# Live Music



VICTORIA AVENUE AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY

## VICTORIA'S SECRET

Sydney's country pop trio **Victoria Avenue** have firmly established themselves as a fresh country pop act to keep an eye out for. Like all ambitious young artists, the girls have their sights firmly set on bringing their fun brand of country pop to a wider national audience. Since an early age, music and performance have been pumping through their veins, delivering a passion to their craft that is undeniable. Launched in 2014 at the Tamworth Country Music Festival (TCMF), Victoria Avenue left their signature cheeky sound of modern country style on country music fans and industry alike. The independently strong and playful trio wear their hearts

on their sleeves, always giving and authentic performance while reaching for the sky. 'We have been given the opportunity by fans to do what we love, what we believe we were born to do: sing! We are absolutely going to make the most of it. We have set our sights high and want to capture the imagination of music fans everywhere.' They play **Ballina RSL** at 8.30pm on **Friday**.

## WILD FOR THE GROOVE

Get ready for an afternoon of groove at the Hotel Brunswick this Sunday. Kicking in at 4pm is superstar DJ Mia Paris spinning head to head with Groovelands sound system, aka Ben Walsh. Fat

Bulkan beats and global grooves. Mia Paris is a Sydney-based music producer and DJ with distinctive approach to electronic music. She is a total character, who has played the world over with her unique, diverse and eclectic mix of beat-driven music.

In case you didn't know, Wild Marmalade are the original didgeridoo-and-drum band. They have played the world over many times; the Byron Shire is home for these leaders in the field of contemporary didgeridoo dance music. Later in the year the band is set to tour Europe, playing on the main stage of the BOOM Festival in Portugal among other epic shows. Tokyo is the next overseas destination where the trio will play the largest club in Japan. It's going to be epic. Wild Marmalade create fresh original dance music every time. No songs, no arrangements, just free-play improvisation. This is an outdoor concert with two sets: 5.30pm and 7pm. Mia Paris kicks in at 4pm. Come on down and celebrate. Break up



DJ MIA PARIS AT HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY

your lazy Sunday with some moving molecular action. It's a Yes moment. **Wild Marmalade** with Paul George – supported by **DJ Mia Paris** and **Groovelands Sound System**. This **Sunday** at 4pm at **Hotel Brunswick**.



WILD MARMALADE AT HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY

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## ARNHEM LAND'S EAST JOURNEY PLAYS BOOMERANG DINNER

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These guys still live traditional lives in as much as they regularly hunt for dinner, conduct ceremony and rituals and their connection to culture and community remains strong and key to their identify and everyday world. Yet they also live successfully in the modern world, hence my frequent reference to them as 'modern ancient men'.

Pearson shared the story of how the band came to be.

'A few of us live in town; one of us is a ranger, another one works in health. I was already in a band, and my brother toured with Yothu Yindi (Rrawun Maymuru), and after they finished we started playing.

We all idealised them for the way that they blended our culture into the modern music. We wanted to keep the story going.

'I used to watch my brother on TV; he'd be touring around the world. He used to back up and play the didge and do backup singing, and when I grew up I picked up the guitar and I went to boarding school; I didn't see my family when I was growing up. When I came back I wanted to work in the community; I had been playing the guitar and I said to my brother 'Let's make a band'. At the time I had my own reggae band for muck-around; my brother was already a singer/songwriter and he had done really well in one of his songs with Gurrumul which won the ARIA - that song is called *Bayini*, it's a story from our homeland, where he talks about a spirit woman. A long time ago there was trade, even before Captain Cook came here - there was a trade between people from North Sulawesi - and anyway there was a young lady whose name was Bayini; she was a slave on the ship and she used to do the cooking and cleaning. They had a friendly trade going for these sea slugs that were a delicacy overseas, but one day they got drunk and were playing cards, more than 400 years ago, and they threw her overboard and tied her around the anchor and her spirit came out onto the land and her spirit is still there today and watches over my family'.

Pearson believes music is a powerful way to share the stories of kinship and place.

'A lot of the creation stories we sing in the music as well. There is a new album and we sing about my mother's clan that sing the brolga - it speaks about the brolgas as they are a vessel for us to the heavenly place - which takes us to the heavens, so we dance that and we sing it. It talks about the cycle of life and how when you see the brolga you can see their circling of life. A lot of our songs are metaphorical; they are traditional so we tend to translate them metaphorically in our music, so it's poetry in the modern - but people listen to it how they want to listen to it.

'A lot of our music talks about the land and country and we tend to try to get those messages across. It's very similar in ways; we tend to make music that people enjoy, not just sending a message, but also music that people can relate to. But our music isn't about love and break-ups. It's about what we believe in.'

Pearson believes that things are moving forward for Indigenous Australia, and not just in the arts.

'There are lots of changes happening in Australia; there is something in the air, that's how I feel. I feel there is a change coming, and we want to be part of that change.'

Pearson believes music is a powerful place for change and understanding.

'In music,' he says, 'there is no discrimination, there shouldn't be. Music is a universal language - everyone can listen.'

**East Journey** play **Bluesfest** and they also play **Boomerang Fundraiser** at **Coorabell Hall** this **Friday**. Three Blue Ducks (from The Farm) and Harvest Cafe are putting on an exclusive feast with Indigenous chef Clayton Donovan. Numbers strictly limited. To book visit <https://events.bizzabo.com/boomerang>

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## Live Music

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### GET READY TO GLO

**GLO Dance** kicks off 2016 with one GLO's favourite bands, **Tijuana Cartel**, bringing their infectious gypsy caravan blend of flamenco guitars and super-funky beats.

Since playing GLO in the early days Tijuana Cartel have shot to national and international fame with their genre-defying dancefloor sound and mystifying virtuoso guitar playing. On stage is where the band's collective musical spirit is really given the chance to run wild. Joined by Sheila Finke on percussion and Eamon Dilworth on trumpet.

The night also features fresh DJ set from Byron Shire favourite DJ POB. So be ready to dance every bone in your body. **Friday at Uki Hall**. Chai, cakes and herbal elixirs available. 8pm

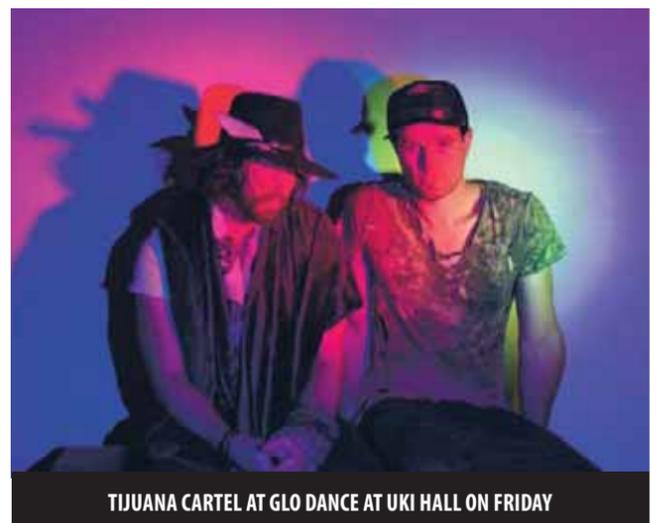
Tix at [www.GLOdance.com](http://www.GLOdance.com).

### JIMMY GOES DOWN THE BOLT HOLE

**Jimmy Dowling** is a song-slinger who's worked around the world on land and sea. His ballads and singing could be the love children of sea shanties and jazz standards. Don Walker called him 'original and authentic'. Jimmy plays the **Bolt Hole** as part of their **Smokehouse Sundays** this Sunday at 6pm.

### CUNNING STUNTS AT THE BILLI

Raising more than \$2,500 for local charities in the first three months of operation, **Cunning Stunts** brings the community together in an all-inclusive way, while raising much-needed funding for beloved and deserving local charities. Building momentum in dancers and donations, this



TIJUANA CARTEL AT GLO DANCE AT UKI HALL ON FRIDAY

fourth event is fundraising for Mullumbimby Women's Resource Service, helping support women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence. Headline act Stephen Allkins brings more than four decades' experience in moving bodies on the dancefloor. He was a true pioneer of dance music in Sydney, playing the very first disco clubs and warehouse parties circa 1978. Stephen was one of the first Australian DJs to program RAGE on the ABC. You will get to hear him play a very special extended set at the Nudge Nudge Wink Wink event on Sunday. The afternoon will also feature DJ sets by Crucial D, Slinky, Captain Kaine and Lord Sut. 2-9pm at the **Billinudgel Hotel** on **Sunday**.

### PALM SUNDAY WITH ST ANDREW'S CHOIR

**St Andrew's Choir**, Lismore, is the longest, continuously running church choir in the northern rivers. Warren Whitney directs the choir and has been organist at St Andrew's for the last 50 years. As he is also the music director, he selects the repertoire, which spans approximately 400 years of music. The choir regularly performs throughout the region, especially at Easter and Christmas, with music that is meditative and reflective as befits the season leading up to Good Friday and Easter. The setting of words and

music relate the journey through the most dramatic part of the church year, the events leading up to, and the crucifixion, of Jesus. The music includes choir settings of some old favourites such as Stainer's *God So Loved the World* and Mozart's *Ave Verum* along with excerpts from JS Bach's *St Luke Passion* and Handel's *Messiah*. Congregational hymns are also on the program. Palm Sunday (this **Sunday**) at 2pm, **St Mary's Anglican Church, Ballina**.

