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State govt's big plans for Bruns marina

The Brunswick Heads bar may be known as one of the most treacherous to cross in Australia, but that hasn't stopped the NSW government from planning a large development at the Bruns marina.

The Brunswick Heads Progress Association are urging residents to have their say over plans by the NSW Department of Primary Industries – Lands (DPI-Lands), which include potentially 68 boattrailer parking spaces and 160 car parking spaces.

A re-development could also see the co-op include a mix of retail/ commercial facilities and include up to 40 boutique tourist apartments.

The department says a master plan for the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour precinct is required owing to it being a 'very popular boat harbour that has evolved over many years in an ad hoc way.'

Car parking issues

But according to the Brunswick Heads Progress Association, the proposed plan would effectively turn most of the open space available into car parking.

Progress association president John Dunn says with concerns over the size and scope of the plans, the association will hold a public meeting Thursday April 21 at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to inform and to encourage residents to participate.

Mr Dunn says it's imperative for residents to complete the survey 'to ensure the master plan for the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour reflects continued on page 2 ➤



A record number of over 200 participants and fans attended the annual Battle at Bruns Skate competition on Sunday. Held at the Brunswick Heads Skate Park, it was part of National Youth Week and was a collaboration by the Byron Youth Service, Byron Shire Council, Byron Bay Skateboard School and Truckstop. Co-organiser Lotte Boer said, 'This year's winners were Haylie Powell in the girls division, Brayten Pringault in under-8s, Karlin O'Halloran in the under-12s, Jyrah McPherson in under-16s. Quaid Munson won the opens and Trevor Ward the masters division.' Pictured is Bibi Bradbury putting wheels to the wall. Photo Jeff Dawson

Man stabbed in Byron park

Chris Dobney

Anthony John Norris, 48, has been charged with wounding with intent to cause harm after another 48-year old man was found with multiple stab wounds in a popular Byron Bay park at just before midday Sunday April 10.

Multiple wounds

Police were called to the scene of the stabbing at Butler Street Reserve. According to paramedics who also attended the scene, the victim was covered in so much blood it was impossible to count the wounds to his chest, legs and stomach.

The victim was taken to Byron Bay Hospital and later airlifted to the Gold Coast Hospita in a critical condition.

Norris faced Tweed Heads local court Monday and was refused bail and will face court again on June 21.

Five Byron councillors 'betray community'

Former mayor calls for intervention over a potential shire 'rock-walled from end to end'

Luis Feliu & Hans Lovejoy

Community members were outraged by Thursday's decision by Byron Shire Council to proceed with a controversial \$15m plan for the Belongil rock wall to stretch for a kilometre, with a walkway along the top.

The Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS) say the move, under the Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan Byron Bay Embayment, is 'woefully lacking in detail'. CABS says it represents 10 community groups and spokesman Donald Maughan said, 'The council motion promotes a preferred plan to build a rock wall at Belongil stretching for a kilometre with a walkway along the top – presumably because it will be needed when the beach disappears because of accelerated erosion caused by the wall.'

The latest approval was rammed through by the National Partyaligned Crs Sol Ibrahim, Alan Hunter, Di Woods and Chris Cubis and supported by Greens 'turncoat' Rose Wanchap, who quit the party shortly after being elected.

No surfing/tourism impacts assessed

The draft will also be put before the community as an incomplete document, according to staff.

Mr Maughan said, 'This proposal does not count the social or

environmental costs or the impacts on tourism and public amenity.

'They want this CZMP signed, sealed and delivered by the end of June and it is woefully lacking on every level.

'Council has refused to even consider the mouth of the Belongil estuary and the impacts on it of their proposed works, yet it is a key part of both the coastline and the beach.

"Their preferred option will continued on page 2 ➤

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Five Byron councillors 'betray community'

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transfer erosion from Belongil beach onto the estuary. ignoring the importance of the estuary for marine ecosystem functioning and as a roosting, nesting and feeding area for a multitude of threatened birds.

He also said the proposal 'has chosen to ignore the inevitable impacts of rock walls in creating erosion to the north, particularly at the Elements resort, which will likely result in compensation claims by those landowners.'

'The five [majority] members of Council have chosen to ignore all compelling scientific evidence that proves that rock walls exacerbate beach erosion and intend to overturn a 30-year policy of "planned retreat".

Cr Ibrahim replies

Cr Ibrahim attacked Echo*netdaily*'s initial online article, 'Byron councillors "betray community" on rock walls, as being a 'totally one-sided report based entirely on quotations from unqualified "spokespersons".

In his online response, he defended Cr Wanchap's defection and commended her ability to understand complex coastal planning laws.

Remarkably he said there should be, 'no party politics in local government.'

He also described 'planned retreat' in Belongil as 'so dumb that it is ridiculous that it is even still being debated.'

'It is absolutely unachiev-

cially. It is a pipe dream. There is no "plan" for the retreat that could possibly work, and there never has been. It is simply too late to turn back time.'

Intervention needed: MLC

Meanwhile former Greens mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham has asked NSW planning minister Rob Stokes to intervene, calling the plans as a 'monstrous proposal that undoes decades of work in terms of the legal position of coastal lands?

She said, 'I don't think [Council] have met the guidelines; I don't think they've fulfilled consultation requirements; the cost benefit analysis is not done - therefore the minister should disallow it because basic requirements have not been met.'

Ms Barham said she would meet with the minister next week. She said she would point out that the rock wall would not conform with the state government's own new planning direction, which was 'another reason the minister should put a stop to it before more time and money is wasted.'

'If [a rock wall] is done at Belongil, what about South Golden Beach, Suffolk Park why wouldn't they call for it?

'Then the shire would be rock-walled from end to end.'

It's a position supported by Council staff; when asked

able, both legally and finan- by Cr Dey last year what legal implications surrounded building seawalls with potential effects on neighbours, they were unable to answer.

No legal certainty or govt advice

Ms Barham also raised the concern that the owners of Elements resort could sue Council if the planned wall adversely impacted on their property. 'Club Med previously wrote to Council to sue for damages if works could be proven to adversely impact, she said.

She has also condemned the short 28-day exhibition period for the plan, which is expected to go on exhibition following Council's May 12 meeting.

Ms Barham says, 'the majority council faction is attempting to ram through the hastily prepared plan before Council elections on September 10. I am concerned that the council is proceeding with the development of the draft CZMP while the development of a new Coastal Act is in process,' she added.

'The public report does not include advice from government agencies and there is no reference to input from the Coastal Panel or legal advice to assure the residents that [it] does not impact on Council's and the state's liability in relation to coastal management.'

■ The Echo has asked the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for comment but is yet to get a reply.

New plans for Bruns marina



Carpark push: The NSW government are proposing a mass expansion of the Bruns marina. Image from a report on the plans by consultants Ardill Payne

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the wishes of the whole community and not just commercial, tourist and special-interest

He says, 'While the boat harbour needs to be upgraded to facilitate current usage and safety standards, it is important that any changes do not detract from the low-key charm that defines Bruns and makes it so appealing to both residents and visitors.'

The community is being asked to comment on various options for the harbour itself, the main boat ramp, and the future re-development of the Fishermen's Co-op site.

'One of the main concerns that the Association has is the large amount of parkland that could be turned into parking, which is linked to the size and nature of the commercial development of the Co-op freehold land and the potential increase in boat traffic on the river.'

Stages one and two

'Stage one of the marina development allows for the relocation of larger vessels onto floating finger-wharves.

'Stage two will double the capacity of the marina to around 65 berths.'

The Association's Boat Harbour Master Plan

representative Leone Bolt states that she can't stress enough how important it is at this stage for the community to familiarise themselves with the plans and then complete the survey.

Plans now on display

The plans are available for viewing in the Brunswick Library, the Visitor Centre and the Co-op. Maps and reports are also available online at http://bit.ly/1SIteM1 or via www. crownland.nsw.gov.au.

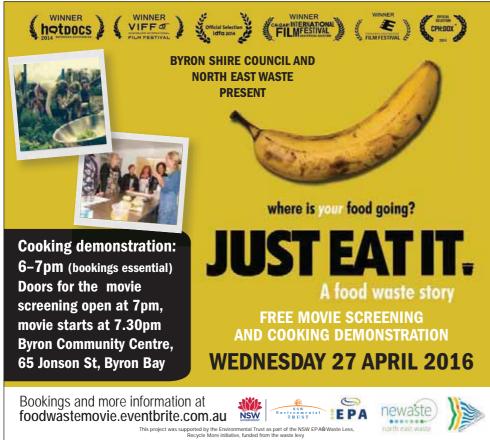
The Progress Association say that at their request, the exhibition period for the master plan options has been extended to April 26, 2016.

For more info contact the project officer on 6691 9615 or email Jacqui.Parry@crownlands.nsw.gov.au.

Ready set build!

It's time to get inventing, restoring or dusting off your old billy carts in preparation for the upcoming Bangalow Billy Cart Derby, held on the main street on May 15.

It's one of the biggest days in the town's calendar - for more information visit www. bangalowbillycart.com.au..









The new Byron Central Hospital on Ewingsdale Road held its community open day Saturday, with tours of the \$88m complex giving the public a peek at the space and equipment. They included the Emergency Department (ED), Medical Imaging (x-ray, ultrasound, a state-of-the-art CT scanner), inpatient unit, mental health and birthing unit. Pictured are Di, Richard and staff with the new MRI scanner. Photo Jeff Dawson

'Drunk' woman dragged unconscious from surf

Life savers have issued a the water unconscious. warning after a tourist, who police say was drunk, had to be rescued from Byron Bay's Main Beach at 2am on Saturday April 9.

The 24-year-old woman from the UK got into distress while swimming with friends and was pulled from

She was taken from the scene by ambulance but her condition became critical and Westpac Rescue Helicopter was called to take her to Gold Coast University Hospital.

The woman is now out of Intensive Care.

Police were told she was

drunk when she decided to go for the swim.

Danger warning

Police and Surf Life Saving Australia remind people that alcohol and swimming don't mix, and it is ill advised to go swimming at the beach at night while it is unpatrolled.

Restoring Earth doco examines land clearing and its solutions

A short documentary featuring local producers and farmers from inland NSW premiered April 5 at the Stone & Wood brewery.

Director and producer Danielle Ryan told The Echo, 'It is the first time that farmers, conservation, hospitality and everyday consumers have come together to talk about broad-scale land clearing in Australia, looking at this hugely controversial issue from paddock to plate?

Australia ranks third among developed nations for land clearing globally, says Ms Ryan. 'Land clearing has soared under reforms in QLD, and now the NSW government's reforms to the Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 could pave the way for a return to broad scale land clearing.

'Contrary to the pioneering philosophy that clearing the native landscape equals productivity, land clearing is responsible for a deficit in water and poor soil quality.

Ms Ryan says it's time to bridge the gap on one of Australia's most heated environmental conflicts, 'and to show



From left, the Wilderness Society's Alice Forrest, Brookfarm's Eddie Brook and Pam Brook with Glenn Morris from FigTrees Organic Farms. Photo James Sherwood from Bluebottle Films

how farming within healthy native ecosystems is possible.

'It was incredible to see so many passionate and informed people coming together to talk about this important issue.

Native ecosystems

'We heard some amazing examples of farming in harmony with native ecosystems without a return to broadscale land clearing.

'Pam Brook from Brookfarm spoke about local farming, food production and sustainability, while Tony Parkes from Big Scrub Landcare inspired us to stand up to

outdated government policies and take restoration into our own hands.

'Andy Ceglinski trom Wooden Anchor passionately educated us on local restorative forestry practices and the importance of our actions as consumers.

Ms Ryan says to get active, sign the The Wilderness Society petition at wilderness.org. au/restoringearth or organise your own screening of Restoring Earth. Contact charlotte.richardson@wilderness. org.au for a screening pack.

The trailer is online is at vimeo.com/bluebottlefilms/ restoringearth.



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West Papua: forgotten and ignored

New surf doco highlights the slow-motion genocide of one of our neighbours

A group of surfers travelled to West Papua looking for waves and adventure but instead found the country's people living under a brutal regime.

Their story is the subject of a film that will screen at Pighouse Flicks in Byron Bay on Friday night, for one showing only.

The film follows the surfers – Travis Potter, Andrew Mooney, Josh Fuller, Jenny Useldinger, Jimmy Rotherham – as they travel into the 'no media' zone of West Papua in search of unexplored waves.

Josh Fuller will make a special appearance at Friday's film session to speak of their experience and answer questions.

Organiser Emma Capp, who attended the West Papua Freedom Forum in Darwin last year, said all proceeds from the film would go to the Free West Papua Campaign and United Liberation Movement for West Papua (ULMWP).

'West Papua is one of the



Pro-independence militiamen from the Baliem Valley, in West Papua. The area is also known as Irian Jaya province, Indonesia. Photo AP

most forgotten conflicts on and a series of events leading Earth, Ms Capp said. up to it were orchestrated by

'Ever since the Dutch left and Indonesia brutally occupied West Papua in 1963, its people have been traumatised by the military controlling their daily life.

Military control

'In 1969 the UN officially and shamefully handed West Papua over to Indonesia. This and a series of events leading up to it were orchestrated by the US and their hunger for control of natural resources.

'This was the beginning of oppression and slow-motion genocide of the West Papuan people that continues to this day. The military presence dominates and often they shoot before asking questions.'

Most recently, former PM Tony Abbott boasted in a

Quadrant article that he appeased Indonesia by 'quietly' returning asylum-seeking West Papuan activists back to Papua New Guinea.

He wrote, 'As a very early sign of good faith to the Indonesians, I had West Papuan activists, who'd arrived in the Torres Strait claiming asylum, quietly returned to Papua New Guinea.'

'A protest boat seeking to sail from Australia to Indonesian West Papua was prevailed upon never to leave. Quite rightly, the Indonesians regarded vessels leaving Australia for Indonesia without lawful purpose as an affront to their sovereignty.'

Ms Capp said anyone attending the film night with personal experience of West Papua would be welcome to speak at the event. They should contact her on 0416 634 774.

■ Screening is on Friday from 6.30pm and is not suitable for children.

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Railway stations to be closed/downgraded

Darren Coyne

Railway stations at Lismore, Byron Bay and Murwillumbah are among eleven stations earmarked for closure by the NSW government.

And the station at Casino will have its staff reduced under a radical shake-up of the NSW rail network.

A review by NSW Train-Link, which runs regional and rural rail services, has raised concerns about the lack of security and shrinking customer service on trains to and from some of the state's biggest regional towns.

And although the stations in the northern rivers area no longer service trains, they do provide face-to-face ticket sales, and service coaches that link with trains at other locations.

NSW shadow minister for transport Jodi McKay said the government was yet to consult with communities being targeted by the closures, while Greens transport spokesperson Mehreen Faruqi said 'billions of dollars are being wasted in Sydney while the government cries poor about providing even basic services to the rest of the state.'

Nats silent on cuts

The union representing rail workers said they wrote to Nationals MPs some months ago asking them to protect locals jobs and services, but 'haven't heard anything back.'
Rail, Tram and Bus Union
Secretary Alex Claassens said
that the cuts will hurt rural

communities and will leave workers with few other work options in regions already struggling with unemployment. He said, 'Some of these stations have been operating for more than 100 years, and now the Baird government will be ripping away jobs and services from our regional communities.'

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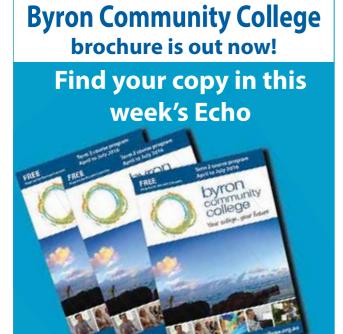
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The best decision all day was lunch

Hans Lovejoy

Last Thursday morning public access in Council got off to a cracking start.

A man who wanted to be called 'doctor' lectured the chamber on why his client's large-scale seniors/commercial precinct should be accepted.

For convenience, let's call it Old People World, and it would surround the new Ewingsdale hospital on 15 hectares. Sydney-based developers, Belbeck Investments, want a change of use, or a rezoning, for the land.

Old People World and Dr Whatever

It's all part of the process of working towards Old People World - which we were told by Dr Whatever - will be sold off to the private sector.

Dr Whatever said he was a doctor of planning law, not medicine, and gave the same talking points that had previously been trotted out by Cr Rose Wanchap - that the land could be used for a transport depot or a crematorium, so you're lucky to have such a nice proposal.

Remarkably he then told everyone in the room it didn't matter what councillors did anyway; it's taking too long so his clients have asked the minister to take control of the project away from Council.

He said, 'This planning report will add another two years of delay, with more studies, more documents, more public exhibition. This is your last opportunity, councillors'.

'And if you don't vote in favour of sending this to the minister, you will lose control over this project, and you will lose the offer in the VPA [voluntary planning agreement].

It was an insightful moment inside policy making as bullying appears normal and required behaviour to get your way. Parents generally discourage it, but as far as being 'successful', and making big profits at the expense of others, bullying is another word for doing business.

In this case, it's bullying the Byron Shire community who are opposed.

A bullying strategy deployed by many developers is to ask for everything way be-



A ham sandwich actually has a lot to do with Council policy - you wouldn't want to see where or how the ham was produced. Image thebakerybenidorm.com

yond what is reasonable and then bargain like mad for as close to it as possible.

Unhappy with what Council gave you? It's okay. You can afford reptiles in suits to fight your battles in court. Never mind that your proposal may suck for the immediate neighbours or community, you've got lots of 'yes' people and cash to reinforce your ego.

It's the Trump era, after all.

Wasted hours

So anyway the pressure on councillors to produce something yielded naught, and as such it's likely to go to the state government instead. In other words, councillors couldn't agree on a motion, despite voting for two of them twice.

During debate, hours were wasted as councillors floundered around belly up without any real planning clarity.

It was hopeless, embarrassing and pointless.

In a rare turnaround, Cr Ibrahim changed his position and wanted to defer for a workshop, which didn't fly with his fellow four councillors.

Their motto appears to be 'delay bad, rubber stamp good'.

Previously, the Belongil Five of Crs Ibrahim, Wanchap, Woods, Hunter and Cubis were happy for this to go to a development control plan, or DCP.

by neighbours as either not significant enough or an inflated claim. But what the proponent presented recently was inadequate, staff said, and appears plagued with traffic issues and the like.

Cr Ibrahim told the chamber he didn't know the full extent of the commercial aspect, and 'we haven't really had a chance to dig into it.'

22,000 breaths

Anyway, did you know humans breathe around 22,000 times a day on average?

That remark may not seem related, but it is.

Cr Chris Cubis took to the floor of the chamber to try to ram the proposal through as fast and as 'simply' as possible. But it took ages, it felt like hours, and they are breaths you can never get back.

At one chaotic confused point, the mayor suggested tongue in cheek to ask the proponents to write the motion.

Cr Cubis stood up moments later and went to whisper in Dr Whatever's ear in the gallery while debate continued.

Any budding filmmak-

They considered concerns ers want a project? It's all unscripted material and the current show runs once a month until the September 10 council elections.

> At another point Cr Basil Cameron accused Cr Cubis's motion of lacking detail and being 'all over the shop.'

> 'You're not informed!' he exclaimed, but had to withdraw the comment.

> Regardless, Cr Cubis battled on while accusing community group CABS of being aligned with 'one side of politics' and producing a skewed result with their survey of locals opposed.

> The lack of planning surrounding The Farm and the hospital was also mentioned, apparently without irony to the fact that all this is happening on their watch and without over-arching forward planning for the area.

> While it was a flop, the definite low point was just as they broke for lunch.

> Cr Wanchap went up to and screamed aggressively at Kathy Norley who was in the chamber gallery.

> Goodbye to Ewingsdale rural living!

Byron Bay Chamber meet April 14

of commerce meeting is planned for Byron Bay Golf Club on Thursday April 14 from 5.30pm.

The agenda will include a 'request of support' from NSW

A Byron Bay chamber Business Chamber regarding the Fair Work Commission enquiry into penalty rates.

> Other items to be discussed include paid parking survey results, the town's masterplan, the banning of

plastic bags in Byron Bay and a short member presentation by Matt Hartley.

The club is located at 62 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. RSVP by email: info@byronbaychamber.com.au.

Tourism industry seminar April 28

An industry seminar for tourism operators of all sizes is planned for Thursday April 28 from 11am to 1.30pm at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road.

Presented by the NSW

Business Chamber, it's designed to provide practical tips, tactics and planning insights in digital marketing and consumer research. The panel will include Tourism Tribe co-founder Liz Ward,

MyTravelResearch.com cofounder Carolyn Childs and Sheridan Ferrier from Australian Tourism Accreditation Program. For bookings phone 02 5631 8504 or email Ailesh. OBrien@nswbc.com.au





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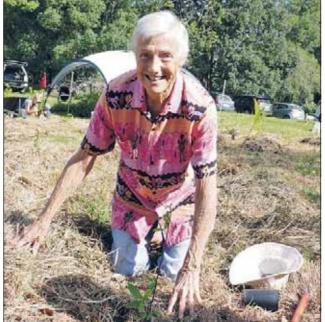






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Edith Franks, 89, started planting a rainforest in Bangalow 25 years ago. Photo Judy Baker

More than 70 people from all parts of the shire gathered on Sunday for a community planting at Byron Creek in Bangalow.

Liz Gander from Bangalow Landcare says the planting is the continuation of stage one, which was done behind the church two years ago.

'All Souls church instigated this entire planting a few years ago, and Friar Matthew has been very supportive and involved in the whole project, as well as Bangalow Landcare, Rivercare and Rous Water'.

The planting is riparian rainforest and is all locally grown, says Ms Gander.

'We planted and mulched 2,500 plants of the 3,700 we had on hand, and would have planted the rest if more holes had been prepared,' Ms Gander says. 'The remaining 1,200 are being planted by project manager East Coast Bush Regeneration this week to finish the job.'

Battle to be CSG free moves to Clarence-Moreton Basin

Staff reporters

A Lismore councillor wants all northern rivers councils to take a united stand against the possibility of coal seam gas mining in the neighbouring Clarence-Moreton Basin.

Cr Simon Clough has lodged a notice of motion calling for the Lismore City Council to reject references made in the Draft North Coast Regional Plan that 'coal seam gas resources (in the Clarence-Moreton Basin) may be able to support the development and growth of new industries and provide economic benefits to the region.

