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Yoga mats and long hugs



Spirit Festival lifted Mullumbimby up last weekend, attracting locals and visitors alike, all on a path of higher consciousness. Director Kate Little told *The Echo* that 'The festival grew this year to what feels like a very sustainable, yet still intimate, size. We had over 900 festival attendees, plus hundreds more in the free Spirit Village. The strong support from Destination NSW, our sponsors, our local community, our new and returning participants, and the weather gods converged to create our most successful event in all ways.' Pictured are Tahl and Bess from Creature Yoga. Photo Jeff Dawson

Affordable housing DA ruffles residents

Residents have been quick to act upon a ten-dwelling development application (DA) on a house block at 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby.

A change.org petition at www.chn.ge/1WbVhIM is seeking to stop the development 'so a precedent is not set for further development of Mullumbimby.'

The application is on public exhibition until Wednesday April 27, and has been lodged under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009*.

Applicant Koho Projects intends to demolish the existing house, build ten one-bedroom attached dwellings on the 900 square metre block and construct parking for five vehicles at the rear.

Koho's Duncan Band told *The Echo* three of the dwellings will be managed by a registered community housing provider and the company has no plans to sell the other units. He said, 'The remaining seven dwellings

will be available as long-term permanent rental accommodation.'

As for whether it would set a precedent with regard to its density, Mr Band says he couldn't answer that; however, 'the SEPP Affordable Rental Housing has been in effect since 2009,' and there were 'other examples of that in Byron Shire.'

He also added the dwellings are proposed as one-bedroom dwellings, 'Not two bedrooms, as mentioned on change.org.'

Another mum-to-be, Valentina Onega, says she's due in September. She says she is on a waiting list and wishes more midwives and doctors

Motherloaded

Mums rally over lack of midwives

Hans Lovejoy

There are calls for more midwives to be employed after mums-to-be are being told there aren't enough to go around. Additionally, the new Byron Central Hospital appears to be unable to cope with the predicted demand even before it has opened.

But claims there is a shortage have been refuted by local health bureaucrats, who say, 'currently there is no shortage of midwives.'

Mum-to-be Danielle Yeo told *The Echo*, 'There are not enough midwives at the new Byron Central Hospital, so many pregnant women are being turned away and being told we'll have to find somewhere else to birth.'

'Women should have the right and opportunity to birth at their local hospital. It is a shambles that at the new hospital - or any hospital - there will be insufficient staff. I would have thought the service should be being improved, not reduced!'

'I am due at the end of July, and will have to drive over half an hour to get to the next closest hospital.'

'This also adds stress to the whole process and means you don't feel as comfortable staying at home longer where a woman ultimately feels more comfortable and labour progresses more easily/quickly.'

'I was told a woman who rang the hospital at ten weeks pregnant and isn't due until November has also been turned away!'

Another mum-to-be, Valentina Onega, says she's due in September. She says she is on a waiting list and wishes more midwives and doctors

were employed at the new hospital. 'I would like the opportunity to have a natural birth choice.'

The Echo asked Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) 'Given there appears to be a shortage, are there plans to increase the number of midwives employed for the new hospital?'

Health District reply

Clinical consultant of midwifery, Cathy Adams, replied that 'There is Midwifery Group Practice available at Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah and Lismore and plans for implementation at Tweed Heads Hospital in 2016. In addition Mullumbimby (and shortly the new Byron Central Hospital) offers publicly funded homebirth.'

'The service that is to be provided under the new Byron Central Hospital is the same as that currently provided at Mullumbimby with the same number of midwives.'

'The availability of midwifery continuity-of-care models in NNSW LHD compares favourably with other Local Health Districts in NSW.'

'Currently there is no shortage of midwives in NNSW LHD. All midwifery positions are recruited, including the midwifery models of care.'

Ms Adams added that the model is monitored 'on an ongoing basis' and changes are made 'where appropriate in order to provide the highest standard of care possible.'

Lest we not forget

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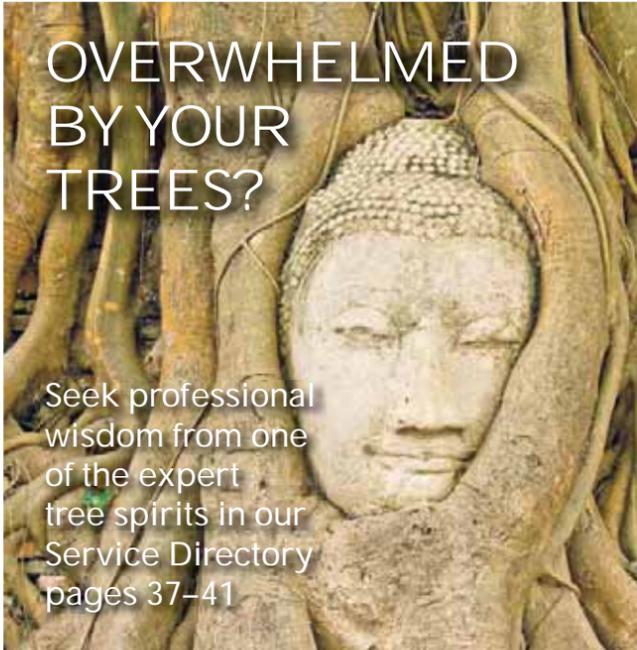
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Local food labelling launched

A local alternative to organic certification is launching on April 22, and is called FEED, or Farm Endorsement Ecological Development.

Founder Joel Orchard says FEED certifies producers based on the 'active participation of the stakeholders and is built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange.'

FEED is known as a Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), and Mr Orchard says that the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) 'supports the development of PGS as an alternative and



Joel Orchard's latest project is localised peer-reviewed produce certification. Photo Jeff Dawson

complementary tool to third-party certification within the organic sector.'

Mr Orchard believes us-

ing the FEED system will reward local farmers 'who are making exceptional efforts in their ecological practice', and

'will deter generic claims and offer and improve integrity to "spray-free/chemical-free labels", ensuring additional consumer confidence and transparency.'

Mr Orchard is also from Future Feeders and a member of the Northern Rivers Young Farmers Alliance. Along with the FEED launch, the film *Polyfaces - A World of Many Choices* will be screened, and a panel discussion will be held at the Byron Community Centre. The event starts at 6.30pm and tickets are available at Santos Organics.

For more info visit www.futurefeeders.org.

Soccer club lobby to keep its Byron home

Emily Pierce

Will adult sporting activities be taken away from Byron's CBD?

A petition to save Byron Bay Football Club's home of more than 50 years kicked off last week, despite a lengthy response from mayor Simon Richardson trying to allay concerns that they may have to move out of town.

It came in response to the town's masterplan, which

suggested adult sporting clubs on the Byron Recreation Ground would be better located at Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road.

Public submissions have recently closed.

Within the long-term masterplan's suggestion, the much-loved and -used fields would be transformed into a family-friendly parkland with bicycle tracks.

In the short term, the Byron Recreation Ground is earmarked to become a secondary local sporting, recreational and community resource, which is used for a range of compatible activities for all ages, but with a focus on children and youth.

To achieve this, the masterplan suggests that 'facilities should be upgraded.'

Adult competitive sports should be relocated to the Cavanbah Sports Centre, the plan says, 'with the Recreation Ground retaining its role as a children's/youth sporting venue.'

But mayor Simon Richardson told the club in a 944-word email, 'Perhaps the wording within the Open Space Strategy section has caused concern.'

The mayor said, 'no team will be forced [move], and no moves will be made to do this without the support of the clubs themselves.'

'The intent [of the masterplan] is to ensure our kids have spaces to play and if conflicts arise over using the rec grounds, the adults should come second.'

No forced removal

He added there would be no 'forced removal.'

But Byron Bay Football Club say they are still strongly opposed to the move, claiming that there is nothing wrong with the current location and they have invested time and money into developing the existing facilities. They include field maintenance, upgrades and clubhouse artwork. Additionally, they say the Cavanbah

Fields are unsuitable during wet weather, owing to ongoing drainage issues. Facilities such as grandstands, shade cloths and a dedicated canteen would also be needed.

Vague plans

BBFC representative Greg Meek told *The Echo*, 'We attended a couple of workshop/presentations about the masterplan.'

'References to the Rec Grounds were very vague.'

'Questions were raised by attendees, and the responses were again vague and dismissive.'

'Not until the release of the draft plan were the references to "transitioning the Recreation Grounds to a secondary sporting facility" and moving organised senior competition to the Cavanbah Centre clearly (almost) articulated.'

'The actual actions associated with these recommendations are still unclear in the draft masterplan.'

■ Emily Pierce is undertaking work experience



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Byron Shire Council needs your help to prioritise infrastructure works from the proceeds of the former 'Roundhouse' land sales.

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 Way (between Shara Boulevard and Natan Court, Ocean Shores) and \$467,200 towards the new North Ocean Shores Sport Fields.

Thirteen infrastructure projects have been shortlisted, including roads and parks - plus, there could be others that you'd like to see considered as part of the 2016/17 works program. The hard part is, we can't do them all - **we need you to help us decide.**



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Raising funds for Jayden

A crowdfunding campaign for the family of Jayden Burleigh, who died after being bitten by a redback spider on April 9, has topped \$13,000.

The Mullumbimby man

died days after being bitten while bushwalking.

The Jayden Burleigh Tribute Fund was set up on crowdfunding website GoFundMe to help support the

family through what has been described as a period of 'crippling grief.'

'This follows the loss of our beloved Lachie Burleigh in August last year,' the page says.

'If you would like to help our family during this extremely difficult time the smallest donation will make the world of difference.'

Jayden was reportedly released from hospital and prescribed antibiotics, but later died.

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The Strokes, Cure top Splendour lineup

The official Splendour in the Grass lineup was announced last week, with US band The Strokes and legendary rock band The Cure at the top of the bill.

Other international acts include James Blake, Santigold, Sigur Ros, Jake Bugg, The Kills, Jack Garratt, Snakehips, The Internet and the reunited At The Drive-In.

Australian performers include Flume, Courtney Barnett, Violent Soho, Hermitude, Matt Corby, Illy, Ball Park Music, The Preatures, Gang of Youths and Sticky Fingers.

Tickets go on sale on Thursday, 21 April, through moshtix.com.au or phone 1300 GET TIX (438 849).



The queue started at 6am on Sunday for the Splendour In The Grass locals ticket release at the Hotel Great Northern. Rei, Tai, Kyoko and Simon Hunter were part of the line that eventually wound around Byron Street up to Earth 'n' Sea. For full artist lineup, visit www.splendourinthegrass.com. Photo Jeff 'Thanks, But I've Got A Ticket Too' Dawson

New holiday letting policy released

A new policy to attempt to regulate holiday letting was supported by councillors at the April 7 meeting.

Households with three or fewer bedrooms in Byron Shire will now be allowed to rent out rooms for 90 days each year without gaining development consent.

Occupants would be capped at two per bedroom, excluding children under five years. Property owners and holiday renters would need to comply with fire safety, amenity impacts and complaints management. The property would need to be registered with Council.

Development consent would be required for properties that have more than three bedrooms or wish to holiday let longer than 90 days within a year.

The changes come as a result of Byron Shire Council amending its Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2014.

Byron mayor Simon Richardson said the issue of holiday letting has long been a divisive issue.

'After many consultation sessions with affected residents, property owners and managers, the LEP amendment will allow everyone clear guidance on what is, and

is not, acceptable within our towns,' Cr Richardson said.

'The outcome was about finding a balance between ensuring neighbourhood amenity and supporting tourism within a planning control that was not overly arduous.

'It was particularly gratifying to hear from people who had been affected by holiday letting, that they were pleased to see the shire leading Australia with new groundbreaking and tough regulations that would help protect amenity,' he said.

If there are two substantiated complaints within a year, the mayor said, then that

property would no longer be able to holiday let.

The property owner or manager must also be contactable 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to complaints.

Signage would be required at the front of the property with contact details.

Council say the new policy does not require approval from the NSW minister for planning and environment, as authority had been delegated to the council.

Existing holiday homes will have one year from the gazettal of the new planning controls to comply.

Corporate capitalism: politics in the Pub, April 27

Corporate capitalism will be dissected at the upcoming politics in the pub event, to be held at the Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby, Wednesday April 27 from 6.30pm.

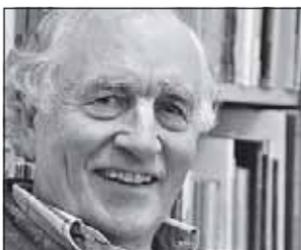
Author, activist and scholar Professor Stuart Rees heads the Sydney Peace Foundation and has long been acclaimed for his peace advocacy and opposition to violent, cruel and tyrannical regimes.

His speech is entitled 'Corporate Capitalism: The Violence, The Human Rights Abuses.'

Only goal is profit

In Stuart's own words: 'Virulent free-market economic policies are promoted by politicians, economists and financiers who think that society should resemble a business corporation whose only goal is to make a profit.'

'Australian governments are addicted to such policies.



Professor Stuart Rees

'They appear to no longer understand, let alone value, the contribution of a vigorous public sector to the building of a civil society.

'Privatisation and deregulation are the names of a violent game in which the lives of vulnerable people are regarded as of little consequence.

'The means of punishment and control have become major industries.

'Prisons and detention centres are privatised.

'Outsourced services replace government responsibility. Huge contracts are given to overseas companies whose activities receive limited oversight

and not much media scrutiny.

'Students, patients, refugees are merely commodities.

'Health and education services are under-funded. Poor countries are forced into debt.

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Council's first electric vehicle hits the road

A new electric vehicle is now part of Byron Shire Council's vehicle fleet after a long-term loan arrangement from Nissan was struck.

It's part of a broader plan, called Northern Rivers Electric Vehicle Strategy, which aims to promote regional uptake of electric vehicles to business and the community.

A fast-charging station will soon be installed for general public use in Byron Bay, says Council's sustainability officer Sandi Middleton.



Byron Shire's sustainability officer, Sandi Middleton at the Macadamia Castle Solar Charging Station. Photo Jeff 'Charging Since 1986' Dawson

30-minute charge

It will be supplied by 100 per cent renewable energy from our local retailer Enova Energy. It allows for an electric vehicle to be charged from empty to full in around 30

minutes. Partnerships are also being developed with Tweed, Lismore and Ballina councils, she says.

Ms Middleton said that having a fast-charging station in Byron Bay and, hopefully in the other major towns,

will enable people to seriously consider a zero emissions transport option. For more visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

North Coast Regional Plan public info session April 27

An information session on the National Party's controversial 'Draft North Coast Regional Plan' will be held April 27 at the Tweed Heads Bowls Club at 10.30am.

The document attempts to outline 'a 20-year vision for the future, centred on a prosperous community, healthy environment and attractive lifestyle choices.'

But it's caused a stir owing to its claim that the region 'has potential coal seam gas resources that may be able to support

the development and growth of new industries and provide economic benefits for the region.'

RSVP is recommended by emailing northcoast@planning.nsw.gov.au. The deadline for submissions is June 2 and can be made on NSW Planning's website.

Snap action

Meanwhile, a snap action was called Tuesday at Lismore Council Chambers

during the NSW Planning Department briefing to Council about the 'Draft North Coast Regional Plan.'

Organisers Gasfield Free Northern Rivers say, 'communities of Lismore, Kyogle, Casino and surrounds have been left out of consultation meetings in spite of references in the plan to CSG development.'

The group are calling for the region to be declared a 'no-go zone.'

No helipad for new hospital

Health bureaucrats in charge of the new Byron Central Hospital have confirmed that the new \$88m facility will not include a helipad.

It follows an enquiry from Mullumbimby Creek resident Nick Schaefer, who told *The Echo* that in 1992 his then four-year-old son 'became desperately ill with a severe respiratory condition, later diagnosed as Hibs.'

'He was almost unable to breathe when we took him down from our home in upper Mullum Creek to the lo-

cal hospital in Mullumbimby. A surgeon from Byron Bay stood by, prepared to do a tracheotomy. The helicopter was summoned and landed at the hospital heliport. At midnight he was flown to the Brisbane Mater hospital ICU.'

'Why is there now, 24 years later, no heliport planned for the new central hospital at Ewingsdale?'

In reply, chief of staff of Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) Wayne Jones told *The Echo*, 'There are no plans for a

helipad at the Byron Central Hospital (BCH).'

Lismore or Tweed hospitals instead

'If a helicopter, rather than an ambulance, was tasked to attend a patient at the scene of an accident, any patients would be taken to a trauma centre such as Lismore Base Hospital or The Tweed Hospital. If patients at the BCH required transfer they would be transported north by ambulance.'

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Rosebank arson victim helped out by Byron Bay Rugby Club

A Byron Bay businesswoman whose home-stay business at Rosebank was burnt to the ground by a tenant two months ago has praised the Byron Bay Rugby Club for helping to clear up the ruins last Saturday, enabling her to rebuild sooner than she hoped.

The 34-year-old Gold Coast man responsible for the arson attack is believed to be in custody awaiting trial.

He apparently drove off after setting the building alight, but then crashed down an embankment and had to be rescued by police and paramedics who had rushed to the scene on February 6.

The home-stay building on the property was gutted, leaving owner Vici Burgess devastated.

'I was in shock for weeks,' Ms Burgess said. 'It was the final chink in a chain of bad events for me. I didn't know what to do or where to go from there.'

Two months later the damaged debris and ruins had still not been cleared.

'Lots of people had offered to help after the arson but unfortunately no-one followed through with their offers,' she said.



Byron Bay Rugby Union Club team members who helped out last Saturday. Photo supplied

A player with the rugby club heard of the incident and called on his teammates to help out.

Community projects launched

It just so happened that the club last month had launched a new campaign called Byron Bay Rugby Community Projects, where

the team help out and volunteer for good causes in the community.

The newly appointed project manager, Andy Teuma, said the campaign was 'something the club has wanted to get started for a while.'

'It was shocking hearing the news of what had happened to Vici and her business,' Mr Teuma told *The Echo*.

'This was something that we felt was the perfect place to start,' he said.

It took the group of rugby players just over two hours to

complete the task

'I wasn't expecting the amount of work they got through. The guys did more than I could have asked for; now I can go and rebuild a lot sooner on a new slate,' she said.

Mr Teuma said 'It was great to get involved and really help someone who was struggling.'

'These projects are all about the team giving back and supporting the community, especially after the support we've received when on the pitch,' he said.

Crown land sales and leases to be audited

A brief announcement on the NSW Audit Office website says it is assessing whether the Department of Primary Industries is managing Crown land lease and sale transactions effectively.

The Audit Office of NSW is the independent auditor of the NSW public sector.