### CALL FOR YOUNG SONGWRITERS

The annual Lismore Young Songwriter of the Year competition is an opportunity for regional young songwriters to showcase their songwriting and performance talents with a finalists' performance and awards night being held during Youth Week in April.

'We have seen some incredible talent emerge from this competition,' say organisers Deb Hall, NRSDC, and Tanya Jackson, Headspace. 'This is a great opportunity for young songwriters to showcase their talents and expose their creativity to the world. The finalists will be performing their songs at the Awards night as a round-up and celebration of their achievements.'

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# MUCH ADO ABOUT BANKING...



SO WHY WOULD A LAWYER WHO SPENDS HIS DAYS WORKING WITH BANKS DECIDE BY NIGHT TO SKYLARK AS A THESPIAN?

'It's unfinished business,' says Swivel, 'when my parents died I decided I would try and explore the story telling thing and comedy generally and do something with micro finance and that's 8 years ago...'

Mark Swivel's one man show *How Deep is Your Love* tells his personal 'love' story of learning microfinance in Bangladesh with the Nobel Prize winning Grameen Bank. In the process he falls for 'Habibunessa, Shaorica and Malika' the women who borrow to start their business. It's the pure romance of ideology in action.

'I've been trying to get a bit of arts into banking - once you get past the barrier that the show is about banking its fascinating - because it's the intersection of everyday you can possibly look at humans.'

It begs the question though, why is a middle class white man telling the story of poor black women?

'Cos I went to Bangladesh to learn something. And learnt plenty. If we focused as a species on how we can listen to poor, black women rather being afraid of poor non-white men, we might get somewhere.'

Thanks to the input of supportive and creative friends, the script made it from page to stage in just a few months. Although the shows' gestation was years in the making.

'I wrote a blog while I was in Bangladesh. Then I wrote a long hand version of the show. We did readings a year ago of the long version. Friends like Clare McGregor and Alan Close came along. Clare thought it was a piece of radio, some thought it was a book. But all the way I knew it was more of a Spalding Gray type thing aka Swimming to Cambodia. Now, thanks to the input it's a neater story.'

Just under a year ago Mark presented his show at the Drill Hall. Now he's embarking on a small scale 'national' tour - including shows at Melbourne Comedy Festival, Newcastle, Albury, Canberra and Sydney's Seymour Centre.

Ironically this little show about little people doing a lot with a little bit of money is making a big impression. It also saw Swivel guest alongside Philip Adams on Radio National's Late Night Live, sharing the ideas and charting the progress of the show to date.

'I did a fundraiser for Good Return (NGO focused on empowering people around the world to break the poverty cycle) in Sydney - I wasn't sure how that would go and we did it at the offices of a big insurance company. It was very upscale Sydney, so I wasn't sure how the jokes would go and how it would sit with the slightly ambivalent attitude towards finance. In the end they made me an ambassador for the organization, and I think performance wise it was the best show to date. I got talking to the CEO who is a serious player in the development sector - they do microfinance and skills development in 8 counties in the Asia Pacific region. There is a team at Good Return currently working on a project in the Solomon islands looking at mobile banking for people who don't have bank accounts. We got a conditional YES from the bank that wants to fund it, if we get the green light I am off with a team of people to do this work in the Solomon Islands. That's within a year of doing the first show at the Drill Hall.'

In his show, Swivel attempts to ignite the passion for community development via microfinance, believing that there can be a place for altruism within capitalism.

'Capitalism is not profit maximisation, which is our current tyranny. Capitalism provides a home for mutuality, social enterprise and non-profits. Altruism is not charity but socially engaged, connected behaviour. Take a look around, happiness is not rampant, we could use more altruism. Profit is not bad in itself, it's what you use it for, and how you make it in the first place.'

Considering the huge scale of global commerce is Swivel a believer in 'small change'.

'Small is and always was beautiful' he says.

'But most men would say that wouldn't they?' Mid tour, Mark Swivel performs *How Deep Is Your Love* at the **Mullumbimby Ex Services Club on Thursday 24 March** at 7.30pm. Half of the ticket proceeds go to Mullum Neighborhood Centre Emergency Food Cards.

[www.swiv.com.au](http://www.swiv.com.au) - details and ticket bookings.

## Live Music

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Entry is open to all northern rivers residents aged 12-25 years. To enter the competition, submit your entry in MP3 format with lyrics attached as a Word document, artist photo and bio to [lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com](mailto:lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com).

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## MUSIC IN THE FOREST

Electric Forest presents the **Autumn Equinox Festival 2016 Cyber Tribal Gathering** at Kohinur Hall, Upper Main Arm this Friday.

The first local electronic music event on the 2016 calendar, the Autumn Equinox Festival has evolved over many years into one of Byron's best-kept secrets. With a stellar lineup of local and interstate DJs, this event is not to be missed.

Featuring Webber, a multi-talented DJ/promoter/social-gathering specialist, Webber from Byron Bay has widely entertained in his performances and parties across the country. Locally his influence speaks loudly as resident of La La Land for seven years; his consistency and creative movement behind the decks is held in high regard with Byron's music scene and visitors alike. DJ Magu is no stranger to Electric Forest events or Kohinur Hall and is back again by popular demand. Magu has been spinning tunes all over the far north coast underground party and festival scene since the dawning of the new millennium. His sets create a flavoursome and moody vibe that always seem to produce a vibrant dance floor experience. Miles Jackson is Byron's best-kept secret.

After starting collecting vinyl in

1986 he became a regular DJ at Brisbane's Afro Carib Club the following year.

A move to the Melbourne underground techno scene in 1990, including Earthcore and Rainbow Serpent, led to a transition to techno and Detroit house in 1994 and gigs at major events including many years at Earthcore and Rainbow Serpent festivals, including a set on the legends' stage at Earthcore's recent 20th anniversary festival.

DJ Jade Seibre's passion for electronic music began in Melbourne, after going to a warehouse party at Victoria docklands. He was amazed at the transformation of an industrial space, and felt connected with the hypnotic soundscapes.

Jade has played at festivals such as Andromeda, Earthcore and Rainbow Serpent. After moving to Byron Bay, he became a resident DJ with a techno crew who were originally based in Japan. This gave him the great opportunity to play with some of Japan's best DJs.

**Kohinur Hall, Friday** at 6pm \$25.

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SUNROSE AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON FRIDAY

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## SUNROSE TIMEWARP

The boys from Sunrise will be playing their first headline show at the **Hotel Great Northern** this **Friday** to promote the release of their single *Strange Behaviour*.

Local Byron Bay acts Chesta Hedron and Lotus Ship are set to kick off the night of free

entertainment, setting the psychedelic stage for Sunrise from 9pm.

*Strange Behaviour* was recorded and mixed at Meridian Receiver Studio and sent over the pond to be mastered at Abbey Road. The song is a five-minute time warp blending heavy riffs and catchy melodies into an outro that submerges you underwater then leaves you imploding in space. With the introduction of a fourth member playing keys, adding to the already mystic equation, a liquid light show projection will transport listeners to another dimension.

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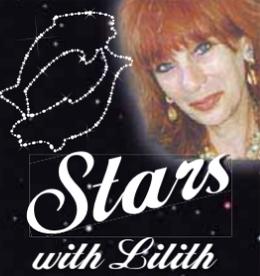
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**Stars with Lilith**

With the sun, Mercury, Neptune and this week's Venus completing a planetary quartet in Pisces, expect mystic synchronicities, maddening inconsistencies and some mischievous, magical fun...

**♈ ARIES:** With this week's planetary gathering in your house of introspection and mentor Mars in world-broadening Sagittarius urging a big-picture perspective, your brief is to take the time, ideally somewhere in nature, to figure out how to marry your inner spiritual imperative with your outer service in the world.

**♉ TAURUS:** This week's awash with sensitive visionaries and all the joy, annoyance, alternative thinking and emotional complications that invariably accompany them. Keep your mind and heart available to new ways of operating – though not so open that you fail to firmly and quietly bonsai over-ambitious plans to forestall disappointment.

**♊ GEMINI:** As this frisky week brings interesting newbies with adventurous concepts into your orbit, you'll be processing downloads of incoming info at warp speed. And need the balance of sitting still and letting them settle while you sort the mad from the bad from the ones that are really for you.

**♋ CANCER:** This week's challenge is likely to be a long-range plan or distant-interest commitment that once seemed like a good idea, but now feels onerous. If midweek Cancer moon triggers replays of an old recurring theme concerning interpersonal relationships, use this week's powerfully potent healing potential to make an overdue change.

**♌ LEO:** Definitely a week to look before you leap and think before you speak, because conflicting emotions could lead you astray and theatrical reactions have adverse consequences. You actually don't know everything that's going on – none of us ever does. Best use of this week would be attending to healing, repairing and rebuilding recent damage.

**♍ VIRGO:** This week's planetary emphasis in Pisces, your astrological opposite on the zodiac wheel, waters the lawns of your psyche in dreamy, tenderising ways that press your generosity button – which others may take advantage of, so this week's brief is to deal gracefully with demands and practise the most charming ways of saying no.

**♎ LIBRA:** Your leading lady Venus diving into sensitive, easily offended Pisces can be a touchy, moody, edgy transit. The good news is this week's delightfully romantic, deliciously artistic, wildly imaginative side, which goes a long way to sweetening its strangely confusing communications and behavioural vagaries. As you'd know, it's all in the balance.