Meanwhile towns at the centre of the struggle against CSG two years ago have been left out of a consultation program for the National Party's Draft North Coast Regional Plan. The new plan will be unveiled in consultation sessions in Tweed Heads, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie during April, but none is planned for any of the towns previously covered by CSG licences.



Bangalow's David Daniel scored a sweet set of wheels - a century-old sulky - at Shirley Green's huge clearance sale of treasured antiques and collectables at Brooklet on Saturday. After more than 80 years of collecting, more than 400 lots went under the hammer. Photo Jeff Dawson



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Byron Shire Council needs your help to prioritise infrastructure works

The net income from the land sales was \$3.8 million and will be spent

on infrastructure north of the Brunswick River. Of the \$3.8 million,

\$466,700 has already been allocated to the road renewal of Kolora

\$467,200 towards the new North Ocean Shores Sport Fields.

Way (between Shara Boulevard and Nathan Court, Ocean Shores) and

Thirteen infrastructure projects have been shortlisted, including roads

as part of the 2016/17 works program. The hard part is, we can't do

and parks - plus, there could be others that you'd like to see considered

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from the proceeds of the former 'Roundhouse' land sales.

Bee biosecurity officer appointed Govt and industry act over colony collapse disorder in US, Europe

cultural production

Hans Lovejoy

Mass bee deaths and colonisation collapse disorder in the US and Europe has prompted the joint industry-government appointment of a bee biosecurity officer.

Ms Hayley Pragert will advise and help beekeepers keep their hives free from pests and diseases in NSW, say Plant Health Australia (PHA).

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 'During the winter of 2006-2007, some beekeepers began to report unusually high losses of 30–90 per cent of their hives.

'As many as 50 per cent of all affected colonies demonstrated symptoms inconsistent with any known causes of honey bee death.'

Essential for food

The Guardian reported in February that animal pollination is responsible for five to eight per cent of global agri-

by volume, and has issued warnings over their decline. And an assessment by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) says, 'Many wild bees and butterflies have been declining in abundance, occurrence and diversity at local and regional scales in northwest

Dr Cathy Frazer from PHA told The Echo the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC), the Australian government, state governments and pollination industries 'have banded together to protect honey bee health in Australia.'

Europe and North America.'

'Issues like bee viruses and other pests that affect bees, pesticide use, lack of food,

and then, catastrophically for other nations, a Varroa mite incursion, have proved too much for overseas hives.

'So PHA has brought together all the stakeholders in Australia to pre-emptively protect our honey bees, since we're fortunate enough to be Varroa free.'

A press release by PHA says that the new program is a world-first initiative that all partners should be proud of.

President of NSW AH-BIC Casey Cooper says the new bee biosecurity officer will give advice to beekeepers on recognising and dealing with pests and diseases such as small hive beetle and the bacterial disease American foulbrood.

For more information on honey bee biosecurity visit www.beeaware.com.au.

The implication of a bee species collapse would be catastrophic, says a UN biodiversity panel.

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them all - we need you to help us decide.

New rural land plans on display

Hans Lovejoy

How does an increase of 320 houses in Main Arm sound? Or 320 in The Pocket or

100 for Middle Pocket?

A document in the making that outlines how rural land will be managed, zoned and developed is now out before the public, and it's surrounded by controversy.

It's called the Draft Rural Land Use Strategy, but Main Arm resident Guy Fisher has described it as totally 'unbelievable, stupid and incredibly inappropriate.

At Council's March 17 meeting, Cr Sol Ibrahim sprung a 1,200-word amendment to the draft upon councillors via email two days prior to the meeting.

It was clear that not every councillor had read or understood the changes, but nevertheless, as Cr Ibrahim has the unwavering support of his fellow four councillors, the motion was passed.

At the time, Cr Ibrahim reassured the chamber that all concerns from residents had been addressed.

Big shock

But Mr Fisher, who spoke in that morning public access, said later others in his area as well as The Pocket and Middle Pocket 'are in for a big shock'.

'Although in previous versions, Council looked at 17 diverse areas all over the Shire for future rural development, the draft has selected only three areas to receive 740 out of 815 Shirewide potential new houses: Main Arm (320), The Pocket (320) and Middle Pocket (100). These houses would all be in suburban style, ugly large-lot residential subdivisions (like 25 houses on 10 hectares), completely ruining the rural amenity of the area.

'It's unbelievable, stupid and incredibly inappropriate for these areas for several reasons.

'First, it goes directly against [NSW] state policy

The North Coast Public Health

Unit (NNSWLHD) has told

The Echo there is no further

information regarding claims

of a cancer cluster in Mooball.

week that doctor Paul Ma-

louf claims he knows of about

30 people in the village who

have contracted different

types of cancer.

ABC radio reported last

that clearly states that new rural housing should be around existing towns, away from important environmental areas. These areas selected are 10-20 kilometres from Mullumbimby, in areas of high environmental importance.

opment, huge expenditure would be needed for road infrastructure.

But Cr Richardson did speak of the potential for rural lands to be developed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

'From a biodiversity point

While the state government believe a viable farm is only a miniumum of 100 acres, there are models where one acre can yield high-value crops. - Mayor Simon Richardson

'Second, it's obvious that Main Arm and The Pocket are totally inappropriate for huge subdivisions as much of the areas selected are very hilly, have high bushfire hazards, and are flood liable.

Roads paid for by developers

'Third, it will likely cost \$5–10 million to improve the road infrastructure on both Main Arm and The Pocket roads to meet Austroad safety standards and provide floodfree access. The draft states that this will need to be paid for by the developers, and not the wider community. It won't be cost effective.'

Mayor's PR

A press release with supporting comments by mayor Simon Richardson was sent out Tuesday, and The Echo asked why his name was on the document, since Cr Ibrahim had penned so many changes.

Cr Richardson replied the issue for him 'wasn't who wrote amendments' but he wanted to 'get the document out' and discussed publicly.

And while Cr Richardson was not supportive of the increased housing numbers suggested for Main Arm, The Pocket and Middle Pocket, he said they were 'only indicative numbers.

He also agreed with Mr Fisher's assessment that to achieve that type of devel-

He's calling upon authori-

ties to investigate, yet director

of Public Health Paul Cor-

ben says 'there is no evidence

to support the existence of a

Health Greg Bell told The

Echo the matter is being inves-

tigated by the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA).

Acting director of Public

cancer cluster at Mooball.'

of view, there are tax incentives for planting timber, for example. A Kings Road resident got rid of the camphor on his property and planted around 150,000 trees.

'And now his neighbours are looking at it... what, as a community, do we think about that?' Cr Richardson also said that while the state government believe a viable farm is a miniumum of 100 acres, there are models where one acre can yield high-value crops. 'And how can we get young people onto the land?'

Cr Ibrahim replies

In reply, Cr Ibrahim told The Echo, 'I provided councillors with ample time to make a comment. I gave an explanation of the reasoning and effect of each amendment in my email to them.

'It is quite normal for much of the discussion around the agenda to occur in the few days before the meeting.

'Director [Shannon] Burt and several councillors did respond. Others did not, and then proceeded to justify their failure to do so by seeking to defer the matter.

'These same councillors had also received director Burt's response to my proposals. She generally found them to be minor and reasonable.

'The amendments went di-

rectly to the concerns raised by the speaker in question.

'To some extent, the draft was misleading in the way it was presented, leading one to think that the mapping was predetermining where future rural housing must occur.

'My amendments clarified this. Furthermore, I introduced aspects of the new draft regional plan, which staff could not have [done] because it was released after the agenda was completed.

'The effect of my amendments was the correction of the apparent anomaly that all new rural subdivisions would occur in just two localities in the north of the Shire.'

No consultation

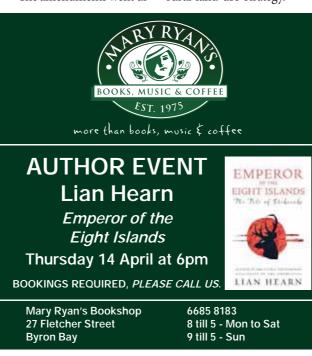
And despite assurances from Cr Ibrahim that everyone's concerns had been addressed, Mr Fisher says that is not the case.

'No-one from our area was part of the community consultation group in November that led up to the draft.

'Sol never discussed the draft with Main Arm people prior to the meeting although, after public access, he assured us that his amendments might lessen the impact on Main Arm as they were meant to open up development throughout the Shire by loosening the criteria allowing smaller parcels than 10 hectares to apply.

'[And additionally it could open] up the possibility that prime agriculture land could be utilised for rural development. I believe that this second part would be really good as it could allow future rural settlement to be on the outskirts of towns,

■ The document is on public exhibition until May 20 and is available at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/draft-byronrural-land-use-strategy.



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Working classy

Have you got a job in the hospitality industry? Do you employ in that sector? Members of the Byron Bay chamber of commerce will be hearing a pitch from the NSW Business Chamber regarding the Fair Work Commission enquiry into penalty rates on Thursday April 14 at the Byron Bay Golf Club from 5.30pm.

There's been an ongoing push for workers' pay to be slashed on weekends and public holidays, and the obvious reason is that it affects profitability owing to the high cost of penalty rates.

The ABC reports The Fair Work Commission is expected to hand down its decision in early June, which will 'affect about two million people in retail and hospitality.'

So let's examine the NSW Business Chamber and its motives. A cursory take on a Daily Telegraph op-ed by its CEO Stephen Cartwright revealed his love for all things open 24/7, while taking cheap pot shots at unions who want to get the best deal for their members.

'Unions robbing youth of jobs by refusing to compromise on penalty rates' was published in December last year but is reductive and a clearly one-sided argument. It's honestly a boring read.

Okay, so he's a little dull – but nonetheless, he's a success! According to the chamber's website, 'Stephen co-founded Fisher Cartwright Berriman [In 1993], a multi-disciplinary legal and consulting firm that specialises in providing corporate clients with expert advice and representation in the areas of Employment, Industrial

How does small business benefit from the NSW chamber being led by a corporate lawyer? How impartial are they representing small business if pitted against a corporate giant?

And given the revelations of global tax avoidance in last week's Panama Papers, does the chamber support or oppose the current inequitable tax system that asks the middle class to contribute proportionally more than the super wealthy? Penalty rates are surely an insignificant issue when compared to the super wealthy hoarding offshore cash. Targetting that instead would be more effective in raising living standards and paying off debt and building roads. Instead, the focus is on reducing the pay of those at the bottom of the tax bracket.

A representative that is perhaps more aligned with small business is the aptly named Council For Small Businesses in Australia (COSBOA).

Its stated aims are to advocate on 'small business issues ranging from taxation and workplace relations, through to competition law and retail tenancy.'

So what do they say about penalty rates?

In December last year, CEO Peter Strong said no-one would lose a job or money as a result of this type of decision, but was critical of the breaks big business had on paying weekend rates.

'Big businesses pay lower penalty rates on Sunday than small business because the big businesses can afford to get an enterprise agreement in place. [For example] Coles, Woolworths and Bunnings pay time and half on Sundays while small business in the same industry sector has to pay double time.

'[But] the biggest union in Australia, the SDA [Shop Distributive and Allied Employees' Association] which is the union for retail, support lower rates on Sunday. The SDA has over 10 per cent of all union members in Australia so we can assume this is a balanced opinion.

Strong added, 'As per the Productivity Commission report, the emergency service workers (not those from the service sector) would keep their current conditions - all good, all okay.'

Now you've read the pragmatic response, here's another: since we currently can't get the super rich to pay more taxes, we are all going to have to keep making sacrifices. It's election time soon, and every effort needs to be made to think deeply on why big business and their puppet politicians should continue to endlessly blame everyone else for 'tight economic conditions' while not paying their fair share.

Hans Loveiov, editor

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Omens threaten Turnbull's fairytale

his is a story about a man destined to be prime minister - a Liberal leader from Central Casting.

His indulgent father provided him with the best schooling money could buy. He went on to university, where he developed both a taste and a talent for politics. He married into an impeccable establishment family, and produced personable and eligible daughters. He was successful in both law and business, and became independently wealthy. He acquired a blue-ribbon Liberal seat and was swiftly promoted to the ministry. He was handsome, articulate and persuasive; he had many rivals within the party, but few serious enemies.

He was a convinced disciple of free-enterprise economics, but he was generally regarded as socially progressive, perhaps more modern than the majority of his party. And so he was firmly in the political centre, popular with the electorate and seen as certain to eventually rise to the top job; he even had the right name for a prime minister.

But he had a political problem: a conservative colleague who was determined to supplant him, and at one point did so. Our hero made a triumphant return, but the longstanding feud continued, damaging the leader, dividing the party and confusing the voters.

And eventually the less liked, but more persistent, contender prevailed; Andrew Sharp Peacock lost the election and John Winston Howard took over. Peacock retired from parliament and was found a diplomatic post.

Now, there is no direct comparison with Malcolm Bligh Turnbull. For a start, Peacock was far less single-minded – he always had a sense of proportion and never took himself entirely seriously. In the end he even admitted that he was never even sure that he wanted to be prime minister. Such diffidence would be unthinkable to Turnbull: his overwhelming self-confidence is less a matter of relentless ambition than entitlement.

The Turnbull ego simply cannot entertain the idea that his abilities, his brilliance, could ever be seriously challenged. But this in itself can be a weakness, and one which has manifested itself in recent

> Turnbull is not invulnerable and he can no longer risk the perception that he is

by Mungo MacCallum

weeks. He has not bothered to

and their media boosters.

and the financial institutions from the big end of town cannot be dismissed as a reckless and dangerous distraction, as Turnbull has sought to portray the changes to negative gearing.

Bank-bashing is a national sport; everybody hates the banks; this is a given in the Australian political scene. Turnbull, as a former banker himself, must realise this, and last week there was some realisation that he did: he interrupted the anniversary celebrations of Westpac to give them what

was portrayed by an enthusias-

tic media as a severe warning, a

was: 'We have to acknowledge

that there have been too many

troubling incidents over recent

times for them simply to be

dismissed. The singular pursuit

of an extra dollar of profit at

the expense of those values [in-

tegrity and trust] is not simply

wrong but it places at risk the

social licence, the good name

and reputation upon which

but hardly a tough one; the

captious might even call it

wishy-washy. And if Turnbull

believes that it will turn the

tide, that the banks will sud-

denly become model corporate

citizens, praised for their integ-

rity and loved by their custom-

ers, he is sillier than even his

most zealous detractors think.

Well, a chiding, certainly,

great institutions depend.'

But what he actually said

tongue lashing.

surprising that the banks have not been over-scrupulous in their dealings with the public. Turnbull and his beleaguered treasurer, Scott Morrison, insist that there is no need for a Royal Commission: the regulators already in place, particularly the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, have all the necessary powers to do the job. But what-

ever the purview and inten-

tions of ASIC, it has manifestly

failed: the banks have shown no

reason for being. And not just

a big profit, the biggest: every

result has to be a record, or else

it is seen as a failure. Driven

by this imperative, it is hardly

reform and very little remorse. As soon as one atrocity is closed down, another opens. If it is not overcharging on credit cards, it is rorting by financial planners. If it is not dodging legitimate insurance claims, it is manipulating interest rates.

Their customers are, understandably, fed up. And Turnbull's lawyerish approach - that well chosen words will eventually deliver justice, or at least a win – is no longer adequate.

He may rebuff Shorten's Royal Commission, but he cannot just will it away: he needs to do something, and something substantial, before the next evidence of systematic malfeasance is exposed - and there will be plenty of people looking for it.

Paul Keating famously derided Andrew Peacock with the phrase: 'a soufflé minister who never was'. Keating calls Turnbull 'a cherry on top of a compost heap'; well, at least he has got to the top. But it is proving a far more difficult peak that he hoped or expected.

For starters, the pursuit of Some critics are already an extra dollar of profit is not calling Turnbull a show pony; just one option considered this is what other critics called Peacock. It is not a good omen. by the banks – it is their only

explain his agenda to the unwashed masses, and as a result they are beginning to wonder whether he really has one, apart from the tactics and trickery he feels compelled to pursue in order to enforce and maintain his political dominance.

And in the meantime Anthony John Abbott continues to burrow away, apparently convinced not only in the righteousness of his cause, but in the belief that sometime, somehow, he too can regain the ascendancy in the manner of John Howard - delusional, perhaps, but it is a delusion cherished not only by the man himself and his handful of disgruntled followers in the party room, but by a chunk of the rank and file

Turnbull's supremacy is not seriously threatened, but he is not invulnerable and he can no longer risk the perception that he is. Which is why Bill Shorten's demand for a Royal Commission into the banks

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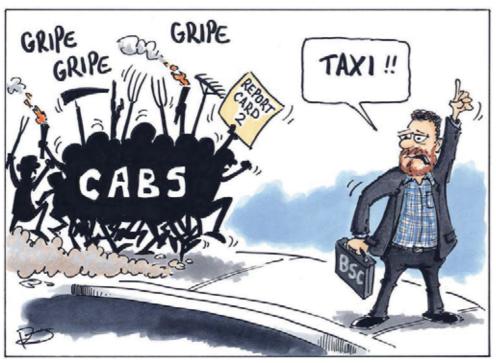
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New crop?

The connection between the bleaching of the Barrier Reef and the sugar industry is well known. The connection between sugar and the epidemic of obesity and its companion diabetes is well known.

Another crop, perhaps?

Jim Nutter Main Arm

Taming capitalism

There is much debate about the global obesity and malnutrition epidemic. Wherever a capitalist food economy is newly established the population quickly succumbs to obesity and all the 'civilised' diseases.

They would have you believe the causes are 'unproven, that it requires a lengthy regimen of 'double blind' tests. Perhaps the researchers are extra blind to the obvious, since they are financed by those who profit.

This simple observation that sickness follows capitalism proves that human bodies are not designed to survive polluted air, water and

the unnatural components of processed foods. It's time to debate the real essence of our problems: it is the destructive power exercised by capitalism.

This is at the centre of all our woes such as the corruption of our commerce, our political systems, the anger of the populace at inequity, the causes of wars, and environmental destruction.

Lest we destroy civilisation, we need only change how we 'do' capitalism, but quickly.

> Hayo van der Woude Mullumbimby

Grab-bag of concerns

I went to the Zero Emissions Byron meeting. The next day there were 42 trucks in Main Arm Road erecting huge inessential power poles.

By coincidence, electric 'smart' meters began to be installed in NSW homes last week, while people were at work.

The customers will be smarting from continuous bombardment by strong electromagnetic radiation emitted by them. Green solar systems are the first to be targeted by meters!

Re the Koonyum unlawful all-night, deafening-volume douche party in our national park, would The Echo care to name the 'organisers'?

And the last two Politics in the Pub featured speakers (Ricketts and Rose) who spoke favourably about Marxism. Is not this the most murderous philosophy, by far, on this planet? Good for Matthew Hartley for highlighting

> Vyvyan Stott Mullumbimby

Building peace

The best place to build a more peaceful future is right here in our local community. Lismore's own home-grown peace group, Remembering and Healing (RaH), invites everyone in the region and beyond to its annual Anzac Day gatherings in Lismore.

This is a chance for anyone who values peace and social harmony to play an active role in two separate gather-

ings. On the eve of Anzac Day, Sunday April 24, a gathering will be held at Lismore Uniting Church, where people of all backgrounds and beliefs come together to share their hopes for the future.

Then, on the following day Monday 25 after the main Anzac Day parade, another gathering is held at Peace Park in Lismore, where various speakers talk about a range of topics concerning peace.

So come along and be part of a growing local tradition that gives the whole community a chance to say something positive and loving. Say 'yes' to peace!

> **R J Poole** Lismore

Expensive flush

Byron Shire councillors have approved the spending of \$1.1million by the utilities manager to run a pipe from West Byron STW to supply reuse water to flush the Byron beach toilets. How do the councillors justify this sort of expenditure for so little gain?

The Byron reuse scheme is becoming a joke. The elected councillors need to start asking where the reuse is going.

There is a substantial amount being pumped to the Byron Bay golf course which the golf course is not using. Would you not call this dumping rather than reuse?

> **Alan Dickens** Brunswick Heads

Relocate TARDISes

In the Echo letters of April 6 Pamela Ditton wrote about Tardy TARDISes. If Byron Bay doesn't want the 'ugly TARDIS portaloos' perhaps they could be transported to Brunswick Heads where we

are in dire need of a new toilet

Linda Hibbard Brunswick Heads

Resort compliance

In The Echo of April 6 Jeremy Holmes admitted lack of responsibility for not informing his guests and staff regarding his Elements resort's non-compliance with their development approval

from Council. Apart from promoting guests to paddleboard on the estuary and allowing them to wander all over the shore-bird zone, he stated that their lifeguard service will be 'maintaining a watchful eye.'

Last week I was at the beach near the estuary when a man came down to the beach to fish. He set up his continued on next page ➤

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Two sides to local bicycling

■ Where has Derek Wright ■ If Derek Wright is alarmed been? (Letters, April 6) I've visited Byron Bay four times in recent years and all I see are people on bikes doing whatever they please.

Riding on footpaths at speed, riding at night without lights, no helmets, wrong side of the road - the list

Engage your police, they need to be proactive in keeping the town safe.

You live there - take a stand.

Stephen Fitzgerald

by anything when going around a bend in town in his two-tonne steel box, he's probably going too fast. Possibly concerned about being a second or two late for the traffic jam.

It's a town full of backpackers often from places that drive on the other side and, in the case of Europe, certainly from places that are far more bicycle friendly than

We hear lots of stories from motorists about negative reactions from cyclists to

their oh-so-helpful critiques but rarely do we hear from cyclists about stupid behaviour from motorists. The reason is simple: there are far too many. It's not unusual for a cyclist to witness several per day! Stupid behaviour and attitudes that can, and do, kill cyclists.

Derek shouldn't worry too much. If the cyclist gets what Derek might think he deserves, the minor damage to his two-tonne steel box is probably covered.

> **Robin Harrison** Binna Burra

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What can save Belongil and our floundering council?

■ Teasing the salient factors from Hans Lovejoy's excellent front-page article (Echo, April 6) was personally revealing. Particularly when facing uncertain times with climate change and rising seas.

There has been much breast-beating and wailing to save approximately 34 houses from falling into the sea. Ratepayers have been heavily lent upon to carry the financial burden – despite warning policies of 'planned retreat' and 'buyer beware' existing within landowners' duty of care.