The website claims, 'Crown land comprises 42 per cent of the total land area of NSW and is valued at over \$11 billion.'

'Crown land consists of land dedicated for diverse purposes including community, cultural, recreation, environmental, tourism, commercial ventures and agriculture.'

In reviewing the management of Crown land lease and sale transactions, the audit says it will examine how well the department ensures:

- compliance with statutory requirements and policy
- rigorous and transparent decision making
- appropriate engagement with stakeholders and the community.

A spokesperson from the audit office said a report is expected in the new financial year. *The Echo* is waiting for a return email from the office - more detail will be asked for, such as its terms of reference and how the \$11 billion figure was reached.

Tintenbar home gutted

A timber and iron farmhouse on Sandy Flat Road, Tintenbar, was completely destroyed last Friday.

RFS operations officer Bob Wilcox told *The Echo* the house was 'fully engulfed in flames' when brigades got there at around 12.50am.

'People were home but fortunately they managed to

get out by the time we got there,' he added.

Mr Wilcox said three rural brigades plus NSW Fire & Rescue from Ballina attended the blaze as a contingency.

'There's always an issue with water supplies on an isolated farm property,' he said.

Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.

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Now the dust has settled – what's Council's Draft Rural Land Use Strategy about?

Hans Lovejoy

A 20-year strategic framework to guide future rural land zoning and use is now up for public feedback, and since there's been more time to assess the 64-page document – what's it all about?

The *Draft Rural Land Use Strategy* (RLUS) will guide Council's future rural planning decisions, and will sit beneath other 'instruments' such as the LEP and DCPs.

As mentioned last week, councillors were given short notice on significant changes after Cr Sol Ibrahim pushed through a 1,200-word amendment, circulated two days' prior to the March 17 council meeting.

As he holds the balance of power, his changes were passed with little debate.

Four councillors voted against putting it before the public as they clearly did not understand the changes.

They include Crs Duncan Dey, Paul Spooner and Basil Cameron, who all told *The Echo* they are unsupportive of the strategy as it stands, owing to its push to open development up.

Meanwhile, mayor Simon Richardson has cheerfully promoted the plans via a press release, despite voting against putting it before the public.

Either way, the public should be looking very closely at what Cr Ibrahim is proposing.

From the outset, it works from the assumption that 'expectations have changed around the way people want to live, work in, and enjoy our rural areas.'

Fair enough; the mayor had been spruiking rural development opportunities for some time; however, a lot is at stake and it's easy to make a mess of developing, especially in such a unique biodiversity area.

Assumptions

Remarkably this strategy is basing some of its policy on as-

Public meeting called

A public meeting – organised by Main Arm Rural Residents Association – will be held on Saturday April 23 from 2pm till 4pm at Kohinur Hall, Upper Main Arm.

The Association says residents need to be informed over plans within the draft Byron Rural Land Use Strategy, which aims to increase new housing developments in both Main Arm (320 houses) and The Pocket (320 houses).

Council community forum

Council will also hold a forum on April 27 from 2pm till 5.30pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall.

To RSVP and for more info, visit www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/draft-byron-rural-land-use-strategy.

Public submissions close May 20.

sumptions contained within the controversial *Far North Coast Regional Strategy*. That too is also still in draft form.

Key changes listed

Main Arm resident Guy Fisher told *The Echo* he went through the original draft proposal and the amendments provided by Cr Ibrahim.

His understanding of the key changes is as follows:

1. Opens up the possibility of rural land east of the Pacific Highway to be considered if it meets the objectives/criteria of the Strategy, going directly against the state policy as stated in the 2006 *North Coast Regional Strategy*.

2. Eliminates the need for a minimum of a ten-hectare site for large-lot residential, CT, or MO developments.

Eliminates the requirement that a minimum of 25 houses would be needed in such subdivisions.

3. Allows the potential of large-lot residential, CT, and MO development outside the areas of Main Arm, The Pocket and Middle Pocket – anywhere in the Shire.

4. Eliminates the need that these type of subdivisions be clustered.

5. Allows a survey/report based on a field study by a qualified person to determine whether a proposed development is truly [affecting] high-value vegetation.

In other words, a private firm, hired by the developer, can negate what is currently identified as having high-conservation-value vegetation.

6. Allows developer to go around the ban on development in areas identified by S117 Mineral Resources if they can demonstrate that the inclusion is outdated and, if needed, get agreement by the state.

7. Allows development on state and regionally significant farmland if it fits within the new variation criteria guidelines on development as shown the new *Draft North Coast Regional Plan*. Also recommends that Byron Shire Council ask the state government to review the currently mapped state or regionally significant farmland to resolve any on ground inconsistencies with current land-use development.

8. Requires new developments to have safe streets, community spaces, and recreation areas only where appropriate and possible within the proposed development.

Developers can get out of these requirements if they can prove they are not appropriate or possible.

9. Allows future development outside of the 2km/5km catchment on land that is 'assessable' (two or less constraints) or 'unconstrained' – the original draft had only unconstrained.

This type of development can occur if it satisfies any of the following conditions, opening up potential rural development just about anywhere (this was in the original draft and was not changed by an amendment):

a. existing school bus services are accessible within 100 metres of the site boundary.

b. primary access to the roads is via a major local road or regional road.

c. meets service catchment criteria based on services available in an adjoining local area.

Councillors comment

Cr Duncan Dey told *The Echo* that Mr Fisher did 'a pretty good analysis' of the RLUS, and 'It must be tough on staff to watch where their work goes.'

'Again, the public will have to sort out the RLUS and my hope is this one also escapes this Council's September [election] burial. The timeframe for the RLUS was also squeezed by Cr Ibrahim to get it finished before term end.'

Cr Paul Spooner told *The Echo*, 'Rural living should be seen as a minor provider of housing needs within the Shire, not a major source of potential development.'

'Housing in rural areas should support agricultural production and the natural environment and not be seen as a developer's playground.'

Cr Basil Cameron told *The Echo*, 'The problem with this "strategy" is that it lacks an overarching objective beyond opening up rural land for residential, tourist and other uses. It is not framed as economically or environmentally sustainable. The draft regional strategy was still in development at the time the RLUS was being put together.'

'The former is yet to be finalised, but the RLUS conflicts with both the state and council urban release principles.'

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Election time brings political deluge

As we head to a July 2 double dissolution election, political promises and platitudes will be aplenty in coming months.

It also means personal visits, and there were a few last week.

Richmond electorate

Minister for regional development, Fiona Nash (Nationals), paid a visit to Murwillumbah last Thursday following an invitation from the Nationals candidate for Richmond, Matthew Fraser.

Mr Fraser, a fast-food entrepreneur, is again contesting the seat of Richmond, which includes the areas of Tweed Heads, Byron and Ballina local government areas.

Minister Nash officially opened the Knox Park youth precinct, which includes a re-vamped skate area, new play equipment and a multipurpose outdoor sports arena.

Ms Nash also inspected the site of the \$21.2 million Kingscliff Foreshore Revitalisation and Protection project.

A new rock seawall will be constructed along the foreshore to protect Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club, Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park and Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club 'from creeping erosion.'

The project is jointly funded, says Ms Nash's press release, 'with the Australian government providing more than \$9.8 million, Tweed Shire Council contributing almost \$3.9 million and Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust investing more than \$7.5 million.'



Knitting Nannas get support from both federal and NSW Labor. Photo supplied

Richmond electorate – what are the odds?

With new electoral boundaries, the federal seat of Richmond now includes Ballina, along with Tweed and Byron local government areas.

According to ABC analyst Antony Green, Labor's Justine Elliot is on a knife edge, but is likely to win this electorate by a 1.6 per cent margin. As for Page (Lismore area), he predicts the Nationals will retain the seat with a 3.1 per cent margin.

Mr Green says at the federal level, the new boundary redistributions reduce the Coalition from 90 to a notional 88 seats, while Labor increases from 55 to a notional 57 seats.

'Assuming a uniform swing, the Coalition can retain office despite losing 12 seats on a swing of 3.2 per cent, while Labor need to gain 19 seats on a uniform swing of 4.0 per cent for majority government. Both of these figures would change if any of the five crossbench members were defeated by Labor or the Coalition or if new third party or independent members were elected.'

Page electorate

Meanwhile, state opposition leader Luke Foley met with Knitting Nannas, Lock the Gate and Gasfield Free Northern Rivers in Lismore last week to announce that a Labor state government would abolish the coalition's controversial anti-protest laws within the first 100 days

of taking office. Mr Foley told the meeting, 'While Mike Baird moves to arrest peaceful protestors, he has reduced the penalties that mining companies can face.'

Before the legislative changes, companies faced fines of up to \$1.1 million; now those offences can be dealt with by way of a penalty infringement notice and

a \$5,000 fine.

'This is a government that sides with corporate interests and not the community,' Mr Foley said.

The Nationals' Kevin Hogan claimed the seat of Page from Labor's Janelle Saffin at the last election, a seat which had been long held by Ms Saffin.

Mr Foley was joined by Ms Saffin, Lismore mayor Jenny Dowell and Richmond MP Justine Elliot.

Ms Saffin accused the Liberal-National government of creating the laws specifically 'to break up community protests like the Bentley protest and groups like the Knitting Nannas.'

Mayor Dowell added community members had 'successfully and peacefully protested against CSG on the north coast and will continue to do so if necessary.'

Ms Elliot said the legislation 'criminalises activities that were once completely legal and could see upstanding members of the community jailed for up to seven years.'

Meanwhile, deputy prime minister Barnaby Joyce (Nationals) also visited Lismore Square last week, which Mr Hogan said was, 'to catch up with some of our retailers and shoppers.'

Deputy leader Fiona Nash was also present.

'More than 80 local business people also attended a Lismore Chamber of Commerce breakfast to meet the ministers and discuss how we can grow jobs in our community.'

A \$13.8 million farm co-operative pilot program was also announced, and will be run by Southern Cross University.

Nannas escape convictions

Darren Coyne

Two Knitting Nannas and two other anti-CSG activists had charges relating to them locking on at the Santos facility in the Pilliga forest in January dismissed in the Lismore Local Court on Monday morning.

The four women had received notices for obstructing traffic and disobeying a police direction after locking on to the front gate as part of ongoing protest against unconventional gas mining.

Dominique Jacobs of Gloucester, and Angela Dalu and Therese Mason, both of Lismore, appeared together before magistrate David Heilpern, while Christina Charley of Byron Shire appeared a short time later.

All four women pleaded guilty, and their solicitor, Kira Levin of the Environmental Defenders Office NSW, spoke of their good character, family commitments, and lack of previous convictions.

Precedent

Magistrate David Heilpern said during sentencing that higher courts in NSW had set precedents by granting Section 10s (case proved but no conviction recorded) when a protest had been unlawful but there had been no damage to property.

'The times they are a-changing when people who are associated with the conservative sides of society are becoming more active,' magistrate Heilpern said.



Photo Paul Begg

Mullum2Brunspaddle is only weeks away, Sunday 22 May, so put it in your diary, get on the website and register now. This is the 7th Mullum2Brunspaddle of the 21st century and it is very nearly a modern tradition. The family-oriented 10km Fun Paddle, sponsored by *The Echo*, draws the great majority of participants. You just need a paddle-powered craft and, if you can't paddle your own canoe, there are contacts for hire canoes and kayaks on the website. Feeling competitive? Try the Hotel Brunswick Open Paddle or the Print Rescue Stand Up Paddle challenges. Want to hang out with a few friends? Bring a dragon boat. Fancy yourself as a naval architect? Get working on a decorated craft.

There's something for nearly everybody who likes to get out and have fun safely on the water. Safety is paramount to the organisers of the Mullum2Brunspaddle. After all, it's their business. The Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club has rubber duckies and a jet ski on the river, while Marine Rescue has five boats, all with qualified first-aiders. They add to the excitement and spectacle. At the Terrace Park finish, as well as food, music and festivities, you'll find a first aid tent in case you need a band-aid!

If you are planning to contest the challenges, you probably should be in training. You'll need to get on your bike if you want to hit the ground running. If you are just coming out for fun, don't sweat over it. Wear a hat and sunscreen, make sure the youngsters have lifejackets and take some drinking water. There will be plenty of refreshments at the finish.

There's a lot of wildlife on the Brunswick River. Big birds such as pelicans, ospreys and fair-dinkum sea eagles. Smaller birds, too, including kingfishers and waders. There are lots of fish and the occasional stingray underneath you, and crabs scuttling in the mangroves. You may see a goanna keeping an eye on you from the bank, or a koala in a tree.

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Rule of law and individual freedoms under threat by govt Bill: NSW Bar

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW National Party are again attempting to diminish civil liberties and increase police powers with broad and vague language in a new bill, entitled *The Crimes (Serious Crime Prevention Orders) Bill 2016*.

Former police officer and National Party leader Troy Grant introduced the bill on March 22 and told parliament that it aims to echo 'UK-style serious crime prevention orders to disrupt the activities of serious criminals.'

While it's yet to pass parliament, it's already come under harsh criticism from the professional association for barristers, the NSW Bar Association.

In its public submission, they claim its constitutional validity is 'highly doubtful,' saying, 'This bill is a bad law for the reasons explained by Hayne and Kirby JJ in their separate dissenting reasons for judgment in *Thomas v Mowbray* (2007) 233 CLR 307 concerning federal control orders.'

The Bill would enable the



Former police officer and NSW Nationals Party leader Troy Grant

supreme court and the district court to make 'serious crime prevention orders,' or SCPO, on the application of the police commissioner, the director of public prosecutions (DPP) or the NSW Crime Commission, 'so as to prevent, restrict or disrupt involvement by certain persons in serious crime related activities.'

Concerns were flagged over the 'nature and scope of a SCPO,' which the bar consider 'open-ended and without guidance to the kinds of orders which might be appropriate for "the purpose of protecting the public".' Such a law would have 'profound implications for the liberties of the citizens of NSW,' says the

Bar Association and comes, 'without any prior consultation with appropriate legal professional bodies, law reform agencies or civil liberties organisations.'

Arbitrary, extreme and excessive

The Bill appears similar in theme to the recently passed *Inclosed Lands, Crimes and Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Interference) Bill 2016*. That law aims to heavily fine and/or imprison

those that protest when 'locking on' to mining operations.

The new Bill, say the Bar, is an 'extraordinary and unprecedented piece of legislation with grave implications for the rule of law and individual freedoms in NSW.'

'The interference with fundamental human rights and freedoms is contrary to Australia's international obligations,' they say, and, 'The potential for interference in the liberties of citizens of NSW and their day to day lives is extreme.'

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per cent renewable energy.'

Information sessions will be held in Mullumbimby and Nimbin, with the Mullumbimby event being held at The Drill Hall on Monday April 25 from 5pm till 6.30pm.

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Changing the political bedsheets is very much needed.

The hallmarks of this current council faction include a lack of critical thinking abilities coupled with deciding major developments based on emotion. Above all, important planning documents have, or are, being rammed through as quickly as possible for the benefit of a few. Process has been appalling.

Blaming others if criticised also reveals a limited level of emotional intelligence, self-reflection and intellectual honesty.

This was all demonstrated again recently after Cr Sol Ibrahim foisted major changes to the rural planning strategy on councillors two days before a meeting.

Nearly a year's worth of work – with the community and government agencies – has now become a political wedge.

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Bank bashing gears up for election time

I saw the weary farmer
Tilling his sod and loam
I heard the auction
hammer
Knocking down his home.
But the banks are made of
marble
With a guard on every
door
And the vaults are stuffed
with silver
That the farmer sweated
for.
– The Weavers.

Okay, you may say, that may be the old-style leftie view, class warfare, the politics of envy, another time in another place, but we have moved on.

But in fact the loathing of the banks as the greedy, uncaring Mr Moneybags prototype of everything and everyone that personifies exploitation and inequality has continued, which is why a very large proportion of the current Australian population is prepared to back Bill Shorten's call for a Royal Commission into the bastards.

Banking was conceived in iniquity and born in sin.

– Josiah Stamp

Malcolm Turnbull and his colleagues insist that there is absolutely no reason for a Royal Commission; it would be a long and costly process, and would achieve nothing; the existing regulators are more than sufficient for the task. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission in particular is a tough cop on the beat, with all the powers and more of a Royal Commission. This argument was somewhat undermined when it was recalled that the gov-

ernment had in fact cut \$120 million out of ASIC funds, which the ASIC commissioner Greg Medcraft said was preventing the Commission from undertaking proactive investigations.

The money is likely to be hastily restored, but the belief that ASIC is a toothless tiger, unable or unwilling to take on the big end of town, will persist.

For the normal punters, the banks have become a closed fiefdom, a law unto themselves

by Mungo MacCallum

Rather than justice for all, we are evolving into a system of justice for those who can afford it. We have banks that are not only too big to fail but are too big to be accountable

– Joseph E Stiglitz.

The banks, of course, reject any inquiry, any serious questioning, of their relentless desire for profits. A Royal Commission will, they thunder, undermine confidence. But surely that is precisely what their constant shenanigans, when they are exposed not by ASIC but by the media, are doing?

Well no, because while those may worry the public and their customers, they have no real effect on their shareholders or investors – nor, least of all, their directors and executives. For the normal punters, the banks have become a closed fiefdom, a law unto themselves.

I believe the banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than the standing armies. – Thomas Jefferson

And the banks, with their consistently record profits, have resources to stare down politicians, or, if necessary, to fund them.

Last week it was reported that the National Australia Bank was running a fundraiser for the Higgins 200 Club, an organisation which supports the local member for Higgins, Kelly O'Dwyer.

In Australia at least, most people would probably agree (if after some persuasion) that the banks may not be inherently bad; they are happy to entrust them with their savings to safeguard and manage.

The childhood image of transferring the piggy bank to the friendly local teller is a powerful one.

But of course the banks have gone way beyond that friendly image.

They now involve investments, superannuation, even insurance, and this is where the trouble really starts.

Even if ASIC had been empowered to look into such issues, it has clearly failed to deal with them and the banks have been seen to have gone rogue.

It is well that the people of this nation do not understand the banking and monetary system, for if they did, there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.

– Henry Ford

The government's initial reaction to Shorten's move was to dismiss it as stunt – after all Labor had actually voted against a Greens motion for a Royal Commission, so why take him seriously?

Shorten's quick answer was that that was then and this is now – a lot has happened since then.

And Malcolm Turnbull, as an ex-merchant banker, is not the ideal warrior to lead the defence; his immensely lucrative career in Goldman Sachs will be more of a hindrance than a help.

Bankers, are, if anything, even less trusted than the banks; a 'hug a banker' campaign is unlikely to catch on.