**♏ SCORPIO:** What's not to love about this week's astral energetics in your house of affection, pleasure, entertainment and executive ability? Perhaps that feelings and finances aren't a good mix, because others may not be following any logic you're familiar with. If a sudden upset sends plans awry, aim for understanding rather than criticism.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** With communications complicated and verbal exchanges vague, navigating this week's baffling logistics requires listening to the subtler signals that slip under Mars's radar – meaning less full-tilt boogie, more receptive antennae. End-of-week Leo party moon's a welcome, let-your-hair-down release, but also accident prone. Which again requires fine tuning...

**♑ CAPRICORN:** Flights of fancy and imaginative fantasies add lashings of colourful magic to this week. Along with aggravations when others are forgetful, needy, unreliable and worst of all for Capricorns, unrealistic. But why not let these irritations slide by, and just enjoy the unicornopia of odd amusements and enchanting play?

**♒ AQUARIUS:** Moody and over-emotional isn't your favourite flavour, but there's a big helping on this week's tasting plate. Impulse buying, comfort spending or making important decisions when you're upset aren't recommended coping strategies. But cheer up: something you set up in the past could come through for you in an unexpectedly life-changing way.

**♓ PISCES:** You and everyone in your world are constantly undergoing transformation on every level: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, economic. During which the greater understanding isn't viewing people and situations through rose-coloured glasses, but seeing them exactly as they are. Tangible expressions of love will be greatly appreciated this week.

## CULTURE

### STARLIGHT SHINES ON WITH MOONLIGHT

As Easter approaches, it's time to have your chakras aligned, your palm read and make a plan to live the life you were given. It all starts at the Moonlight. The Moonlight Fair is a three-day celebration of the truly mystical. The Moonlight Mystic Fair will feature psychics, tarot reader, crystal singing bowls, past lives, spirit-guide drawings, healers, channels and practitioners. A program of engaging workshops, talks and sound healing as well as atmospheric live music in the

gourmet vegetarian cafe. **25-27 March** at the **Bangalow A&I Hall**. Price: \$10 admission. 2-day pass \$15. Locals 2-for-1 day Friday 25 March. Tickets online or at the door.

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### ART AT THE AIRPORT

Visitors to the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport are invited to enjoy the Northern Rivers Community Gallery's next installation of **Art at the Airport**. The latest Art at the Airport instalment showcases the artistic collaboration of Joanna Kambourian and Darren Bryant. Ms Brown's Lounge, on show **until 5 May**, aims to

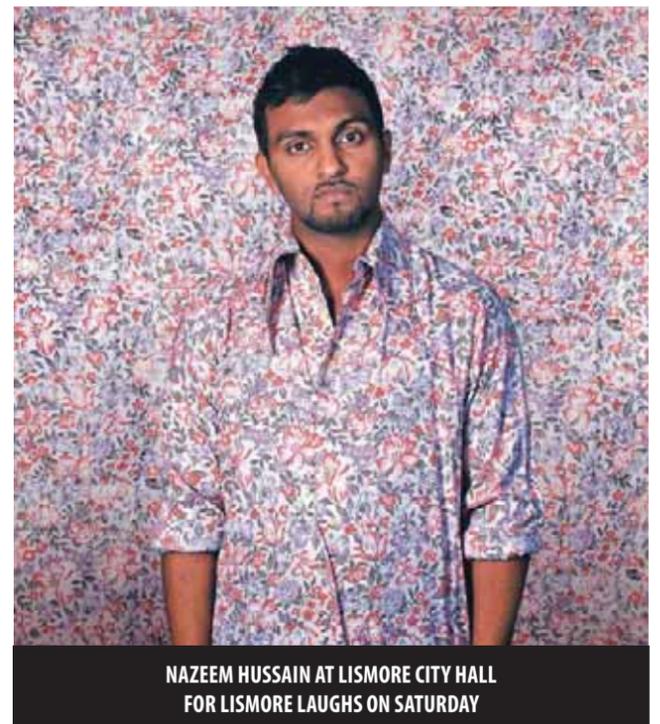
challenge and explore non-traditional printmaking media by incorporating digital art and design. Printed on aluminium, the images are overlaid with a geometric pattern that frames these tapestries of pixelated colour, which in turn removes parts of the image from the viewer. The images speak of way finding and nostalgia seen through two different cultural lenses simultaneously.

### REVELATION OF DANCE

**Ashley Lopez** (USA) is a creative force to be reckoned with. With a background as an opera singer, yoga instructor and Hawaiian

hula dancing muse, she now specialises in tribal fusion belly dance, a sinuous, contemporary form that emerged from the alternative Bay Area scene in San Francisco in the 80s. Lopez will be in Byron 18-20 March and a rare opportunity exists to immerse yourself in a series of tribal fusion dance workshops suitable for all levels. Experience her mesmerising dance (and amazing costumes!) at a special performance showcase on **Saturday** at **Cape Byron Rudolph Steiner School**. It's a family-friendly gig and the kids will love the sword performance by guest dancer, Kaz Wolf (QLD).

Workshop enquiries 0420 398 590. Tickets to Revelation are available



**NAZEEM HUSSAIN AT LISMORE CITY HALL FOR LISMORE LAUGHS ON SATURDAY**

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### LEGALLY BROWN

Award-winning comedian **Nazeem Hussain** brings his brilliant debut solo show *Legally Brown* to the NORPA stage for one night only. Nominated for a Helpmann Award for Best Comedy, Hussain has toured *Legally Brown* to sold out houses across Australia and also bagged a LOGIE nomination for his ground-breaking SBS TV show of the same name. A master of exposing the inherent absurdity in prejudice and flipping stereotype on its head, Hussain's live shows are cerebral, confronting and uproariously funny.

His knack for character and deft comedic touch has seen him become a familiar voice on Triple J during 2014, as well as a regular on commercial radio NOVA breakfast show. Hussain's TV credits also include *The Project* (Network Ten), *It's A Date* (ABC), and *Balls of Steel Australia* (The Comedy Channel). He was also SBS TV's man on the ground in Rio de Janeiro during the 2014 World Cup soccer, providing nightly content to *The Full Brazilian* for the network.

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**ASHLEY LOPEZ AT CAPE BYRON STEINER SCHOOL HALL PERFORMING REVELATION ON SATURDAY**

# Cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

## TRUMBO

For anybody interested in the history of cinema, this arrives as an excellent companion piece to *Hail Caesar*. Admittedly, the Coens were having fun, but their story, set during the McCarthy witch-hunt of the early fifties, is connected to the threat of blacklisting that hung over the heads of screenwriters seen to be involved in un-American activities.

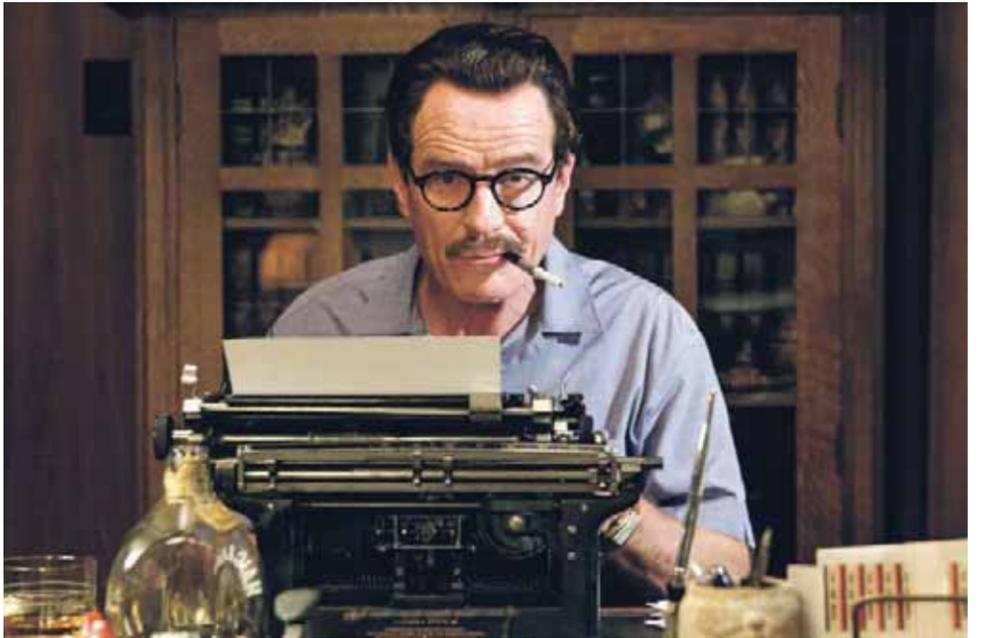
The real-life Dalton Trumbo (Bryan Cranston) was a prize scalp, for at the time he was one of Hollywood's most prolific and successful writers. He also happened to be a paid-up member of the Communist Party, which was anathema to middle America as the Cold War began to grip the nation's collective paranoia.

The anomaly that never permits this film to get a foothold on the highest moral ground, despite its near hagiographic portrayal of Trumbo, falls between word and deed. For all his lefty leanings and steely rebellion, Trumbo still lived on a ranch with his own lake; 'what would you be willing to give up for the sake of equality?', asks Rocco (David

Maldonado), his closest compatriot – who gets the movie's second-best line with 'Hollywood needs scripts like an army needs toilet paper'.