We learn that the consultants preparing a management strategy for the beach say a sea wall and groynes are still the best 'economic' option. Consultants Water

Research Laboratory (WRL) have 'hosed down the loss of public amenity' - ie 'there are a range of usable public beaches that will still be available...' (A shocking remark!)

Finally, the public is informed that WRL told councillors in a recent workshop that land values since July 15 have increased 40 per cent, which is 'up to 140 per cent increase since the commencement of study'.

To achieve the above these people are promoting – but not articulating - total ecocide of the Belongil and its lifesustaining environs. They are violating international laws supporting the environment.

The Belongil Five's intentions are now clearly transparent. Do not support ecocide. Have your say. Now is the time as the long-awaited draft coastal zone management plan goes on exhibition very soon.

Do not delay. Save Belongil and Byron.

> Jo Faith Byron Bay

■ Our council is a joke. We have four well-informed councillors who debate issues in a considered, thoughtful way, always mindful of the community they represent, and we have five recalcitrant councillors who lock out general community discussion and are puppets for a few. Last Thursday's proceedings were a showcase for this.

The gang of five talked nonsense, admitted often they didn't know what they were talking about, obfuscated and laughed at proceedings and any opposition to their opinions. At the end of a long day it was no, no, no to most motions on the agenda, and a resounding yes for 1.6 kilometres of rock wall at Belongil beach. On this issue they were oh so proud to be 'doing something at last'.

As we all know, any broad expert advice or community input was locked out of their so-called 'deliberations' on this long-expected and certainly pre-made decision. It was always a foregone conclusion that this impediment to common sense would be

built, as this was the definitive purpose for which at least one councillor (admitted) had been voted onto Council.

They conferred only with Belongil residents and discussed solutions only with a group whose business it is to build rock walls. No other expert advice or historical precedents were taken into account.

There was no consideration given to beach loss, no consideration or care for the damage this will do to the ecosystem that is Belongil estuary, no consideration for lost revenue in tourism as our beaches are depleted and broken, no consideration given to sand replenishment and maintenance costs which ratepayers will

have to share in future years. They simply don't care that they are downgrading public amenity and enjoyment of a fragile and long-loved stretch of the coast.

Happy to be finally avoiding litigation from a handful of Belongil dune dwellers, they will now gift our future councils much the same from the Elements resort, as they cry foul to the loss and damage that will bounce onto their beachfront. Short fixes are no fixes at all, but I suspect these five already know that. They will all be long gone when the community reaps the poisonous harvest of their cowboy politics.

> Jan Hackett Sunrise



lines and buckets with his son. My friend asked him if he was from the resort. He said he was. Did he know he was fishing in a marine sanctuary and that fishing was banned? He said he didn't know and he had been fishing that morning in front of a 'lifesaver' and the 'lifesaver' didn't say anything. For a five-star 'eco' resort, the care of our environment, keeping the conditions of its approvals and care of the local community seems to be taking a low priority.

The care of our ears is taking a low priority as well. Last Saturday at 3pm I rang the resort after walking around Sunrise trying to figure out where the loud funk band was. It was half a kilometre away in a marquee at Elements.

The staff person I spoke to at 3pm said, 'The band would be stopping soon and a DJ would be performing after the band but not after 10pm.' I said if that were a neighbour playing music that loud I would be knocking on the door to ask them to turn it down. I assumed the band was facing south and blasting right across Sunrise.

I rang at 9.30pm, say ing that I could hear the DJ music and I said that it was of an acceptable level and I was ringing to inform, not to complain. I hope the meeting with Marine Parks and Council sorts this out.

Lee Cass

Byron Bay

Unjustified killing

On catching up on my Echo reading I came across a letter from Vyvyan Stott dated March 23.

I was intrigued to read that

Mr Stott in the context of his allegations of the organised murder of Christians in the newly formed Soviet Union had gone to the trouble of telling us that Leon Trotsky's real name was Lev Bronstein.

I wonder why it was important for him to do this while at the same time not giving us Stalin's real name of Iosif Vissarionovich Dzugashvili. Could it be that the more than a century old fabricated anti-Semitic text The Protocols of The Elders of Zion still holds sway in certain minds?

Many Christians died at the hands of the Czarist regimes. Many Jews died at the hands of, no doubt, Christians during the Russian Pogroms of the 19th century and the early 20th century. Many Russian Christians, together with Muslims and Jews, died at the hands of other Christians during the First World

None of which justifies anybody in killing anyone based on their religious or political beliefs. Tragically it happens and continues to happen all too often.

The Russian Revolution in part came about as a result of the carnage of the First World War, one of its main slogans being Peace, Land and Bread. Trotsky was foreign minister and the leader of the Russian delegation to the signing of The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which led to Russia's withdrawal from the war.

Many died during the civil war that broke out following the Revolution and also in part as a result of foreign intervention.

I would like to see the evidence that Trotsky actually sat down with Stalin and >





Malignant mutants move among us in well-cut suits

Story & image S Sorrensen

Lismore. Tuesday, 7.50am.

I've had enough of these buggers. I'm not normally an angry man, but today as I sip coffee at the cafe, I feel my anger rising like a warming ocean.

Rich people in power. How did it get to this?

Was it Plato who said that people in government should have no personal wealth because it would obviously corrupt their ability to do what is best for the people? I think so. Or was it Superman? One or the other. Both insightful heroes. (X-ray vision is like insightful...)

With their blandness developed through focus groups, these rich blokes in their dull suits and neat haircuts look like automatons, and are interchangeable (and often interchanged). They act like automatons. Any indi-

➤ signed death warrants particularly targeting Christians – the enemy being the old Czarist regime.

It needs to be pointed out that Trotsky and Stalin were bitter rivals during, before and after the years Mr Stott highlights.

Lenin's last will and testament advises that Stalin should never be allowed to become the leader of the Soviet government. Needless to say that history did not follow Lenin's advice and Stalin did prevail, with tragic consequences.

One of Stalin's main political preoccupations was dealing with Trotsky and his supporters known as The Left Opposition. Trotsky and his supporters were gradually isolated and eventually banished and exiled.

Trotsky remained a political threat to the paranoid Stalin right up until he was assassinated by a Stalinist agent in Mexico in 1940.

Roy Drew

Lennox bike track

In response to the recent article critical of my support for a children's bike track at Ocean Breeze Reserve: The bike track will only take up a small portion of what is a large and under-utilised park. It will also be designed as a very low key facility for 6–10-year-olds and will have very little, if any, impact on the neighbouring properties, whose owners have expressed a desire for *no*

viduality – any humanity – is quickly eradicated. Humanity, with its compassion and love of children, is a threat to the greed ethic; a threat to the party line. Both parties.

And, to top it all off, my latte tastes weak. And the beans are a tad burnt. Jeez, how bad can things get?

These mutants talk in a stilted way, like Daleks, heartless buggers from another planet (Skaro). They do to language what they do to everything. With furrowed brows and a faked sincerity, they impersonate concern, but, it's obvious to everyone what they're really saying is 'Exterminate. Exterminate'.

I know that the Christ fella, another hero, didn't have much truck with the rich. He didn't beat around the bush about it either. The rich will not go to heaven, he said at one of his shows (or was it the film?). He didn't say they



might get to heaven if, say, they got rid of the deficit, or sent their kids to a Catholic school, or got cannabis users off the road, he said they wouldn't get into heaven. Peter the Bouncer would turn them back at the pearly gates like a boatload of refugees – despite the Salvatore Ferragamo shoes. (Didn't Superman have something to say about giving shelter to those need-

ing refuge? Or was it Doctor Who?)

The rich are all through our governments, like a malignancy. They are big business, cheating the country of its common wealth, polluting the water, warming the future, and hiding their money in offshore schemes.

They rip up land and rip off indigenous people to make their wealth. They pay

bugger-all taxes; instead, they rifle through the chattels of the poor to pay for the infrastructure required for their excesses. They cut spending on education, the environment and health, while subsidising climate-changing quick-buck schemes that make a mockery of all that palaver in Paris.

I take another sip – ew. Could be the milk that's burnt...

Like junkies, they are selfobsessed buggers, with an addiction that overrides any sense of the common good. As their wealth and bloat grows, their need becomes more and more demanding, more blatant, and the planet is sucked dry.

This is the new morality. The new normal: A strong currency is bad. Cheaper housing is bad. Water is for mining. Forests are for clearing. Rich is right.

The waitress brings coffee to another table. She passes by me and smiles.

'Enjoying your coffee?' she asks. Oh dear.

But things are changing. No-one believes them any more. We're over it.

After the chit-chat and champagne in Paris, it's business as usual: The Carmichael mine is approved, protesters are to be heavily fined and jailed, and taxes are for the poor.

The Emperor wears no clothes!

I'm not going to take it any more. It's time to speak out. Bugger these buggers.

'Oh, the coffee's fine,' I say to the waitress.

She flashes her smile at me again, and moves onto the next table.

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recreation or community facilities to be located on *their*

Our public parks and reserves are for the whole community and not just residents who are fortunate enough to have properties backing onto them.

Some of the complaints received by Ballina Council have been way over the top (increased crime, noise, lights, etc). Once the final designs have been completed I'm sure most of the concerns will be addressed and residents will see the wider benefits for the community.

With all the new subdivisions in Lennox and a large number of families moving to the area it's important that Council actively supports providing facilities for our growing community to enjoy.

I'm proud to support local families and our youth by promoting the provision of low-cost recreation facilities that encourage an active lifestyle and community.

> **Cr Jeff Johnson** Lennox Head

Rush to judgment

Gareth Smith (Letters, April 6) does not handle contradiction well. He accuses Israel of acting as judge, jury and executioner of a Palestinian who was shot dead on March 24, and then proceeds to act as judge and jury of the Israeli soldier who did the shooting.

In his highly selective account of the facts, he omits

to mention that (i) the Palestinian was initially shot while on a stabbing rampage, severely wounding one person, (ii) the soldier who fired the second, fatal shot maintains that he was concerned that the Palestinian was armed with a bomb and was about to detonate it, and (iii) the soldier has been arrested and charged by the Israeli authorities and is facing trial.

Nor does Gareth, in his rush to judgment, tell us that Israel is the only country in the Middle East which has an independent judiciary that regularly rules against the government of the day, and in which all citizens, Jews and Arabs alike, get a fair trial. To Gareth, it seems, these are unimportant formalities. He has already made up his mind, half a world away, that the soldier is guilty.

To respond to Jenny Bush's letter, I am not 'conflating criticism of Israeli government policy with antisemitism', as she asserts. When Gareth Smith wonders out loud whether Israel is responsible for an advertising infringement notice he received from the local council in Byron Bay, even Jenny would have a hard time explaining what that has to do with criticism of Israeli government policy.

The most vigorous critics of Israeli government policy are Israel's own citizens. Regardless of ethnic and religious background, they each get one vote and the opportunity to vote Israeli governments into or out of office at regular, free and fair elections. Something which does not happen anywhere else in the Middle East.

> **Vic Alhadeff** CEO, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

Syrian conflict

Recently a new academic study in the form of an e-

book entiltled *The Dirty War on Syria* was published by Dr Tim Anderson, senior lecturer in political economy at the University of Sydney. I recommend this study written in plain English for anyone who may feel confused about the nature of the more than five-year-long conflict in Syria.

Dr Anderson has provided many references to a wide range of source documents

for each chapter in this book. Since this conflict began I have also accessed some 500 documents from worldwide sources related to this conflict. About half of these are from mainstream reporting, including corporate-funded think tanks and about a quarter from academia and a quarter from independent journalists and reporters on the ground.

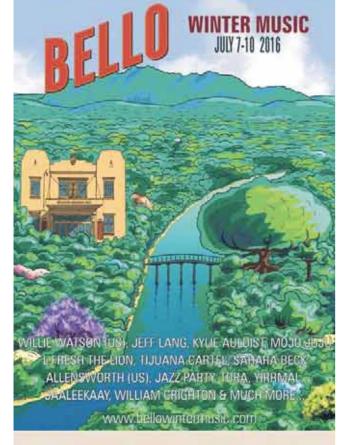
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Backflash: tripping down memory lane

In our issue of February 14, 1990 we read about a protest over cuts to rail services in the northern rivers. Alas, it was unsuccessful.

Mullumbimby stops XPT

The inaugural XPT service to Murwillumbah ground to a halt when about 200 Mullumbimby residents stopped it in its tracks for half an hour on Monday night. Police arrested Shire President candidate Dr Ian Paterson and Ms Rhonda Ellis, spokesperson for Citizens Against Rail Cuts (CARC), when they stood in the train's path.

Mullumbimby was the only place on the Sydney-Murwillumbah line where the XPT was stopped by demonstrators.

The crowd listened to addresses from Dr Paterson and Mr Rowie Hull, chairman of the Lismore branch of the Country Residents Party, while waiting for the XPT to arrive. The train was running half an hour late. Not all spectators agreed with Dr Paterson's stance. One man accosted him on the tracks, concerned that his wife's arrival would be delayed.

At a rally the previous Sunday Dr Paterson had announced he would stand on the tracks to halt the XPT. When the train pulled into Mullumbimby station

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My sources only overlap by

about ten per cent with those

cited by Dr Anderson, yet

our common understandings

show a remarkable consist-

ency. Accordingly, the Syr-

ian war is not a 'civil war', as

commonly referred to in our

corporate and government-

funded media. It is a 'regime

change' war using a variety

of mercenary terrorist armies

trained by US special operation forces in Turkey and

earlier in the conflict inside

are armed with ever increas-

ingly sophisticated US and

European arms funnelled

mostly through Turkey, Jordan and Israel and funded by

the USA, Qatar and notably Saudi Arabia. The funding

for ISIS and other terror-

ists is also bolstered by the

stealing of Syrian and Iraqi

oil trucked by thousand of

oil tankers to Turkey and ex-

ported via Israel to mostly

These mercenary armies

Jordan.



Dr Ian Paterson is led away by police after refusing to leave the railway track. Rhonda Ellis was also led away, still holding her banner 'Put the trucks on the rails'.

at about 8.15pm the driver sounded his horn several times but Dr Paterson refused to move from the tracks.

'In the name of the people I call upon you to stop this train,' Dr Paterson called through a loud hailer.

Once the train had stopped, local police moved in to arrest Dr Paterson and remove him from the tracks. Ms Ellis and several other protestors then took up positions with placards in front of the train until Ms Ellis was led away by police.

Ms Ellis and Dr Paterson were taken to the Mullumbimby police station and charged with obstructing traffic under the Summary Offences Act. They were then released on bail to appear in the Mullumbimby Court on March 7.

Following the arrests the XPT then stopped at the level crossing when several SRA officials, despite their cries to the guard, were left behind at the station. During this time SRA publicity officer Mr Ron Hall confirmed to *The Echo* that on its last trip the Motorail had almost run over a fettling gang.

Mr Hall said the fettlers had escaped without injury but their trike was crushed.

He also said the gang should have been aware of the train's timetable and that the SRA was carrying out an internal enquiry.

About 70 people attended the rally at Mullumbimby station last Sunday to protest cuts in rail services. The rally passed a resolution calling for the XPT to be halted and the Motorail re-instated until north coast roads were adequately repaired.

Dr Paterson announced to the rally that he would be running for the Federal seat of Richmond as well as the position of Shire President. He told The Echo that 'I couldn't possibly do worse than Blunt and I could do a lot better than the councillors in Byron'.

POSTSCRIPT: Dr Ian Kingston won the Shire presidential election in March that year with 3,751 primary votes, while Dr Ian Paterson was sixth out of seven candidates with 662 votes. The other XPT protester, Rhonda Ellis, was elected to Council with the most number of councillor primary votes – 3,243.

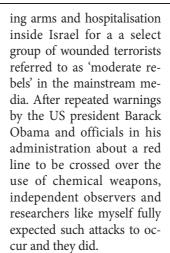
the claims in our media that the Syrian army is bombing the Syrian population, hospitals, schools, water and electricity supplies total nonsense.

Worst of all our own foreign minister Julie Bishop is perpetuating some of these allegations, which by endless repetition magically turn into 'facts'. In her September 2015 address to the United Nations General Assembly in New

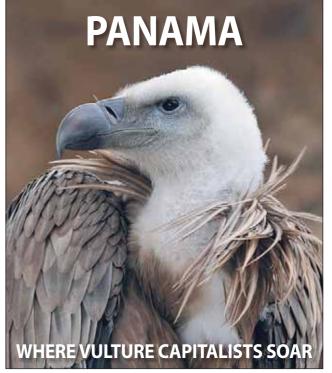
York Julie Bishop stated: 'I don't for a moment shy away from the comments that we have made in the past about the illegitimacy of the regime.'

By googling the title of this book you and Julie Bishop can find a brief overview of the chapters and purchase it in full for US \$9.95 for further and very interesting reading.

> **Theo Engelaer** Mullumbimby



president inside Syria and the more than 90 per cent for its army. This popularity makes



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European destinations. Israel and the US are also involved in staging aerial attacks on the Syrian armed

forces and Israel is provid-

It beggars belief that an intelligent neurosurgeon, President Bashar al Assad of Syria, would provoke such an attack, thereby unleashing a Lybian style aerial destruction of Syria. After careful perusal of the evidence provided by teams of the UN and other international investigators and researchers, these chemical weapons were smuggled into Syria via Turkey and used by these so-called 'moderate rebels' to provoke the US and NATO aerial intervention. Missing from the western media are the 70 per cent support for the



Oz monsters lurk in the English unconscious

Daniel Sage

However many millions of Poms have visited Australia's shores over the last 25 years, it's a wonder after a non-stop diet of Aussie soaps on UK television that millions more haven't tried to do so.

From Skippy to Neighbours to Home and Away and MasterChef Australia, England as a nation has been bombarded with close-up HD visions of the good life for an entire generation now.

Give me a tropical garden to wander in. Give me fresh food and sun and mile-long beaches. This is the cry of the Englishman, suppressed with another cup of tea.

What can account for the eerie lack, statistically speaking at least, at the border? The immigration department does an outstanding job, for one thing, nowadays deflecting Brits with its firm multicultural ethos. But even so, the answer lies farther inside the murk of the subconscious, where beetles, bugs and bush monsters lie waiting.

Whether fair or not, Australia has a fearsome reputation for its many forbidding critters. Spiders, snakes,



Beautiful, grumpy, dangerous – the cassowary. Source: Kevin Stiles

sharks, crocs and a host of other deadlies lurk in the popular imagination like so many fruit bats in a belfry. Poms, although a proud and mighty race, are generally scared stiff of all those creepy crawlies, even the idea of them

If only *Skippy* had devoted ten episodes specifically to the non-threat they pose most of the time to life in Australia, how different things would be.

Curiously, the popularity of Australian soaps in the UK has tracked the growing up of its audience. Tots who

watched *Skippy* became the teens watching *Home and Away* who now, as adults, gorge on *A Place in the Sun Down Under* and, tellingly, programs about bush survival.

Australia looked like an amazing place to be, and all that drama was just better TV fodder amid the lush scenery and sunshine. Imagine how great your whole life could be there. Shame about the hidden little legs and teeth and slithery bits.

Ah, but look, tips for how to survive them! Let's watch that. What will come next – shows about elderly

care homes? Tension Tot Australia?

Actually, the survival thread in TV has had its own journey alongside the general soap curve. Programs about enduring, even flourishing, despite what nature might try to do to you have boomed in all segments, from earnest how-to docos to blockbuster comedies such as Crocodile Dundee. These programs always say something about the time they are produced in. Barefoot, cussing, wildman Dundee arrived in New York bang in the middle of the Yuppie years to show softie

westerners how to roll in Real Life. And of course he was a great success.

Not so Rod Ansell, on whom Crocodile was based, and who had a very different time of it. He didn't make a penny from the films (which grossed almost a billion dollars worldwide) and was never again accepted into his home communities up north as they felt he had betrayed their preference for staying off the radar by appearing in the media so much. Mimosa Pigra weed then took over his property and he was forced to put down the 3,000 buffalo for which he received no compensation. He died ten years later in a police shoot-out, psychotic and off his rocker on amphetamine.

While the 80s dreamed of making a killing on Wall Street, it fantasised too about being wild and free and bushman tough. It's a paradox that continues today, where the rise of so-called 'culture porn' of all kinds fills our screens, from food to travel to DIY, with people versus nature a staple. We accept more readily that what we like to watch fulfils a dream we'll probably never get around to.

The 80s also gave us the

wonderful Les Hiddins, whose show *Bush Tucker Man* brought the outback to life like never before, following Hiddins around the scrub as he camped, foraged and met with the locals. It's a direct line but a steep one from Hiddins' softly-softly approach – take only what you need to survive, including risks – to the outdoor strongmen of today, who gad about in helicopters and eat strange stuff on air for kicks.

Proof that Brits have learned their lessons, should they ever actually find themselves in Australia, many of the new shows are fronted by Poms, such as Ray Mears, ex-marine Bruce Parry, and Eton-educated Bear Grylls (described by Hiddins once in an interview as 'a bit of a dill, a bit of a pretender').

As for the critters, we may never get to stave off a python in the bathroom or rescue our children from crocodiles but we could, if we had to, make a good dinner from them.

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Farewell to our fairy queen: Ken Robinson

Another Echo backflash, from August 16, 1989. Nicholas Shand profiles one of the Shire's most outrageous characters.

▼ hat master of disguise, drag queen extraordinaire and favourite fairy Witch of the South, is leaving us.

Ken Robinson, who has entertained (and shocked) so many on stage has sold his business and his house, given away his dogs and is taking his talent and his rich sense of humour north to the Sunshine State.

I had lunch with him last week and our interview got off to a famous Robbo start with him asking the questions, not me.

'If I sleep with you, will that make the interview any better?' was the first question.

As I compulsively choked on my soup he took great pleasure in thumping me on the back and fanning me with a table napkin.

I was eventually able to get some information from him about himself.

Ken Robinson is a third generation product of Mullumbimby, born there in 1955. His grandfather Stan started Robinson's Transport, now run by his uncle the current Stan Robinson, sometime Mayor of Mullum and Shire President.