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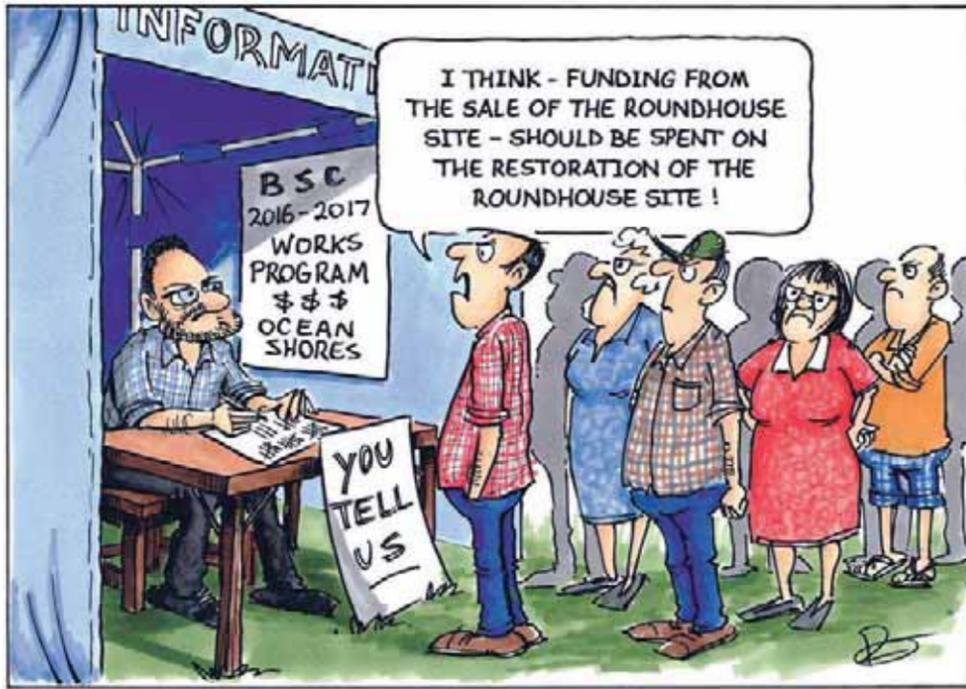
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Boatharbour plans
The Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Masterplan will be embraced by those who enjoy boating on the Brunswick. However, there are significant issues underpinning the project that are deserving of scrutiny.

The Crown's documents admit the marina will not be

economically viable. The big fee-paying yachts are unlikely to be attracted to it because of the shallowness of the harbour and the problems of the bar to the river. This means the berths will, in all probability, be taken up by boats that are normally transported around on trailers.

Appendix 4 and Report

4 introduce the term 'cross subsidisation'. Translated, it means revenue needs to be raised by encouraging private investment in land-based activities to achieve viability. While the Crown will deny the relationship, this is an oblique reference to approximately 3,200sqm of freehold land at the Fishermen's

Co-Op which was recently sold to a private investment fund. With the development restricted to 'existing use rights' the case is made to change Byron Council's Local Environment Plan 2014 to realise upmarket accommodation, food and beverage outlets and retail. Then there is the big picture about traffic generation from the site. All up there are a maximum of 266 car-parking spaces proposed, of which 64 are for boat trailers. If tandem parking evolves, as at Southport, then you have the potential of 330 car-parking spaces and movement of vehicles.

The scale of what is proposed needs to be carefully considered. Responses to the survey about the project need to consider these issues.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Hypocritical?

The front page of last week's *Echo* re five Byron councillors was a bit hypocritical. How

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Rural land strategy badly flawed

■ This Council has grand plans for us. Their Rural Land Use Strategy is primarily a 20-year urban release strategy, identifying some 745ha of rural land suitable for urban development. This could represent over 12,000 houses.

Council is proposing seven new town/suburb areas: two west of Byron (Skinners Shoot and adjoining Ewingsdale), one south of Brunswick Heads (Dudgeons Road), three north of Mullumbimby (Saddle Road, Mullumbimby Creek, Coolamon Scenic Drive) and one south of Billinudgel.

Once such lands are identified in a strategy, it is just a matter of time before they proceed. Though Council is saying there is no need to panic because they are going to prepare a residential strategy to prioritise their release over the next 20 years, I will be surprised if they don't immediately release them all.

This is in addition to the 400-800 houses they are proposing for development as large lot residential subdivision, multiple occupancy development or rural community title subdivision in seven other areas.

I support the concept of slowing our growth, not accelerating it. We already have

enough land zoned for development to keep us growing at a rapid rate for the next 20 years. We don't need more rural land released.

You have until May 20 to comment on the draft Byron Shire Rural Land Use Strategy, though you can be sure that Council doesn't care what you think.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

■ Shire residents should be aware of the implications of the poor planning process involved in the Draft Byron Rural Land Use Strategy, now on exhibition until May 20. The pro-development majority faction is bulldozing this through so that it can be signed off before its term expires at the end of July.

The 22 amendments passed at the March 17 Council meeting by Cr Ibrahim are certainly not 'generally minor changes', the description Sol attributed to Shannon Burt, director of planning, in last week's *Echo*.

The strategy has become confused. Applications for rural housing development are no longer restricted to the designated priority areas in the north of the Shire - Main Arm, The Pocket and

Middle Pocket - but are now open across the Shire in areas mapped as unconstrained or assessable as well as significant farmland (some restrictions apply).

No limits apply now to the number of rural residential lot houses across the Shire and the 815 houses projected in the north are still included. The previous minimum of 25 large rural residential lots on 10ha minimum has been ditched. It is now maybe possible to have three houses on one hectare.

Rural housing lots no longer need to be clustered. They can now be developed to the east of the Highway (previously only west). Prior meddling introduced clauses that allow development outside the designated areas if land is 100 metres from a school bus route or is adjacent to a 'major local or regional road'.

The supposed failsafe of this rural land release program is that areas identified must have adequate infrastructure, ie roads/causeways and costs of upgrades must be borne by the developers at no cost to the wider community. As we know from previous experience at Main Arm, development occurs

and needed upgrades never happen, or the costs revert to the community.

This amended strategy might appeal to some but it is backward planning and it can only be hoped that the NSW Department of Planning does not sign off on it.

I urge residents to write submissions objecting to this plan and attend a community meeting at Kohinur Hall on Saturday April 23 from 2pm to 4pm. See www.facebook.com/MainArmCommunity.

Judy MacDonald
Upper Pocket

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CHES by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The most unusual chess book of the year has just appeared in the form of *Bobby, Bruce and Bam – The Secrets of Hip-hop Chess* by Adisa, The Bishop.

Adisa Banjoko has been promoting the connections between chess, hip-hop and martial arts for many years, culminating in the formation of the Hip-Hop Chess Federation in 2006.

Bobby, Bruce and Bam sees a connection between the rise in US popular consciousness of Bobby Fischer, Bruce Lee and Afrika Bambaataa in the early 1970s and attempts to draw links between their achievements.

In doing so he tries to find historical roots for a philosophy that chess, martial arts and hip-hop can promote unity and non-violence among children who might otherwise turn to anti-social behaviour and crime.

The similarities between chess and martial arts have frequently been noted, most commonly via the need to make and block threats with a minimum of movement.

■ This week's game comes from the ongoing Bangkok Chess Club Open, GM Ildar Khairullin springing a sophisticated opening trap on his Indian opponent. Bangkok CC Open 2016
White: I Khairullin
Black: V Antonio
Opening: Modern Benoni
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3!? A curious system, popularised by Levon Aronian. **6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5 b5!?** **10.Nxb5** More ambitious than **10.Bxb5** when **10...Nxe4!** is fine for Black. **10...Nxe4! 11.Bxe4 Re8 12.Ng5! h6?** (See diagram) A well-known error. Black should forget about regaining his sacrificed material and keep playing for attack with **12...Qa5+** **13.Nc3 Ba6! 13.Ne6!! Qa5+** **13...fxe6 14.0-0** leaves Black's position a shambles. **14.Nc3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Bxe6?** Losing immediately. Black had to try **15...Qxc3+** **16.Bd2 Qc4**, although after **17.f3**, White keeps an edge. **16.dxe6 Rxe6 17.0-0! Rxe4 18.Qd5 1-0**



White to play and win

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How affordable is this housing?

■ I would like to draw your readers' attention to a development application currently on public exhibition – DA 10.2016.189.1 at 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. This proposal is for a multi-dwelling development comprising ten one-bedroom units plus five car-parking spaces in a residential zone (R2) and the demolition of the existing residence.

I feel that this is a gross overdevelopment of this site, which is in the Mullumbimby Heritage Conservation precinct, and it does not reflect the valuable heritage aspect of the neighbourhood. It could, if approved, set an unwarranted precedent for any other block in town.

I am also very sceptical about the claims made

by the proponent that these units will be 'affordable' for moderate-income people, as stated in the DA.

This proposal is coming in under the State Environmental Planning Proposal (SEPP) Affordable Rental Housing policy. I seriously have my doubts. It reeks of maximising profit to the detriment of the town.

If you are interested in making a submission against this medium-density, two-storey, motel-style development in a low-density residential area please do so by April 27 in writing to the council or online at submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Chris Cooney
Mullumbimby

■ A development application

► continued from page 11 long has Byron Council been stalling on a bypass for Byron Bay to alleviate the traffic problems?

How long have they been talking about fixing the beach erosion problem at Belongil? How long have they been promising integrated sportsfields for Ocean Shores?

Decades of non-action and previous councils saying 'no' to a swimming pool at Bangalow, and cycleways across the Shire, and now you want to criticise five current councillors who are actively finding solutions and acting on all those problems.

I can guarantee that planned retreat won't solve

the erosion problems along our beaches, or give protection to ratepayers who have approved dwellings (through BSC) along the beaches, or protect the infrastructure behind those properties like Council roads, drains, electricity and phone lines, etc that would also be destroyed in major storm events.

Why don't you ask the question 'Why did Cr Rose Wanchap quit the Greens?' Maybe because the Greens members verbally attacked and disrespected Rose in Council Chambers, in the street, and at her place of work. Have you people not heard of getting the best from your workers by

is currently before Council for ten units to be squeezed between two lovely old houses at the recently sold 116 Stuart Street, cloaked in the mantle of 'affordable housing'.

In fact only three of the ten need to be designated affordable in order for the developer (who has already successfully placed more than 125 of these units in over 30 locations in Queensland and NSW) to tick the boxes.

Only five parking spaces need be provided for the potential 20 tenants of the development, with the rest expected to compete with the huge volume of cars now using residents' nature strips as daytime parking.

No thought has been given to neighbours confronted with nine terraces and all the

potential noise issues arising.

Nobody can argue with the need for affordable housing in Byron Shire. However, affordable housing must be affordable housing, not inappropriate development masquerading as affordable housing, and it should be situated where it does not severely impact on the amenity of the town and the peace and quiet of existing neighbours.

Station Street currently has two large vacant lots, not adjacent to any other dwellings, which would be far more suitable.

DA 10.2016.189.1 can be viewed on Council's website or at Council in Mullumbimby. Exhibition and submissions close 4pm, April 27.

Christine McNeil
Mullumbimby

treating them well?

Constant insults and intimidation do not bring out the best in people. In previous councils when the Greens had the bloc vote to block everything, the Greens didn't have a problem with that!

I also agree with 'no party politics in local government' because it creates division and brings progress to a standstill, and we've all witnessed that in the past. You elected these councillors, so let them do their jobs!

Tina Petroff
Ocean Shores

Israel's critics

Vic Alhadeff accuses me of a 'rush to judgment' in that

I have already made up my mind that the Israeli soldier who shot an injured Palestinian man in the head is guilty of extrajudicial murder (Letters, April 13). However, I took my cue from defence minister Moshe Ya'alon who stated the soldier was 'in utter breach of IDF values and of our code of ethics in combat', and even Netanyahu initially condemned the shooting before later toning down his comments. The soldier has now been found guilty of manslaughter, which encourages Philip Luther, director of the Middle East and North Africa Program at Amnesty International, **continued on page 14 ►**

Coastline common sense washed away

■ In its 1988 LEP Council adopted a policy of 'planned retreat' for development along the coastline, Belongil being seen as particularly vulnerable. After 1988 anyone building there had to sign acknowledgement of responsibility for loss due to erosion, new buildings had to be removable and at the same time it was understood that losses to development approved before that date would be compensated by Council.

Since then there have been a number of illegal developments and Belongil residents have installed a variety of coastal protections without approval. Council eventually responded with some 'soft' protective measures but always resisted the demand for rock walls.

The original Coastline Development Committee began its deliberations in

the mid-nineties with a film (since disappeared) showing the devastating effects of sea walls on beaches throughout the world. The committee included Belongil landowners among other interested ratepayers and discussions were often volatile but eventually – after many meetings and expensive consultants' reports – the committee decided on planned retreat and the plan was supposed to be sent to the state government for approval – no-one seems to know what happened to that original, hard-won piece of decision-making. The current council has employed WRL (Water Research Laboratory) who have recommended an engineered solution – walls with walkway on top. Clearly in recognition of what this will do to the beach, they offer the following in their summary: 'A range of useable, public

beaches, from urban to nature reserve wilderness, will still be available within the 37km of coastline in Byron Shire without planned retreat.'

Given the record of this Council, the (expensive) abandonment of our beach at Belongil is likely to be approved for exhibition and our submissions will be the last opportunity we have to tell our five pro-development councillors what we think of their decision-making.

Jenny Coman
Bangalow

■ Cr Canute is quite right to say it is 'too late to turn back time' (page 2, last week's *Echo*), but that is what he is doing in trying to overturn Council's long-held (but undefined) 'planned retreat' policy. It is also 'too late to turn back time' on rising sea levels – does Cr Canute

suggest that future generations keep building higher and higher rock walls to protect Belongil (what about the rest of the coastline?) from the minimum six-metre sea-level rise being predicted as an unavoidable result of climate change?

If the Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) finds rock walls the best option, it presumably still contains some of the 'errors and erroneous assumptions' that were identified by OEI when they reviewed the original CBA and found that with these 'errors and erroneous assumptions' corrected, 'planned retreat' was the best option. Cr Canute can put up whatever he likes, but I suspect the NSW government agencies will treat his plans with the contempt they deserve.

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Anything changed in the marijuana legalisation debate?

Our Great Marijuana Issue certainly ignited a lot of debate. Apart from the letters (which are still coming in) we apparently inspired Democrat MLC Richard Jones to ask questions in the Legislative Council, and a policeman in Byron Bay to publish extracts from a ten-year-old *Reader's Digest* 'proving' the dangers of marijuana.

By coincidence a week later there was a botanical excursion arrogantly conducted by a squad of heavily armed men, contemptuous of lifestyles different from their own.

This was 'Operation Eskimo', demonstrating once again what so many people find offensive about the marijuana laws: that they encourage police to act like hooligans. Witnesses report that shots were fired, a garden destroyed and abusive language used (all denied by

In November 1990 *The Echo* devoted a whole edition to changing the laws about marijuana. This is the editorial from the following week (December 5, 1990).

the officer in charge). Such behaviour might be justified in dealing with terrorists; dealing thus with harmless rural residents and their families is indefensible.

The existence of drug laws is a standing incitation to 'over-policing'. Instead of concentrating on offences against person and property, the police pad their crime detection figures with the easy option of the victimless crime – possessing marijuana. Provided with warrants by compliant magistrates, the police enter more houses in search of the weed than they ever do to recover stolen goods or capture dangerous sociopaths. And apparently no warrant is needed to stop and search old cars if they are being driven by young people, or to blunder around



the valleys looking for illegal vegetation. It is hard to escape the suspicion that these laws exist in order to give police the power to override normal civil rights when they feel it is in their interest to do so.

The drug laws distort the normal functions of the police and they also act as an ever-present temptation to corruptible members of the force. Revising the law at least

as far as decriminalising marijuana is long overdue, and the fact that this is not even on the state or federal agenda for discussion suggests that powerful interests are at work to frustrate any reform – not least the commercial growers themselves, who rely on the law for their enormous profits.

One defender of the status quo concluded his letter by

saying that the onus is on the proponents of decriminalisation to prove such course would be a lesser evil than current policies. What with organised crime, significant corruption in the police force and the ready availability of heroin offered as an alternative to marijuana, it is hard to believe that current policies have a shred of credibility. However, let us review the reasons for supporting the status quo.

There are laws against the cultivation, possession and ingesting of marijuana because:

1. It is medically dangerous.
- (Only if you believe in the *Reader's Digest*. And it's legal to smoke tobacco which is much more dangerous.)
2. It is depriving brewers,

vintners and distillers of their legitimate income.

3. It makes for creative and seditious thinking – the Fast Buck\$ theorem.

(Frankly bullshit. It makes for quietism and inertia. Otherwise these stupid laws would have been changed by now.)

4. It is irreligious. Alcohol is the sacrament sanctioned by our society.

(A good reason for the advent of multiculturalism and the global village, but no longer applicable.)

5. Being illegal, and therefore expensive, the supply of it makes lots of money for organised crime, which includes elements of the police force.

There are, of course, a larger number of reasons in favour of changing the law. But if you've read this far and don't agree, then it's unlikely that *The Echo* will change your mind.

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because 'previous Israeli investigations have failed to hold members of the Israeli forces accountable even when there has been clear evidence of criminal wrongdoing.'

I find it encouraging when Mr Alhadeff says, 'The most vigorous critics of Israeli government policy are Israel's own citizens.' He should therefore endorse the words of Hagai El-Ad, the executive director of B'Tselem, the Israeli Human Centre for Rights in the Occupied Territories, who told me, 'We've reported on: continued house demolitions which have rendered dozens

of Palestinians homeless; collective punishment in Hebron in the form of closing shops and businesses and repeated inspections; steps taken toward de facto annexation in the area of Har Gilo and the Cremisan Valley south of Jerusalem; and the plight of Palestinians who cannot get proper medical treatment in Gaza or elsewhere.' Referring to Palestinian children he writes: 'It's hard when you don't feel safe in your own home, with soldiers waking you in the dead of night; it's hard to feel free when soldiers and police detain you on your way to school; it's hard to

breathe when you are denied the basic rights freedom and dignity.'

In light of Israel's brutal occupation can any reasonable person condemn the use of stones and knives against the eighth most powerful military force on the planet? This is why we advocate for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, which non-violently targets Israel's economy, culture and academia to force it to stop its criminal behaviour and abide by international law.