After serving time in jail, Trumbo writes under a nom de plume for a B-grade studio whose operator (John Goodman) is 'only interested in money and pussy' and he is so good at what he does that he is able to farm out work to his ostracised mates. Director Jay Roach is again inclined to highlight the little battler against the establishment rather than the deeper social schisms that were reflected in the industry – but it's probably nitpicking to say that, for Trumbo (he wrote the classics *Roman Holiday* and *Spartacus* was a great artist persecuted by bigotry but defiant to the end.

I only briefly had trouble liberating Cranston from his Mr White of *Breaking Bad* but left not entirely convinced that Hedda Hopper (Helen Mirren) was the Lady Macbeth of the anti-Commie movement. And Dean O'Gorman does a swell Kirk Douglas in a movie of unflagging energy and intriguing revelation.



## GODS OF EGYPT

It should be the easiest of assignments to make an action/drama movie about the brilliant civilisation of ancient Egypt. Its history, which is hardly dull, has been pored over by scholars for a century or more. Remember, too, what a terrific job Mel Gibson did on *Apocalypto* (2006) by sticking closely to the known facts of pre-Colombian Mayan culture. Alex Proyas, however, has opted for the CGI super-hero genre and come up with a dog's breakfast that will take a lot of beating for Joe Cocker of the Year.

Things get off to a risible start when Bryan Brown, with a pubic rug on his chin, appears as the benevolent Osiris. He is about to anoint his good son Horus (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) as king when his bad son Set (Gerard Butler – reprising his macho Spartan mindset from *300* arrives to rain on their parade.

Set kills his old man, as well as the beautiful Zaya (Courtney Eaton), a scantily clad commoner who is in love with Bek (Brenton Thwaites), the Jesse Eisenberg of the Two Lands. From then on it's one calamity after the other as the evil Set does a lot of dastardly stuff in order to become immortal and invincible.

A noticeable variation on a theme is provided by the gold that runs in the gods' veins – when they slash into each other it is yellow that oozes out, not your usual tomato sauce and, to be honest, it's a big letdown if you want to find some consolation in a mindless gore-fest. Of passing interest to Aussie viewers (the fiasco was shot at Sydney's Fox Studios) is the number of local actors who get a start – Geoffrey Rush looks more than comfortable with his casting as Ra, the grande fromage, but

less so with a flaming spear in his hand, while Bruce Spence gets a day off from writing letters to the *SMH* as he condemns poor old Robyn Nevin to a fiery oblivion – which surely is this movie's ultimate destination.

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### THURSDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **BLACKBIRD HUM**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM, MICHAEL TRISCARI, ANDY BARNES**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **SARAH GRANT**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **APOTEKA DJS MICHAEL SCHEPPERT, MARTIN BALE, FIRST YEARS, JACK GOSPER, MADO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **THE IMMIGRANTS**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL **COURTNEY BARNETT, JEN CLOHER, FRASER A GORMAN, THE FINKS, EAST BRUNSWICK ALL GIRLS CHOIR, OUCH MY FACE**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA **EXHIBITIONS OF ELAINE DRYSDALE, LEORA SIBONY, KYLIE STODDARY, DAVID SHAW, CARMEN HOGUE, RICK MOLLOY & MARYANNE SHEA**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE **FINE JAZZ ORGANISERS**

### FRIDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SUNROSE, CHESTER HEDRON, LOTUS SHIP, DJ EVA J**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SASTA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **DJS 9PM BABE RAINBOW**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **SOUL SISTERS**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **LOS ROSANO**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **GROOVE DJ**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJS SWEATY, BUDDHA, ISSEY B, BEATDUSTA 9.30PM ADAM HARPAZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DUSTY BOOTS & FRIENDS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**

- MADDOG, BYRON A&I **SURF HAPPENING WITH LIVE MUSIC**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **VALDI GRAY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **ABE STEWART**
- COORABELL HALL 6.30PM **BOOMERANG FEST F'RAISER WITH JA NGHARI**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **MADIGANS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TOTUM**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **SHANTEYA & JO MUSIC**
- KOHINUR HALL, MAIN ARM 6PM **CYBER TRIBAL GATHERING WITH WEBBER, MAGU, MILES JACKSON, JADE SEBIRE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8.30PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **TONY FALLON PROJECT**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **VICTORIA AVENUE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BILL JACOBI**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LISMORE LAUGHS WITH HANNAH GADSBY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE **DAMIEN COOPER, DINKUM BOHOS**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **PRELOVES DUO**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 7.30PM **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- UKI HALL 8PM **GLODANCE WITH TIJUANA CARTEL & DJ POB**
- CABARITA BOWLS CLUB 8PM **RAB WYLIE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN **NICKY CONVINE**
- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA 9.30PM **PETE ALLAN & CHRIS FLASKAS**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **BIG DADDY WILSON**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **VERSUS FATE, CHELSEA ROCKWELLS, SMOKING MARTHA, NAPOLEONIC WARS**

### SATURDAY 19

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BUGS, EL BRAVO, YES SIR NOCEUR**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PAUL HASELGROVE BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE, DANNY COOL**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **KIMMY CREW**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- CAPE BYRON RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL HALL 7.30PM **REVELATION: ASHLEY LOPEZ**
- MISS MARGUARITA, BYRON 1.30PM **DJ CHRIS BRADLEY**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM OOOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE ROLLING WAVES**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE 11AM **GROMMET BUSKING HEATS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SURF REPORT**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **JOSH HAMILTON DUO**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK 10PM **MEETING OF LOCAL & ASPIRING MESSIAHS, FOLLOWED BY GROUP HUGS, NETWORKING & PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKETS 8AM **BROADFOOT**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SARAH GRANT**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **STORIES FROM OUR ANCESTORS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **ERIC GROTHE SR & ERIC GROTHE JR - THE GURUS**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **BEN WILSON**

- BALLINA RSL 7PM **CLARK BLACK DUO**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **THE RATBAGS**
- ROUS HOTEL, BALLINA 9.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LISMORE LAUGHS WITH NAZEEM HUSSAIN**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **KIARA JACK 7PM DUBARRAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **BILL JACOBI**
- CABARITA BOWLS CLUB 8PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 7.30PM **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- UKI HALL 2PM UKITOPIA **PUBLIC MEETING 6.30PM TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER**
- KYOGLER FARMERS MARKET 9.30AM **WATLING & BATES + THOR PHILLIPS**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 1PM **THE BEAN PROJECT**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **MAT STOKES 8PM CELTIC BLUNDER**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **MATT ROGERS**

### SUNDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SALT BRAIN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **HELOISE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK 8PM BOSTON SWITCH & GUESTS**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **DJS LEOCH, MAGU & MORE**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **JOCK BARNES**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **INEKA**
- THE BOLT HOLE, BYRON 6PM

### JIMMY DOWLING

- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **DJ EVA J & FRIENDS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **TESS LATU**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE 11AM **GROMMET BUSKING HEATS**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 3PM **BEYOND BAROQUE WITH ALCHEMY & VOX CALDERA**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB **NEIL DIAMOND MUSIC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **WILD MARMALADE, DJ MIA PARIS, GROOVELANDS SOUND SYSTEM**
- CLUB MULLUM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **DJS STEPHEN ALLKINS, CRUCIAL D, SLINKY, CAPTAIN KAINE, LORD SUT**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LADY LEE & THE JAZZY KATS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLINA 2PM **ST ANDREW'S CHOIR**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **JOCK LEE HAMILTON**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 2PM **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**
- UKI MARKET 8AM **MURRAY KYLE + BRIONY TAYLOR-BROOKS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **TIM STOKES**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 1PM JOLANDA MOYLE**

### MONDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **BLUESFEST BUSKERS COMP**
- BYRON BREWERY 9PM **4'20' SOUND**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **TIM STOKES**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK,

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### TUESDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **BLUESFEST BUSKERS COMP**
- BLUE LOTUS, BYRON 7.30PM **DJ DAKINI & MADHU HONEY**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **CORY JACKSON**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **SALSA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- CREATIVE INTUITIVE, BYRON A&I 7PM **HEARTCHANT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **WALRUS & THE CARPENTER**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **ANDY GANDER & MAX STOWERS QUARTET**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **SHANE HOWARD & DAVE GUNNING**

### WEDNESDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **NICK & SAME, MINNIE MARKS, BROTHER FOX, MARSHALL O'KELL, CLAIRE ANNE TAYLOR, HUSSY HICKS, BLUESFEST BUSKING WINNERS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **BYRON ARTS CLASSIC AWARDS & OPENING NIGHT**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**

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☾ New moon	March 9	12:54
☽ First quarter	March 16	04:02
☀ Full moon	March 23	23:00

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Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	T 0637	1918	2352	1242	0153,1.44; 1412,1.24	0819,0.67; 2009,0.66
2	W 0638	1917		1334	0248,1.42; 1516,1.19	0927,0.69; 2110,0.70
3	T 0639	1916	0038	1426	0353,1.43; 1632,1.18	1040,0.66; 2220,0.69
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
6	S 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
8	T 0642	1910	0525	1831	0829,1.87; 2101,1.63	0207,0.36; 1458,0.20
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
11	F 0644	1907	0843	2045	1055,1.83; 2322,1.80	0440,0.22; 1708,0.20
12	S 0644	1906	0950	2131	1146,1.72	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	1214,0.51
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
31	T 0655	1844		1309	0203,1.50; 1448,1.22	0852,0.65; 2029,0.75

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 Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;  
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 Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.