Ken took off to Sydney in 1972 where he first became a hairdresser, starting his apprenticeship on \$30 a week. He also worked as a waiter, a barman, in the telephone exchange and took on many personae to supplement his meagre income. It was during this time that he first became active in theatrical happenings - an activity that was to come to such fruition in later

His first foray into the theatrical world up here was at the Freaks Ball, to which he went in magnificent drag; it was so successful that Ken continued his ever more flambovant contributions with a whole series of cabaret nights for fundraising activities throughout the Shire. They included his now famous fire-eating act, talent nights, many appearances with the Non-Specifics, Miss Conception (Echo Awards) and his two starring roles in pantomime performances.

Ken says of his 1972 de-

Ken Robinson as the Good Witch of the South in The Wizard of Oz, 1986. Photo John W McCormick. See many more great historical shots on John's Facebook page.

parture 'At the time I never wanted to come back to Mullumbimby; I suffered from the same complaint as the youth of today - it was boring and there was nothing to do. After five years I began to think the country was not so bad and began to consider an alternative lifestyle, or at least an alternative to Sydney'.

He first returned to Mullum in 1980 and eventually opened his own hairdressing salon Blue Rinse in 1984. Blue Rinse has been such a success due to the combination of Ken's professional skills and his compelling presence. Always one to call a spade a spade and a dyke a dyke, he has never failed to be wonderful entertainment to his customers.

I will never forget the time when I, shortly after having my head fairly well shorn by Ken, told him that everyone kept telling me I looked a

'You never give a damn what you look like so why on earth should I care?' was his silencing rejoinder. Only Ken could ever get away with saying that to a customer!

'The best thing at Blue Rinse' Ken says 'was the wide range of people who patronised me as clients. I never cease to be blown out how accepting all these different people are of each other.

Now he is off – currently to Sydney from whence he will return for the Mardi Grass - and then to a new life in Brisbane.

Janice has taken over Blue Rinse. She is an expert in her own right. She spent ten years as a hairdresser on the northern beaches of Sydney and has since been teaching the trade in Murwillumbah for fix years. 'I am very happy

'It is a shocking fact that

an Indigenous young person

who has served a prison sen-

tence is more likely to return

that Janice has bought the business', says Ken. 'She is such a warm caring person who has the right attitude to carry on the tradition of Blue Rinse.'

'Will you miss Mullum?' I asked him.

'I will miss the people terribly' he said reflectively, 'I have really enjoyed my time in this town. I love it and I love the people but my own personal growth has gone as far as I want it to go here. I feel like now I have actually grown up and it's time to leave home.

'Mullum has given me a secure environment to grow up in and wonderful support from amazing people. I have a higher self-esteem, more confidence and a greater sense of caring for people. I will certainly be back for visits.'

'One last question, Ken. Will you be paying your *Echo* bill before you go?'

'Darling, if you won't sleep with me, why the hell should I?' was the instant and deadpan reply.

I suppose I could have made it better for myself.

POSTSCRIPT: Alas, the colourful Ken Robinson, as well as Nicholas Shand, are no longer with us.

CHESS by lan Rogers Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

Fischer in the Balkans in 1992

The revelation that the late US World Champion Bobby Fischer has been named in the Panama Papers is hardly a surprise - he had boasted that he hadn't paid tax since the 1970s – but the conand British governments.

In 2005, with Fischer unable to return to the US because of exposed the possibility that when his sanctions-busting rematch Landsbanki went under in 2008, against Boris Spassky in Yugo- it retained assets in its secret offslavia during the Balkan war, shoot in Luxemburg. These are Swiss bank UBS decided that assets that Holland and England they were no longer interested in would now be hoping to seques holding Fischer's millions.

with UBS for the previous 13 years, but UBS sent his cash and Landsbanki. (Fischer had been daughter in the Philippines. earlier granted refuge in Iceland the US.)

leaked documents have shown Panamanian company was finally that it regarded 95 per cent of wound up in 2012. its clients as tax evaders, then to hold Fischer's fortune.

Fischer died in 2008, the year Landsbanki collapsed in the financial crisis, leaving millions of savers in Britain and the Netherlands out of pocket.

The Icelandic government took over Landsbanki but resisted strong pressure from Holland and England to refund the lost money (which had been returned to savers by the two countries' respective governments).

In 2013 a European court ruled that Iceland would not have to pay back any money, though if the receiver of Landsbanki found assets then England and Holland would be entitled to some.

This is where off-shore company becomes important, as it turns out that Mossack Fonseca dealt not sequences of that discovery may with Landsbanki in Iceland but be of great interest to the Dutch a secret off-shoot of the bank, Landsbanki Luxembourg SA.

The Fischer revelations have ter, if the notoriously shady Fischer had hidden his wealth Luxemburg banking laws allow.

After Fischer died, his estate was the subject of legal action the liquidated value of his gold between his sister's relatives, his medals to the Icelandic bank partner Miyoko Watai, and his

Once it had been established after being jailed in Japan and that Fischer and Watai had been threatened with extradition to legally married and that Fischer was not the biological father of Panamanian firm Mossack the girl he regarded as his daugh-Fonseca, the legal firm whose ter, the legal action ended and his

Now the chess world eagerly worked with Landsbanki to set awaits the next star to be unveiled up a company in Panama, with by the Panama Papers, with FIDE suitably anonymous front men, President Kirsan Iljumzhinov at short odds.

Call to scrap minor mandatory sentences

Canberra [AAP]

Governments have been told to scrap mandatory prison sentences for minor crimes to keep Indigenous Australians who commit traffic offences and small-time theft out of jails. Australian Bar Association president Patrick O'Sullivan has met with federal Attorney-General George Brandis in the hope

of tackling over-representation of Indigenous people in the nation's prisons.

The association wants laws that force mandatory sentences on minor assaults, driving offences and minor theft repealed or amended. More than a quarter of Australia's prisoners are Indigenous, despite making up less than three per cent of the population.

to prison than finish school, Mr O'Sullivan said. 'Australia's Indigenous incarceration rate is one of the most challenging human rights issues facing the country today.' A recent Australian Institute of Criminology report found, in the two decades since a royal commission into

> people in prison has doubled. In the Northern Territory a person convicted of an assault, who had previously

Aboriginal deaths in custody,

the proportion of Indigenous

fronted court for a minor offence, faces a 12-month mandatory sentence.

The court has no flexibility to impose a lesser sentence.

The association is also calling for a review of imprisonment for fine defaults - which it describes as unjust, unfair to poor offenders, dangerous to vulnerable offenders, expensive and disproportionate in its effect on Indigenous offenders.

It says Indigenous imprisonment costs about \$3 billion each year and a 10 per cent reduction would save \$10 million that could be channelled into rehabilitation programs, like community housing.



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Maladroit Mal: the dog that caught the car

Phillip Frazer

My neighbour and mate Richard Jones wrote a fine post online last week in response to the series of humiliating dud moves by PM Mal Turnbull. I particularly liked this bit:

'Malcolm Turnbull wanted to be prime minister but was told by his Labor friends he would have to go through the hoops of pre-selection first [ie unions would be involved]. He realised where he lived was a dyed-in-the-wool Liberal seat and decided to become a Liberal PM instead. There's nothing wrong with ambition but sometimes the goal becomes an end in itself. It's like climbing Everest. When you get there -what then?'

Now Richard is a Byron Shire kinda bloke who was a NSW state senator for 15 years (a Democrats greenie before The Greens were), but Terry McCrann is a pro-Lib columnist in Murdoch's dailies and he agrees with Richard - Turnbull 'has been like the proverbial dog who caught the car, wrote McCrann, and 'after getting what he'd always wanted, becoming PM last September, he really had no idea what to do next.' What Mal did, says McCrann, has been to feed us 'measured but endlessly extended waffle.'

'Stuffed up'

Also last week the more rabid Labor and Greens hater Andrew Bolt (also Murdoch owned) blasted 'delusional conservatives' who think Malcolm Turnbull is one, too, or that he's made a genius move even when 'he's stuffed up big?

The three stuff-ups, as agreed on by the non-delusional commentariat, were Mal's proposals to:

(1) Hike GST to 15 per cent, which would mean someone earning \$45,000/year would be paying five cents of each dollar they earn in GST while someone earning \$500,000 er has gone from unelecta- corruption, that Mal the Fox



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(like Malcolm) would contribute about half a cent.

(2) Make each state collect whatever taxes they need to fund education, hospital costs, and who knows what next, so Canberra would be freed from the bothersome job of collecting those taxes nationally and haggling with the premiers over who gets what share - except that Mal promised to keep paying private schools from the federal treasury, so wealthy churchy people wouldn't feel insecure.

'Justification'

(3) After twisting the governor-general's arm to call parliament back next week just to not pass a bill to persecute the giant CFMEU union, Mal will claim this bill-refusal as justification for holding an election for both the House and Senate on July 2 – so he can crush Ricky Muir, Jacqui Lambie and the other freeagent senators.

'So successful were these "triumphs", grizzled Mr Bolt, 'that Turnbull destroyed the Liberals' poll lead.'

Bolt conceded that some of the changing poll numbers were due to Bill Shorten having had tutoring in how to not sound like a union boss - and by golly the Labor leadble dud to plausible dude in just six months. His tutor is Dean Frenkel, a 'noted throat singer' and lecturer at Victoria University, who has got Bill to lower the pitch of his voice, add pauses so we can hear each pearl more clearly, and stop raising his eyebrows like the bouncing ball above his lyrics.

Another oracle of conservatism in Murdoch's Telegraph, Miranda Devine, reckons Mal's bait to the state's 'Bolshie' premiers – collect your own taxes - was a sly game switcher by Mal, whom she calls Mr Fox, because now we all know the premiers are chickens at heart. I suspect most of us caught the headline 'Mal backs down' on the same day as 'Mal says states should impose new taxes' so the bait and backdown made Mal look more headless chook than sly fox.

And his cunning constitutional ploy to get his double election might yet prove too clever by half - the Senate might end up even more beyond coalition control than it is now, and setting up this 103-day campaign might drive us all so mad at watching Mal and Co whinge about how corrupt Labor is, when we and the rest of the world are focused on corporate

might become Mal-adroit and lose the election.

Meanwhile, back in the USA

Our 103-day election is an infinitesimal blip in spacetime compared to the American version, now entering its third billion dollars in campaign spending.

In a private letter to their branch managers the 'all government is bad for business' Koch brothers David and Charles announced they'd given up their quest to buy the presidency, since the lead candidates are unhinged-cannon Trump and religious-nut Cruz - whose quest for the presidency is 'a cult'.

'It's understandable that many Americans succumb to the "cult", wrote the billionaire bullies, '... putting all their eggs in the basket of one person as the way to solve underlying cultural and economic challenges facing our nation. Then, after rising to power, they fail to deliver on even their most basic promises, namely reining in a government spending spree.'

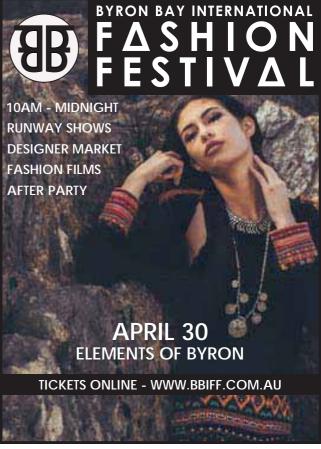
The brothers, worth \$40 billion made from their daddy's oil empire, are instead investing \$900 million to elect senators and representatives at state and federal levels, and to beat whichever candidate for president the Democrats select.

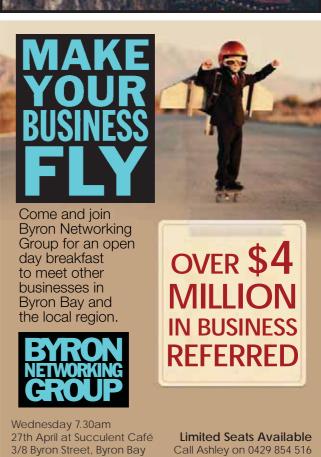
The Kochs are libertarians which, to them, means abolishing nanny-state limits on things they like, such as pollution and unsafe workplace conditions.

■ Phillip Frazer tries pulling back the green curtain to reveal the perfidy of powers that be – on behalf of the powers that ought to be. See more at coorabellridge.com.



Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality. – Edgar Allan Poe





NSW set to lose \$850m of GST revenue

Sydney [AAP]

NSW has suffered the biggest loss, \$850 million, of any state or territory from an annual carve-up of GST revenue

It's the biggest single year loss for any state since the tax's introduction, says NSW treasurer Gladys Berejiklian.

'We are essentially a victim of our own success when it

comes to GST revenue, Ms Berejiklian said in a statement on Thursday night after the Commonwealth Grants Commission, which allocates the revenue collected from the GST, revealed the winners and losers for the 2016/17 financial year.

NSW's stronger economy, driven by the property market, has led to a smaller slice of the GST pie with the revenue going to other struggling

states and territories.

The carve-up has also left the Northern Territory and Tasmania with smaller slices than last year.

The main beneficiary will be Queensland, which is expected to raise an additional \$520 million because of its reduced capacity to raise coal royalties and the state's historically high natural disaster









Greater police powers and penalties threaten civil liberties in NSW

In The Conversation.com, Luke McNamara and Julia Quilter review new restraints on public space through the introduction of controversial laws

he New South Wales government recently introduced two new laws that impose serious constraints on how we use public spaces. They represent just the latest round of expanded police powers and higher criminal penalties justified in the name of 'public safety'. The government's solution is to let police decide who has the right to protest.

State parliament passed one of these laws in March. The other has been introduced and is likely to be passed when parliament resumes in May.

The measures are said to be a response to the dangerous and disruptive activities of a 'radical minority' who 'abuse' the democratic right to protest, and to organised crime gangs who threaten our 'way of life' if allowed to move freely in the community.

Whether these groups really do pose the risks the government claims is debatable. The bigger problem is that it isn't just the 'bad guys' who are exposed to restrictive powers and tougher penalties. Anyone whose behaviour is regarded as a public safety risk is potentially in the frame.

The government has yet again vested enormous discretion in police officers to make that assessment - in some instances with no opportunity for judicial review.

New offences and police powers

The offence of trespass has a long history as a mechanism for criminalising political protest. In the early 1970s it was used against squatters and protesters opposed to overdevelopment in Kings

Harsh punishment was never really the objective. Having the offence on the statute books gave police a reason to intervene, arrest and charge protesters.

Now the police have a new tool in their anti-protester toolkit. This has a very different complexion. An aggravated offence of unlawful entry on inclosed lands now carries a maximum fine of \$5,500.

'Aggravation' can take two forms: interfering with the



The Knitting Nannas Against Gas: 'Just because your tools of preference are knitting needles and bright colours rather than dreadlocks and thumb-locks, that doesn't mean you won't be regarded as a threat to public safety.' Photo Darren Coyne

business being conducted on the land in question; or conduct deemed to give rise to a 'serious risk to the safety' of anyone present, including the protester.

Even more troubling, police now have the power to give 'move on' directions to break up a protest if they believe that direction is necessary to deal with a serious risk to safety. Police previously weren't allowed to give move-on directions at an 'apparently genuine demonstration or protest'.

The parliament has authorised police to be the arbiters of what makes a legitimate protest.

Public safety orders

The yet-to-be-passed bill will give a senior police officer - not a judge - the power to make 'public safety orders'. These will prohibit someone from attending a specified public event or entering specified premises for up to

An order can be made if the person's presence at the event or premises is regarded as posing a serious risk to public safety or security.

The risk test is whether the person's presence might result in death or serious physical harm to a person, or serious damage to property. The legislation provides for a range of matters that police must take into account. These include the person's criminal history and the reason for

their attendance at an event.

Lots of cautious words and talk of 'exemptions', such as where the purpose of a person's presence is industrial action, don't change the fact that the proposed law gives the police very wide discretion to decide who should be allowed to circulate freely in public. The consequences are serious. The maximum penalty for contravention of a public safety order is five years' imprisonment.

Our system normally punishes only after guilt has been determined. But control orders, consorting laws and laws directed at closing down bikie clubhouses are all based on pre-emptive criminalisation.

The need for pre-emptive measures should be supported by strong evidence. It shouldn't be enough to simply roll out widely demonised figures who evoke community anxiety - 'militant greenies' or 'violent bikies' - to justify

Caught in the web

The problem with laws aimed at 'bad guys' is that they frequently have wider impact.

The NSW Ombudsman found the 2012 revival of consorting laws to deal with crime gangs actually impacted most harshly on Indigenous Australians and homeless people.

Even in law-and-ordersoaked NSW, it would be hard to get the public onside to criminalise the protest ac-

tivities of Knitting Nannas Against Gas. But just because your tools of preference are knitting needles and bright colours rather than dreadlocks and thumb-locks, that doesn't mean you won't be regarded as a threat to public safety, ordered to 'move on', or threatened with the prospect of a criminal record and a \$5,500 fine.

Borrowing from elsewhere

Anti-protest powers and offences were pioneered in Tasmania and Western Australia. The public safety order regime has been borrowed from South Australia.

That a law has already been introduced somewhere else tends to legitimise what is actually a radical 'reform'. If Western Australians, Tasmanians and South Australians can stomach a little civil liberties infringement in the name of the greater good, why not the people of NSW?

This may be clever politics. But it is not the way to make good criminal laws.

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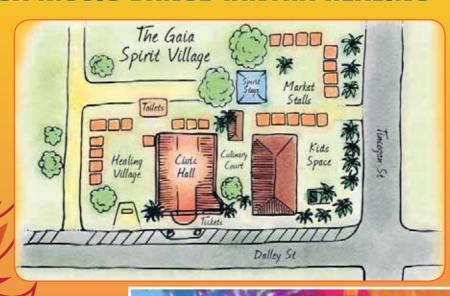


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7pm **Matiu Te Huki**



8:00pm **Peia**



9:30pm Lulacruza



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8pm Elijah Ray



9:15pm **Wild Marmalad**e



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11:15 am Essie Thomas Ensemble
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1:00 pm PANEL - Reconciliaton and healing
2:00 pm Jennifer Williams
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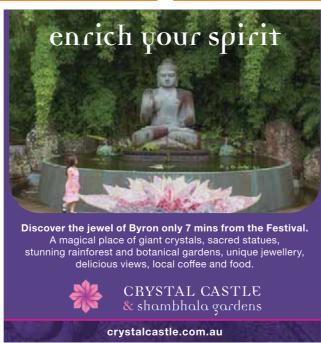
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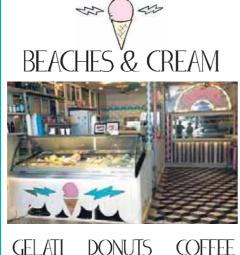


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Property insider



Todd Buckland and Tod Martin from Byron Shire Real Estate believe that the outstanding result achieved at their auction of 68 Mullumbimbi Street was a reflection of the current market demand for 'high-end' Brunswick Heads homes.

There were five registered bidders on the day. The successful purchaser is a longtime Brunswick Heads holiday visitor from Brisbane



and he and his family (wife and three daughters) have been keen to purchase a property in Brunswick Heads for some time 'People are after a property with laneway access and the potential for a secondary

income by way of a granny flat, studio or self-contained apartment.

BSRE are not a franchise and we were able to customise a unique and wide-reaching marketing campaign for our fabulous vendor and get her the best result possible, said Todd Buckland. The property sold for \$1.39 million, which was \$90,000 above the reserve.

The latest media release from MEbank looks at home-and-land packages.

It points out that buying in a new suburb can be a chance to be part of growing and shaping a community and on a more tangible level obviously there are savings around the fact that new homes tend to be more energy efficient (you'd hope so!) and it could be years before you need to

spend on repairs or maintenance (again, so you'd hope!).

The downsides are often smaller lot sizes and the fact that price appreciation in new suburbs can be slower. Those points certainly make the blocks available at the Meadows, off Charlotte Street, Bangalow, look attractive.

Registration of interest for the Stage 3 release can be made through Elders Bangalow agent, Greg Price.

The Reserve Bank of Australia met on Friday 8th for its April meeting and decided to keep the official cash rate on hold at 2.0 per cent.

Some forecasters were predicting that the RBA would cut rates, in light of the rising Aussie dollar; however, rates have remained on hold for the last ten RBA meetings and while their comments would indicate a further cut may be on the cards this year, the RBA looks likely to keep the cash rate on hold in the short term.

'Interest rates remain very competitive, particularly for owner-occupiers and those looking to refinance. You are able to access some very competitive rates if you want to invest in property to build wealth for your future,' says Zain Pert from Zep Finance.

SOLD LAST WEEK:

1107 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Montecollum – (Pictured top right) six bed, four bath on 4,793sqm bounded by tropical gardens and mature trees with expansive hinterland views. Sold for \$2,040,000 through Liam Annersley, L J Hooker Byron Bay.

265 Tyagarah Road, Myocum

– three acres, fully fenced,vacant
land (with services) sold for
\$545,000 through Tony Farrell
and Jon Luton, L J Hooker
Byron Bay.

13 Yamble Drive,Ocean Shores – (Pictured middle right) dual-occupancy property on 2,213sqm sold for \$855,000 through Heidi Last and Stuart Aitken, McGrath. Four-bed family home plus separate two-bed house.

129 Dalley Street Mullumbimby
– (Pictured bottom right) Four
bed two bath on 1410 sqm, sold
for \$805,000 through Nick Dunn
and Amber Lee Christensen,
McGrath.

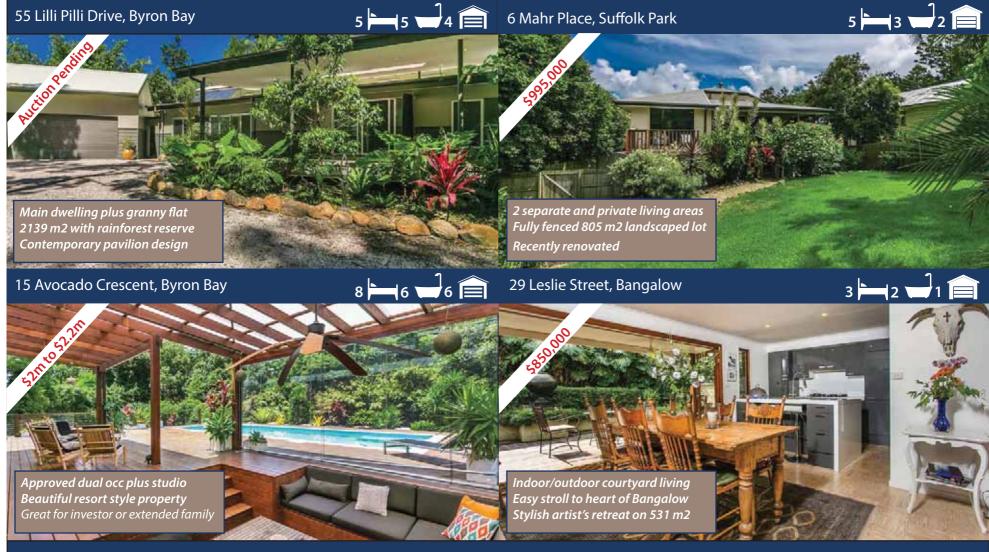
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Any new faces? Career milestones? Exceptional results? Market observations? Have you had anything quirky or unusual happen to you out in the field? Email propertyinsider@echo.net.au.