Gareth W R Smith
Palestine Liberation Centre
Byron Bay

Lennox reserve

I am furious at Cr Jeff Johnson's letter claiming that we the residents are opposed to anything going onto the Ocean Breeze Reserve (*Echo*, April 13). He has not lived here long enough or done his homework. If he had he would know that we have been pushing for playground equipment and park-related facilities for almost 20 years.

I have all of the 33 copies of original submissions from 1998 and 2007, including letters from the Lennox Head Residents Association 1999, requesting play equipment on **continued on page 17** ►

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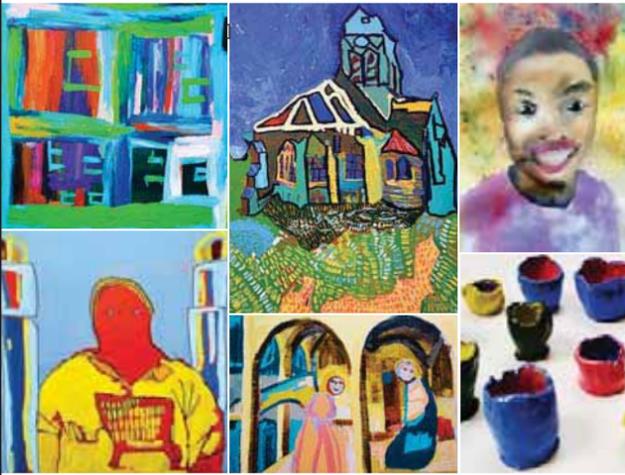
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Immigration detention in Bali

Mark O'Brien

Recently I went to visit a couple of young Afghan refugees held in detention in Bali and my experience was in stark contrast to everything I have heard about how refugees are treated in Australia.

Byron Bay woman, Rani Willis, asked me to take some money and things to two boys (unnamed for various reasons) whose brother lives in Australia and who has been trying to get them to join him. I did some shopping for some things which I felt they might appreciate – dried fruit, nuts, cans of milk, sweets, chai, teas and disposable razors, and so on.

When I arrived there for visiting time (9–11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays) I was met with incredulity from the staff – why did I want to visit someone I had never met? Why was I giving them stuff?

Once they made a photocopy of my passport – I was a bit concerned about this initially, though later I realised it was fine – and I assured them of my intentions, a guard was sent up to get the two young men.

No weapons

The vibe here is relaxed. No weapons anywhere, no security doors or checks, no searching or confiscating of phones, etc. Of course they wanted to check the things I had brought, and rejected the cans and the razors on self-harm grounds. That made sense to me, so no issue there.

The guards were friendly, informing me I was not allowed to take any photos, which I agreed to, not wanting to jeopardise future visiting rights.

I waited in the foyer – a big open space with the guards and office staff wandering in and out. When the boys came

down the stairs they were smiling – they had been informed a visitor was coming – and greeted me with shy hugs.

We talked for a bit – not so easy as their voices were very low, as if used to living in a crowded place and having to speak low for privacy. They had first landed in west Java and were held in detention there before being moved to Bali.

They are Hazari, the Afghan minority that the dominant Pushtins and the Taliban treat like a subclass, Afghan untouchables in a way.

The boys have been in Bali for 18 months, living in a large room/cell with 11 others, and naturally were somewhat institutionalised – the glazed eyes, the flitting of attention as well as the low voices.

One of the boys spoke okay English while the other one was most apologetic that he did not understand or speak much English. When I visited again after a month his English had improved immensely courtesy of English classes another detainee is running.

Welcome goodies

Their skin was a bit sallow and their bodies were slack also. They said the food was okay but I can imagine it is not nutrition- or protein-packed, given the average Indonesian diet. Not a lot of brain food there. They were very happy to receive the goodies I brought, especially the dates.

They are allowed to have phones, and so have access to email and the internet via the smartphone of someone else in their cell.

They told me that they went to the beach one day recently. Just for two hours, after which they found it very hard to go back to detention, but they really liked it. I was impressed that the Balinese

gave them that experience, even if it maybe made them more depressed afterwards.

They were very sweet and their longing for a normal life outside of walls and uncertainty was palpable.

There is a volleyball court out the front of the main building where they get to play once or twice a week depending on the weather – it was rainy season still.

I asked about the other detainees – there are people from all over western Asia and the Middle East. There are some families with young children. I asked about bringing toys for the kids, but was told no, as there was some self-harm issue, and possibly, a la the Coke bottle in *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, jealousy and possessiveness.

Institutionalised

One thing I asked them about was if they were afraid. Of guards or other detainees. The answer was a clear no, although occasionally a detainee would freak out, crying and screaming.

I found it pretty awkward talking with them sometimes, as there were lots of empty spaces and my questions were often met with the institutionalised yes or no. All of which was understandable.

I decided to be a bit more proactive and we talked about various strategies to keep sane – exercising as much as possible, remembering not to get lost in their minds and all the fear and uncertainty lurking there. I gave them some tools with which to manage their emotions and thoughts.

They already had a bit of a handle on that, which surprised me, but then again after nearly two years in detention they had clearly learned a few things.

The fact they are trying to get into Australia to be reunited with their brother

in these times of Australian intransigence meant that I was also unable to offer them anything by way of hope. I suggested they apply to New Zealand and put off Australian reunion for a year or two.

The strongest impression I got though was of the refugees not being treated as criminals as in Australian facilities. The boys had come down from their room/cell on their own and at the end went back on their own.

The guards did not treat them like they were dangerous or evil people, but knowing that their own situation was not that much further up the ladder they were more compassionate, forgiving.

The boys could easily have escaped while I was there – there were no doors, gates or guards between us and the road outside – but of course the question of what they would do once they got out is front and centre; as well their institutionalisation means they do not even consider that possibility.

Even for life

It is not like they have been sentenced to jail for a finite period but that their detention is indefinite, that they may remain there for ten years or more, or even their whole lives. Their vision of life is one without a future. Tough.

It would be my worst nightmare to be in limbo – having left the old because it was intolerable and risked their lives on leaky boats and then be locked up with no clarity at all about the future.

If you feel like being part of a support network for these boys and/or others in the detention facility, see Facebook page To Bali With Love.

■ See more articles by Mark O'Brien (formerly Alok) at balifoodandfun.com.

What on Earth is wrong with Hillary Clinton?

Phillip Frazer

In 1964, Hillary Rodham (later Clinton) campaigned for Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. Goldwater thought America should bomb Vietnam more, and he opposed the civil rights act which outlawed discrimination because it didn't take into account 'the essential differences between men' - meaning that differences between white and black people are not the result of history but of 'essentials'.

Hillary said, back then when she was 17, that she wanted to be 'a mind conservative and a heart liberal', and she moved on from Goldwater after he was thrashed by Democrat Lyndon Johnson in the 1964 election. By 1968 she was supporting anti-war Democrats, but simultaneously working on billionaire Nelson Rockefeller's campaign for the Republican nomination.

So, 50 years ago, was she agile, or unprincipled? This remains the question hanging over her character today, as she struggles in the polls to keep just a point or two ahead of seriously dangerous Republican candidates Donald Trump and Ted Cruz.

Clinton is a very dedicated and determined politician - and she does have some principles: she has consistently supported protecting women and children from poverty and violence inflicted on them by men (including husbands and fathers), but not so much the women and children of Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria and other countries she has sanctioned invading, or Saudi Arabia, a men-only dictatorship she believes she cannot confront because they have so much oil money and so many partnerships with mega-wealthy Americans. Agile or unprincipled?

As this year's presidential campaign has progressed

(unravelling?) Hillary has ramped up her challenges to Wall Street and Big Corporates in general, and promoted more people-friendly federal policies on environment, health-care, privacy, and more. Is this tilt the result of principle or the fact that Bernie Sanders is winning more states than she is with his old-school social programs - proving especially popular with young voters she'll need in order to win the big prize in November?

Michelle Goldberg pointed out recently in *Slate* re Hillary's change of heart that 'before she was excoriated as a sellout corporatist, she was excoriated as a feminist radical. She was widely seen as being to her husband's left, in a way that threatened his political viability. [Then] she would overcorrect, trying to convince a sceptical mainstream press that she was a sensible centrist.'

Struggling

'Since the 90s ... the Democrats have moved left. The result, for Clinton, is that she's now struggling to convince voters that she is the person she was once widely assumed to be.'

And even as she feels this touch of the Bern, she stands by her hard-line pro-establishment positions such as rejection of secret-busters like Assange and Snowden, or boycotters of Israel or fossil-fuel companies - in a tone of voice that is as fervently flag-waving as, say, George Bush's, or Tony Abbott's.

Here's a clue to Hillary's mix of apparent principle, pragmatism, and immense self-belief, which is rarely raised in the US media because it concerns religion - specifically Christianity.

Since the 1930s, a secretive Capitol Hill group known as the Fellowship (or 'the Family') has run a conservative Bible study and prayer circle



Hillary Clinton's official portrait when Secretary of State.

composed of a network of sex-segregated cells of political, business, and military leaders dedicated to 'spiritual war' on behalf of Christ, many of them recruited at the Fellowship's annual National Prayer Breakfast. The Family's operations were somewhat exposed in 2007 by a writer named Jeff Sharlet, who joined the group under cover.

The Fellowship

For a good portion of her 25 years in Washington Clinton has been an active participant in The Fellowship, which, according to Sharlet and Kathryn Joyce in *Mother Jones*, believes that 'the elite win power by the will of God, who uses them for his purposes. Its mission is to help the powerful understand their role in God's plan.'

The Fellowship has inspired members in Congress to increase US support for a dumpload of dictators including the Duvaliers in Haiti, Park in South Korea, Suharto of Indonesia, and other military madmen and crooked bankers.

The Fellowship, Joyce and Sharlet argue, 'convinces politicians they can transcend left and right with an ecumenical faith that rises above politics. Only the faith is always evangelical, and the politics always move rightward.' They identify several social justice initia-

tives which Clinton sought to rewrite in terms of conservative morality, but the broader issue is the extent to which Hillary believes she as a politician is chosen by God - and the USA as a country is too.

Most polities at the highest level of power in Washington believe in American exceptionalism, meaning the country is exceptionally good and also exempt from rules like 'don't kill people in order to save them'. Obama spent a fair amount of his presidency killing thousands of bad guys (as defined by military and intelligence boffins) with drones, so he didn't have to kill millions with troops and bombs.

In America's political lingo, people who argue for a kill-'em-efficiently approach and who serve Big Corporate interests, are called neo-conservatives. Here in Australian the commentariat calls them neo-liberals.

What's most disturbing about Hillary is that she has gathered around her a flock of these people to help her make the world a better place when she's president. She prefers to be known as

a 'liberal interventionist,' but even vice-president Joe Biden reckons Clinton is an 'interventionist' - all too inclined to believe that 'we just have to do something when bad people do bad things.'

If only she could always let loose her inner self, as she did

in 1999 when she described her husband, then-Philanderer-in-Chief Bill, as 'a hard dog to keep on the porch.'

■ Phillip Frazer covers elections in the USA and Australia on his website www.coorabellridge.com.

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Ocean Breeze Reserve.

Cr Johnson has pushed this issue through Council without proper community consultation and without any design to show. There were a few kids (all aged 12) who he is meant to be supporting - the track he is designing is for 6- to 10-year-olds.

If he had bothered to contact the Lennox Head Sports Association then he would realise that his claims about

the park not being utilised by a 'cricket pitch' are complete rubbish. The LHSA has been consulting with residents from 1998. The land is not big enough for that type of facility and, because it was a swamp, it is not financially viable for any group to try to construct on this land.

Council has just approved the next estate in Lennox Head. The Reservoir Estate will be on the southern side of the park with the main arterial road (Hutley Drive) to go

between it. There are no plans or budget for the council to even erect timber bollards for pedestrian safety. Or any allocation for bins, or water, and we're still requesting signage for the park after 20 years.

Cr Jeff Johnson should be ashamed that he is misleading the community. Our neighbourhood has been requesting funds for our reserve for 18 years. I have all the documents, Jeff.

Allison Goodman
Lennox Head

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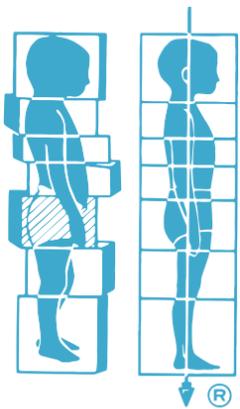
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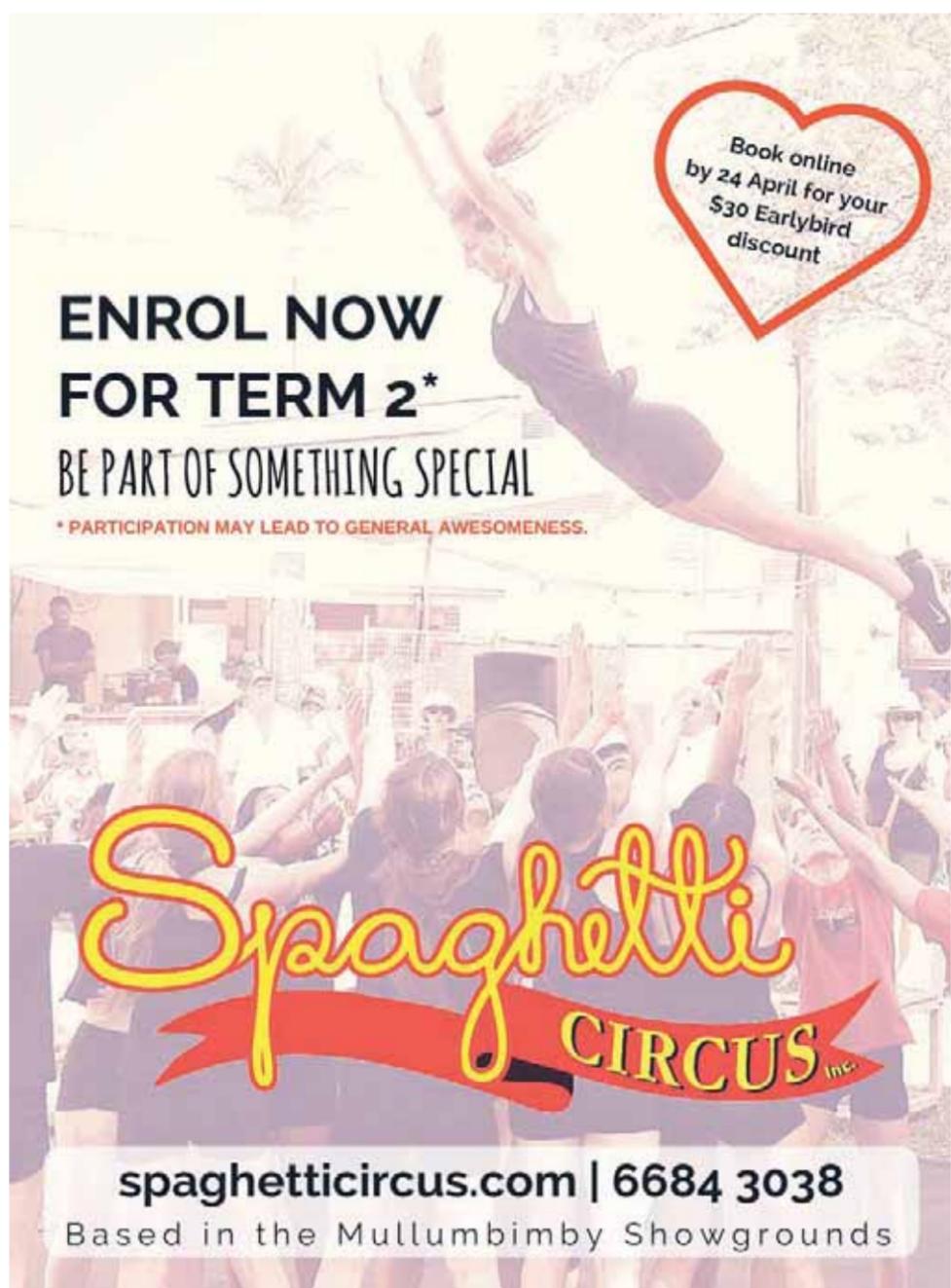
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You can download the checklist via their website – <http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/families/at-home/home-pool-safety/home-pool-safety-checklist>.

With reports of rental properties being in high demand across the region it makes it even harder to find a property if you have a pet.

People often find that owing to relationship breakdown or other unforeseen factors, they are in the market for a rental property but have a pet they wish to keep with them, as the prospect of surrendering the pet is emotionally very daunting.

Pets often provide the unconditional love that can really make a difference to emotional wellbeing at times of stress. However the reality is that it significantly decreases your chances of being the successful applicant on a rental property. There are ways to increase your chances. Obviously references are important, although if your

pet has come from a family home you may not have an independent third party who could vouch for your pet. If you are in this situation, consider that if you have been away you may be able to obtain a reference from the proprietors of the kennel/cattery you've used or from house-minder/pet-sitter.

People are also taking to writing a resume for their pet to help their chances, outlining the positive behavioural characteristics of the breed, age, social skills, personality etc, accompanied by a photograph.

If, however, this approach fails and you are being turned down on property after property, perhaps you can ask a friend or family member to look after your pet in the short term and then once you have proven to be a reliable tenant approach the owner regarding your pet and offer to pay an increased bond if your circumstances allow.

HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

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

SOLD LAST WEEK:

Janice Maple of Elders Bangalow sold **2 Bannister Court, Bangalow**. The cute four-bedroom timber cottage sold for \$702,500. The house is a Phil Anstey design on a 688m2 block with established gardens.