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1br \$220

**The Pocket**  
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**Mullumbimby**  
2br 1bth \$420

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10 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores Two levels, six bedroom, three bathroom home with pool and large verandas. No pets. Avail late March. \$960.00 per week. Open house 23rd March: 10:00 - 10:30am and 5:00 - 5:30pm

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## Bangalow Real Estate

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Industrial Estate. Will consider any size. Please call 0421504120 or 0422114404

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## TO LEASE

**OFFICE SPACE AVAIL** 8 Byron St. 13sqm (1 or 2 offices to be designed by you) plus shared kitchen/lunchroom, access front and rear. Secure undercover parking avail. From May 1. \$195pw incl OG & elect. Ph John 66809900

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for local tradesman approx 6x4mts  
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**BYRON** Jonson St, 107.9sqm, retail space, great position. Ph 0408666642

**BYRON** creative work / office space, \$70pcw, incl elect & net. 0431674377

## POSITIONS VACANT

### SENIOR WAITPERSON

Req for busy Brunswick Heads restaurant. Approx 15-30hr/wk. Must have 5-10yrs exp, RSA & previous experience in managing staff. Must be available night-times, weekends & summer season. No travellers or party people please. richard@stickyfingerspizzeria.com.au

**CARER/S NEEDED** for outback camping trip to help with care of quad guy for 4 weeks this winter. No exp needed, but would be helpful.

All expenses paid plus. For more details 0428 363 225.

**CASUAL MARKET STAFF** required for 3 shifts per week. Must be reliable, able to drive & well-presented. To apply send details to kieran@oneorganic.com.au

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**CLEANER** experienced. Must be reliable, have own transport and provide refs. Please phone 0435955920

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Phone 0422 862 896 or email [work@therainforestproject.org](mailto:work@therainforestproject.org)



## MARKET MANAGER

We are seeking someone to join the vibrant team at Byron Community Centre to be the manager of the Byron Markets. The role is part-time.

The successful applicant will:

- have high level communication skills
- be excellent with customers, sometimes in stressful situations
- work well with a team
- have experience in managing markets and/or events

A position description is available by emailing: [info@byroncentre.com.au](mailto:info@byroncentre.com.au)

**Applications close 21 March.**

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## Term 1 courses starting next week...

**Wednesday 23rd March**

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• The Conscious Relationships Formula

**Sunday 3rd April**

• R.E.S.E.T 1 - TMJ

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**Enrol now 02 6684 3374 [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au)**

**BYRON BAY BARISTA SCHOOL**  
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Shifts avail for taxis & hire cars. Training provided. Min 12 month Aust Licence required. Email: [info@byronbaytaxi.com](mailto:info@byronbaytaxi.com)

**MODELS 18+** years required. Nude female for Picture and People magazines. No experience required. All shapes and sizes. Backpackers welcome. Good money. Professional accredited photographer. Ph 0413627846

**CHEF/CATERING** Well-presented professional for function work. Drivers req. Email: [charles@thelarder.com.au](mailto:charles@thelarder.com.au)

**BARISTA/SANDWICH HAND** must be experienced in coffee, part-time position. Apply in person at Village Bakehouse (next to IGA Sunrise) Byron

### Assistant General Manager wanted for busy popular restaurant

You will have leadership experience, be able to multitask using effective communication, be motivated and focused with extensive knowledge of technical & business procedures.  
**Please send CV to:**  
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### CHRONIC DISEASE NURSE

Mullumbimby Medical Centre is seeking a chronic disease care nurse for 2-3 days per week and holiday cover. Role to expand.  
**Requirements:**  
Excellent computer skills  
Exceptional communication skills. In depth all round knowledge of chronic diseases. Team player

Email CV or questions to [admin@mullumhealthcentre.com](mailto:admin@mullumhealthcentre.com)



**Gallery & Social Media Administrator**  
Expanding and thriving local gallery are seeking an experienced social media administrator to join their team. Initially 2 days per week, Sunday and a weekday, the role can expand. Creative skills blended with admin sensibilities are key for this role. Mac exp pref, on the job gallery training. Please send application to Lainie at [info@zakayglasscreations.com](mailto:info@zakayglasscreations.com)

The role is dynamic with a focus on social media, copy writing and gallery administration

**CHEF FULL-TIME** rural position, 45 mins from Gold Coast, must have 3 years experience. Send resume to [info@flutterbies.com.au](mailto:info@flutterbies.com.au)



## DIVINE GODDESS YOGA PRODUCTS

is looking for a new staff member 2-3 days per week.

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### Receptionist / Administrator



24 - 30 Casual hours in a fun, vibrant circus & activity centre  
**Requirements:**

- Some weekend and evening work required
- Excellent communication and customer service skills
- Excellent ability to calmly handle pressure and busy situations
- Excellent attention to detail and computer data entry skills
- Cafe, Climbing & Circus skills an advantage.

For additional information send CV & cover letter to [accounts@circusarts.com.au](mailto:accounts@circusarts.com.au)  
[www.circusarts.com.au](http://www.circusarts.com.au)

### GROUNDS STAFF

Ocean Shores Country Club is seeking to appoint a permanent Grounds Staff for our magnificent 18-hole Championship Golf Course.

Applicants with the below attributes will be looked favourably upon:

- Motivated team player with good communication skills
- Previous golf course, bowling green or horticultural experience
- Experience with the operation of turf machinery
- Chainsaw licence and experience
- Current NSW driver licence or equivalent

Award wages will be paid for the respective position and you will be required to work on a rotating weekend roster.

All applications and enquiries are to be made with the Superintendent [super@oceanshorescc.com.au](mailto:super@oceanshorescc.com.au) or 02 6680 1008 by 5pm 18 March 2016.

**Ocean Shores country club**

## Ray White

### Leasing Consultant

We have a wonderful opportunity for a career minded and motivated person to join our busy Rental Centre team as a full-time Leasing Consultant.

The ideal applicant will possess:

- Previous property management experience
- Local area knowledge
- A positive attitude with ambition to build a long-term career within the real estate industry
- Great presentation
- Computer and telephone skills
- A passion for providing high quality customer service
- The ability to liaise confidently with staff and clients alike
- Fantastic multi-tasking skills
- A Real Estate Certificate is required. We will interview if you do not already possess this; however, it will need to be acquired if the position is offered

This position is full time Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

To apply for this position applicants are asked to forward or drop their resume into the Rental Centre along with a cover letter explaining why they would best suit this position to:

Kerry Hilan | Property Manager | Ray White Byron Bay  
3/47 Byron Street. PO Box 40, Byron Bay | NSW 2481  
email: [kerry.hilan@raywhite.com](mailto:kerry.hilan@raywhite.com)

**EXPERIENCED PERSON** 3-5 days pw for local gardening and mowing business, pref long experience with zero turn mowers, hedging & brushcutting. Call between 6pm-9pm 0402487213

**CHEF REQUIRED** for busy Lennox Head restaurant approx 30-35 hours pw. Professional, energetic team player for fast-paced kitchen. Perm residents only. lennoxheadpizzaandpasta@gmail.com

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER TRIPADEAL**  
Fast growing online travel company. Good understanding of OSX & Windows operating systems required. Apply via www.hireready.io/tripadeal/careers

**LOCAL** Byron Bay businessman requires an assistant to assist him with the sale of various items online. Must have good computer skills, be honest, trustworthy, reliable and well presented. Apply to: 5805julie@gmail.com

**CHEF DE PARTIE** hard-working, reliable, day and night shifts, full-time hours. targabyronbay@gmail.com 0403645549

**MESSAGE THERAPIST** Regular hours. Pref female. Byron CBD. 0419419404

## THE ECHO PAPER DELIVERY

The Echo has a contract position to insert, fold, bag (wet weather) & deliver The Echo to the following area:

**EWINGSDALE : 280 papers**

The successful applicant will have an ABN, a reliable vehicle and ideally they will live in Sunrise Beach or the distribution area. They will pick up the papers from our Byron Industrial Estate unit very early (from 5am) on a Wednesday morning and have delivered all the papers by noon Wednesday. Suit mature or stable persons/couples with a strong throwing arm. Commencing asap. Email simon@echo.net.au or phone 0409324724

## WORK WANTED

### IMAGINE

Having more free time now. Ironing Service. Suffolk Park \$25/hr. Angela 0414719680

**BOOKKEEPING/ADMIN/DATA ENTRY** 3yrs exp (hospitality, multi occupancy) boostmybooks@gmail.com 0422279847

**BRUSHCUTTING, HEDGE TRIMMING & GARDENING.** 0400880102

### Window Cleaner

10yrs exp, quality. John 0411842117

**EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURIST** for all aspects of gardening. Ph 0429020215

**LOCAL REMOVALIST** Happy to move big, small & in between. Ph 0402199999

### QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN

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**HANDYMAN & UTE** odd jobs, tip runs, gardening, removals. Dan 0439981083

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## YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED

**to complete corporation's planetary domination master plan**

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## DEATH NOTICES



### IAN 'HOSS' HOSKEN Died 10 March 2016, aged 65

A loved son of Byron Shire. After a long and determined battle with cancer Hoss passed away peacefully at Mullumbimby Hospital with his family by his side. Devoted father to Solai & Lani, much loved stepfather to Ellie, besotted grandfather to Mia and steadfast brother to Cheryl. Hoss's passing leaves our community with one less champion & his many friends and loved ones mourning the loss of a brave and singular man. Please join us at Kohinur Hall at 2pm Saturday 19 March to celebrate Hoss's life with music, laughter and love. Bring hat & sunscreen. Please BYO and a plate of finger food to share. Dress code - bright and colourful!