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11:15-12:00pm 6 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park 12:45-1:30pm 55 Lilli pilli Drive, Byron Bay P 6680 8110 M 0447006434



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Ocean Shores 4 Kuringai Way

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Auction 11.30am 16th April at
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New Brighton 8 Short Street

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Hall Brunswick

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Brunswick Heads

46 Tweed Street

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North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au

Are you looking to get into the Brunswick Heads market and wanting a future project or just a nice house to live in?

Tender Close Date 16-04-2016 @ 3.00pm **View** Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am

Contact Peter Browning on 0411 801 795

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- 14 Amber Drive Lennox Head.
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- features throughout upper level Lower level has large family area + wet bar, direct access to covered deck
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Price: \$1,150,000.

Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001 Lois Buckett 0428 877 399.

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- Rare opportunity with potential PLUS ✓ 809.4m² with rear lane access
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Price: Expressions of Interest.

Inspect by Appointment Web ID: 1P1018 Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001 Lois Buckett 0428 877 399.

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Spectacular outlook over Shaws Bay

3/11 Range Street East Ballina.

- ✓ Top floor 2 bdm unit, open plan living, big elevated Shaws Bay views
- ✓ Oversized main hedroom-ensuite BIR
- + private covered balcony ✓ Living space flows to large covered
- balcony-perfect for entertaining Good sized kitchen has plenty of
- bench space + breakfast bar Fully furnished, currently a holiday property with good returns

Convenient central location-walk/ride to beaches, shops & cafes in Ballina Auction 5.30pm 27th April in our room Wed ID: 1P1044.

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Exceptional lifestyle address

12 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores

- Situated in a blue-chip address of North Ocean Shores
- ✓ Tastefully designed with crisp white
- ✓ Open plan living/dining area
- North facing deck
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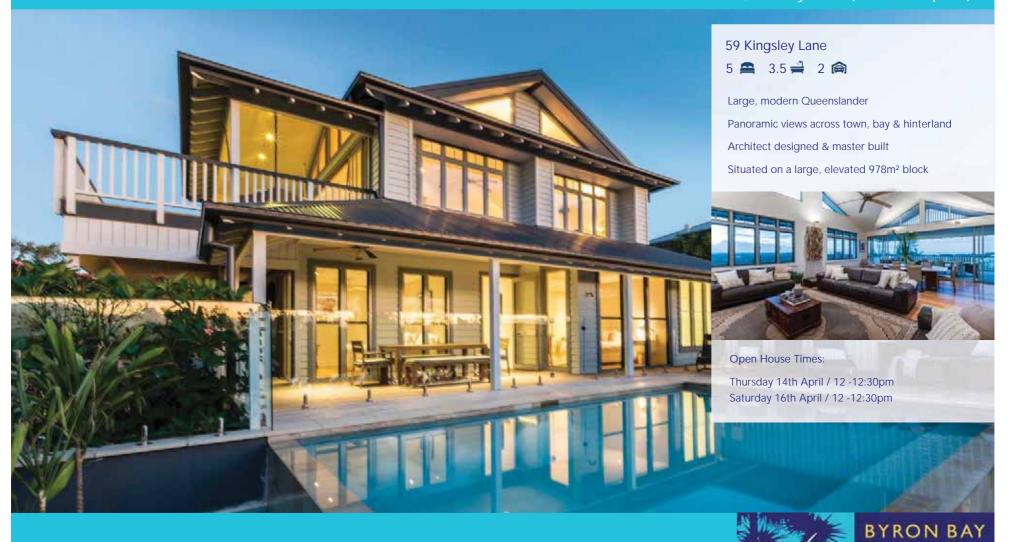
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Property

Not very Ocean Shores??

2 Ulpirra Court, Ocean Shores

\$739,000



Situated in an elevated position within a quiet cul-de-sac, the home offers you a peaceful haven, with its eclectic charm enhanced by French doors, artistic finishes and lush tropical gardens.

The upper level offers a welcoming entrance foyer which leads into the light and bright formal and casual living rooms. There's a lovely open air conservatory-style area surrounded by plantation shutters, providing the ideal setting for alfresco entertaining with your friends or to relax in quiet solitude while you sip your morning coffee. The lounge area offers a sense of space and light thanks to the high ceilings and French doors, which open onto the expansive timber deck overlooking the pool. Your sunny, spacious kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, including a dishwasher.

Also on this level, you'll find two gorgeous, romantic bedrooms and the ultra-chic, brand new bathroom with its deep, inviting, freestanding bathtub, plus a separate toilet.

The large downstairs granny flat has the benefit of its own private entrance. There's a spacious studio/office which provides your own personal space, reserved just for you to work, create and enjoy. You also have a charming open plan living area and kitchen, roomy bedroom and bathroom, plus a courtyard.

Inspect: Thursday & Friday 12.00 – 1.00pm

Contact: Franco Braico, Area Sales Manager 0438 565 525 Raine & Horne Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads

Beautiful beach house

6 Phillip Street, South Golden Beach



A gorgeous, well maintained, early 1900s Queenslander just a short stroll from the beach! Elegant and charming, the home is light filled, and has a beautiful living environment! The high-set home is



South Golden Beach is a peaceful, friendly enclave. You can walk to the uncrowded beach, paddleboard the canal, primary and preschools close by, and cafes and shops are handy. Increasingly popular, this is a sought-after area, and will provide great capital growth!

windows surround the living areas, inviting light and breeze into

the home, and wide hoop pine flooring and high ceilings feature

Contact: David Mutkins 0421 906 460 LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

Excellent Eco-tourism potential

463 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek

Contact agent for price



This stunning architect designed 4 bed, 2 bath home with games room has been created to overlook a beautiful dam situated at the top of Tuntable Creek Valley.

The 100 acres offers numerous options



including DA approval for 7×2 bed cabins plus managers residence. There is a separate studio overlooking one of the dams. There is an abundance of water with 4 dams, 7 water tanks including $2 \times 500,000$ lt tanks beneath the house that act as a self-cooling system and there is access to Tuntable Creek featuring big water holes and rapids.

The entrepreneur wanting to operate a business from home, tradies or farmers, or those in need of huge storage space, will love the massive 15x12m machinery shed with concrete slab and self-sustainable solar system.

7 mins to The Channon, 30 mins to Lismore, 50 mins to Byron Bay, 15 mins to Nimbin and school bus pick up at the front gate.

Inspect: Saturday April 16, 3.00 – 3.30pm

Contact: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649, Paul Prior 0418 324 297

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463 TUNTABLE CREEK ROAD, TUNTABLE CREEK

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Outstanding eco-tourism property on 100 acres

- Approved DA plans for 7 x 2 bedroom cabins plus managers residence
- Stunning architect designed home plus separate self-contained studio
- Huge 15x12m shed, dam, self-sustainable
- Large Tuntable Creek swimming hole and rapids
- 7 mins to The Channon, 15 mins to Nimbin, 50 mins to Byron Bay, 30 mins to Lismore

Open: Saturday, 16 April 3.00 – 3.30pm

Enquiries: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649 | Paul Prior 0418 324 297



5 MOTT STREET, BYRON BAY

- MUST SEE! Original home at the top of sought-after Mott Street
- Plus approved secondary dwelling + additional studio
- 644m2 elevated position
- Excellent location 1.5km from the centre of town
- Short walk to the Green Garage and Top Shop
- Fantastic investment opportunity with income

Open: Thursday and Saturday 12.00 – 12.30pm

Auction: 30th April 10.30am Onsite Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698

35 Fletcher Street Byron Bay 2481 | call 6685 8466 sales@byronbayfn.com | byronbayfn.com.au









120 LAGOON DRIVE, MYOCUM

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- Must see! Beautiful lifestyle property in sought after Myocum location
- Country living with all the comforts NBN, ample water and 40min to Gold Coast International airport
- Lovingly restored circa 1910 Queenslander with landscaped gardens on 9615m2
- Large balconies to entertain and enjoy the country atmosphere
- Stunning views from Mt Chincogan to the rolling hinterland hills
- Only minutes' drive to Mullumbimby and Byron's famous beaches

Open: Thursday, 14 April 4.00 – 4.30pm Saturday, 16 April 2.00 – 2.30pm

Auction: 14th May 2.00pm Onsite

Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660 | Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



123 WHIAN ROAD, EUREKA

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- Lifestyle property in Eureka with solid family home
- Perfect for families, first home buyers and investors
- Open plan living with new kitchen and large covered deck
- North facing rural outlook surrounded by farmland and rolling hills
- Just under 2.5 acres of fully fenced useable land close to a beautiful creek
- Garage, carport and ample under house storage

Open: Saturday, 16 April 10.00 – 10.30am

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 | Paul Prior 0418 324 297



4 BARBY CRESCENT, BANGALOW

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- SOLD! Call us to list your property
- Large & flowing indoor/outdoor living spaces overlooking Bangalow
- Beautiful established garden and level yard
- DA approved plans for substantial architecturally designed secondary dwelling with large north facing deck
- Comfortable walking distance to cafes, restaurants & town centre
- Master bedroom with WIR, ensuite and private access to balcony

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 | Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



15 BRYCE STREET, SUFFOLK PARK

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- One of the best locations in beachside Suffolk!
- Double brick home on 748m2 in quiet enclave
- Opportunity to create your own dream haven
- East facing backyard and covered outdoor entertaining
- Ideally positioned between Tallow Beach and Suffolk shops
- Location, location, location!

Open: Thursday, 14 April 4.00 – 4.30pm

Saturday, 16 April 11.00 – 11.30am

Enquiries: James Young 0419 856 840 | Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649

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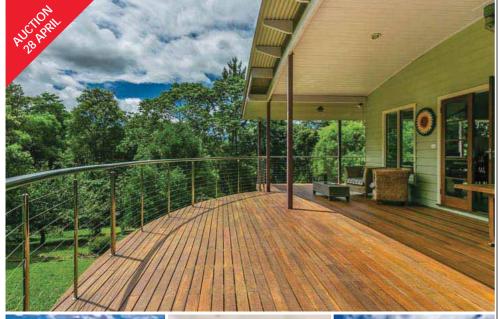








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• Rural lifestyle hobby farm acres • Character architect design home • 20 years of rainforest regeneration • Adjoins vibrant Federal community • Passive solar for comfort and costs • 20 minute scenic drive to the surf • Gentle slopes for horses and horticulture • Spring fed dams and creek • Frontage to headwaters of Stony Creek.

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LIVE UPSTAIRS - WORK DOWNSTAIRS! OR AMPLE ROOM FOR LARGE FAMILY

• Great opportunity to combine home & work • Two rooms, bathroom & sitting room downstairs • Three bedrooms, bathroom & living areas upstairs

• Expansive deck • Stunning hinterland views • Established gardens, fruit trees, sparking inground pool • Large 2150sqm block • Separate double lock up garage & workshop • Motivated owners looking for offers - inspect now!

57 James Gibson Road, CLUNES Open Saturdays 2pm - 2.30pm Open Thursdays 12pm - 12.30pm Janice Maple 0401 026 359

AUCTION 28 April 6pm in Our Rooms



















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PEACEFUL COUNTRY HOME POPULAR MYOCUM ADDRESS

• Circa 1940s character timber home on 10 acres • Separate converted dairy bails with bedroom plus bathroom • Quiet, no through road location • Usable, level, acreage with 2 dams suitable for horses or cattle • Potential to improve/ value add • Very tightly held, desirable Myocum address • 3.3kW solar photovoltaic panels • Forest area with 1600 native trees planted by the owners.

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AUCTION 28 April 6pm in Our Rooms

DON'T WAIT TO INSPECT THIS ONE! BANGALOW CUTIE

• Sought after Bangalow village location • Very cute, timber cottage style with large verandahs • Newly polished timber floors, fresh paint and new carpet • Plenty of potential to value add or move straight in • Separate room ideal for home office or guest accommodation • Established gardens surround home creating privacy • Excellent home or investment • Easy stroll to main street, school and showgrounds.

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Agent Kylie Charlton Area Sales Manager 0428 440 740 kylie.charlton@oceanshores.rh.com.au



1/14 HELEN STREET, SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

- Glass entrance, timber floors, tropical glass louvres
- 2 open plan living areas, soaring ceilings

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- Chefs kitchen with European gas cooking
- 3 generous bedrooms all with built ins, bonus powder room
- 2.5 beautiful mosaic bathrooms, standalone bath
- Sun kissed sparkling salt water pool
- Landscaped gardens, 2 timber alfresco decks
- Remote garage or gym, office, workroom
- Nature reserve across the road
- Agent's interest declared













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Saturday 11.00am – Midday Franco Braico Area Sales Manager 0438 565 525



2 ULPIRRA COURT, OCEAN SHORES PEACEFUL OASIS!

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Located in a quiet cul-de-sac is this truly exceptional home. Upstairs features a unique 2 bedroom, 1 bath whilst downstairs has a large 1 bed apartment which could be ideal for home business, artist work space, in-law accommodation... the list goes on.

- \bullet Light & Bright formal and casual living rooms
- Gorgeous & romantic bedrooms
- Ultra chic, brand new bathroom with deep standalone bath
- Towering tropical gardens
- Sparkling Salt Water Pool
- Plenty of room for additional granny flat/studio (STCA)
- Elevated and private position
- ullet 1170 sqm block of land

AUCTION

<mark>'iew Saturday 2.30 – 3.00pm</mark> Auction Saturday 3.00pm on-site Agent Franco Braico Area Sales Manager 0438 565 525



19 BEACH AVENUE, SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH **ICONIC SHOP AND RESIDENCE**

- Spacious living room cathedral ceilings
- Brand new sparkling designer bathroom
- Private and sunny courtyard + 4 timber decks
- Parking for multiple vehicles, boat or caravan
- Land size approx. 596 sqm
- Shop internally approx 154 sqm
- Excellent long-term tenants • Impressive rental returns

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Property

Development potential

505 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank



37 north facing acres in a tranquil setting and with great views. Artistically arranged landscaping complements beautifully the 3-4 bedroom home which features stained glass windows and wide

The property has mains water connection plus there are 2 spring fed gullies with water flowing for most of the year. Approximately 7 of the 37 acres are suitable for primary production (half of which are currently under Macadamia Nuts).

There are 2 acres of established rainforest cabinet timber species and approx. 12 more acres are well suited to further cabinet timber production.

At the rear of the land there is a large area of self-regenerated rainforest with several more acres in the process of being restored to rainforest. For those with an eye for value adding potential there are a number of 2nd home site options available (STCA).

30 mins to Byron, 25 mins to Lismore, 10 mins to village of Federal and 20 mins to Bangalow.

Inspect: Saturday April 16, 2.00 – 2.30pm Contact: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232

Luke Elwin 0421 375 635 First National Byron Bay

Spectacular ocean views

9 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores

\$995,000 Vendor says sell!



Number 9 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores is situated at the end of the cul-desac and commands uninterrupted views of the hinterland, coastline to Black Rocks/Pottsville and you can even see the whales passing.



The home was master built in 1994 and offers a large three bedroom residence on the first floor while the ground floor is consumed by a flat and garage/workshop - which at a pinch could accommodate up to 6 vehicles.

While the property does not suit everyone, it has unbeatable charm where you can enjoy a glass of wine while watching the sun set over the hinterland after spending a day relaxing around the

A must to inspect!

Inspect: Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am David Holden on 0435 789 677 LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

Iconic shop and residence

19 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

Auction April 16



Set in the idyllic beachside hamlet of South Golden Beach, this well loved freehold property offers a rare opportunity for the savvy investor. Located just one block from the beach, the property boasts excellent long term tenants and an impressive rental return.

Features include 596 square metre block, scenic protection zoning, internal shop area approx. 154sqm, spacious, leafy and shaded front balcony area.

The two bedroom residence at the rear of the shop offers spacious living room with cathedral ceiling, functional, light and bright kitchen, brand new designer bathroom, separate new toilet + new laundry area, 4 timber decks for outdoor living, private and sunny courtyard, freshly painted throughou, on-site parking for multiple vehicles, boat or caravan.

Unspoilt South Golden Beach is the go-to beach for the residents of the popular nearby growth areas of Ocean Shores, New Brighton and Billinudgel. Byron Bay is just 15 minutes to the south and it's only 30 minutes to the border towns of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads.

Inspect: Wednesday & Saturday 3.00 – 4.00pm Franco Braico, Area Sales Manager 0438 565 525

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores



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Casual Country Charm Chilcotts Road, Crystal Creek

This is an ideal 4-acre property for those who enjoy the rural lifestyle and would like to have their own vegetable garden and some chickens. The land faces north with a Rous River boundary.

The property has a three-bedroom timber home and includes an in-ground pool, spa and waterfall. It is situated in an elevated position with great views of the Border Ranges and features an open plan living area with timber floors, gas cooker and modern kitchen and a downstairs rumpus room and bar.

The property also has plenty of room for a boat or caravan with a large sealed driveway and large hard stand area for parking. A steel shed is currently used as a workshop or extra accommodation.

Properties like this are getting harder to find, so arrange an inspection soon.

Inspect: By appointment only Price:

\$570,000 Web Id: 8444965

Contact: Peter Wade 0409 922 698





'Mullum Central' Studio 'Duplex'

Right in the heart of town this classic timber weatherboard home has been converted into two identical 'inner city' studio units.

- Central living/dining with s/s minimalist galley style kitchen and large covered decks
- High ceilings, original timber floors and a hardwood structure with new services.
- Lush tropical gardens with established trees and meandering stone pathways.
- Easy care 458.6m2 parcel of land, located in a quiet rear lane in central Mullumbimby







This is a great lifestyle choice or sound investment opportunity.

Address: 41 McGoughans Lane, Mullumbimby

Auction: 16th April at 11am

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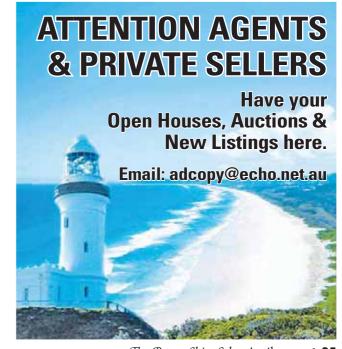
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Left: Chef Kahlil Perazzo. Photos Jeff Dawson

cooked well, is also very tasty.

Kahlil will also draw on his multicultural origins for inspiration. He was given his Arabic name by his 'hippy parents', who also inspired his travels around the world, including to his father's country of Brazil.

There will be an 'element of theatre' in how some dishes are created and presented, such as the 'pulled mushroom' (cooked like pulled pork) and the 'vegetable coals' (root vegetables dyed with squid ink, complete with decorative 'ash'). Share plates will take up one section of the menu. Standard breakfast options will also be available, as will kid-friendly options.

■ Poinciana, 55 Station Street,



Just Poinciana

Vivienne Pearson

Change can be hard, especially when it comes to something well loved. But change is not bad, especially when it brings opportunity and renewal. 8 Wilfred St, Billinudgel • 6680 3352 • BYO • Credit cards

Monique Emilio, new owner of Poinciana, is conscious of how changes to this iconic cafe are perceived, especially in relation to the tree from which the cafe takes its name. 'Nothing has been chopped down,' she notes. 'We simply removed an awning, so the outside area is lighter and brighter.'

There is an addition to the tree: Fibre-optic lighting, modelled on the Avatar movie, has been installed by local lighting expert Ricardo Lorenzini. 'It is soft, white light,' Monique explains. 'I wanted the most ambient way of creating atmosphere.' Another local artist, Oliver Buckworth, was engaged to create something that would inspire imagination. The result is a striking 'sinking pirate ship' sculpture.

Monique has been local to the area for nearly 20 years but her accent gives her New Zealand origin away. She has worked in hospitality for 25

years and jumped at the chance to take on the Poinciana when she heard it was for sale. 'I think they liked the idea of a weathered female publican taking it on,' she laughs. She is keen for Poinciana to retain its family-friendly reputation

- the sandpit may have gone but the vibe remains.

Other changes include a revamp of the kitchen and menu as well as sourcing coffee from Paul Basset, a Byron Bay bornand-bred coffee

roaster (for more on Paul see www.echo.net.au/caffeinatedcompetition/). And, the name is Poinciana. No The and no Café. Just Poinciana.

What won't change is the music. The outdoor stage remains and the tradition of live music will continue, with the first gigs already underway.

For Poinciana, change is perhaps less hard than many regulars feared. Certainly the water dragons are still around and, of the regulars, Monique is pleased, saying: 'People have said they can see we are keeping the best bits'.

Kahlil's in the Kitchen

Poinciana's new chef, Kahlil Perazzo, brings his experience in the Sydney fine-dining scene to combine with his passion for local and organic foods.

The menu has been devised after extensive perusal of local markets and discussion with farmers. 'The produce should speak for itself, says Kahlil.

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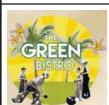
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THE IRUTH

THE BYRON SPIRIT FESTIVAL IS HUGELY EXCITED TO BE PRESENTING THE UNIQUE INSIGHTS OF LY DE ANGELES, BACK IN HER FORMER HOMELAND, IN A TWO-PART IN-DEPTH WORKSHOP.

Born in Sydney and currently residing in Melbourne, Ly de Angeles has spent her life exploring beyond the boundaries of our manufactured myths and culture to unearth our truths. A 'seeker' in the classic sense of the word, Ly's fearless life journey has seen her travel the world to learn and share knowledge with great skill, heart and passion.

The author of the best-selling The Quickening, plus Tarot: Theory and Practice, Witchcraft: Theory and Practice, The Shining Isle and Genesis, locals will also recall her extraordinary updated production of Jesus Christ Superstar in Bangalow in 2000.