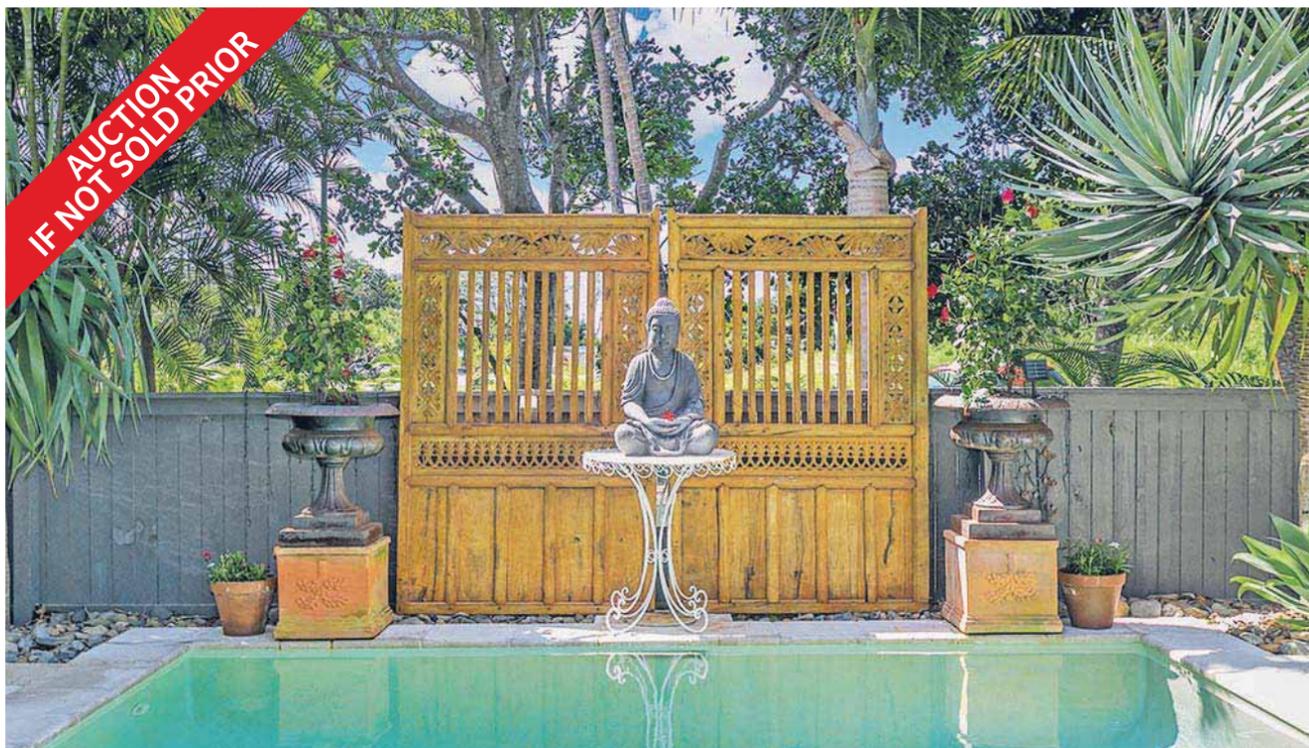
46 Fowlers Lane sold through **Paul Banister and Helen Huntly-Barratt of First National Byron Bay**. The four-bedroom home with studio on 24 hectares of north-facing, clean land with rich soil sold for \$2.4 million.



Still in Bangalow, **9 Keith Street** sold through **McGrath agent Tim Miller**. The three-bedroom, three-bathroom property sold for \$975,000 and featured fluid living options, a swimming pool and pool house with ensuite.



178 Friday Hut Road, Coorabell sold through **Gary Brazenor of Unique Estates**. The five-bedroom, three-bathroom, renovated 1920s home has beautiful hinterland views, a saltwater pool and wonderful entertaining area. The property sold for \$1,432,500.



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- Covered outdoor decks flanked by tranquil gardens
- Inground saltwater pool, 3kw solar system, 900+ m2 block
- Separate 1 bedroom open plan stylishly converted studio
- Rear lane access and only a short stroll to town centre



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- Highly versatile layout
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- Cul-de-sac location close to local shops, beaches and river



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- 1278m2 residentially zoned block with development potential & direct river frontage
- Solid 3 bedroom brick & tile home with large garage
- Polished timber floors, new kitchen with breakfast bar
- Beautifully landscaped private gardens with views over the river
- Good location opposite primary school, walk to town centre



31 New City Road, Mullumbimby \$575,000

- 4 bedroom, 2 sunroom home with separate double garage
- High ceilings and timber floors throughout
- Good quiet location within a small distance of the CBD
- 712m2 fully fenced block with rear lane access and plenty of room for a granny flat
- New solar hot water, established fruit trees. Ideal first home or investment



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For Sale \$949,000

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Peaceful and relaxed rural living on 4 elevated fenced acres in the sought-after Byron countryside.

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enough for 3 cars + boat + pool table + workshop + man cave.

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\$670,000 to \$720,000



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Downstairs is another bathroom, laundry and a large garage that lends itself to a rumpus or separate living area. There is also an attached carport and large garden shed.

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- ✓ Top floor 2 bdm unit, open plan living, big elevated Shaws Bay views
- ✓ Oversized main bedroom-ensuite, BIR + private covered balcony
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- ✓ 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 rooms.**
 Wed ID: 1P1044.
 Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001
 Lois Buckett 0428 877 399.

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OPEN HOUSE
 Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm

Exceptional lifestyle address

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- ✓ Tastefully designed with crisp white tones
- ✓ Open plan living/dining area
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- ✓ Minutes to shops, cafes & beach

- ✓ Elevated with ocean views
- Auction 12pm April 30, 2016, on site**
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Expressions Of Interest
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AUCTION

Onsite 11am Sat, 14 May 2016 (If not sold prior)



59 Kingsley Lane

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- Large, modern Queenslander
- Panoramic views across town, bay & hinterland
- Architect designed & master built
- Situated on a large, elevated 978m² block



Open House Times:

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Coastal country charm

29 Pinegroves Road, Myocum

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\$1,195,000



Offering a quiet, peaceful address at the end of a no-through road in popular Myocum, is this rare one acre parcel with a stunning, light-filled home and separate self-contained studio.

The near level acre is beautifully landscaped and offers panoramic views to surrounding hills and across the valley.

Approximately 17 years old, the home is spacious with an open plan living area and also incorporates an artist's studio. It offers an easy lifestyle with various areas surrounding the home to relax and enjoy the property.

There is an inground swimming pool with timber decking at the front of the house and another private, pebbled courtyard off the kitchen and living area and artist studio.

This property is a pleasure to inspect and you could comfortably move into the property without having to spend a cent.

Myocum is a favourite location for many as it is central to Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and Bangalow being only 10 minutes away.

Inspect: Saturday 12 - 12.30pm

Contact: Janice Maple 0401 026 359
Elders Bangalow

Stunning beachside home!

14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

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\$799,000 - \$849,000



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

This 639m² block is visually impressive - surrounded by lush, tropical landscaped gardens, including well established trees that offer ample birdlife, shade and privacy, while still allowing for bright, light sun-streams to enter the home abundantly. Listen to the surf while enjoying the massive deck.

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Inspect: By appointment

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

Location! Location! Location!

1/14 Helen Street, South golden Beach

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

- Fabulous 7 yr old home on 11.5 acres • Open plan living space • Gourmet kitchen with quality appliances • Huge deck overlooking Wilsons Creek
- Sweeping lawns with tree lined driveway • Beautifully landscaped grounds
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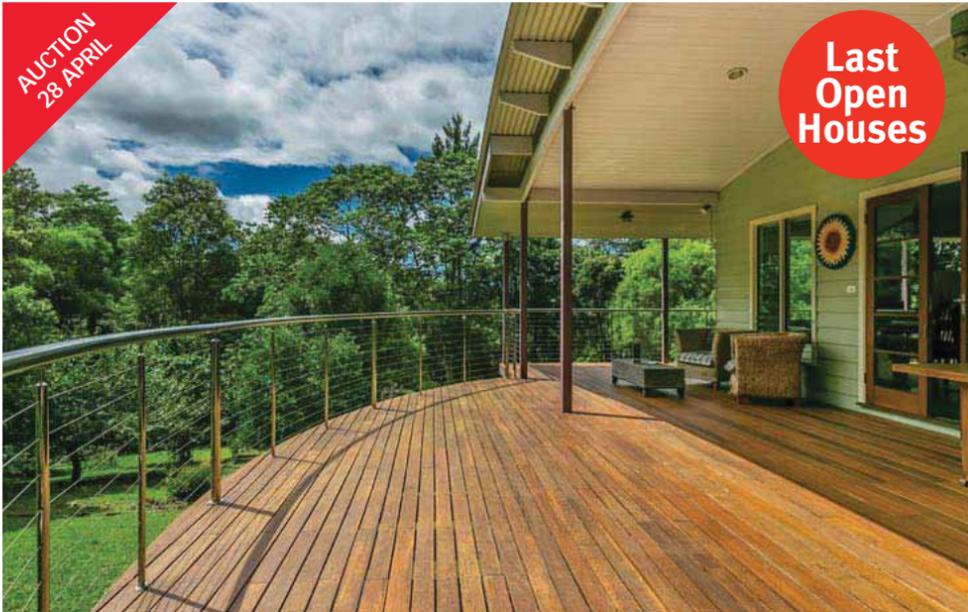
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**AUCTION 28 April
6pm in Our Rooms**



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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.

234 Dingo Lane, MYOCUM
Open Saturdays 11am - 11.30am
Open Wednesdays 2pm - 2.30pm
Janice Maple 0401 026 359

**AUCTION 28 April
6pm in Our Rooms**



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**TREETOP RETREAT IN TOWN
LISTEN TO THE BIRDS ALL DAY LONG**

• Tranquil, elevated position on 1270sqm • Spacious, master built, red cedar home • Extensive use of timber throughout • High ceilings, expansive decks • Stunning, mature rainforest outlook • Double carport underneath • Extremely quiet location in Bangalow • Owner built and occupied for 23 years - it's time to move on!

16 Palm Tree Crescent, BANGALOW
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Open Wednesdays 12pm - 12.30pm
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**AUCTION 18 May
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- 6 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 2.00-2.45pm
- 64 Billinudgel Road, Billinudgel. Sat 3.30-4.15pm

ELDERS BANGALOW

- 16 Palm Tree Crescent, Bangalow. Wed 12-12.30pm & Sat 11-11.30am
- 234 Dingo Ln, Myocum. Wed 2-2.30pm & Sat 11-11.30am
- 205 Repentance Creek Road, Goonengerry. Sat 10-10.30am
- 6 Staghorn Court, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 22 Callistemon Drive, Federal. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2 Ferguson Court, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 29 Pinegroves Road, Myocum. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- Lot 4 & Lot 6, 155-159 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Wed & Sat 12-12.30pm
- Lots 1 and 18 Wilfred Street, Billinudgel. Thu 10-10.30am
- 5 Mott Street, Byron Bay. Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 10 Wright Place, Byron Bay. Thu 2-2.30pm
- 120 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Thu 4-4.30pm
- 75 Burns Point Ferry Road, Ballina. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 120 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Sat 9-9.30am
- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Callistemon Drive, Federal. Sat 10-10.30am
- 6 Staghorn Court (off Palm-Lilly Place), Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 123 Whian Road, Eureka. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- Lot 19 Campbell Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 21 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 256 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 71 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 21 Johnstons Lane, Main Arm. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 505 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank. Sat 2-2.30pm
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- 14 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 8 Claremont Place, Lennox Head. Sat 1-1.30pm

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- 2 Ulpirra Court, Ocean Shores. Fri & Sat 11am-12pm
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- 14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 1.30-2pm

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- 1 Kulgun Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10:30am
- 9 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores. 11-11:30am

AUCTIONS

ELDERS BANGALOW

- Auctions April 28, 2016**
- 22 Callistemon Drive, Federal
 - 234 Dingo Lane, Myocum

Auctions May 18, 2016

- 2 Ferguson Court, Bangalow
- 16 Palm Tree Crescent, Bangalow

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Auction 10.30am April 30

- 5 Mott Street, Byron Bay

Auction 2pm May 14

- 120 Lagoon Drive, Myocum

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- 3/11 Range Street, East Ballina

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Auction 1.30pm onsite Saturday April 30

- 1/14 Helen Street, South Golden Beach

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- 19 Palm-Lily Crescent, Bangalow. \$895,000-\$975,000
- 64 Billinudgel Rd, Billinudgel. \$1,100,000-\$1,200,000

ELDERS BANGALOW

- 182 Rocky Creek Dam Road, Dunoon
- 16 Palm Tree Crescent, Bangalow
- 2 Ferguson Court, Bangalow
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- 3/11 Range Street, East Ballina. Auction
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- 14 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. \$1,150,000
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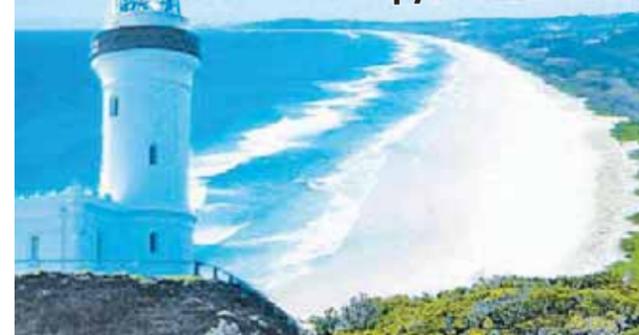
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Shared dining at Blake's Table



When Blake Seymour joined Ballina RSL Club just over 12 months ago, he introduced a seasonal dining experience called Blake's Table. The concept was that four times a year locals and their friends could experience local produce and ingredients in a shared-style atmosphere. Blake's Table is wholesome dishes where several courses are presented on shared platters.

The next Blake's Table is Friday 29 April. This menu highlights: Slow-roasted maple and rosemary smoked Hayters Hill beef ribs; Baked ocean trout with yoghurt tahini and walnut tarator; Chocolate and banana parfait bombe Alaska with Davidson plum, berries and macadamias; locally sourced cheese; botrytis poached pear; house-made lavash and more.

'For many people, shared-style dining their favourite way to eat,' said Blake. 'My menu has something for everyone - meat, seafood or vegetarian.'

6686 2544 to reserve your seat for Friday 29 April from 6pm. www.ballinarlsl.com.au

Wasting food

NSW householders throw away about 800,000 tonnes or \$2.5 billion worth of edible food each year.*

People, when they think about food waste, tend to think about 'baddie' supermarkets, or the fact that 28 per cent of restaurant waste is food, and underestimate the contribution households make: 60 per cent of householders believe incorrectly that they don't waste food.

It may be that we are putting leftovers from a few days ago into the back of the fridge, and then forgetting them. It may be because of poor meal planning, not sticking to a shopping list, or forgetting to check our cupboards and fridges before we leave for the supermarket. We also often cook more than our appetites require, so we could aim to not

have any leftovers unless we have incorporated the leftovers into our meal plan.

Statewide analysis by the NSW EPA in 2009 estimated each householder eats on aver-

Three top food wasters in NSW: Families with children (time-poor, meal planning, and with variable appetites), young people 18-26 (lack skills in meal planning) and high-income earners (eat and discard more takeaway).

covery of as many resources from landfill as possible. Community engagement is the key

but in fact we can make a huge difference.

Linda Tohver says that, for



Just Eat It - free screening Wed 27 April 7pm Byron Community Centre

age 900kg of food per year and wastes a lot of it; households could be saving \$1,000 each year.

Linda Tohver, education coordinator with North East Waste, says, 'In this region we are lucky to have a council that is so proactive in regard to supporting sustainability, waste avoidance and the re-

to changing behaviour in a meaningful way, which is why Byron Council and NE Waste are coordinating the screening of a free movie on food waste next Wednesday.

In the film, the filmmakers look at the whole cycle, from the perspective of the farmers right through to the household consumer - the whole supply chain. However, often we as consumers feel that we are powerless to do something,

example, 'Proper storage can lengthen the life of produce, and reduce the chances of wilted food being discarded. If you have extra bread, for example, then freeze a loaf. Freezing food is literally like hitting a pause button and helps preserve its life. Make sure that you store things like flour and cereals and leftovers in airtight containers.'

'With the advent of the green bin and the compost bin,

Top five ways to reduce food waste. Meal planning, shopping to a list and sticking to it, storing it properly, portion control, loving leftovers.

Good Taste Eating Out Guide

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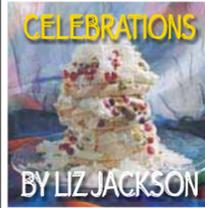
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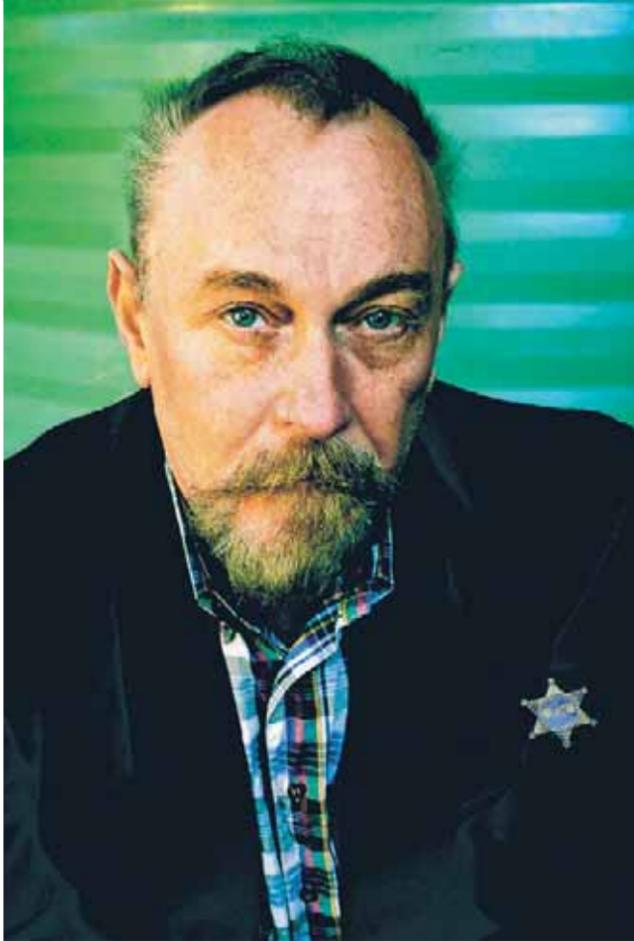
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KEUPPER'S LOST CITY FOUND IN WRITER'S BLOCK

FOUR DECADES AFTER THE RELEASE OF HIS FIRST RECORD, THE ICONIC AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC [I'M] STRANDED BY THE SAINTS, ED KUEPPER RETURNS WITH AN ALBUM THAT MAY WELL BE CONSIDERED A HIGH POINT IN HIS LENGTHY AND UNCOMPROMISING CAREER.

set in an England that never went through the reformation and eschewed technology. It describes a world that isn't what could be. In some way we constantly go back into that backwardness.

For Ed, the creative process is a fluid one. 'I try not to be close minded - if something strikes me then I try to go with it. When you are writing you need to go through a period of exclusion where you need to cast away certain things. I did that with *Lost Cities*. In some ways it's really expansive, but it's also singular in that every song is performed and recorded in the same way - it gives them a unified flow; the whole album feels like its one piece.

'I made it sound like it was an album, which makes more demands on the listener; why not? People don't have to listen,' says Kuepper.

'Even with the early shows before the album was recorded, I could tell it was working in a really generous and appreciative way. I haven't done that in a long time - gone out and played a whole set of new material - and doing those songs after recording and being released I look and see where I can shift them to make them unique for live performance.