## FUNERAL NOTICES



### COOK Barry John

Late of Ocean Shores, formerly of East Maitland NSW  
Passed away peacefully on Sunday 13/3/2016  
~ Aged 83 years ~

Dearly beloved husband of Neva (dec'd). Barry will be sadly missed by his sister Val, many nephews and nieces, grandnephews and nieces, and his good mates at Ocean Shores Tavern. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service for Barry. To be held in the White Dove Chapel, McGuinness Funeral Home. 16 Mogo Place Billinudgel on Thursday March 17th, 2016, with the Funeral service commencing at 2.00pm (NSW). To be followed by a private cremation.

White Dove FUNERALS McGuinness FUNERALS  
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## LOST & FOUND

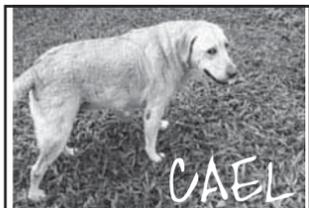
**FOUND:** Surfboard found on Shirley St, Byron. Nice board. Ph 0490174955

## LIVESTOCK

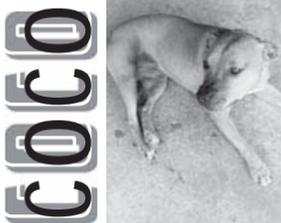
**CHESTNUT ARAB MARE** 14.2hh with saddle & rug \$2000. 0432549903

**HORSE TRAINER/STARTER**  
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## PETS



This is beautiful Cael. He urgently needs a new home due to a sudden change in circumstance. Cael is 10 years old, great with humans of all ages and is fine with other dogs. He is very fit having gone to the dog beach every day since he was little and has no medical issues. He is desexed and vaccinated. He knows all his basic commands and is an easy going fella. If you can give Cael a permanent loving home please contact Companion Animal Welfare - Alison 0458 461 935. Visit www.cawi.org.au or our Facebook page to see our other dogs who would love to find a home.



**Coco** is a 3-year-old desexed female English Staffy. She is family friendly, having grown up with children, but now they are all at school and mum is working and Coco is lonely. If you can give Coco a permanent, loving home please contact the Friends of the Pound Rehoming Centre on 07 5524 8590 or Pam on 0421 017 461.

Visit [friendsofthepound.com](http://friendsofthepound.com) to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.



**Gerda** is a pretty tabby girl who is only 12 weeks old. Her sister Lily has been lucky enough to find a home already, leaving Gerda still looking for her forever family. It would be wonderful if this sweet, playful soul could find herself a home soon too.

To meet Gerda & our other kittens & adult cats, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby  
**OPEN:**  
Tues 2.30-4.30pm  
Thurs 3-5pm  
Sat 10am-12 noon  
Call AWL 6684 4070



## PETS FOR LIFE ANIMAL SHELTER



**BUDDY** is asking the question: "What's happening, why am I here?". Well may he ask. He arrived from the pound, having been found wandering. He is a lovely ginger and white boy, with that special ginger tom personality. So friendly, easygoing and interactive. At the moment he is somewhat bewildered, but you can be sure that he will fit seamlessly into any home and give everyone some of his special loving treatment. A real winner.

**All cats are desexed vaccinated and microchipped.**

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# Help native bees feel at home

Native bees are helping your garden grow. They need your help before it gets cold. A simple bundle of sticks could ensure your local bees' survival.

'When most of us think of bees, we imagine the European Honey Bee, with its distinctive yellow and black stripes,' said Ms Susanna Bradshaw, CEO of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife. 'But did you know there are over 1,500 native bees across Australia? And most of these bees look nothing like their European cousins.'

There are two types of bees locally: solitary and social bees. Social bees live in hives and work cooperatively. Solitary bees like to keep to themselves and usually only get together to mate. It's these solitary bees that need your help in autumn.

'Right now solitary bees are looking for little holes to lay their eggs in before it gets cold,' said Ms Bradshaw. 'You can easily help these useful pollinators by providing them with their very own house or apartments to keep their babies safe over winter.'

'If you keep your eyes out, you may discover some of these solitary bees in your



own backyard. I was delighted to discover Green Carpenter Bees living in my NSW Central Coast backyard.

'The Green Carpenter Bee is very distinctive, which helped me identify it. It is around 2cm long and is a brilliant blue-green iridescent colour.'

Some solitary bees to look out for locally are the Blue-banded Bee, resin bees and reed bees.

'Native bees are very important for pollination in our natural environment and for agriculture. Without them, many plants would no longer be able to reproduce.'

'The introduced European Honey Bee is very common in Australia but only accounts for around five per cent of pollination. Our Aussie bees are just as important for pollination, especially in remote areas like deserts where introduced honey bees don't

venture,' said Ms Bradshaw.

'If you're having trouble getting your tomato plant to fruit, it's probably because you haven't had a Blue-banded Bee or Teddy Bear Bee come and "buzz pollinate" it! Buzz pollination involves the bee vigorously shaking the pollen free from the flower. Making some clay brick bee homes will attract these types of bees to your garden.'

Despite being so important to pollination across Australia, there is still very little research into Australian solitary bees as they can be hard to find and difficult to keep and study. More research could shed light on the full potential of our solitary bees.

• Share your best bee photo on [www.facebook.com/backyardbuddies](http://www.facebook.com/backyardbuddies) for a chance to win a Backyard Buddies prize pack.



Above, a blue-banded bee in flight, by Linda Rogan, and top, a home for native bees, by Poppetwithacamera.

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## Bee homes you can make

**The Shack** - very popular with reed bees. Gather some dried sticks with pithy or hollow centers like hydrangeas, sugar cane or bamboo. Simply tie them together and hang them from a tree.

**The House** - resin bees love these homes. Using different sized drills, make several holes in a hardwood block about 10cm deep. Keep undercover or give it a roof and wait to see the tell-tale plugs where an egg has been laid.

**The Apartment** - Blue-banded Bees love to nest near their friends in a bee apartment. Using a few concrete besser blocks from your local hardware store, fill them with a light clay and make a few small holes with your fingers before leaving the clay to dry. Try to make at least three blocks and stack them to make your bee apartment.

It doesn't take long for bees to find their new home and if you set it up in the next few weeks, you should have some residents before winter. You will know that the babies have moved in when you see the ends of the holes filled in with mud or leaves.

## Life saver Sam's big patrolling journey



Sam Atkins plans to visit and patrol all 129 NSW club beaches.

Story & photo Guy Knox

Sam Atkins from Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club is setting out to become the first life saver to patrol all the 129 state clubs in NSW.

Inspired by Andy Cross, who surfed all those beaches, Sam says his motivation comes from wanting to encourage surf life savers to patrol with neighbouring clubs to learn and gain experience

from each other. He also wants to encourage junior life savers to take on committee roles within their own clubs. To follow his journey check out his Instagram account: @patrol129beaches.

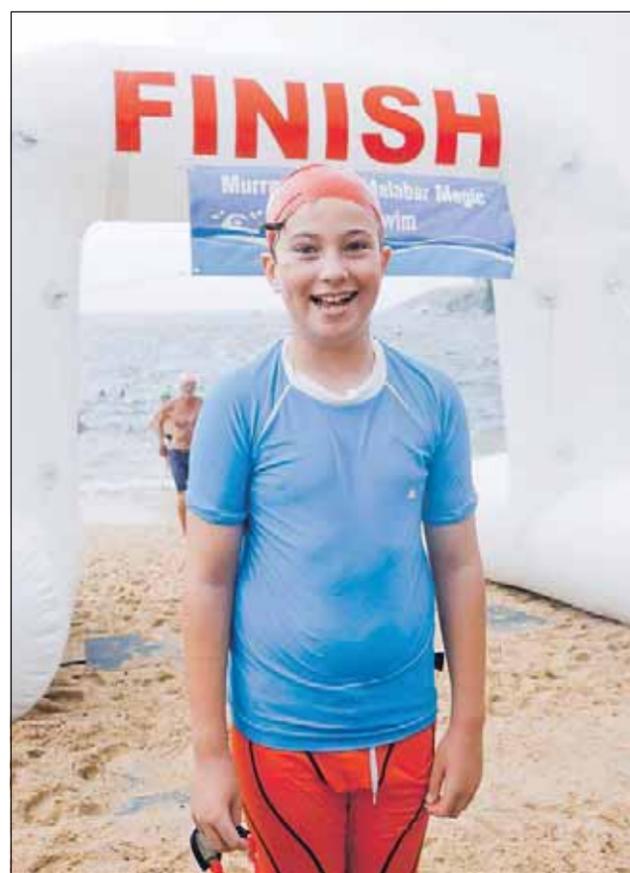
## Cooper's great ocean swim

The Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean Swim 2016 was held recently in Sydney, and local Byron Bay Club swimmer 11-year-old Cooper Berry competed in his first-ever 250-metre Rainbow Dash swim which is part of the race event program in Malabar Bay.