How would you best describe the work you do and the values and beliefs that you bring with you?

I do lots of different things. I write books and I read Tarot. I've worked a great deal in the past within the arts, particularly performing arts. This current work is the outcome of more than thirty years' research into Celtic Britain while it was still an indigenous land. It's based on my latest publication, Priteni, and introduces the participants to an ancestry they probably know little about. A conquered people, the knowledge of whom has all but been destroyed. I have no beliefs. I'm an existentialist, mystic and scholar. I spend a great deal of time attempting to eradicate belief, most of which is derived from one cultural or religious meme or another. Having a language of Earth has been my latest quest. Oh, and I have a food blog because I've been almost paleo for exactly two years and I'm pretty fucking fit.

Why do people seek you out?

Because they want to know what I can tell them. Mainly for tarot or teaching. Everyone wants something from someone. I have no problem with that. The choice is always mutual. An agreement. If there's no agreement there's no relationship.

Do you ever find yourself having to tell someone something they don't want to hear? I don't mean 'you are going to die' but when you reveal a pattern of behaviour that perhaps they are in denial about; how do you communicate that?

Always. And even the first bit. Remember Damini, singer with the

band Tane? I got the tape back after her death. It's on there. I read for her the November before. When Linda was being murdered it was in the readings of two people in a row. 'Oh look! Murder. Violent death.' Of course they freaked. Then they didn't because they knew what it was. Nine-eleven was in the cards three years before. GFC. I had Lyn Franks for a reading after I'm a Celebrity Get me Out of Here Australia. Tarot warned her to diversify her stocks. She did. The guy I read for in September 1987 didn't. Poor bastard. Twenty-eleven was there for three years. I could go on. I don't get denial, by the way...

What do you think people would gain from a reading that they may not get from a trip to a life coach or a psychologist?

Everyone is different. When I teach, I teach a no-bullshit, bedrock approach to life. I'm an elder. I've been doing this for a very long time. With Tarot I tell the future, plain and simple. I recognise what people are going through when it's tough. I tell them. I'm a mirror. We often talk about how they can get out of the brutal relationship, the debt, the boredom. When events happen that people did not see coming it gives them a sense of destiny. That life is important for the experience. Even the most desolate of times, in retrospect, as long as there is a retrospect, can be contextual gold to creative people. It's also important to say it like it is. I'd be lying if I pretended life was all sweetness. Some people live lonely. With addiction and suicide. Come on! Byron Shire? I take them to the crossroads. I'm dangerous. That's why I never advertise. Life coach? No comparison. Same with psychologist.

Where have you been and what has been happening since you left Byron Shire? How have you found leaving the 'bubble' for the 'outside'? Has this been integral to expanding your work?

Absolutely integral. My writing was becoming predictable. I'm psychic enough to know a crossroads when I come to one. I would have just gotten old and dreary if I'd stayed, slowly rotting into an old tryhard, not an elder. For a writer that's the death of creativity. I came to Melbourne to do postgraduate studies. To challenge myself. Done now. Fresh writing. I'm still travelling between Melbourne, Sydney and Byron for Tarot. I have family there. I'm first generation in this country. I love my family or I would have moved to the lands of my ancestors. Here, at least, I can live in a hundredyear-old house. The architecture here, the winter, the seasons, the culture, the freaks and poets and strippers. It's beautiful. My work is intense and constant. I'll be in British territory later this year. Meeting up with master storyteller, author and mythographer Dr Martin Shaw. I want to coerce him into bringing his passage rites here for those suffering hiraeth also. Then I'll probably do a Masters.

What are you most looking forward to returning home? (Always hard not to call here home!)

Yes, I do still consider the Shire home. As much as Melbourne. As I've said, I'm back every few months. The people. There are many people I love so deeply and dearly and they are all there. The land. Always the land. We know each other.

What will you be sharing at Spirit Festival?

Blue People is about Celtic mysticism and spirituality – the indigenous bloodline of ancient Britain. About the fact we're still here. Britons are Priteni, 'painted people' according to Tacitus and Caesar, tattooed with the totems of clan and kinship. I'll be joined by two local friends, musicians Matt Conolly and Fingal Capaldi, and spirit-walker and my student of decades past, coming all the way from Cairns, Nila Chandler, for the tattooing on Sunday for those who want it and as my right arm.

Ly will be presenting **Blue People** at Byron Spirit Festival this **Saturday** and **Sunday**. She has also been invited to sit with indigenous elders at a Q&A session. All details are on the festival website: www.spiritfestival.com.au.

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Last week I realised I had a stalker. Sunday arvo, a NO CALLER ID call comes through. I pick it up. The voice says, 'Hello, Mandy, it's Rob!' I didn't have a clue who Rob was, but here's a little secret about me. I pretend to know people long enough until I remember who they are or where I met them. It seems disingenuous but I do manage to bridge that gap and go from faking to recognition about 50 per cent of the time. Sometimes I just keep faking.

My good mate 'Rob' says: I just wanted to know where you are performing next? I say 'Where are you?' He pauses and then says, 'Melbourne'. I hit him with the 'I'm at the Melbourne Comedy Festival; if you go to the website you'll find the show'. Like Rob gives a shit. He's already jerking off. I just think he sounds 'enthusiastic' about wanting to see my show.

Then Rob informs me that he saw me at The Taste of Love Festival where I ran the Sex and Humour Workshop probably 18 months ago. I clearly pulled Rob's chain a little harder than I meant to. The penny drops. It's that guy again. The one that has been ringing me for six months or more inviting me to his New Age orgies, or 'play' parties.

At first I found it bemusing. Even though I don't want to go to a group-sex love-in, it's nice to be asked. In the first call I remember his surprise when I said No. He said, 'So you're not into polyamory?' I said No. I barely get to spend time with the one man I already have. I'm not in the

LOOK WHO'S STALK

business of servicing groups. He said, 'You can bring your husband'.

I felt uncomfortable and kind of prudish but said, 'Look, I am very busy, I honestly don't have time to be attending genital-stimulating encounter groups.'They take the whole sharing vibe of the 'bring a plate' thing just a bit too far for me. I became uncomfortable with his persistence and hung up. He rings me back about six times. Same conversation about my attending sex parties. I don't know why you'd keep asking someone to a sex party if they've made it clear they have no intention of coming. (Please pardon the pun.)

So I block the call. Took me half an hour to find it in my settings. I thought I was free. Then I started getting calls from the

I'd just say, 'Can't talk,' and hang up. Or 'driving' and hang up. I have kids, I have to answer NO CALLER ID because very often it's them calling from someone else's phone.

My sex-party man hadn't called me for ages. So that's why he caught me out on Sunday and managed to engage me for so long. This time he had a more developed story. He told me he was a good friend of Marion, the person who ran Taste of Love Festival; in fact he was her business partner and they were putting on another event in Melbourne and would I mind running another workshop. He then started on about my going to the Play parties again and encouraging me to participate in group sex.

Phoenix Rising Café

funds necessary to

help both Zeb's recovery and his

family's costs, and many Nimbin

locals have 'come to the party' to

Starting at 6pm Friday the cafe

will put on an all-you-can-eat

buffet spread for diners, with

music provided on the outdoor

cafe stage by local acts Vic Florey,

Minus One and Khan. Then from

8pm a slew of more local musos

neighbouring Bush Theatre.

Bands currently on the lineup

include: Unsupervised (fronted

by venue owner David Hyett),

Mecha Mecha, The Antibodies, and

Nimbin legends Pagan Love Cult

(fronted by Neil Pike, who often

supplies a backdrop of engaging

visuals). There are two ticketing

options, with all profits forwarded

to a special account set up to aid

Zeb's recovery. A \$45 ticket will

of food and entertainment, or

\$10 will get you into the Bush

Theatre from 8pm for the later

get you the whole smorgasbord

will entertain the crowd inside the

help make it happen.

in Nimbin have

organised for a

benefit gig to raise

Then it clicked. The guy's a weirdo. I contacted Marion. She'd never heard of him. And there was no Melbourne event. Creepy. Living around here I just thought he was an enthusiastic German bloke keen on Catholic Girl conversions. It didn't occur to me that he was stalking as some weird sexual perversion.

I started freaking. What if he knows where I live? Who is he? Is he on my Facebook? Do I know him? So I post something on Facebook wondering if he'll identify himself. Then Ellen, dear friend, fellow comedian and the other half of Women Like Us, reveals herself as a bit of a private dick (as opposed to stalker who is a public dick).

She takes the blocked number, searches it on the internet and within ten minutes she identifies

live acts. There's a Facebook event

page providing more up-to-date

information. Bookings for dinner

are essential and are available

online from the cafe's webpage:

www.phoenixrisingcafe.net.au/

events. If you can't make it on the night but would still like to help,

details for the Summerland Credit

Union account set up to help Zeb

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ZEB as a reference when making

payments. Zeb and his family

thank you dearly.

in the name of 'P Cheah' are: BSB

It's getting creepier. She googles the name and the first story that pops up mentions this person's arrest and conviction in 2001 as a sex pest who had rung hundreds of women, namely journalists, celebrities and beauty queens. Mr Creepy pretends to be someone they know and invites them to spa bath parties and orgies. Wow, I'm clearly more successful than I thought. But it is 15 years on. He's become

the calls are coming from South Africa and she has a name. So

he's South African, not German.

he targets. Mullumbimby-based standup comedians who put their personal contact details on their website are easy pickings for South African sex pests. I report him to the police. We have a laugh. And now I sit and wait for his next call. Actually, bugger waiting. I am going to call him.

less ambitious about whom

Does anyone else want his number? 'When I was a kid I always processed recordings as a kind of singular whole, so when I started to play the guitar I wanted my playing to be the entire orchestra/band rather than just the guy strumming in the corner. A good example

would be the way I played Nights

in Venice on the first Saints LP, or

the acoustic with hyper-harmonic

overtones on *Today Wonder*. Lost

Cities continues that approach but

also moves into the tonal opposite

of what I did when I started.' Ed Kuepper plays Byron Bay Theatre on Sunday 24 April.

KUEPPER ALWAYS A

Ed Kuepper is an Australian music legend. He formed the Saints in Brisbane in 1973, going on to record the iconic classic I'm Stranded. His next outfit was The Laughin Clown, a rock, soul and avant-jazz group. It was a little more experimental than The Saints, and I have to say I was lucky enough to catch one of their last concerts. Since 1985 Kuepper embarked on a solo career, and this year he releases his 50th release, Lost Cities.

SPY VS SPY

Formed in Sydney in 1981 **Spy** vs Spy are a ska/rock band that became known for tackling political issues through their music, taking on racism, homelessness and contemporary drug culture. They've had a few breaks along the way but in 2016 they've re-formed and are touring with a four-piece version featuring Mike Weiley, Paul Greene, Neil Beaver and Mick Laws. They play the Ballina RSL on Fridav 22 April at 8.30pm. Tix \$25 at the club.

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DEVON & DOWLING

Polka Dot Productions welcomes back the delightful **Devon** Sproule to Mullum. Her debut Polka Dot gig a couple of years ago was sensational.

Born to hippy parents near Kingston, Ontario, Devon Sproule spent her childhood on a 465-acre, 100-member eco-village in rural Virginia. After moving between private, public and home schooling, she eventually left high school, recorded her first record, and began touring nationally - all before the age of eighteen. Since 2007, Sproule's recordings have been released by Tin Angel Records, based in Coventry, England. She collaborates regularly with Torontobased band Bernice and producer Sandro Perri. In Summer 2015 she recorded songs from a new collection, The Gold String, in Yukon and Nova Scotia. She and her husband, musician and producer Paul Curreri live in rural Virginia.

She is joined by support act Jimmy Dowling at Club Mullum (Mullumbimby Ex-Services) on Sunday 24 April at 7.30pm.

Tix \$20 at the door.



RAISING MONEY WITH

Local Nimbin-raised lad Zeb Cheah-Wright was hit by a motor vehicle late one night in February last at Brunswick Heads and sustained multiple traumatic injuries to his body and head. The vehicle fled the scene and Zeb eventually ended

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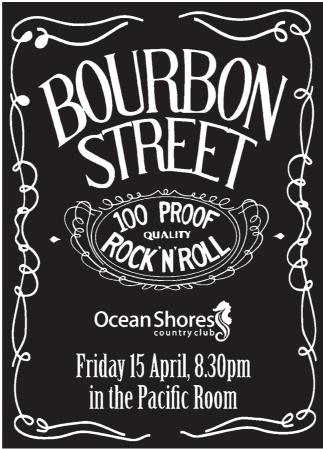
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up comatose in hospital. Several weeks later he emerged conscious but has severe head injuries, and remains in a wheelchair.







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MULTI-INSTRUMENTAL

Hailing from New Zealand, Matthew Armitage is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and singer. His music showcases his gift for both electric and acoustic nylon-string guitar and a unique southern Pacific blues and surf rock style. Matthew has worked with a broad mix of musical groups throughout his career in New Zealand: Good Laika, Odessa, Bunnies on Ponies, Family Cactus, Ginger Brown, Boomshack Band), some taking him overseas to Berlin and New York, but only in the last couple of years has he exposed his

He plays the **Byron Brewery** on Tuesday at 7pm. Free entry.

own voice and songwriting talents.

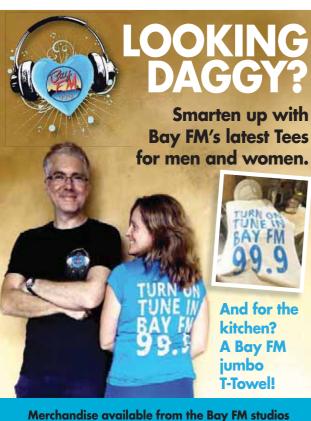
Live Music LITTLE GEORGIA ON **◆**······ CONT. FROM p39

Little Georgia was born from a true friendship. After several years on the road touring together as part of different projects, Ashleigh Mannix and Justin Carter have explored their passion for songwriting, and together launched their new project in early 2015. Non-stop touring, which included performances at the Americana Fest in Nashville and support slots for Mia Dyson, gave the pair the chance to grow creatively together with the result being Bootleg, a gorgeous album of eight tracks. After the huge success of their Bootleg album tour, Little Georgia will now hit the road again with American singer/ songwriter Ryan Bingham for his Australian tour. Friday 29 April at the Byron Community Centre with Matt Bingham.

STICKY FINGERS TOUCHED BY DIVINE

Some bands meet from lame shit such as Gumtree advertisements, while others are formed with a touch of the divine. One summer night some years ago, on a drunken street in Newtown, Dylan Frost was wrapping up a fruitless night's busking.





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MATT ARMITAGE AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON TUESDAY Paddy walked past, when a Yusupha is from a griot family and bystanding bouncer commanded, his late father Musa Ngum was one of West Africa's most renowned 'give the bloke some coin, brew!?' Instead Paddy and Dylan struck singers and proponents of Mbalax up a chat. Bonding over mutual musical tradition. hobbies such as music and Amadou is a direct descendent weed. Soon the degenerates of of Korea Musa Suso, also a griot Hollywood, Crabz and Beaker, musician, who first introduced banded together and Sticky the Kora to the world 760 years Fingers came to be. ago. Together with Steve they are Sticky Fingers at the Hotel Great capturing hearts and minds with Northern on Wednesday 20 and a style that continues to build Thursday 21 April. connections between Gambia and the global music scene. **POLLINATIONS IN** When they first toured Australia two years ago Jaaleekaay received rave reviews and standing 'Jaaleekaay's cultural crossovations at major festivals pollinated harmony and rhythms including the Mullum Music are a match made in heaven. A Festival. In partnership with Music place where voice, guitar, kora and Outback Foundation, the trio also percussion dance in effortless unity.' visited remote Central Australia, That's straight from the mouth of playing and giving workshops the great John Butler, a huge fan of at Aboriginal communities in far this three-man outfit. Jaaleekaay, north South Australia and in the a West African word in the Wolof Northern Territory. language, meaning 'crossing

STICKY FINGERS AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON WEDNESDAY 20

AND THURSDAY 21 APRIL

point', is the perfect name for the extraordinary musical collaboration between renowned Australian quitarist Steve Berry (Kev Carmody, Shane Howard, Robyn Archer) and two of Gambia's leading musicians: 7pm, show starts 8pm. Yusupha Ngum (vocals) and Amadou Suso (Kora).

Now, in 2016, they have a new self-titled album and are touring Australia in support of its release. They finish their tour at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Saturday 23 April. Doors opem

www.redsquaremusic.com.au







Byron's Drop Legs have just released a song depicting the story of a friend unfairly criminalised by drug-test laws. Just after the song premiered on Triple J and, ironically, after they recorded it, the band were pepper sprayed after a gig in Sydney and taken for questioning and a van search. It seems if they'd had the GoPro they would have had the video clip in the bag.

So why did you decide to write a song about the drug-test laws?

Well firstly I want to say we don't condone driving under the influence, though lately we have been hearing about more and more ordinary hard-working citizens being severely penalised, losing their licences and facing criminal convictions for having trace amounts of THC in their system from sometimes weeks ago. We feel this is more of a revenue-raising attack on lifestyle than a road safety initiative. As is penalising people for choosing to not lock their own car for example. These kinds of laws we feel are negatively affecting good people's lives, doing more harm then good.

Why do you think you were targeted?

Because we looked and dressed differently and we seemed to having too much fun!

Drop Legs play the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday.



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ENTERTAINMENT



With a sextet of planets in fire signs, this week's running hot hot hot. The flipsides of passion and drive are anger and inflammation, so direct this energetic heat wisely to avoid scorch marks...

- ARIES: This week's enormous planetary boost to your personal popularity also ups your capacity to aggravate others. So don't channel Toad of Toad Hall - no-one enjoys a Ram on a rampage. Stay out of trouble and away from situations that try your patience by shopping for special treats, doing happy things.
- TAURUS: If this surprising, exciting, unsettling, red-rag-to-a-bull week activates a sudden surge of fury, apply natural soothers: breathe, walk by the sea, listen to music, debrief with someone you trust. Use outbursts, yours or someone else's, to break through to better understanding. Wait till the smoke clears to act, though...
- **GEMINI**: This week sees you flirty, engaging, innovative \mathbb{I} and entertaining, enthusiastically working the social scene. New friends are entering your life and old ones leaving as the wheel of the zodiac year takes its annual turn. Biggest no-nos right now? Getting distracted, going off on tangents, neglecting to hit the Off switch.
 - CANCER: An extreme, in-your-face, anything-canhappen week, with news, views and reviews ranging from warm to scorching, hot to caustic. Dress code for sensitive midweek Cancer moon? The heavy-duty, bulletproof Crabshell. If bickering and power dramas turn you into crankypants crab, it's definitely time for

- LEO: A sense of humour's your best accessory this week, especially during late-week Leo moon. Worst look? Not listening. Arcing up and taking offence where none's intended. Getting into a state. Most intelligent strategies? Asking questions. Stepping outside yourself. Not letting angry impulses blind you to the cooperation and resolution available.
- **VIRGO:** Jupiter the celestial hedonist in your sign is urging you to do something fresh, new and different. To take a chance, walk on the wild side, vary your routine, go adventuring. All of which will give you the objective perspective necessary if this week sends plans awry, as it might.
- LIBRA: This week's Mars/Venus connection in your pleasure sector is sexy and exhilarating, attracting kindred spirits, compatible companions and simpatico joint ventures which are quite likely to end up being a roaring success. But conditions apply: no matter how impetuous you feel, get all important agreements in writing.
- **SCORPIO:** The present celestial reminder is that for fire to be a useful tool it must be contained, ie control wildfire emotions before they crystallise into rifts - more easily achieved by intuition than reason. Meanwhile miracleworker Jupiter in your house of collaboration makes this week's love story smoulder, sizzle and burn...

- **SAGITTARIUS**: If this week's fire-sign frenzy has you feeling short tempered, run through the threequestion Buddhist requisites for correct speech: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? Check, recheck and be absolutely clear before entering into contractual obligations. Enjoy midweek Mars/Venus vibes for cruisy, compatible camaraderie.
- **CAPRICORN**: This week's independent people may (shock horror!) prefer their own way to yours. If you don't get the Yes you expected, hear them out – you might learn something valuable. Home's where your heart is right now, and this high-accident-rating week needs you making safety round the casa a priority. Drive carefully.
 - **AQUARIUS**: If other people's agendas clash uncomfortably with yours, go easy on yourself because this week's upsets could affect your health. Respect that not everyone sees things from your progressive perspective. It's an excellent time to focus on professional goals, including new strategies for attracting clients, buyers, backers or promoters.
 - PISCES: This week's set to rocket you, ready or not, out of a comfy rut as a tug-of-war between what you and someone else believe gets more personal. Which could bring your persona of rescuer seriously into question, and fair enough - love is what happens when nobody

CUITURE

YOUNG ART GETS LOUD

LOUD in the Gallery, now in its fourth year, is a dynamic exhibition celebrating National Youth Week, with final-year works on showcase from secondary schools in the Ballina Shire. Students from Alstonville High, Ballina High, Southern Cross School K-12, Xavier Catholic College and Emmanuel Anglican College will experience their artworks' being exhibited in a professional gallery while giving the community a valuable insight into the processes, skills and concepts the students explore in art-making.

At Northern Rivers Community Gallery on show until 8 May.

DRILL BITS ON STAGE!

The Drill Hall Theatre Company presents The Drill Bits Show for five shows commencing Friday with additional performances on Saturday and then the following weekend, 22 and 23 April at 7.30pm and a Sunday matinee at 2pm. Tickets and further information from www.drillhalltheatre.org.au. Tickets are also available from the Bookshop, Mullumbimby.

There's lots happening at the Drill Hall this year thanks to DHTC's fundraising efforts and lots of support from Byron Shire Council. The building is now airconditioned so patrons can enjoy shows in comfort all year round. In the not-too-distant future the old and tired tiered seating will also be replaced with new platforms and new

These improvements are all part of the Drill Hall's 100th birthday this year. Watch out for info on celebrations to be held 28 August.

After selling out the inaugural cabaret in its opening weekend, the **Brunswick Picture House** announce the return of The Cheeky Cabaret for Saturday 23 April. Featuring a new lineup and some of the best exponents of cabaret, new burlesque, circus sideshow and contemporary vaudeville that Australia has to offer. Be sure to get your tickets, especially if you missed out the first time around. We promise you'll leave spellbound, titillated and amazed. As always, bring Grandma but leave the little ones at home. 7pm. Ticket link: www.trybooking.com/LAUS.