'Once something is recorded for me it's one stage of the process. After that each live show is another step and sometimes they can be greater or smaller, and I love the idea of a live show being a unique event; it needs to stand alone. So it gives the shows that extra little something - a little bit of danger - because you aren't sure where things are going to go...'

Ed Kuepper launches *Lost Cities* at the **Byron Theatre** on **Sunday**. Tickets at byroncentre.com.au or 6685 6807.

Recorded over three days in August at Gasworks Studio, Brisbane *Lost Cities* is Ed Kuepper's 50th release (excluding compilations) and is the 21st on his own Prince Melon Records label.

For Kuepper, making music is about creating a place where the listener can transcend the everyday.

'For the most part I want to create some kind of sound or music that elevates me out of various situations, something that helps me transcend; it's a saviour in a way, music; it was where I went when I was younger. I used to lose myself. It was a great escape and a great solace and a fortifier in a lot of ways. Without making too big a deal of it, music still does that for me and hopefully what I do does that for my listeners.'

This latest album grew out of Kuepper's writer's block. When he'd languished in creative limbo, Kuepper did the unthinkable: he organised a tour performing material he hadn't written yet!

'I was suffering fairly extreme writer's block and it was getting a bit depressing, so I decided I would announce on my Facebook page that I would do a month-long residency along the east coast of Australia. I didn't have any material. I knew if I didn't do anything it could have dragged on and on. Some people assume it must get easier if you have been making music for a long time, but some things can get stuck and it's very easy to do a few albums and not feel a sense of urgency about it. I wanted to break that.

'*Lost Cities* is my 50th album, but I didn't want that to be the only point of focus about it; I wanted it to be a signpost of a new direction and more work to come.'

Kuepper pulls his inspiration from everywhere. With the opening track *Parvane* inspired by a book from 1960s by Keith Roberts,

Live Music



FROM JAMAICA, JOHNNY OSBOURNE GUESTS AT THE 4'20' SOUND AT BYRON BREWERY ON MONDAY

MEET JOHNNY OSBOURNE

The legendary reggae artist **Johnny Osbourne** is heading to Australia and New Zealand for a tour in April alongside DJ Max Glazer of Federation Sound System, touching down at the Byron Brewery on Monday night at the reggae session with **The 4'20' Sound**.

Johnny Osbourne has been called the Godfather of Dancehall creating classics *Buddy Bye*, *No Ice Cream Sound* and *Little Sound Boy*. His song *Sing Jay Stylee* is viewed by many as the precursor to the Dancehall phenomenon evidenced in popular Jamaican music culture today. The evolution of this aspect in the 80s prompted an increase in sound systems around the globe and necessitated the need for dubs. As sound-system selectors in every crevice and corner of the world craved to establish dominance, the demand for dubs escalated immensely. Such were the requests for Johnny's services as no selector wanted to enter into a clash without a special from the Dub Doctor. Today, it is the same. A string of hits dating from the late 60s through the 90s defines Johnny's longevity and artistic ability. During this period and subsequently, Johnny's aptitude to

adapt to changes while preserving the quality of his musical output illustrates the depth of talent in his musical arsenal. He is joined by Max Glazer, co-founder (along with Kenny Meez) of the ground-breaking and taste-making Federation Sound. He has spent the last 15 years bringing dancehall and reggae to the masses. Max has worked with an almost never-ending string of artists on their rise to international fame. Sean Paul and Vybz Kartel both count Glazer as an early collaborator and supporter of their careers. Perhaps most importantly, he spent three years as musical director/DJ for Rihanna at the start of her meteoric rise to international stardom. Max has appeared on numerous television shows and stages around the globe while DJing celebrity events for Naomi Campbell, Rihanna, Usher, Gucci, Ciprianis, Diddy and many more. While releasing original music on the Federation Sound label, Max Glazer has also been tapped to executive-produce several compilation albums directed at bringing Caribbean music to the masses - *Dancehall Classics* on Sequence/Ultra and *Miss Lily's Family Style*, the first music release from New York's ultra-hip Jamaican eatery. The **Byron Bay Brewery** on **Monday**, 8pm. \$10 entry.

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SO YOU THINK YOU'RE HOMELESS?

There is a popular attitude towards homelessness that I find perplexing and idiotic. It comes directly from the Alan Jones school of compassion and centres on 'homeless authenticity', namely, that there are two types of homeless people. People who are really homeless and people who pretend to be homeless for some advantage.

This is the uninvited opinion offered by my Über driver. I'm in Melbourne, staying in the city. It's hard to ignore homeless people. They fall like autumn leaves, accumulating on benches, outside shops, on steps. In the day, many lie sleeping in elaborate improvised street beds. A box opened beside them asking for some spare change. It's sleep

begging. A more visceral version of a GoFundMe campaign, with a less impressive outcome. No honey catcher, but instead a cup of tea, maybe a pie, maybe ice or smack or alcohol.

I drop in a few bucks and look at her face. This homeless person is a young woman. She's sleeping outside Strandbags. Thousands of people will file past her. She will go largely unseen. Somehow she sleeps in the chaos. Sleeping Beauty. Asleep for 100 years. There's no handsome prince for this poor darling. Life looks pretty bloody shit. If her prince did turn up he'd probably just rape her and take her beggar's fare.

She's not much older than my daughter. I imagine how I'd feel if she were my child. I look at

her sleeping face. The thin white skin stretched over sharp bones. Translucent. No glow of health in those young cheeks. I try and imagine her baby face. It's easy when people are sleeping, that shadow of their once sweet child floats in the stillness. I am moved and appalled by her vulnerability.

I wonder who cares about her. If anyone cares about her. I wonder what happened to the sleeping girl wrapped in a pink synthetic blanket. Who she was before this? What she wanted. What she dreamed about.

It's very hard to shop when confronted with sleeping homeless girls. Versace is just around the corner. I imagine she's got a drug problem. That she uses

her money to score. That's never concerned me when it comes to giving. I'm happy to chip in for someone's drug problem; if it helps them get through the day then that's a good thing. I'm no agent of change or monitor of public morality. Giving someone \$2 is nothing for me.

But not for Barry the Über driver; he's championing the homeless version of the Noble Savage. He wants proper drug- and dog-free homeless people who just fell on bad times. 'Now they bring dogs with them,' he complains. 'Try to get people's sympathy. Some of them are making \$1,000 a day.' Really, Barry? 'They need to get rid of those ones.' Oh, I see. Like a 'So are you really a homeless person audition?' Some sort of 'are you

truly suffering to warrant my \$2 donation kerbside test?'

I see how this thing works now. In order to walk past human degradation on a daily basis and not feel the pain of their miserable lives, it's easier to think 'that's not really a homeless person. That's an opportunist.' Then instead of feeling compassion and a need to act, you get the easy way out: you get to hate them. Dehumanise.

I don't know about you, but I think if you've reached that point in your life when you are prepared to impersonate a homeless person, then you'd pretty well have to be on the bones of your arse. I'm certainly not going to do it. I don't know anyone who would. So maybe the person isn't

technically 'homeless'; maybe they're just broke and desperate. Isn't impersonating a homeless person a form of street art then? Aren't they just busking?

Barry makes another bullshit comment: 'I don't give them money. I buy them lunch.' Whatever you need to tell yourself, Barry, to get through the day. Barry is clearly a hateful little prick. We're driving past another allegedly fake homeless person. Barry's off on another tirade. He has so many stories about corrupt street beggars. Barry's not alone. His sentiment is part of the reason there is no solution. Because in the end no-one is prepared to act, prepared to improve the life of the homeless in case we start a rush.

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MUSIC TO MAKE YOU BING

Ryan Bingham needed some peace and quiet. Free of the burdens that had saddled him during the writing and recording of his recent albums, he relocated to an old Airstream caravan tucked away in the mountains of California, camping out for several weeks and embracing the solitude to dig down deep and craft his most powerful album yet, *Fear and Saturday Night*. Bingham never really set out to be a musician, though. His mother bought him a guitar when he was 16 years old, and a neighbour taught him a

mariachi tune. When he grew tired of playing the only song he knew, Bingham began penning his own music, discovering the writing process to be a therapeutic coping mechanism for dealing with the tumultuousness of his upbringing. His first performances were informal affairs in the back seats of cars with friends on the way to rodeos, where he was competing professionally on the weekends. Every now and then Bingham's friends would convince him to break out the guitar in a bar, and before he knew it, he had more gigs playing guitar than riding bulls.

Bingham faces down his past with a poetic grace throughout his album, singing about those hard-learned lessons, through both good times and bad, *Fear and Saturday Night* is the most authentic, personal, and deeply moving portrait of that man we've heard yet. Bingham plays the **Byron Theatre** at the **Community Centre** on **Friday 29**. Tix at the venue.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT

Join the **Byron Spirit Festival** after party at the **Byron Bay Brewery** on **Thursday**.

Featuring some of the headline international performers and presenters, this will be a night of ceremony, celebration and dance.

Jemma Gawned of Naked Treaties will open the evening with Sacred Sonicss, followed by a Yogarhythms dance journey with DJ R.I.A. from New Zealand, who will warm you up for the main act - Lulacruza - South American electro-folk medicine trio! The fun continues with Bali's ecstatic dance maestro DJ Rio, and Byron's own ecstatic dance priestess DJ Dakini, wrapping up the night in fine style. 7pm. \$25/30.

GIVING IT A NUDGE IS GOOD FOR US ALL, WINK WINK

April's long weekend is the perfect reason to give it a nudge!

Cunning Stunts present **Nudge Nudge, Wink Wink** at the **Billinudgel** on **Sunday**, raising money for Headspace. DJs playing are Al Royale, Dale Stephen, Flashdance and Lord Sut, all Byron Shire-based favourites. Also featuring the music of the Cunning Stunts. 3pm.

GONE NOT FORGOTTEN

Special guests at **Thursday 28 Gone Not Forgotten Uke Night** are Belle Hendrick and John Hill. Catch them with Miss Amber and Stukulele to present two big sets of the best tunes from fallen stars including: David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Elvis, Janis Joplin, Buddy Holly, Nina Simone, Roy Orbison, Bon Scott, Amy Winehouse, John Lennon, Kurt Cobain, Jo Cocker and more. Thursday 28 April at **Club Mullum** in the **Ex-Services Club** from 6:30pm. Adults \$10 kids under 15 \$2.50. Sign up to the mailing list at www.ukemullum.com for the monthly song books. Uke on!

THE SPY WHO LOVED ME

For people who get **The Spys**, it is more than a trend or a lifestyle accessory, and stands for more than lining up a shot at super stardom; it means something. The band's iconic high-energy rock, with hard-edged ska/reggae influences and a strong social conscience, give the band and its songs an integrity and life force that have proven difficult to kill. They have enjoyed a salubrious

long-term career. They are a household name in Brazil, and are the flag-bearers of Aussie music. They are in high demand in Brazil, headlining many of the country's biggest festivals. But for the most part, The Spys' career in Australia has been fuelled by the true believers. Slogging it out on the Australian pub circuit for nearly 25 years, the band have stayed in touch with its fans, and never sold out. **Friday** at the **Ballina RSL**, tix \$25 at the club.

RIZE UP

Nattali Rize (of Blue King Brown) collaborates with Julian Marley, son of the late great Bob Marley, on new deep reggae track, *Natty Rides Again* - a first-of-its-kind release for any Australian singer.

Accompanying the new release is a rare video clip filmed at Bob Marley's house and surrounding areas in Kingston, Jamaica. The video premiered on Europe's huge online reggae community, Reggaeville, and has already become one of the most popular videos of the year to date. In Australia, Triple J premiered the track nationally, and global love for the song is growing daily. Nattali moved to Jamaica in 2014 to develop her new solo project; in August 2015 she dropped an EP in collaboration with cutting-edge Jamaican production team Notis.

The new track with Marley comes off Nattali's upcoming solo album due for May 2016 release through Baco Records (Europe), Village Again Records (Japan), and Roots Level/Lion House Records (ROW). The release will drop ahead of her international summer tour dates, which will see her performing in Japan at the much-loved Greenroom Festival (plus sideshows), and in the USA



JAALEEKAAAY BRING THE MUSIC HOME TO MULLUM

JAALEEKAAAY FINISH THEIR ALBUM TOUR WITH A VERY SPECIAL SHOW AT THE MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL. STEVE BERRY HAD A CHAT WITH THE ECHO ABOUT WHAT'S IN STORE.

Steve, what does Jaaleekaay mean?

Jaaleekaay means 'crossing point' in the Wolof language of West Africa. Essentially it's an intersection, a meeting of different paths.

How does that suit your unique collaboration of artists and the music that you make?

For me it's the perfect name for this project. When I first travelled to The Gambia it was very obvious I was from somewhere else; I stood out in a crowd you could say! But with my guitar in my hand there was an immediate connection with the people there – whether they were musicians, kids or just people in the street.

When did you develop your passion for African music? How did it change your trajectory musically or the way you wanted to play?

I loved listening to Fela Kuti and his Afro Beat sounds back in the 80s, and Cuban music too – which has African rhythms all through it. But I was living in the US back then and so was exposed to all sorts of fantastic music, including bluegrass, jazz and even the British prog rockers such as Yes and King Crimson. In terms of the music I make myself, finding my own sound has always been about playing what I liked. No doubt some African influence will come out no matter what I'm doing – even if I'm playing country music!

How did Jaaleekaay come to be?

I grabbed the opportunity to visit The Gambia when King was there and as a result I landed in a community of musicians and met loads of great players. I met the kora player Amadou Suso when I went along to a rehearsal for a traditional cultural performance. I had my guitar with me so we were able to have a quick jam afterwards. From there we were lucky enough to get some support from festivals in Australia such as the Mullum Music Festival, and that led to our first tour in 2013.

You have taken Jaaleekaay outback to remote Central Australia. How was that experience – what happened?

As part of my work with Music Outback, I made sure that while touring we took the opportunity to visit some remote schools and communities in the NT and far north South Australia, and it was great to see Yus and Amadou connecting with the local mob out there. It was also great to go bush with elders and share stories out on country – a real highlight.

What did you want to achieve with this album?

I just wanted to capture the definitive article of what Jaaleekaay's music can be – and that music really felt like it was coming together by the end of our first tour. Producing something that is truly representative of the quality of the group's musicianship was important to me, and I think I achieved that, so I'm happy!

How did you set about writing and recording?

Writing was all about playing together, improvising – and finding the moments that excited us. We then set out to develop those moments into compositions that could excite us every time we played them. The recordings happened for the most part here in Byron, but we recorded some of it while out in the desert too, which felt great to do.

What should people expect for your show at Mullum Civic Hall?

It will be like a homecoming gig for us. It's where we first played in Australia so it has that special significance as a venue.

The music has really been firing so far this tour, and we've just come off some great shows at festivals down south, so people can expect the definitive article with lots of passion and fire. I'm really looking forward to sharing that with our home crowd!

Jaaleekaay Album Launch, seated & standing event. Doors open 7pm. Show starts 8pm on **Saturday** at **Mullumbimby Civic Hall**. Tickets at www.redsquaremusic.com.au

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and Europe on some of the world's largest roots and reggae stages, including the mighty California Roots Festival and Summerjam Germany. Ahead of her world tour dates, Nattali is playing a select run of special Australian east coast shows in May. She's named the run the *Community Rizing Tour* and shows will include multiple local hall performances with one at her old home base, **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Friday 6 May**. Tickets & info: www.nattalirize.com or in actual hard-copy form at the Mullum Bookshop.

DEVON & DOWLING

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. Last year she recorded songs from a new collection, *The Gold String*, in Yukon and Nova Scotia. Catch her with Jimmy

Dowling as support at **Club Mullum** (Mullum Ex-Services) on **Sunday** at 7.30pm. Tix \$20 at the door.

TOM LEE-RICHARDS AT THE TREEHOUSE

Infectious island rhythms, sophisticated synth hide'n'seek and the harmony to bring you home: *As Far as India*, the new single from **Tom Lee-Richards**, is a nostalgic celebration of life.

With a childlike lens *As Far as India* moves through imagery of growing up and calls out to the memories that shape us. Now calling Melbourne home, Tom grew up in New Zealand, beginning with pots and pans, mouth noises and imitating things some time before starting school. At 14 he was experimenting on the guitar, gigging, and had developed a colourful beat-boxing language.

Join Tom Lee-Richards on an alt-pop Calypso journey with *As Far as India* and sample his idiosyncratic vocal stylings. **Thursday** at the **Treehouse** in Byron Bay.

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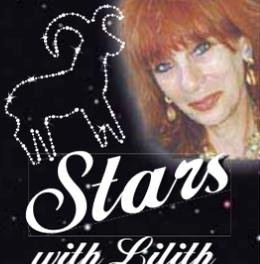
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Stars with Lilith

Mars and Pluto joining Saturn and Jupiter's retrograde go-slow is this week's celestial signal to stop, assess and re-evaluate everything we take for granted...

♈ ARIES: This week's astrological ingredients turn on some bigtime fireworks: a volatile invitation to excess it would definitely be wiser to decline. Your mentor Mars pausing for a ten-week pit stop powers a push to regroup, revise, re-strategise. Above all rechart your path. To rethink what's necessary, what's possible and what's not...

♉ TAURUS: As the sun moves into happy-birthday Taurus month it's hooves up, hair down, party hearty time, woo-hoo! And with Friday's wild Venus/Uranus conjunct full moon, life certainly won't be dull. Notice this week it's not what you have, but who you are that people most appreciate your sharing with them.

♊ GEMINI: This week's focus is on health issues needing attention, so make appointments, book in for routine checks. Full moon's always intense for Cancerians and this Friday's a doozy: moody, broody, sexy and smoky. But with the real possibility of a liberating breaking through of crystallisations in primary relationships that impact your health.

♋ CANCER: An extreme, in-your-face, anything-can-happen 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 mood-improvers.

♌ LEO: Recognition of your own role in recent dramas could resolve a dilemma when someone you believed in the wrong turns out to be right after all. This week's reactions and responses will have far-reaching repercussions, so it's worthwhile taking on the lion's share of peacemaking manoeuvres to bring your personal life into balance.

♍ VIRGO: Retrograde transits are fabulous for recharging your batteries: physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. For fine-tuning long-term plans and generally refurbishing the whole Virgoan scenario. The sun in a laidback fellow earth sign meeting Friday's Uranian-accented full moon promises unusual opportunities, eccentric encounters and excitingly unconventional exchanges.