Cooper and his mum Cyra travelled to Sydney to take part in the annual fundraising event that supports 16 Rainbow clubs across NSW, teaching children with disabilities to learn to swim.

Cooper is on the Autism Spectrum with Aspergers. He braved the inclement weather to take part in this event with 23 other Rainbow Club children from Sydney. More than 1,000 swimmers competed in the 1km and 2.4km races on Sunday.

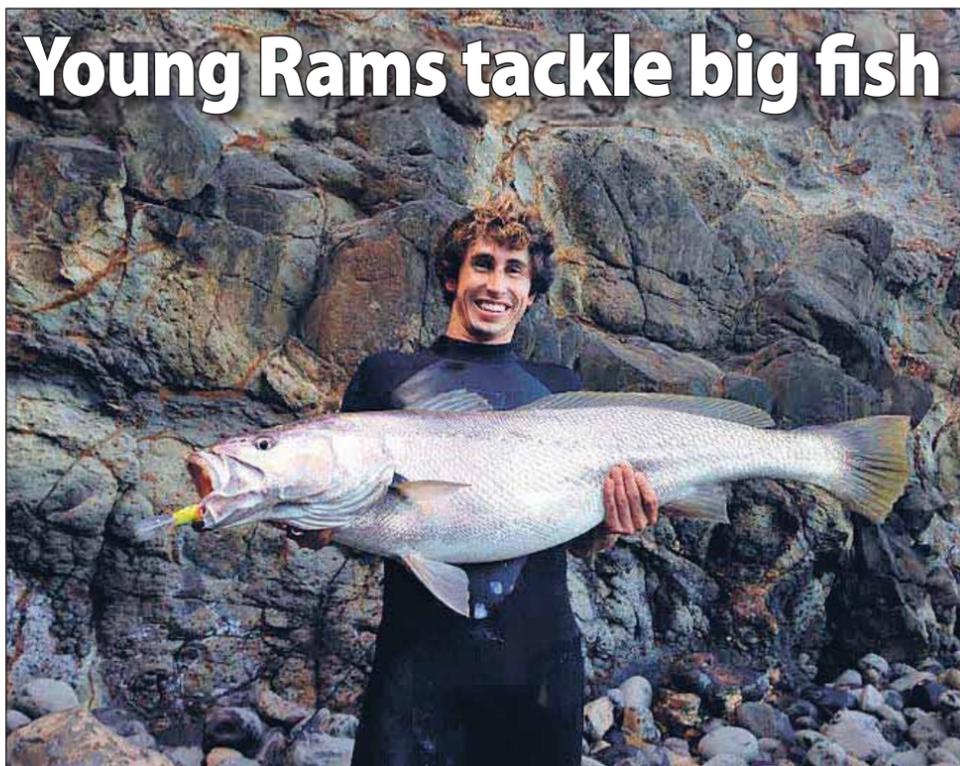
Rainbow Club patrons Olympians Daniel Kowalski and Paralympian Louise Sauvage were swimming on the day in support and raising money for the non-profit charity.



The club has grossed more than \$100,000 for this year's Malabar Magic Ocean Swim, the highest fundraising for this event since its inception

in 2009. For more information on Rainbow Club or to donate visit <http://rainbowclubaust.com.au>.

## Young Rams tackle big fish



Local young Byron Rams players, Jonno and Nolan Pierce, have found a new technique to land mulloway in tricky locations.

Fishing from rocks with

'diving' lures and 7kg line, the boys have had trouble landing the bigger 'jewies'.

Recently Jonno hooked a big one and didn't think he'd land it until Nolan dived off

the rocks, disappeared from view, then emerged from the waves grappling with a large mulloway, Bear Grylls-style.

The lads were able to land it and repeated the performance a few minutes later.

**Proudly supporting sport in the community**

## Fanning's year off



Three-time world champion Mick Fanning has been clear about plans to compete part time in this year's World Surf League.

The 34-year-old will contest Snapper Rocks and Bells Beach before skipping some

others throughout the season to make 2016 a 'personal year'.

Last year saw the champion left feeling 'empty' after a split from his wife, surviving a shark attack in Jeffreys Bay in South Africa, and the sad loss of his older brother Peter.

Fanning was at the recent 2016 WSL Awards on the Gold Coast to support and congratulate Women's World Champion Carissa Moore of Hawaii and Men's Champion Adriano De Souza of Brazil. Pic WSL / Ridgley-Hewitt.

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## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### Book fair

Friends Of Libraries Byron Annual Book Fair at the Byron Surf Life Saving Club on April 9, 9am-5pm and April 10, 10am-1pm. Over 10,000 items of books, children's books, DVDs, CDs, games, magazines. Refreshments for sale.

### Show Society AGM

Mullumbimby Agricultural Show Society Inc 2016 AGM, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Wednesday 23 March, 7pm. All financial members welcome. Enquiries: secretary@mullumbimby-show.org.au.

### Talks in the Mysteries

The 3 Brains: Intellect, Emotion and Instinct. Free talk in Byron, 7pm Friday, Gnostic Society 0412 020 234.

### Prostate cancer support

On Monday 21 March: Prostate Cancer Support meeting, 10am at Alstonville Bowls Club. For all men, wives and partners welcome. Speaker: Dr Bruce King.

### Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market is on this Saturday from 8am until 2pm cnr of Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby. Live music Broadfoot. No dogs please.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: A Way of Truth and Appearance - Parmenides, the Man Behind the Way We Think. Open discussion and exchange invited. Thursday 17 March, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

### Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire will meet at the Byron Library in the Arakwal Room on Wednesday 16 March at 10am. New and past members are welcome as we prepare for our Book Fair on 9 and 10 April.

### OS Garden Club

Next meeting 1.30pm on Monday 21 March at O/S Baptist Church. This will be our Annual General Meeting followed by Belinda Jeffery, who will share with us Cooking with Herbs. For further info: Laurel 6680 2455.

### U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tues 22 March 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads. Greg McNamara, NORCO chairman, will talk on historical background and local importance of NORCO. Phone 6685 1732.

### Dunecare Day

Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday

20 March, 9am-12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

### Chant for Peace

Chant for Peace, 3 April, 4.30-7.30pm, Civic Hall Mullumbimby. Free, donations welcome, bring yoga mat and/or towel. Meal provided. Pls RSVP text to 0422 106 016 for catering. See http://bit.ly/chantp.

### PAN at Club Mullum

Art by members of PAN Practising Artists Network Byron Bay 14 March-4 April at Club Mullum Art Space, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

### Lamington drive

Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary are holding their annual Lamington Drive in March. Cost is \$10 per dozen with orders by 18 March for delivery on 24 March. Please place your order with Elaine on 6684 2627, Jenny 6684 1130, or fill in an order form at Mullumbimby Newsagent.

### Hospital Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital on Monday 21 March commencing at 2pm. Members are encouraged to attend and new members are very welcome. Enquiries 6685 3162.

### Breast cancer support

Byron Breast Cancer Monthly Peer Support Group 16 March, 12-2pm at Senior Citizens Autumn Club, 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Our guest speakers are Pattie Morgan from New Beginnings (breast-care consultancy) and Glenda Harris from Amoena. All people affected by breast cancer welcome. Contact Sarah on 0408 399 928 or email Byronbcs@gmail.com for further info.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

Music lovers: Enjoy a session on the life and works of Anton Dvorak with Gertie Krebs on 22 Mrch at 10am in the

RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### AWL stall

Animal Welfare League has a street stall on Friday 18 March 8.30am-1.30pm at the taxi rank, corner of Burringbar & Stuart Streets, Mullumbimby. Items include cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac and more.

### Byron Shire Toy Library

Borrow from more than 500 toys, Mondays and Thursdays, 10am-1pm during school terms, at Integrated Children's Centre, 5 Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Enq Sue 0402 052 457.

### 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.

## Regular As Clockwork

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### CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome to join our vibrant group on Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5-7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft, friendship and community support. Rooms are open daily Monday-Saturday 9am-noon.

### Mullum CWA

The Mullumbimby Branch CWA handicraft group meets 9am-12pm each 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the CWA rooms, Tincogan Street. Classes in crochet, knitting, sewing and embroidery. Enquiries Margaret 6684 2956.

### Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 for 12.45pm start. Visitors welcome. If you need a partner please ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

### ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes in Mullumbimby, suitable for beginners to advanced learners. More info call 0421 796 529 or 6674 7267.

### Meditation

**Tuesday Insight Meditation** with Radha Nicholson, Ellen Davison and others. Weekly at The Yurt Temple Byron, 7.15-9pm. All welcome. Evening supported by dana (donation). **Buddhist meditation** teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Study Group** - 4th Saturday of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **One-hour guided meditation** 12-1pm, Wednesday and Thursday. All levels welcome - www.yogapeace.com.au. **Buddhist meditation** with Pairoj Brahma every Wednesday in the yurt at Temple Byron, 7.20-9.20pm. No fees. Ph 0423 241 916.

### Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. See

www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

### Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby - Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads - Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Friday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and preschool children Mullumbimby - Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads - Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Tuesday 10.30am.

### 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. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

### 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

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men's groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 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, mazzera-tizo10@gmail.com.

### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm.

### Free Yoga Nidra

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

### 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.

### Low-cost food

**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** - log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

### Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** practise public speaking and leadership through our community-run course. Meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Please call Satisha 0402 134 390 for more info.