SELF-PUBLISHING WITH CAPTAIN HONEY

Byron Writers Festival is partnering with innovative publishing company Captain Honey to provide a venue at the 2016 festival exclusively for self-published authors. Having debuted at the 2015 festival, this year the Self-Published Marquee will feature 28 authors in a bigger space across all three days of the event (versus two days last year).

For those interested in finding our more about the Self-Published Marquee and how to apply, Byron Writers Festival is hosting an



MAE WILDE BY YVONNE FENECH - ONE OF THE WORKS ON SHOW AT LONE GOAT GALLERY IN BYRON, WHEN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OPENS ON FRIDAY.

information night on Wednesday 20 April at 5.30-7pm. Roz Hopkins of Captain Honey will be there to provide guidance on what's required to create a highquality book as well as advise on printing processes, e-publishing, and the art of selling, promoting and marketing your book.

Byron Writers Festival Office, Level 1, 28 Jonson St, Byron Bay (next to Witchery). Wednesday 20 April 5.30-7pm. RSVP penny@nrwc.org.au.

SURFERS TELL THE STORY OF WEST PAPUA

Isolated is a documentary film that follows five professional surfers who travel to the 'no media zone' of West Papua in search of unexplored waves and a unique adventure, but find themselves in the midst of a brutal regime and a journey that will change their mission and their lives. Since the Dutch left

and Indonesia brutally occupied West Papua in 1963 its people have been traumatised by the military controlling their daily life. In 1969 the UN officially handed West Papua over to Indonesia; this and a series of events leading up to it were orchestrated by the US and their hunger for control of natural resources. This was the beginning

of oppression and slow-motion

genocide of the West Papuan

people that continues to this day.

One night only screening of Isolated at Pighouse Flicks, Friday at 6.30pm with special appearance by Josh Fuller in a Q&A. Tix \$18. (Film not suitable for children.)

WHYTE POETRY

Poetry, especially good poetry, can provide a compelling vision, grant needed courage, and stir the dormant imagination. What if we could become even half a shade braver? What daily practices could we develop, what habits could we build, to more bravely step up into our work, parenting, friendships, and communities?

David Whyte is an internationally renowned poet whose work looks at the larger, timeless relationship of human beings to their world, to their relationship with creation, with others or with death. He looks at the sufferings and joys that come with revelations and the necessities of belonging to specific families, peoples and places. His work also chronicles a close relationship to landscapes and histories, especially those of his native Yorkshire, Ireland, Wales and his more recent home in the Pacific Northwest of the United States.

Byron Community Theatre, Half a Shade Braver: The Art of Living a Courageous, Conversational, Everyday Life. Sunday 24 April, 10am-4pm

APPEARANCE BY HIS

When His Eminence the 7th Kyabje Yongzin Ling Rinpoche was only two years old, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama recognised him as the reincarnation of the 6th Ling Rinpoche (1903–1983). The 6th Kyabje Yongzin Ling Rinpoche was His Holiness's main teacher and spiritual adviser throughout his lifetime, and accompanied His Holiness when he fled into exile from Tibet in 1959. His Holiness refers to him as 'my Root Guru'.

He was also supreme head of the Gelugpa tradition, which is the largest tradition in Tibetan Buddhism. Over many centuries, the incarnations of Ling Rinpoche were tutors to many Dalai Lamas. For further information, please visit lingrinpoche.info.

His Eminence Ling Rinpoche (Tibetan Lama from India) offering Heart Sutra Teachings at Byron Theatre on 25 April. 7.30pm. \$25.

Bookings at www. byroncentre.com.au.

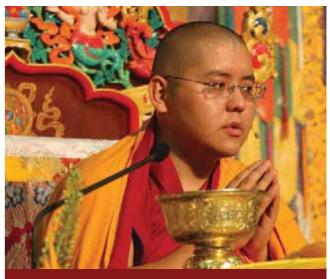
CRACKER OF A COMEDY NIGHT FOR ANZAC MEMORIAL

Have a corker of a comedy night happening on Saturday 23 April at the Byron Bay **Services Club** raising money for the Byron Bay War Memorial. It's on Anzac Day weekend – a few days before the unveiling of the memorial on Anzac day. Moneys raised will go towards paying the debt incurred to get it built on time!

With Mandy Nolan as MC and featuring the talents of professional comedians Nick Penn, Ellen Briggs, Peter Willey and, as Paul McMahon is camping and can't make it, we are thrilled that the fast-talking king of impro, Lindsay Webb, has stepped in to join the bill. It's Anzac weekend, so show your respect and come and have a laugh!

Show starts at 8pm. Tickets can be bought at the club or booked on 6619 0529. Tickets are \$30 or \$25 per person if booked for a table of 10.

This will be comedy at its best! Lest you won't forget it!



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Establishing his own label, LOHMANN, in 2011, he produces timeless leather goods, ranging from shoulder bags and satchels, to laptop bags, cases, hobos and wallets.

Being born and raised at the border of the black forests in Germany and years of creative experimentation and travels have seen him absorb techniques from artisans across the globe. Since 2008 he has called Australia home,



All Raffael's work carries the distinctively Byron Bay blend of high-quality ethically sourced materials and fine craftsmanship. His intricate and detailed leather work merges his German-Italian heritage, integrating unique style and attention to detail.

'I have a passion for textures and materials that reflect our natural landscape and serve timeless purposes,' explains Raffael. 'I source beautiful materials that tell a story, from kangaroo leather to antique solid brass fittings. Each of my pieces is one of a kind and made with dedication, love and attention'

The Lume Gallery is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Ph 6685 7044.

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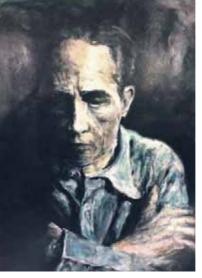
Transmutation, Tahnee Stautner (Xavier Catholic College)

APRIL EXHIBITIONS AT NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY

LOUD in the Gallery, now in its fourth year, is a dynamic exhibition celebrating National Youth Week, with final-year works on showcase from secondary schools across the Ballina Shire.

La femme by Hailey Gardiner is an intriguing collection of mixed media artworks that are simultaneously intimate self-examinations and heartfelt interpretations capturing aspects of what it is to be female.

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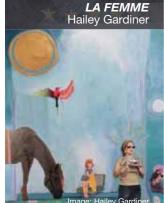
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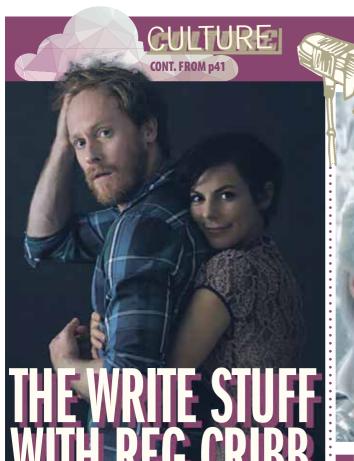
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WRITER REG CRIBB IS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR THE FILM LAST CAB TO DARWIN. AS A SCREENWRITER AND A PLAYWRIGHT REG IS PASSIONATE ABOUT TELLING STORIES SLIGHTLY OFF THE GRID, DETAILING THE AUSTRALIA THAT EXISTS OUTSIDE OUR CAPITAL CITIES.

His play *Thomas Murray and the Upside Down River* is being performed at Lismore City Hall this week and he is engaged in several Q&A sessions to share his experience.

Why do you write 'regional' stories?

I was raised in rural Western Australia. My father was a bank manager and we were transferred all over the state. I lived in 10 different country towns and attended five different primary schools before I went to boarding school in Perth. I am drawn to stories from the far-flung reaches of our country. The characters are extreme, the struggles are many, and the more we drift towards an urban culture the more I want to tell stories from the forgotten parts of Australia.

How do you source your stories? What process do you go through to transform your ideas into something that will work for stage?

I get out among it. For example, I spent three weeks driving down and camping on the Darling River to find the narrative that eventually became my latest play, *Thomas Murray and the Upside Down River*. It came from the stories of people who lived in the area. You have to be open to let the landscape speak to you and be fearless in finding a way to put that on the stage.

I love your fascination with 'ordinary' Australians. What have you come across in your research that has astounded or moved you?

Stories from the rural back blocks are not boring to me. They live such extreme lives compared to us in the city where our worlds intersect and tend to blend in to one. I certainly don't find them ordinary. But you need to scratch the surface beneath the funny anecdote or the cracking yarn. Once you do that, you meet people who have incredibly complex relationships with the land and the indigenous presence of their country. In the city we give lip service to these concepts but in the country they live it! For example: On the Darling River a farmer of four generations was dealing with the drought revealing a massacre site on his property. In Broken Hill a cancer-riddled cab driver had driven 3,000km to Darwin to take control of his own death. In Arnhem Land, I lived with David Gulpilil in his humpy for three weeks and went crocodile hunting with him. These stories are truly amazing!

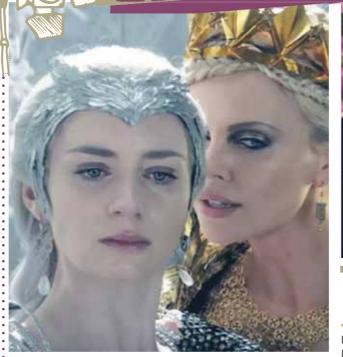
How do you feel about the latest production of *Thomas Murray and the Upside Down River*? Do you feel they really capture the spirit of the work?

I am overwhelmed by this production. I can't imagine a more authentic rendition of this story. It is a play that could be royally messed up because it is so ambitious and epic. But Chris Bendall's respect and passion for the work shines through in every dramatic moment on the stage.

Screenworks presents **Reg Cribb** in conversation with writer Charlie De Salis at **SAE Theatre** in Byron on **Thursday**. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for Screenworks members. 7pm.

He is also in conversation with director of *Thomas Murray*, Chris Bendall at **NORPA City Hall** on **Friday**.

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THE HUNTSMAN: WINTER'S WAR

Fairytales were never as complicated as this in the days when kids might have actually believed in them, surely. Arriving as the prequel to 2012's *Snow White And The Huntsman*, which I had happily consigned to oblivion, it is a sorry mish-mash of infanticide, bitter sisterly envy and, of course, megalomaniacal schemes to rule the kingdoms of Fantasyland – but that's only if you could be bothered to try to keep up with the Byzantine script. My concentration waned early on, partly because it jags all over the place without ever settling on a steady through-line, and instead contented myself by finding some pleasure in the quest for the big, circular golden mirror. This is by far the movie's most engaging component, primarily because it is free of the overwrought theatrics of the icy princess Freya (Emily Blunt) and the wicked Ravenna (Charlise Theron).

It is the job of the Huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to get hold of the mirror, and on his mission he is aided and abetted by Sara (Jessica Chastain) who, now that the girls have at last been given the opportunity to share in the gory glory that has become a mandatory feature of mainstream holiday fare, goes blow for blow with him against their enemies in the tedious

fight scenes. Speaking in a strange accent that sounds like it's from Scotland via Cornwall, Hemsworth is a tremendously charismatic performer who saves the movie by taking a tongue-in-cheek approach to his part, and he is well supported in levity by the dwarfs Nion and Gryff (Nick Frost and Rob Brydon).

The CGI employed to shrink the two actors (and their mounts) is faultless – at no time is your suspension of disbelief threatened by reason – and their banter provides almost enough comic relief to lift proceedings out the trough of boredom. It's even better when the crew is joined by the female dwarfs, Bromwyn and Doreena (Sheridan Smith and Alexandra Roach), but overall the end could not have come soon enough for me.



THE JUNGLE BOOK

If it's true that there are no more than a handful of stories to be told, Mowgli's fronting up to his hateful stalker, Shere Khan the tiger, probably falls into the 'High Noon' category, ie, a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do. There is more to it than that, of course, in Jon Favreau's exuberant take on Rudyard Kipling's timeless tale of the boy raised by wolves in the forests of India, but Mowgli's dealing with his nemesis is what drives this movie.

Scarred by his only encounter with a human, Shere Khan (voiced by Idris Elba) is pursuing his vendetta in the belief that there is no place in the animal world for the corrupting influence of Man. Mowgli, having been mentored by Bagheera (Ben Kingsley), the black panther, reluctantly decides to leave his home in the jungle and return to the village life from which he was separated as a baby. Along the way he strikes up a friendship with the bear Baloo (Bill Murray), and the odd couple spend happy days together swimming and eating honeycomb – but the tiger is always lurking. There is also a malevolent Colonel Kurtz-type orangutan (Christopher Walken) living in an abandoned temple, a seductive giant python (Scarlett Johansson) and a host of other fabulous characters. But at the heart of it all is Neel Sethi in his little red dhoti. The spring-heeled young fellow is brilliant as Mowgli – his American accent does not grate in the least and he even manages to surpass Sabu of cherished memory.

This is a fantastic, beautiful film, funny and enriching – the moment when Mowgli encounters the elephants and his eyes meet those of the herd's calf is profoundly moving – and for kids I would imagine that its occasional threatened savagery would be quite scary. The message of togetherness expressed in the poem spoken by the wolves is essential learning (Kipling's book has numerous such songs and poems), and if Bill Murray singing *The Bare Necessities* is not enough to lift your spirits then nothing will be.





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- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH DAMIEN** COOPER
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **APOTEKA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK. BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM ANDREA KIRWIN
- SAE THEATRE, BYRON 7PM **CHARLIE DE SALIS IN CONVERSATION WITH REG CRIBB**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM ROCK'N'ROLL **DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE AMY
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM JAM NIGHT
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM SARA TINDLEY
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- **BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM PORSCHES DJS & GUESTS BYRON THEATRE 5PM**
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- LITTLE KING STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS** 9.30PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, **BYRON 8PM DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM CHRISTIAN PATEY

- MULLUM HIGH SCHOOL 6PM PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **JAEDEN OGSTON**
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 - WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM GIRL SEASON
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 - 7PM SIMON MEOLA ■ LISMORE CITY HALL 2PM & 7.30PM THOMAS MURRAY &
 - THE UPSIDE DOWN RIVER
 - MARY G'S. LISMORE PUSH ■ PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN
 - 12.30PM ANDY HOLM KYOGLE FARMERS MARKET 9.30AM WATLING & BATES
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 - **WATLING & BATES COOLANGATTA**
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SUNDAY 17

GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL BYRON DAN HANNAFORD ■ RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM

- **JAX HAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC** 8PM **DJ CAPTAIN KAINE**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **DJS** LEOCH, MAGU & MORE
- **BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM GREG LYON & THE HIP OPERATION**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **CIRCUS SHOWS**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **TARSHITO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM DJS JAZZ HIPHOP **NEOSOUL**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **TESS LATU**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
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- **CLUB LENNOX 4PM SEBASTIAAN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- BALLINA RSL 2PM **NORTHERN RIVERS BIG BAND**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **JOCK BARNES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM PHIL **LEVY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM BONDI CIGARS
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- UKI MARKET 9AM DIRT MUSIC PREACHERS, MY **FIGMENT**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM KIARA JACK
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM SONIC BLISS 12.30PM ANDY HOLM
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM BILL JACOBI
- BROADBEACH MARKETS 10AM JESSE MORRIS BAND

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MONDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, **BYRON DAN CLARK**
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON
- 8.30PM DALLAS JAMES ■ BYRON BREWERY 8PM 4'20'
- SOUND
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ OVAL**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM JAM **NIGHT**

TUESDAY 19

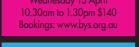
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM
- 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM MATT **ARMITAGE**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO** LYCRA
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK,
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **DANCE TEMPLE**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW **BRIGHTON 10AM JESSE**
- 7.30PM **LEIGH CARRIAGE**
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM
- 8.30PM BILL JACOBI
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM OPEN MIC
- **BOWIE UNZIPPED WITH JEFF DUFF**
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APRIL 2016 Astronomical data and tides

0	Thi	ird qua	rter Ap	ril 30	1	13:28		
Day of month		Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set		High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	F	0656	1843	0011	1359	0306,1.49; 1600,1.23		1000,0.63; 2042,0.74
2	S	0656	1842	0105	1447	0415	5,1.52; 1712,1.29	1105,0.57; 2255,0.69
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3am – clocks back one hour							k one hour	
3	S	0557	1741	0103	1434	0421	,1.59; 1712,1.40	1101,0.47; 2300,0.59
4	М	0557	1740	0204	1519	0519	,1.68; 1802,1.53	1152,0.37; 2356,0.47
5	Т	0558	1739	0308	1603	0613	3,1.77 ; 1849,1.66	1239,0.29
6	W	0559	1737	0413	1647	0704	,1.83; 1936,1.78	0049,0.36; 1324,0.23
7	Т	0559	1736	0519	1732	0755	,1.84; 2023,1.88	0142,0.27; 1409,0.21
8	F	0600	1735	0627	1819	0846	5,1.81; 2111,1.93	0235,0.21; 1455,0.23
9	S	0600	1734	0735	1907	0939	,1.74; 2200,1.94	0329,0.20; 1541,0.29
10	S	0601	1733	0842	1958	1033	3,1.63; 2250,1.91	0425,0.23 ; 1629,0.38
11	М	0601	1732	0946	2052	1129	,1.51; 2343,1.84	0522,0.30 ; 1718,0.49
12	Т	0602	1731	1047	2148		1229,1.40	0624,0.38; 1812,0.59
13	W	0602	1730	1143	2244	0039	,1.74 ; 1333,1.32	0730.0.46; 1913,0.69
14	Т	0603	1729	1233	2341	0142	2,1.65; 1445,1.29	0837,0.52; 2023,0.74
15	F	0604	1728	1319		0250	,1.58; 1556,1.30	0941,0.55; 2135,0.75
16	S	0604	1727	1400	0036	0357	7,1.54; 1655,1.36	1038,0.55; 2242,0.71
17	S	0605	1726	1439	0240	0455	5,1.54; 1743,1.43	1127,0.54; 2338,0.66
18	М	0605	1725	1514	0223	0545	5,1.54; 1824,1.50	1207,0.52
19	Т	0606	1724	1549	0315	0627	7,1.55; 1900,1.57	0025,0.60; 1244,0.50
20	W	0606	1723	1623	0406	0706	5,1.55; 1933,1.63	0106,0.55; 1315,0.49
21	Т	0607	1722	1657	0458	0743	3,1.54; 2005,1.67	0144,0.51; 1346,0.49
22	F	0608	1721	1732	0549	0819	,1.53; 2037,1.71	0219,0.49; 1416,0.50
23	S	0608	1720	1809	0640	0855	5,1.50; 2110,1.73	0256.0.47; 1447,0.52
24	S	0609	1719	1848	0732	0932	2,1.47; 2144,1.73	0332,0.47; 1519,0.55
25	М	0609	1718	1931	0823	1011	,1.42; 2219,1.71	0412,0.49; 1553,0.59
26	Т	0610	1717	2016	0915	1052	2,1.37; 2258,1.68	0453,0.51; 1630,0.64
27	W	0610	1716	2105	1006	1137	7,1.33; 2342,1.64	0538,0.55; 1712,0.69
28	Т	0611	1715	2158	1055		1229,1.29	0628,0.58; 1800,0.73

29 F 0612 1714 2253 1142 0031,1.60; 1327,1.28 0725,0.59; 1900,0.76

30 | S | 0<u>6</u>12 | 1713 | 2351 | 1<u>2</u>28 | 0131,1.57; 1433,1.31 | 0826,0.57; 2012,0.76

Times have been adjusted for Daylight Saving. Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: n Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min. low 2 hr: Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre



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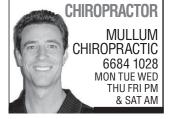


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BYRON 59 Cemetery Rd, Saturday 8am. Furniture and household items

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O.SHORES HUGE SALE 128 Balemo Dr. Sat 7.30am. Cheap costume jewellery, lots of bric-a-brac. No Trash. Bargains

BILLINUDGEL 2431 Coolamon Scenic Dr. Sat & Sun 8am. Pottery supplies, furn plants, books, bikes, tent & lots more

O.SHORES Combined cul-de-sac, Gara Ct, Sat 8.30am. Something for everyone

BYRON 1 Sandpiper Court, Sat 8.30am Guys and girls surf brand clothing wetsuits, household items

MULLUM 7 New City Road. Sat 8am. Huge combined sale. Furniture, h/hold goods, clothing & vintage bric-a-brac

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Pay is based on SCHCADS Award - Community Services worker level 4. A national police clearance and Working with Children check is mandatory

Selection Criteria:

ESSENTIAL: • Minimum 5 years experience working with young people aged 17-25 • Knowledge of services available locally for young people • Demonstrated excellent communication skills • Demonstrated excellent organisational skills (time management, record keeping and computer skills) • Current driver licence and own reliable transport.

DESIRABLE: • Understanding of the needs and cultural values of voung Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people • Marketing and promotional skills • Experience in coordination of transport for young people.

Applications close 20 April 2016.

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The Wellbeing Worker works closely with the Senior Wellbeing Worker to holistically support the social and emotional development and wellbeing of children, young people and adults, within our school community.

CBRSS is a K-12 school dedicated to the educational principles inspired by Rudolf Steiner. The position is 1 day per week (preferably Tuesday), 8.30am till 3.30pm, term time only, commencing early term 2, 2016.

Please submit your application addressing the essential criteria accompanied by a CV with two referees to: hr@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au.

Applications close Wednesday 27 April, 4pm. Position Description and Application Process available at www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au.

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

Companion Animals Welfare Inc. (CAWI) is looking for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to work in a voluntary capacity arranging for:

- recruitment of volunteers for fundraising & op shop retail positions
- training of these volunteers in their respective roles
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Team Leader Infrastructure Planning	35 hpw Permanent F/T	\$75K – \$87K per annum	Phillip Holloway 02 6626 7101	

Please refer to the Job Information Package at www.byron.nsw.gov.au, or phone 02 6626 7145 to see how to apply for this position. Additional benefits include 9.5% superannuation, access to education and training support, flexible work hours and salary packaging.