♎ LIBRA: Look deeper than surface appearances of people and situations this week. If theatrical attitudes exasperate and emotions flare out of control, trying to apply logic will be like David Bowie putting out fire with gasoline. Let whatever needs to burn, burn. When inessentials filter out, what's left is likely to be gold.

♏ SCORPIO: With four planets retrograde plus Friday's full moon in your sign, the intensity factor can seem extreme. And not entirely conflict-free. If a depth bomb triggers unexpected change, stay tuned to your deepest inner rhythms. Move with what feels right. If you need to clear the air, do it kindly.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: The energetic push-pull of Mars and Saturn both retrograde in Sagittarius isn't making it easy for you full-forward personalities to step back and play the waiting game. But confrontations are likely to achieve the polar opposite of what you want, so be patient and allow situations to mature organically.

♑ CAPRICORN: This retrograde week isn't looking like a walk in the park. The most practical tools for handling it are behaviours beginning with *re*: as in rest, relax, retreat, reflect, resolve, renew. Recognise the difference between organisation and micro-management. Act resolutely with respect and restraint. Resist always having to be right.

♒ AQUARIUS: Hark! Could that be the sound of clashing agendas? Then take a break from the fray and use this week's potent retrograde energy for a contemplative reflection on your social world, with special attention to your place and behaviour in it. Self-review how and why you do what you do.

♓ PISCES: The present position of Mars retrograde holds a magnifying glass to where your beliefs and behaviour might be out of alignment. No blame; this happens to everyone, and being aware of certain recurring discrepancies is the first step to resetting your actions so they're more in line with your ideals.

CULTURE

LONE GOAT GALLERY IN THE RED

The **IncREDible Art Exhibition** opening at the **Lone Goat Gallery** in Byron Bay will feature stunning visual art, as well as ceramics. RED Inc has studios in both Byron Bay and Lismore and this exhibition is just a yearly event to showcase the talent of the artists. This exhibition gives insight into the lives, interests and experiences of our local contemporary artists with disability. Their vision, spirit and range of abilities is expressed so beautifully in this range of works. The works are vibrant, expressive and passionate. The professional art practice of the artists is supported by experienced local artists, and by people with passion. The artists participate

in group exhibitions throughout the year, as well as having solo exhibitions and exhibiting in art competitions here and abroad.

Check out some of the available works on the Lone Goat website,



DAVE CALLAN, THE BEARD BOY OF COMEDY – AT THE BALLINA RSL FOR THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL



THE DRILL BITS SHOW AT THE DRILL HALL THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

or their Facebook page and at www.redinc.org.au. A grassroots community-based organisation, RED Inc works creatively with people who have disability, their families, and carers, to achieve a quality life and a sense of belonging, by providing opportunities to reach their goals and aspirations.

Opening **Friday 29 April** at 6pm.

DAVE CALLAN: THE ORIGINAL BEARD BOY OF COMEDY

He was one of the highlights on *Rove*, and it's true to say that the energy and humour of **Dave Callan** continues to thrive. And it's not just the way he shakes those hips when he dances a fully choreographed routine to Beyoncé's *All The Single Ladies*. The magic is undefinable, but somehow linked with the beard!

The one way people recognise comedian Dave Callan is his beard and long hair. Many people want him to shave but it is his trademark. He thinks it will be very fashionable when the new Ice Age comes. Born in Ireland, Dave moved to WA when he was eight. Apart from performing standup comedy in Perth, he did a series of ads in WA for WA Home Loans and Fruitisma. He didn't move to Melbourne until Rove McManus asked him to help him out with his new TV show. He has also appeared on *Spicks and Specks*, at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala, on *The Footy Show*, and *Hey Hey It's Saturday*. Dave Callan is the headline performer at Big Gig Comedy at the Ballina RSL on Thursday 28 April with Peter Willey as support and Ellen Briggs jumping in as MC while Mandy Nolan travels with the Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow in Southern Victoria and Tasmania. Dave will be back in May as host of the Roadshow when it comes to the Ballina RSL. Here's your chance to catch his full show!

Thursday 28 April, 8pm. Ballina RSL. Free entry.



CRACK-UP COMEDY

This Saturday night sees five hard-hitting comedians take to the stage to raise money for the Byron Bay War Memorial. While war is certainly no laughing matter, raising money is, and these funny folk are pulling together to help alleviate some of the debt incurred in building the new memorial. Featured acts are Lindsay Webb, a bloke who holds a Guinness world record for longest show – more than 38 hours! He promises to pull in a little short of that! With an incredible talent for working his material in with the audience, working quickly off the cuff every time, Webb has audiences on their knees. Also appearing is the dry-witted Nick Penn, the comedic stylings of musical comic Peter Willey, and the rising star Ellen Briggs. Mandy Nolan is at the helm as MC, driving that big comedy bus all the way home. **Byron Bay Services Club on Saturday** at 8pm. Tickets are limited and are available at the Byron Bay Services Club or can be booked on 6619 0529. Tickets are \$30 or \$25 per person if booked for a table of ten.

HEART SUTRA TEACHINGS WITH HIS EMINENCE

We have **His Eminence Ling Rinpoche** (Tibetan lama from India) in Byron offering a Heart Sutra Teachings at **Byron Theatre on Monday**. He is also the 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. 7.30pm. Tickets \$25 and available at byroncentre.com.au.

HALF A SHADE BRAVER – WHYTE WORKSHOP

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Sunday 10am–4pm. Byron Community Centre, Sunday 24 April, 10am–4pm.

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BROKE FILM SCREENING AND Q&A

An ageing rail worker, Cec, finds his former footy hero turned washed-up gambling addict, Ben 'BK' Kelly, passed out late one evening and decides to take him in.

Through the love and support of Cec and his single-parent daughter, Terri, BK finally finds the courage he was once famous for on the field to tackle his demons head on and ultimately win back the respect of the community he so deeply let down. This is the story of *Broke*, directed by Heath Davis and screening at the



MISSED OUT ON THE COMEDY RIOT THAT IS ELLEN BRIGGS AND MANDY NOLAN AND WOMEN LIKE US? THE GIRLS PRESENT A SPECIAL 'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE MOTHERS DAY SHOW AT THE OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB ON SATURDAY 7 MAY

Star Court Theatre in Lismore on **Friday** at 7pm (tix \$20) and **Pighthouse Flicks** in Byron on **Saturday**. Screening followed by a Q&A with Heath Davis.

THE TWO MUMMIES!

Well it seems like Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs's *Women Like Us* is causing something of a sensation, selling out shows wherever they go!

The girls performed to full houses at the Adelaide Fringe, scoring a 4-star review from *Glamadelade* (which gave Steven K Amos only three!). The reviewer loved our Mullum mamas and declared 'two totally relatable ladies who hit the nail on the head of charismatic female comedy... this show is a must. Prepare yourself to be hunched over in hysterics and repeat to yourself, "we've all been there!"

Women Like Us performed to a sell-out crowd of 300 at Currumbin RSL two weeks ago, has another full house on 1 April, and a new show being scheduled for later in the year. They have also just returned from a smash sell-out season at the Melbourne Comedy Festival where they featured at Melbourne Town Hall in front of 1,400 people, tearing the roof off with their show. For those of you who have missed this middle-aged train wreck of mirth and self-deprecating joy, they're doing a very special *'Twas the Night Before Mothers Day* performance at **Ocean Shores Country Club on Saturday 7 May**.

For tickets to their Ocean Shores Country Club show book on 6680 1008. Tix are \$25, doors at 7pm, show at 8pm. The fabulous new deck will be complete so come and enjoy the soiree!



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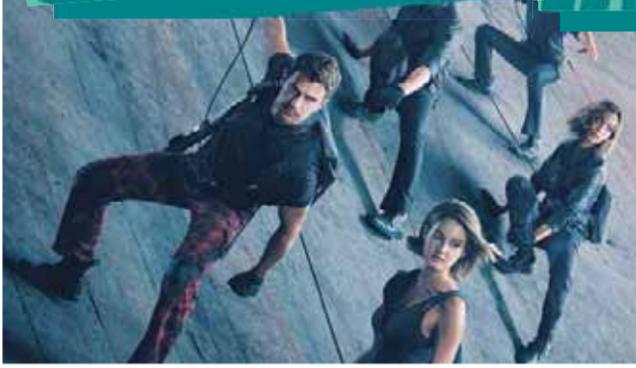
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ALLEGIANT

Reviewers are unwilling to recycle the words of others, and I'm no exception to that rule – but occasionally a critique is so succinct and pertinent that it's impossible not to. Some years back, after sitting through a screening of *Mulholland Drive* at a cinema in New York's Lower West Side, I adjourned to the Gents, closely followed by a little old Jewish bloke. As we approached the pissoir, he said to me, 'Dat was the woist pile o' crap I ever saw!' I had to concur, and since then I have referred nostalgically to his summation as the Manhattan Verdict.

Continuing with the *Divergent* saga (what next? 'Detergent?' 'Absorbent?'), we have Tris (Shailene Woodley – whom I'm fond of because she so strikingly resembles my niece), the heartthrob Four (Theo James) and a few of their buddies fleeing the wreckage of Chicago. In the wake of the evil junta's demise, a post-revolutionary Terror has prevailed, with summary executions and mob rule. The youngsters scale the metropolis's great wall and, fleeing across a red wasteland, pursued by one of the new bad guys, they are suddenly ushered into the future by a posse from the city of Providence. Their time-travel is managed by an interesting process, too – round black discs, like discarded CDs, hover over their heads and engulf each of them in a cartouche of what appears to be bubble-wrap. Le Grand Fromage of a glistening Tomorrowland is David (Jeff Daniels – a veteran who, as a reward for getting Matt Damon safely back from Mars, looks ever so pleased to have landed a blockbuster payday role). He has been observing what's been going on in Chicago and regards Tris as the miraculous saviour of the culture that he aspires to rebuild. But is his altruism sincere? Can Tris trust him? You'll just have to go and find out for yourself – if for some unfathomable reason you are remotely interested. And, rest assured, the Future is as well-armed and bellicose as the present. My rating: MV.



EYE IN THE SKY

The theatre of war has evolved over the ages, but its murderous consequences will never change. A cell of Al Shabaab terrorists has been located in a Somali enclave of Nairobi. The plotters' activity is being monitored by a minuscule camera within their safe-house and by a drone high in the sky. The images are watched simultaneously in London, Nevada and Hawaii. The decision of whether or not to take them out with a missile strike is derailed by the presence on the street of a little girl selling bread – an explosion would almost certainly result in her being 'cd' (collateral damage).

In a movie of near unbearable tension, director Gavin Hood puts you, the viewer, in the hot seat with all of those involved and demands that you take a side – fence-sitting is not an option. Protracted discussions and circular, frustrated arguments drag on as, on the ground, two of the terrorists are fitted with suicide vests. There are lives at stake. For Colonel Powell (Helen Mirren) it's personal – she's been tracking the radicalised English woman involved for six years and cannot let her go; General Benson (Alan Rickman) is driven by the old soldier's pragmatism; the three members of parliament who are at the table are torn between questions of legality and morality, the only thing they have in common is that they don't want to be held responsible. Piloting the drone from a camp outside of Las Vegas, with his finger on the trigger, is Steve (Aaron Paul), who only signed up with the Air Force in order to pay off his college debts. Time ebbs away, approval from those higher in the chain of authority is sought... while the child sits innocently with the loaves that her mother has baked. Hood never lets the film become bogged down – its pacing is surprisingly fast – nor does he allow it to be burdened by excessive wordiness. With classy performances all round (how sad to have lost Rickman), this is a thriller of extraordinary power and lasting impact.

DRIVE-IN MOVIES ARE COMING TO BANGALOW

A group of Bangalow locals is bringing the old-school drive-in cinema back to the region.

Established to provide the local community with a fun night out under the stars, Flicks in the Field drive-ins typically show popular family movies on a Friday night, followed by a cult classic or two on Saturday.

'We have this absolutely brilliant showground in Bangalow and it's been screaming out for some occasional after-dark, community fun,' said Dan Hill, Flicks in the Field co-founder.

'We tested the idea on a few of our friends and families, who all gave it the thumbs-up. One thing led to another and – presto! – we have a drive-in on our hands,' he continued.

With food, drinks, snacks and sweets, plenty of room for blankets on the grass in front of the screen, and an old-school drive-in with the soundtrack piped directly into your car by some techno-wizardry, Flicks in the Field serves up good times aplenty.

Co-founder, Anthony Lycken, added, 'Just about everyone of our generation has fond memories of being bundled into the family car with blankets and pillows, and heading off to see the latest blockbuster at the local drive-in. We might be showing our ages a bit, but this is a nostalgia-fuelled

event that'll show the younger crew something new.

With plenty of room for walk-ins on the grass in front of the jumbo screen, and cars in sweeping arcs behind them, refreshments, popcorn, choc-tops and treats, we expect Flicks in the Field to deliver an absolutely authentic drive-in vibe.'

You won't go hungry with the Veggie Patch Van serving vegetarian goodness on both nights, Stockpot Kitchen (from the Bangalow Bowlo) on Friday, and BexMex on Saturday.

Supporting the event is Scoot – Asia/Pacific's Best Low Cost Airline for 2015 – with the airline generously offering two return tickets from the Gold Coast to Singapore as a giveaway at Flicks in the Field.

This coming ANZAC Day long weekend, Flicks in the Field is bringing the drive-in to Bangalow with a family night on **Friday 22**, and a double helping of outback road-trip madness on **Saturday 23** at the **Bangalow Showground**.

INAUGURAL WEEKEND SCREENINGS

Friday 22 – Family Night
Gates open at 5.30 with the first film kicking off at 6.30pm showing *Oddball* followed by the classic *The Castle*.

Saturday 23 – Double Trouble
Gates open at 5.30 with the first film kicking off at 6.30pm showing *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* followed by *Mad Max Fury Road*.

Tickets: Car tickets (\$40 per car) can be pre-purchased online (recommended) through the Flicks in the Field website: flicksinthefield.com.au.

Walk-in tickets (adults: \$15 each/families: \$30) can be purchased at the gate on the night or pre-purchased (recommended) at Bangalow's Windhorse Gallery, 25 Byron Street, Bangalow.

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Kung Fu Panda 3 12:10pm
African Safari 2:00pm
Zootopia 3:50pm
Big Greek Wedding 2 6:00pm
The Lady In The Van 8:00pm

Friday April 22
Zootopia 12:00pm
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Grimsby 4:00pm
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Big Greek Wedding 2 8:00pm

Saturday April 23 - SPECIAL
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Grimsby 8:10pm

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- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **TOM LEE RICHARDS**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **LABYRINTH**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **COLE COX LOVEJOY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **MATT STOKES DUO**
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FRIDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CHESTRA HEDRON, EDWARD THATCH, FEAR OF MUSIC, DJ VELVET LIZZARD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM MADISON KAT**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **KIM SOUZA BAND**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **GROOVE DJ**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ TWITCH 9.30PM OOOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **JAMES BENNETT**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SHELLY BROWN**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **NICK BAMPTON**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **DIRTY RIVER**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS 6.30PM **ODDBALL, THE CASTLE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **JEZ MEAD**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **DRILL BITS SHOW**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **DJ BLAKE SANDERS**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **REAL JARRAH**

SUNDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES 8PM TOUCH SENSITIVE & GUESTS**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **DJS LEOCH, MAGU & MORE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 10AM **A DAY WITH DAVID WHYTE**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **ED KUEPPER**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **THE DETECTIVES**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 3PM **CRAIG ATKINS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **SUNDAY DJS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **OKA**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **JAZZ N BLUES**
- CLUB MULLUM 7.30PM **DEVON SPROULE & JIMMY DOWLING**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **DJS AL ROYALE, DALE STEPHEN, LORD SUT, FLASHDANCE, HEADSPACE**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ADAM BROWN**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **GREG KEW**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **THE RETRONOMES**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM BASSIX**
- RAPPVILLE HOTEL 12PM **WATLING & BATES WITH NOBLE LARIATS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BRISBANE POWERHOUSE **FESTIVAL OF TIBET**

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 6PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **4'20' SOUND WITH JOHNNY OSBOURNE & MAX GLAZER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM **HEART SUTRA TEACHINGS WITH HIS EMINENCE 7TH KYABJE YONGZIN LING RINPOCHE**
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- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 5PM **THE FIRETREE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 4PM **PINK ZINC**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **GABY BOGART**

TUESDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OOZ**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- CREATIVE INTUITIVE, BYRON A&I 7PM **HEARTCHANT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **DANCE TEMPLE ECSTATIC DANCE**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **THE LITTLE BIG PROJECT WITH MARTHA BAARTZ, JM KELLY, STEVE RUSSELL**

WEDNESDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **DAN CLARK DUO**
- BYRON BOWLO **MUSICAL TRIVIA**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 7PM **ISAAC FRAKHAM**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**

MONDAY 25

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM

SATURDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE DEAD LOVE, THE WAY WE WERE, EL BRAVO, ELEMENTAL DJS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAWN PATROL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **ARCHY PUNKER**
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- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **THE FERAMONES**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **THE SHADY CRABS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM **GRACE BARBE, JUNGLES LOA, JINGKI**
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☉ Third quarter	April 1	02:16
☾ New moon	April 7	21:23
☽ First quarter	April 14	13:59
☀ Full moon	April 22	15:23
☾ Third quarter	April 30	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	0415,1.52; 1712,1.29	1105,0.57; 2255,0.69
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3am – clocks back one hour						
3 S	0557	1741	0103	1434	0421,1.59; 1712,1.40	1101,0.47; 2300,0.59
4 M	0557	1740	0204	1519	0519,1.68; 1802,1.53	1152,0.37; 2356,0.47
5 T	0558	1739	0308	1603	0613,1.77; 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 T	0559	1736	0519	1732	0755,1.84; 2023,1.88	0142,0.27; 1409,0.21
8 F	0600	1735	0627	1819	0846,1.81; 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	1033,1.63; 2250,1.91	0425,0.23; 1629,0.38
11 M	0601	1732	0946	2052	1129,1.51; 2343,1.84	0522,0.30; 1718,0.49
12 T	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 T	0603	1729	1233	2341	0142,1.65; 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	0357,1.54; 1655,1.36	1038,0.55; 2242,0.71
17 S	0605	1726	1439	0240	0455,1.54; 1743,1.43	1127,0.54; 2338,0.66
18 M	0605	1725	1514	0223	0545,1.54; 1824,1.50	1207,0.52
19 T	0606	1724	1549	0315	0627,1.55; 1900,1.57	0025,0.60; 1244,0.50
20 W	0606	1723	1623	0406	0706,1.55; 1933,1.63	0106,0.55; 1315,0.49
21 T	0607	1722	1657	0458	0743,1.54; 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	0855,1.50; 2110,1.73	0256,0.47; 1447,0.52
24 S	0609	1719	1848	0732	0932,1.47; 2144,1.73	0332,0.47; 1519,0.55
25 M	0609	1718	1931	0823	1011,1.42; 2219,1.71	0412,0.49; 1553,0.59
26 T	0610	1717	2016	0915	1052,1.37; 2258,1.68	0483,0.51; 1630,0.64
27 W	0610	1716	2105	1006	1137,1.33; 2342,1.64	0538,0.55; 1712,0.69
28 T	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	0612	1713	2351	1228	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: nil;
 Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr;
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 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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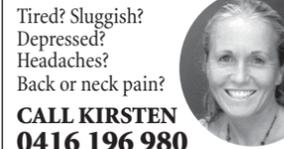
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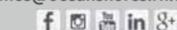
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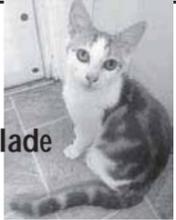
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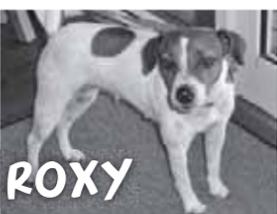


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News Extra

Aboriginal inequality in justice system still bites

'The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was set up very hastily... We ended up being set up to investigate the wrong question... The question we were set to investigate was really were police and prison officers killing Aboriginals, and the real question was why were so many Aboriginal people being put in jail?'