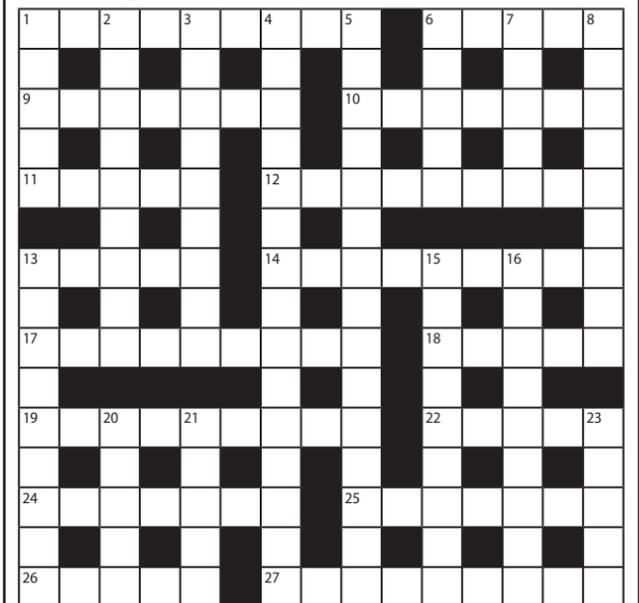
### Toddler Time

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

**Please note:** These sections are intended for non-profit groups,

## Mungo's Crossword

N116



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Crush garlic around the absurdly lazy (9)
- Deceased, right? Not yet (5)
- "Samurai code," said Laura to George on their wedding day (7)
- Ban rule, messy and ill-defined (7)
- Put the drunk back in the jar again (5)
- Liberate and clean out unattached journalist (9)
- Remove from the jar and store (5)
- Tat for untidy Rome bride (9)
- Dirty rat secret - Blanche's desire! (9)
- Cut with small whip (5)
- Bring in a worker - it's urgent! (9)
- Grey, like a chook (5)
- Using few words, the non-clerical conceal a prisoner (7)
- The French continue south, for the lakes (7)
- Like the beach, little Alexander? (5)
- Occupied again, journalist follows mysterious letters (9)

#### DOWN

- Place for research, or just a party? (5)
- Examination for litmus (4,5)
- Realist to deconstruct philosopher (9)
- Cheer for cafe guy - silly old poet (8,7)
- Rubbish the queen, cover with earth and steal indiscriminately - the work of 4! (10,5)
- Tag the French, bugger the Spanish (5)
- Raise negative idea about Gore the Claw (5)
- Cerium or holmium - underdone and heartbroken (4,5)
- Peter and Thomas record piles, badly (9)
- Attack, throwing tons about - laugh? (9)
- Loose girl holding a broken heart - the technique used by a crocodile on its prey! (5-4)
- Nut shows ability after exercise (5)
- Newman is up for it! (5)
- Smelled a bad dose after noon (5)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Slow-moving, indolent (9)
- At a future time, more delayed (5)
- Japanese military code, practised by Samurai (7)
- Cloudy, indistinct, especially of heavenly objects (7)
- Replace in a container (5)
- Journalist with no single employer (9)
- Shed, storehouse (5)
- Sew, decorate with needlework (9)
- American mode of public transport (9)
- Cut vigorously (5)
- Weighty, of first order (9)
- Grey, like the residue of a fire (5)
- Terse, using few words (7)
- Lakes, sometimes with an opening to the sea (7)
- Gritty, of a grey-brown colour (5)
- Occupied again, returned to an area which had been deserted (9)

#### DOWN

- Centre-left Australian political party (5)
- Document containing questions for an exam (4,5)
- Ancient Greek philosopher (9)
- Great English poet of the 14th century (8,7)
- Most famous work of 4 (10,5)
- Tag, name (5)
- Claw, usually of a bird (5)
- Element with an atomic number between 57 and 71 (4,5)
- The followers of Jesus, especially (9)
- Violent attack, raid (9)
- Method by which a crocodile kills its prey (5-4)
- Variety of edible nut (5)
- Lustful, horny (5)
- Sniffed, smelled (5)

### Last week's solution N115



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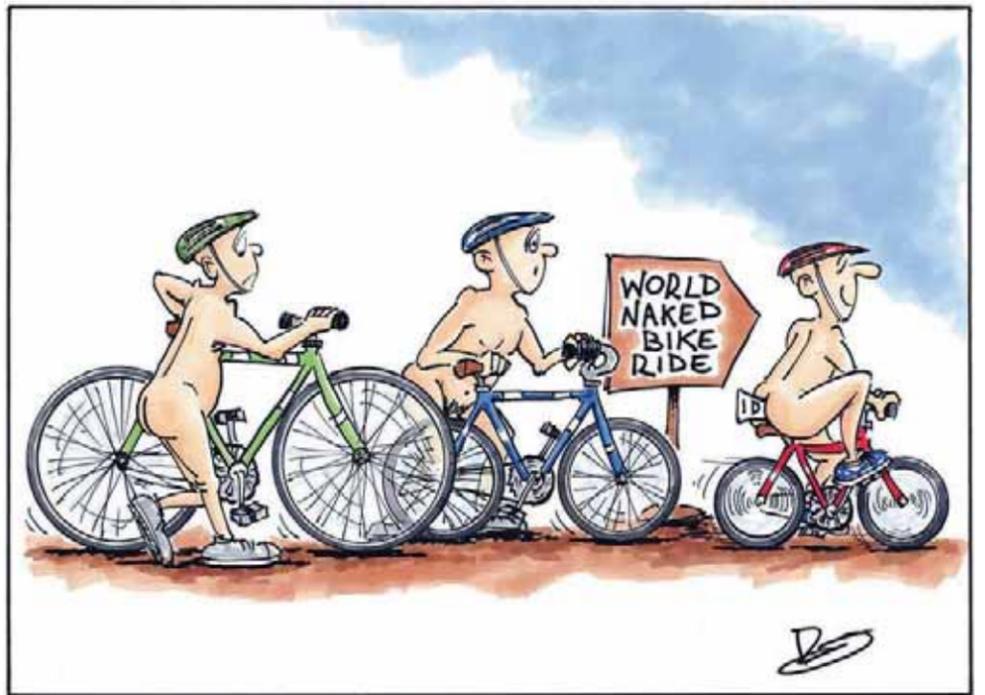
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One very important piece of history mistakenly left out of the story on the Poinciana Cafe last week is that its former owners Keven and Karin Oxford created and operated the award-winning East Coast Blues & Roots Music Festival/Bluesfest from 1990 to 2004, taking it from a 6,000-strong audience through to 70,000 people in their last year.

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A perennial alert for renters looking for a home: While there is obviously a chronic lack of housing, don't make the mistake of handing over bond or 'holding fees' unless you get a receipt. An *Echo* reader says that after agreeing to sublease a room in Mullum, they found later that up to three previous sub-tenants had moved out and lost their bond. They also moved out and claim to be out \$600. And unfortunately it appears the realtor who leases the house to the leaseholder hasn't been much help to those affected. The *Echo* reader also said they were one of 100 who applied for a house recently and the house went to the highest bidder, who was from Sydney.

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Locals Dylan Kai Harris, Zac Lovett and Zak Pitter recently shot, edited and directed a quintessentially Byron short film for Free Man Skateboarding freemanskateboarding.com. See *Coffee Run* at <http://bit.ly/Byroncoffeeerun>. (And a reminder for those inclined to obey the law, skateboards cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or on a one-way road with more than one marked lane.)

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We didn't realise that shop-



ping trolley prangs were such a thing. A survey by NRMA Insurance found that last year in New South Wales, Monday and Saturday were the most common days for drivers to have a run-in with a shopping trolley, with collisions peaking at 11am and 12pm. According to Australian shoppers, among the top reasons for abandoning a shopping cart in a car park were not being able to find the shopping trolley return bay (41 per cent); couldn't be bothered (19 per cent); and not having time to return the shopping trolley to a designated bay (16 per cent). That's not to mention the annual shopping trolley migration in Byron Bay over summer, when the little critters, distracted in the frenzy of mating with backpackers and festival-goers, find themselves lost in waterways, on beaches and up desolate laneways.

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'Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulhu R'lyeh wgah'nagl fhtagn' roughly translates as 'In his house at R'lyeh dead Cthulhu

waits dreaming', the eldritch mystery being that he can be dead and dreaming at the same time. Fans of weird fiction and the uninitiated

might appreciate the upcoming H P Lovecraft film festivals site [hplfilmfestival.com](http://hplfilmfestival.com). It provides a wonderful list of Lovecraftian films.

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**FLAWED LAW #749587349578349:**  
**Should governments protect the interests of corporations over people?**

Say hello to the NSW government's *Inclosed Lands, Crimes and Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Interference) Bill 2016*.

As of going to press, the NSW Liberals are trying to convince Labor and the crossbench that this bill should become legislation (law). It would provide police with the power to 'search and seize without a warrant', while fines would be dramatically increased from \$550 to \$5,500 for protesters who actively interfere - lock-ons for example - with mining operations. The bill also intends to redefine the definition of a 'mine' to include CSG. While energy minister Anthony Roberts is pushing it, the bill looks suspiciously like it was written by NSW police and the mining industry.

Find out more about flawed laws at: [flawedlaws.org](http://flawedlaws.org) and [facebook.com/flawedlaws](https://www.facebook.com/flawedlaws)

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