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- Minimum 3 years experience in a busy cafe environment
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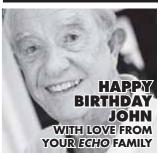
BIRTHS

BROWNING



We are very proud to announce the addition of another princess to our family born 15.03.2016 Thanks for your well wishes. Bernard,

Amanda, Dallas, Tanesa & Ella BIRTHDAYS



LOST & FOUND

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Alison on 0458 461 935



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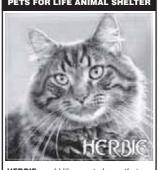
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News Extra

Overhaul of feral animal control needed

Leading conservation organisations are urging the NSW Government to fully implement the recommendations of the NSW Natural Resources Commission's Pest Animal Management Review.

The groups strongly endorse the review's recommendation that feral deer now be declared a pest species and managed appropriately. Currently deer are managed as 'game' and government policies are assisting their spread.

'Until now the NSW government has been unwilling to act decisively on the growing threats of expanding populations of feral deer, Invasive Species Council CEO Andrew Cox said today.

'Feral animals such as foxes, cats, deer, carp and pigs are the silent killers of NSW wildlife. As numbers of ferals increase they wipe out populations of rock wallabies, bandicoots, native fish and endangered plants. New invasive species are set to exacerbate these pressures.

'This review is a credible, evidence-based response to a complex issue. It balances environmental and agricultural needs with animal welfare requirements. The NSW NRC report confirms an already compelling case for change **Key findings**

- The impact of pest species is growing despite 100 years of
- The risk of new pest animal incursions is rising with rapidly growing global trade.
- \$170 million a year is spent to control ferals, including rabbits, carp, pigs, foxes, wild dogs, goats and birds.
- Feral deer have caused nine fatalities and 100 collisions with trains in the Illawarra region.

Key recommendations

- · Strong action against feral deer, which are 'recognised as the most important emerging pest animal threat'.
- Strong action against feral horses, including aerial and ground culling.
- Stronger controls on cat ownership including mandatory desexing, annual cat licences, declaration of containment areas and licensing for cat breeders.
- Prevention and eradication of new incursions must become government priorities.
- Funding for more research.
- · Coordination between government agencies, and between government agencies and private landholders.

in NSW feral animal management.

Nature Conservation Council CEO Kate Smolski said: 'We are pleased to see pest declaration proposed for feral deer and feral cats, which pose a serious and increasing threat to our native wildlife and bushland.

'We also welcome the proposal to use the whole suite of options for control of feral horse populations that are

damaging alpine and subalpine environments in Kosciuszko National Park.

'The report increases pressure on the government to conclude its interminable consultation on feral horse control and to act decisively to protect our fragile alpine ecosystems.'

CEO of the NSW National Parks Association Kevin Evans said: 'The NRC has comprehensively debunked the perception that the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is not pulling its weight.

'NPWS accounts for more than one-third of all government-funded pest activities. There is no better neighbour than the NPWS when it comes to pest control.

'Importantly, the NRC found that hunting is the major problem rather than a solution to our feral animal problems. Hunting rules limit kill rates and hamper landholder control.

Rewilding dingoes

'The report also highlights the importance of dingoes for conservation as our largest predator, and notes the potential for rewilding to contribute to healthy ecosystems. NPA plans to further investigate this potential.

'To make a real difference on feral animals, we will need to see delivery of meaningful action on the ground. Government leadership and support from landholders and the wider community will also be key.'

The draft report is open for comment for six weeks until May 18, after which final recommendations will be provided to the NSW premier in June.

Greatest threat to reef is climate change

Efforts to rapidly and dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels must be ramped up if Australia is to protect the long-term health of the Great Barrier Reef, according to the Climate Council.

The Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel has met to discuss the severity and extent of the mass bleaching event underway, including preliminary findings of coral

The Panel, chaired by former chief scientist of Australia Professor Ian Chubb, has issued a communique dated April 5 that states unequivocally: 'Efforts to address water quality and direct impacts must be combined with sustained global efforts to sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions to ensure longterm health of the Reef.

Chief councillor Tim Flannery said, 'Right now, the reef is experiencing the worst mass coral bleaching event in its history driven by climate change. The greatest long-term threat the reef faces is climate change. The emissions of greenhouse

gases through the burning of coal and other fossil fuels for electricity is driving the rising surface temperatures and ocean acidity that pose the most serious threat to its survival. A healthy reef and coal mining and burning are fundamentally incompatible.

Critical link

'It is critical that the federal and Queensland governments clearly understand the link between accelerating climate change and accelerating damage to the reef. The Great Barrier Reef is not only one of the seven wonders of the natural world – it also supports 69,000 jobs in Queensland.

'So far, this crucial fact is being ignored.'

The latest warnings issued

on the reef's health follow the Queensland government approval of the massive Adani mine expansion on the reef hinterland. Scientists have repeatedly warned that opening the Galilee Basin to coal mining would dramatically increase emissions, and drive further climate change.

Urgent alert

The Panel will now develop a summary paper on the bleaching event and proposed actions in the coming weeks to provide advice to federal and state ministers on this issue.

The Climate Council issued an urgent scientific alert last month in response to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority upgrading

the coral bleaching threat to level three, the highest level of response to coral bleaching. It also offered to brief MPs.

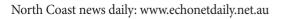
Severe bleaching has been found in the far north, as well as in the section between Cooktown and Tully, with minor bleaching found in southern areas. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority will publicly release a new update shortly.

Record-breaking ocean heat has triggered the current global coral bleaching event, which began in the north Pacific in mid-2014 and expanded to the southern Pacific and Indian Oceans in 2015.

In February 2016, sea-surface temperatures climbed to an astounding 33°C in the waters off the far north Queensland coast, resulting in coral bleaching across large swathes of the Great Barrier Reef, particularly the most pristine and isolated reefs in the far north.

The bleaching will continue for some weeks, and scientists are monitoring the long-term impacts.

See more at climatecouncil.org.au.



Rams deliver six of the best | All-year-round football



Ben Ahern led a rock-solid Byron defence.

Story & photo Dogwhistle

School teacher Jonathan Pierce delivered a caning to a hapless Lennox Head side on Friday evening when the Great Northern Rams visited their coastal neighbours, personally taking five of the Byron Prems six-goal tally.

Despite their being down around ten players, the evening got off to an auspicious start for the Byron troupe, with a goal in the first minute of the reserves match to a Will Ennis header from a cracking Sammy Owens cross.

The reserves ranks were topped up with some stellar Prems talent but, despite their impressive firepower, the Byron lads couldn't add to their tally. The match was an overwhelmingly one-sided affair and, apart from a few valiant counter-attacks from the Len-

nox youngsters, was spent largely in the Sharks half.

Outstanding and tireless work from the Lennox defence held at bay some of the League's most effective strikers for much of the gruelling 90 minutes. High-flying Tyson Kaye, James Tomlinson, newcomer Hari Scott and a powerhouse midfield could not break them down and the 1-0 scoreline held, against all odds, to the final whistle.

The Premier Division match brought more of the same, with the Rams totally dominating a much younger and less-seasoned opponent. This time, however, Jono Pierce - making his top-squad striking debut - took full advantage of the Rams superiority, racking up a personal tally of five goals. Tyson Kaye, backing up for his second run, took the final tally to 6-0.

Two minutes into the match, Pierce opened his account with an unstoppable volley into the back of the net. His second and third goals followed.

Tyson Kaye came off the bench to join the melee and took the score to 4-0. A brilliant flanking run from Sam Owens and a superb cross set up Pierce's fourth goal, and a late penalty when Emanuele Altarui was brought down in the box, gave him a welldeserved fifth.

Outstanding were Lucas O'Donnell, Ben Ahern and Kazuhiro Tsukamoto who contributed to the result.

Round three sees the Rams hosting Lismore Thistles at the Rec Grounds on Saturday afternoon. Reserves kick off at 1pm and the Prems



Football lovers Harry, Elissa and Will like to train all year.

Australia is unarguably one of the best countries for participating in sport, especially for kids, despite stats showing that only six out of ten children train in extracurricular

Among the children who do play outside school, there is a tendency to be engaged in too many sports and to swap what they play with the seasons. There are plenty of arguments that suggest playing multiple sports can keep kids engaged and alleviate repetitive injury or burnout; as well there are the opposing arguments for sports specialisation. However, the debate and obvious solution is if kids' training sessions and their 'bodies' are managed properly, with the correct coaching, not only will issues be avoided, but kids will excel in that sport with huge leaps.

Football is the sport that Australian kids are rapidly growing to love. Despite its popularity and kids wanting to push their skills forward in the sport, a huge drop occurs in their training at the end of football season, leaving a huge dent in their development.

Super Skills Football Academy (SSFA) follows the method of all-year-round training. The director of coaching, Kevin Atkins, is a believer in this. His training was born in the motherland of football - Manchester, England – from his very early years. He believes in ensuring that you avoid burnout, stress, decreased motivation and lack of enjoyment. 'Definitely give your child the opportunity to play many sports so they find the one they like,' says Kevin.

'Don't push them if they are not into it.'

He says the simple answer is only move forward with allyear-round training if a child is really keen. 'If the child wants to play a single sport after their first seven or eight years of life, then they really should be continuing to practise all year around.'

SSFA runs all-year-round football coaching for kids of all ages, with age-appropriate skills learning being paramount. The holiday camps out of season are a perfect way for kids to gain a week of specialised skills learning in a fun environment, often prepping them for team selection come the commencement of the next season.

SSFA is running an Easter holiday camp 18-22 April at the Cavanbah Centre, Byron

Maggies' big win



The Byron Magpies had a big win on Saturday afternoon against Sawtell Saints at Fripp Oval, Ballina. Final Score was 17.10.112 to 2.2.14. Major goal kickers were William 'JNR' McBride and Kieran 'Kev' Atken. Pictured putting his heart and soul and boot in the right place is Tom Rehn during the weekend's match.

Bluedogs celebrate



Happy, happy HAPPY! are the men's premier grade Bangalow Bluedogs team celebrating after their 3-1 win against the Lismore Thistles on the weekend. Jumping for joy are Scot Fuller, Josh Cole, Joel Rudgley, Byron Milne and Ricky Small, who had a helluva good time on the

paddock. Photo Maralyn Hanigan.

Malibu Classic 2016



Entries are open for the annual Byron Bay Malibu Classic to be held over the Anzac weekend. It has been regarded as the longest-running single-fin event in Australia and caters for all age groups. The Classic is the annual fundraiser for the club. Entry forms can be downloaded from the club's Facebook page.

Byron rugby to kick off



Byron Bay Rugby Club kick off the 2016 season against Lismore this Anzac Day weekend. Byron look to start the season with a win - the club invites all to come and support with free entry to home games in the regular season at the Recreation Grounds. Get behind your local team Saturday April 23. Go The Bay!

Community at work

On The **Horizon**

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Meditation

Bay Insight Meditation with Radha Nicholson and friends now Tuesdays at Suffolk Park Hall, 7.30-9pm. All welcome. Please bring a cushion. Evening supported by dana (donation).

Cupcake fundraiser

Holdsworth House Medical Practice Sausage Sizzle and Cupcake Fund-Byron Bay.

Moon viewing

View the planet Jupiter and craters on the moon close up! Join Marie and Philip for their regular first-quarter moon telescope viewing at Brunswick Heads on Thursday 21 April at The Terrace near the road bridge from about 6pm. It's FREE. Enquiries 0413 779 223.

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courtyard; Lunch 12–2pm, Board

games in the courtyard. Tuesdays -

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9.30 Hub; Lunch 12-2pm, Extreme

- Express Yourself Art as therapy

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Meditation

Knitting 2pm. Wednesdays - Spirit of

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welcome! Please call Renae for further

Buddhist meditation teaching and

first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullum-

si.org.au. Dzogchen Meditation

bimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact

Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@

Group – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each

Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or

qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more

info. One-hour guided meditation

levels welcome - www.yogapeace.

com.au. Mindfulness Meditation

with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien

and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday

7.15-9pm at the yurt. Temple Byron

(www.templebyron.com). No fees,

contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559.

www.themindfulnesssummit.com.

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working

bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. See

www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call

12-1pm, Wednesday and Thursday, All

month at Brunswick Heads Community

practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga,

'Regular As Clockwork' to

raiser for Beyondblue on Saturday 16 April from 10am, at 37 Fletcher Street,

Saturday 7 May Bangalow Old Boys Rugby Minifest at the Bowling Club, Bangalow. All old rugby or non-rugby players are welcome. Ring John 0409

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: What is Truth? Discussion introduced and led by Gavin Greenoak, Thursday 14 April, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Totalny Diktant

Do you speak Russian? Free global project Totalny Diktant www.totaldict. ru at the Ocean Shores Community Centre on 16 April at 4pm. Details: mestorussian@gmail.com. Lots of

U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tues 26 April, 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Des Wann talks about 'Little Girls, Big Girls', a unique and absorbing presentation on classical music. Phone 6685 1732.

Mullum market

is on this Saturday 8am-2pm, cnr of

Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby. Great local crafts, produce and coffee. Jesse Morris and Julian Temple playing live. No dogs, please.

Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday 17 April 9am-12, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

Clown show

Looking to entertain the children on holiday? Bring them to Mullumbimby Library on Thursday 14 April at 2.30pm for a FREE magical clown show hour with Shorty Brown. Bookings not required. Info 6684 2992.

West Bank film

Byron Friends of Palestine will screen former West Bank settler Lia Tarachansky's On the Side of the Road, Wednesday April 20 7pm at Church Hall, Carlyle Street. She examines Israelis' collective amnesia of the forcible expulsion of 780,000 Palestinians in 1948 when the state of Israel was formed. Entry by donation.

OS Garden Club

Repair Cafe

Next Meeting 1.30pm Monday 18 April

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at the

Mullumbimby campus of Byron Com-

munity 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

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.

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

www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA)

is a worldwide network of groups of

men and women learning how to

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fulfilling relationships. For more infor-

mation visit www.codependentsanon-

Byron Bay Food Care - log on to

eligible, or call 6680 8872.

to advise how it might be done.

Carers' support

Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Low-cost food

at Ocean Shores Baptist Church. Alf Fox will give a demo on Bonsai for beginners. Enquiries Laurel 6680 2455.

OSCA meeting

Ocean Shores Community Association meeting Monday 18 April at the Grace Community Church, Rajah Road, at 7pm. Agenda includes the history of Ocean Shores, Neighbourhood Plan for Ocean Shores area, light rail and transport. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Lone Goat Gallery

International Women by Yvonne Fenech, opening 6pm Friday 15 April, runs till Wednesday 27 April. Brightly coloured, dramatic portraits of women.

Land Use Strategy

Byron Rural Land Use Strategy Draft on exhibition BSC and online byron.nsw.gov.au 7 April-20 May.

Touch football

For the past 15 years, every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8.45am there has been a Touch Football game played at the Byron Recreational Grounds. The game attracts players of all levels, and ages range from 10 to 70. All players welcome and encouraged, no matter skill level or fitness. All you

distributes over 450 meals per week iberationlarder.org.au.

Byron FLEA

cent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at 12.15pm at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. All welcome. Info: Silvia Van Rossum 6676 3720.

Byron Girls Group

for girls aged 12-18 every Wednesday 4-6pm at the Byron Youth Service. Contact Lotte 0490 026 840 for more

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

across the Byron Shire to people in need is on the look out for volunteers. There are a variety of roles. For information ring on 0435 879 778 or visit our Facebook page or

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crespeople. Call Lotte 0490 026 840

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The Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby

Email: clairejharris999@gmail.com

need is a pair of running shoes.

Art orchestra

Intuitive, sensitive players/composers of orchestral string, wind, tuned/ untuned percussion and soft brass are invited to gather to discuss the possibility of an art orchestra incorporating soundscape, experimental music, improvisation and original score reading. A meeting (with instruments) will be held at the Pioneer Hall behind the Mullum Civic centre on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30pm. Details 0488 235 179.

Camera Club

The Ballina Camera Club print meeting Thursday 14 April at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome, enquiries Mark 6686 6915.

Table Tennis

Social table tennis will resume at the Suffolk Park Community Centre each Thursday at 10am starting 14 April, deJoan 0408 337 277.

CWA luncheon

The Mullumbimby Branch of CWA Mongolian Theme International Luncheon Monday 18 April at the Uniting Church Hall, 128 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Ladies are most welcome and are asked to arrive at 9.30am for 10am.

Charity Golf Day

Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby Charity Golf Day 24 April, start 12 noon, sponsored by Tony Carsburg Holden, supporting Callay Ryan, our Personality Oueen raising funds for medical research. For booking phone Pro Shop

Digital Skill Share

Digital Skill Share Byron Bay, three days of workshops for activists and people working for a better world, 3–5 May. www.actionskills.org/byron2016.

Mungo's Crossword N120

Cryptic Clues ACROSS

- 1. They say this happened to the Virgin Mary but it's only a guess! (10)
- 6. Greek philosopher finds Japanese Buddhism leads to nothing (4) 10. Pain killer shortens craving (7)
- 11. Queen like ... (hesitation) ... small.
- They delete her from the record (7) 12. Former first lady embraces axed
- individual. He's one with authority (9)
- 13. Sounds like Ralph is the pits (5)
- 14. Supporter follows "51" sign (5) 15. Lost again, immersed in home
- 17. Vehicle goes to the mountains, like a
- shot! (9)
- 20. Soldier and worker, he's huge (5)
- 21. Even match (5) 23. Slippery about murky past – that's

sickness (9)

- funny (9)
- 25. Arrive uninvited in the territory impolite (7)
- 26. Garland certain to make your holiday
- 27. Little Tom's style of singing (4)
- 28. Street talkers but they're very

- 1. Informed of conflict between vowels 2. Thirty days when tempers be frayed
- 3. A philosopher king with muscular air Sue is smitten (6,8)
- 4. Strange noise in thoron causes stress
- 5. Woodfull and Ponsford, like corkscrews! (7)
- 7. Edit printer's measure finish (5) 8. Watchful attendant follows alumnus
- 9. Rebels unite us against church father 14. Money and diamonds, perhaps, back
- self-indulgent philosopher (9)
- 16. Breast upper in class thanks! (9) 18. If performed by the Incas, this fall is
- 19. Eastern apostle and French mark of
- 22. Skill is raised to fifty, upper extreme
- 24. Joints detected rise to 1,000 (5)

Quick Clues ACROSS

- 1. Something taken for granted; a supposition (10)
- 6. Greek philosopher, author of the "Achilles and the Tortoise" paradox (4)
- 10. Pain reliever, usually a pill or powder (7)
- 11. Rubbers or similar used to delete writing (7) 12. One with the power to order actions;
- person of authority (9)
- 13. Lowest point, absolute bottom (5) 14. Sign of the zodiac (5)
- 15. Home sickness, longing for the past (9) 17. Casing for a bullet (9)
- 20. Huge being, very large size (5) 21. Corresponding, even (5)
- 23. Vaudeville humour, broad comedy (9)
- 25. Interrupt, arrive without invitation (7) 26. Rest period, holiday (7)
- 27. Jazz singing style (4)
- 28. Those who find it hard to speak without repeating a sound (10)

DOWN

- 1. Informed, on the ball (5) 2. Ninth month (9)
- 3. Roman emperor and philosopher, author of Meditations (6,8)
- 4. Stress, result of being stretched (7) First two batsmen in a cricket team (7)
- Edit, correct (5)
- Watchful, perceptive (9) Church father and Bishop of Hippo, author of The City of God (5,9
- 14. Epicurean poet and philosopher, author of De Rerum Natura (9)
- 16. Thanks, appreciation (9) 18. Fall, downward progress (7)
- 19. Shoulder ornament denoting rank or status (7)
- 22. Extreme, beyond the norm (5) 24. Leg joints (5)

Last week's solution N119



Liz 6687 1309. Craft group

Landcare

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Come and chat, enjoy a cuppa, the company and your craft. Bring lunch and whatever else you

Over-35s Rugby

prizes from sponsors.

Library fun

Mullumbimby Community Market

need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

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.

No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people on low incomes with safe, fair interestfree loans of up to \$1,000 for purchasing essential goods and services. Contact the Byron Community Centre

to find out more

Budgeting Support Money Matters is a free service helping people identify where their money is going, how best to save and, most importantly, how to get on top of bills! Contact the Byron Community Centre to make an appointment; private ses-

sions run every Monday afternoon. session Hub from 10am all day; Lunch 12-2pm; Soup Kitchen 5pm. Thursdays Museums from 10.30am courtyard; Nature Walk

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

U3A discussion group

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

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Before you go in the water, you check the water - and you could also check the Dorsal app, a new free community-based shark alert phone app: www.dorsalapp.com. A large great white was spotted at Broken Head last week and bull sharks have popped up at beaches from South Ballina to Kingscliff, so it's worth being alert. Parents could stick the app on their grommets' phones and cafes and surf shops near the water could give the app a plug. You can also check shark-sighting reports in real time online, as well as the log going back a few months.

The heralded public sculpture walk for Mullum is now under way, with construction of the first sculpture entitled *Enter Here* at the Scout Hall corner of Burringbar Street and River Terrace. On April 30, 10–11.30am, there will be an opening ceremony with mayor Simon Richardson doing the honours. See more at mullumsculpturewalk.com.au.

There is going to be an outbreak of Russian at the Ocean Shores Community Centre at 4pm on Saturday April 16 in the form of a real-life dictation test. It's part of the free global project Totalny Diktant www.totaldict.ru. Even if you can't speak Russian it could be worth checking out. Apparently the event takes place at 1,500 sites in 700 cities as well as online. And now, in Ocean Shores, which is probably at least familiar with vodka.

Unless the NSW government chucks a hissy fit and changes the date, it looks like the NSW local council elections are happening on Sat-

Local photographer and artist Peter King calls this image *The Beauty in a Bubble*. It was part of a resource for his drawing *The Vase of Day and Night No 6 at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens adjacent to Reality Park in Bedlam*.

minor-mandatory-sentences

urday September 10. We hear the NSW Electoral Commission is already checking out booking halls up this way. The commission will send you a reminder by SMS if you don't want to constantly fret about remembering the date, although you can expect to be bombarded by candidates prior to the glorious event. Expect a lot of promises about 'community consultation', and naturally everyone will want to appear to be 'sustainable'. See all the official stuff at

If breaking into a house and beating people up can be called a 'home invasion' by police, then surely murdering thousands of Indigenous people in a calculated way qualifies as an invasion, too. The *Daily Terrorgraph*'s crocodile tears over this description of Captain Cook's arrival and the subsequent 'settlement' are a bit pathetic. See *Echonetdaily*

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