Gary Oliver, CEO of Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS), says these comments from commissioner judge Hal Wootten in 2012 are still relevant today.

'Aboriginal people make up a very small percentage of the total population, yet Aboriginal people make up some 30 per cent of people in NSW prisons and juvenile detention centres, and nearly 20 per cent in prisons and detention centres in the ACT,' Mr Oliver said.

'These statistics are concerning given the steady decrease in crime rates over the last twenty years. Even more concerning considering the statistics are at odds with one of the key recommendations of the Royal Commission, that imprisonment be a last resort.'

'If we look at young people, there are a number of

options available to police to ensure that arrest is the last resort. That includes cautions, warnings, cooling off periods, infringement notices and the ability to present a CAN in the field.

'And yet Aboriginal kids continue to be taken into police custody for matters which do not warrant custodial penalties.'

'In NSW detention centres, over half the kids are Aboriginal.'

Incarceration

'The hyper-incarceration of black people not only in NSW but across the country suggests the lessons from the Royal Commission have not been learnt.'

'Aboriginal people across the state and country are more visible to police. As Pat Dodson says, they're more likely to be stopped, arrested, charged, and more likely to go to jail. This suggests legislators have not learnt from the past.'

'Just the other day in front of one of our 23 offices, six uniformed and undercover police stopped an Aboriginal young man, searched him, and finally told him to "move on".'

'At the same time as hyper-

incarceration is occurring, Indigenous legal services and other legal assistance service organisations set up to assist our country's most disadvantaged people are being bled of funding.'

'Next year alone the Australian government is reducing the ALS budget by some \$1.028 million, a drop of six per cent. That's a loss of key staff from the frontline and we estimate some 4,800 Aboriginal men, women and children will miss out on legal assistance.'

Harassment

'Aboriginal Legal Service was established in 1970 by Aboriginal people to ensure representation before the courts as a direct response to ongoing, targeted and indiscriminate police harassment of individuals.'

'If funding is withdrawn, the potential loss of frontline positions may exacerbate the already grave problem of Aboriginal over-representation in custody.'

'The Custody Notification Service (CNS) was a recommendation of the Royal Commission and it has been doing the job. This is evidenced by the fact there have been no Aboriginal deaths in

police cell custody in NSW since the ALS Custody Notification Service - a 24-hour phone line providing early legal advice and a welfare check - began.

'But what about the other recommendations not yet implemented?'

'Aspects of the recommendations have been picked up, but on the whole they have not been introduced systematically across all jurisdictions. For example, the decriminalisation of minor offences, which includes, public drunkenness (Recommendation 79), offensive language (Recommendation 86), and fine default (Recommendations 120 & 121).'

'We need to rethink our law and order and particularly policing models and invest in local communities where crime is occurring, fast.'

'Our backing of a justice reinvestment trial in Bourke is one way we hope to help convince governments the current approach is just not working.'

'We are incredibly fearful for our children, and what the future may hold as more and more of them are taken out of society and locked behind bars,' said Mr Oliver.

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Government support needed for regional and low-SES university students

In the lead-up to the federal budget, the Regional Universities Network (RUN) is urging the government to continue to support the increased participation and success of regional and low-socio-economic status (SES) students at university via dedicated funding programs.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Jan Thomas, said that a consistent policy approach was needed to encourage regional Australians to undertake higher education.

'Recently, changes were made to Youth Allowance to provide financial support to more regional students to attend university.'

'This initiative works in a complementary way with programs in the education portfolio which assist regional students, many of whom are from low socio-economic status or first-in-family, to undertake higher education,' Professor Thomas said.

'The Higher Education Partnerships and Participation Program (HEPPP),

designed to increase and support the participation in higher education of students from low-SES backgrounds at university, funds outreach and aspiration-raising programs to schools and community groups, as well as a range of other activities.'

'This includes special projects to support improved student outcomes, student engagement and enhancing the student experience. RUN universities have been particularly successful in attracting funding for priority projects from this program.'

'Government support and recognition for quality university teaching, currently through the Office of Learning and Teaching and potentially through a new entity in the future, is vital to promote student success at regional universities.'

'Teaching and learning is of great importance to us - while we excel at supporting our students in higher education, our endeavours must be recognised, encouraged

and supported by appropriate programs, projects and awards.'

'Adequate funding for projects must be available to help ensure that our universities are able to address the issues of importance to our student cohort. It is also important to balance the recognition and reward of research in our universities.'

'While we recognise that the federal budget is under pressure, and we continue to commit our own funding to support student success, we are unable to provide enough support to adequately address the significant need in regional Australia for greater participation by regional students at university.'

'The regions, including regional cities and towns, need more highly skilled professionals to develop an innovative economy for the good of the nation as a whole.'

'It is vital that we continue to be assisted by a range of government programs to fully realise this ambition.'

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Papists punish sinful Devils in season opener

Story & photo John Campbell

It is a painful thing to watch a side self-destruct. But that is exactly what those of us who made the road trip to Lismore had to endure on Sunday as the Red Devils did their very best to present two competition points on a platter to Marist Brothers in the opening round of the NRRL.

In the higher-education course of Rugby League #101 there is a lesson that must never be forgotten, viz: possession is nine-tenths of the law. If you cannot control the ball and hang on to it for at least fifty per cent of the duration, you will inevitably find yourself up that smelly creek without a paddle.

For the record, Byron Bay was defeated by Marist Brothers to the tune of 46-24 at Lismore's Crozier Field on the weekend. Not to put too



Ryan O'Connell and Joey Gordon appeal to ref for a penalty at Crozier Field on Sunday.

fine a point on it, it was an inauspicious season opener for the Devils, but the score is not a true indication of the contest. Until the later stages the boys were well in the hunt and, to give them their dues, they never turned it up. There

is no shame in losing if you have a dig – all they need do now, as a matter of urgency, is work on the finer points of their execution.

Our unending Indian summer was still ablaze when hostilities were em-

barked upon. The Brothers looked to have a bigger side, with a few extremely beefy blokes in the forwards. But they were also less agile, and the Devils' superior mobility might have proved to be an advantage in the sweaty con-

ditions. Indeed, in the opening exchanges it appeared that the behemoths in Blue-and-Gold would struggle to go with their more fleet-of-foot visitors, as deft passes from Joey 'the General' Gordon on the right edge and probing runs from Toby 'Maguire' Ryan lit up pathways to the goal-line.

Penalties saw to it that the home side got the pill just where and when they needed it, however, and before you knew it they were ahead 10-0. Not for the first time in his unstinting career, the Bay's captain, Ryan 'the Crab' O'Connell, now bearded and wearing the number nine, squirted over from dummy-half and shortly afterwards shot a between-the-legs torpedo pass to send the vigorous Toby 'Maguire' Ryan over in the corner. The Bay were ahead 12-10, but on the back of another penalty the Papists

regained the lead to go to the sheds at 16-12.

The ref pinged Byron at the very first tackle after the resumption and Marist scored. It was 'good night, nurse' from then on as the Devils found themselves playing catch-up football, with all of the unforced errors that that usually provokes.

A couple of well-deserved tries to irrepressible full-back Haydon 'Rupert' Rosenbaum – one off a sweet inside ball from half-back Tobin 'Bronze' Cupples – kept us all hoping for the best. Behind by only four with plenty of time to go, the Devils still might have got the job done. But to the victor goes the spoils – Marist Brothers stuck to their patterns and with fewer mistakes and a more controlled performance they won in a canter.

The Devils are at home this Sunday – get behind them, they're good value.



Bluedogs
Jade Bianchetti and Mailligh Parker and the girls from the 'Dogs continue their unbeaten record this season with a 17-0 result against Tintenbar on the weekend. Photo Maralyn Hanigan.



Magpies
A huge event for the Magpies – to get an under-17s team together, and to be playing in the AFLQ Gold Coast league. First game at Cavanbah Centre is 6.30pm this Friday against Casino. Photo Lorissa Barrett.



Rams forge ahead
Proudly supporting sport in the community
Rams reserves flanker Nolan Pierce battles a tough Thistles defence.

Suffolk Shapes up

Rachael Shea

Winter soccer, arguably the most exciting and unpredictable competition in the northern rivers, has not disappointed this weekend. Suffolk Park men's 6th division, starting the match from bottom of the table, proudly unseated the top of the list, Lismore Thistles, in a nail-biting end-to-end sprinting match that resulted in a 4-3 win.

With only ten players for the last 20 minutes of the game, owing to an injury, it was a strong team effort. Goal of the match goes to Ricardo Junio Ribeiro, whose magical strike seemed to defy the laws of time and space and left onlookers gaping.

Sunday saw SPFC Women's third division fighting back with some elegant passing, following a penalty that resulted from goalie Seraya Austin accidentally hugging an opponent, but were disappointed at full time after a disallowed goal saw them 2-1 down. Improving form,



Graeme 'Smudge' Smith before he did his hammie. Photo Pauline Lévesque

and a new face – Sam Brown – in the role of sweeper, gave a taste of the potential of this team's future.

SPFC Men's third division put together a good team performance, with a couple of unfortunate early-season injuries including a fractured collar-bone for player Cory Sleep, who will be sorely missed during his recovery. Special mention to Flynn Brown, who scored the win-

ner via a free kick from some distance, after running hard all game.

SPFC Men's first grade continued their untarnished start to the season; goals from Cesar Fernandes, Eugenio Rovira and Marc Garcia sealed a 3-2 win. This match saw the return of Felipe Prandini, who was key to the match, along with promising debuts from Taha Belaazziz and Gabriele Parigi.



Dinner is on us! It's all about cooking something tasty with local, sustainable farmed and seasonal produce without any nasty additives. The weekly changing menu is built on the personal relationships that embody the thriving local food economy in the Byron Shire, capturing some of the information Gilles Gohlke (Owner) exchanged at local farmers' markets with growers and producers. "We try to keep the menu at a low cost and cater for everybody's dietary requirements."

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On The Horizon

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Main Arm meeting

Public meeting organised by Main Rural Residents Association on Saturday April 23, 2-4 pm at Kohinur Hall, Upper Main Arm. The draft Byron Rural Land Use Strategy is projecting new housing developments in both Main Arm (320 houses) and The Pocket (320 houses). Get informed. Submissions to Council close May 20. Phone 6684 5390.

Street stall

Anglican Women's Guild street stall Friday 22 April from 8.30am outside the Op Shop, 32 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby. Delicious home-baked and home-grown produce.

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.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Journey into Myth - Conversation between Peter Thompson & James Cowan, Thursday 21 April, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Church garage sale

Anglican Church garage sale, Stuart Street, Saturday 23 April, 8am-1pm, baby items, tables, electrical, day-bed.

Summer sale

The Mullumbimby Uniting Church Op Shop super summer sale, Saturday 23 April, 8am-12pm. All welcome to come in and check out the \$1 adult & 50c kids clothing racks. Morning tea provided.

Ocean Shores Art Expo

Attention all artists! The 2016 theme for the Ocean Shores Art Expo is 'What Matters?' Details for entering at www.osartexpo.com. Online entry forms available next month.

Community picnic

A community picnic will be held on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 11am at Anzac Memorial Park, Brunswick Heads, where the Reflections Memorial Mosaic Seat has been installed. Everyone is welcome. Bring a picnic (if you wish). The seat was created

in honour of Jacqui Lute, who died in January 2014. Please visit: www.facebook.com/jacquilute.

U3A Ballina/Byron

At our next meeting at 10am on 26/4/16 in the meeting room of the RSL Mullumbimby we welcome Margaret James. She has worked with Indigenous education for twelve years and is the author of many books including *Honey Ant Readers*. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Health & Consciousness

Sacred Life at Crabbes Creek runs regular Kirtan chants on Tuesdays at 6pm and Aspects of Awakening meditations on Wednesdays, also at 6pm. RSVP is essential. By donation. Phone 0479 123 272 or visit www.sacredlife.net.au.

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.

Over-35s Rugby

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 078 207.

Lone Goat Gallery

International Women by Yvonne Fenech runs till Wednesday 27 April. Brightly coloured, dramatic portraits of women.

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 need is a pair of running shoes.

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 Queen raising funds for medical research. For booking phone Pro Shop 6684 1688.

Digital Skill Share

Digital Skill Share Byron Bay, three days of workshops for activists and people working for a better world, 3-5 May. <http://actionskills.org/byron2016>.

RSL Women's Auxiliary

RSL Women's Auxiliary of Mullumbimby will be selling Anzac Day badges on Friday April 22 from 8.30am at Mullumbimby Newsagent.

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Paying off fines

You can work at the Mullumbimby Community Garden to pay off your traffic infringement fine. The government recognises this type of work as worth \$30 an hour. Come to the Garden Wednesday or Friday, 9am-1pm, and speak with Sue.

Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre presents: Mondays - Toddler Time 9.30-11.15am; Feldenkrais gentle exercise from 9.30am courtyard; Lunch 12-2pm, Board games in the courtyard. Tuesdays - Cuppa Tea Choir and ukulele from 9.30 Hub; Lunch 12-2pm, Extreme Knitting 2pm. Wednesdays - Spirit of Chi Gong 9.30am courtyard; Jamm session Hub from 10am all day; Lunch 12-2pm; Soup Kitchen 5pm. Thursdays - Express Yourself Art as therapy from 10.30am courtyard; Nature Walk with Eugene 9.30am sharp. Everyone welcome! Please call Renae for further info on 6684 1286.

Respite Service

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Meditation

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

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each

month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **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.

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 interest-free 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 sessions run every Monday afternoon.

Bush School

Each Thursday during term time the Brunswick Bush School takes kids 6-13 years out into the bush to learn, grow and connect with each other. Facebook: Brunswick Bush School and email: brunsbushschool@gmail.com.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open 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 some-

body else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

Men's Groups

Complete Men regular fortnightly men's groups in both Byron and Mullumbimby. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. Phone Elaine 55808215

Repair Cafe

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

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-

4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm.

Rainbow Dragons Abreast

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzertizo10@gmail.com.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. More information President Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Low-cost food

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

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- Disallows bowling regulations (9)
- Admirers turn and turn - a stuff up! (5)
- Confined with a popular team (6)
- Perceive layer is more uneven (8)
- Auto accessory for centre top (6)
- Another five points! Attempt a reward! (3,5)
- Tiger's is fearful, poetically (8)
- Fabric found around a territory (6)
- Canada on alert for the serpent (8)
- The embargo applying to the city of Oedipus (6)
- Breast, an enormous, legendary, being! (5)
- Solicitation of the vessel of justice (9)
- Two leaders reverse unclear response to huge release of energy (7,8)

DOWN

- A nonsense about 51 - eliminate! (7)
- Signs of zero convenience (5)
- Furious about cut off wireless - brighten up! (9)
- Parramatta decapitates cads (4)
- Official document, a step to the game (8)
- Attack running group (5)
- Silly about single carpet - it's dead! (9)
- Route is destroyed between navy and north - it's part of 1 and 28! (7)
- Overblown weapon - like, titch! (9)
- A way to quote back, without emotion (9)
- Entrepreneur somehow makes record up (8)
- Box and spank - that is classically disciplined! (7)
- Skittle Anais, holding one new record (7)
- Big cat, light weight (5)
- Expression of contempt over first class belief system (4'1)
- Impolite, bit sounds sorry about it (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Blast from nuclear weapon (6,9)
- Disallows, prevails over former judgment (9)
- Mess, confused situation (slang) (5)
- Interior, indoors (6)
- More uneven, more dappled (8)
- Cover for bolts on a car wheel (6)
- Make another attempt, don't give up (3,5)
- Correspondence of parts on opposite sides; regularity of form (8)
- Glossy cotton fabric resembling satin (6)
- Giant South American snake (8)
- Pertaining to the Greek city founded by Cadmus (6)
- Mythical giant, Gold Coast footballer (5)
- Process of wooing with a view to marriage (9)
- Process in which the cores of atoms undergo change (7,8)

DOWN

- Eliminate, annul (7)
- Signs, portents (5)
- Illuminate, emit rays (9)
- Long thin fish (4)
- Document identifying an international traveller (8)
- Start, attack (5)
- Not living, spiritless (9)
- Uncharged particle in the atomic nucleus (7)
- Pompous, high-sounding but insincere (9)
- Uninterested, lacking emotion (9)
- Entrepreneur, especially in theatre and cinema (8)
- Rigorously simple, like the customs of a city on Southern Greece (7)

Last week's solution N120

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Byron Council's latest shot at a rural land use strategy has got folks in the hills riled up with plans to dramatically increase density in isolated pockets customarily cut off by flooding. The Main Rural Residents Association has organised a public meeting for Saturday April 23, 2-4pm at Kohinur Hall. More info: 6684 5390.

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The Coastal Risk Australia beta website coastalrisk.com.au has been flooded – appropriately – with interest in its maps of predicted sea-level rise resulting from climate change by the year 2100. Byron Bay is one of the featured sites and it doesn't look too good for the integrity of the Gang of Five's Belongil Sea-wall in 84 years' time.

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Kudos to Fair Trading for busting up distributors of dodgy USB chargers with fake brand names. Recent raids in Sydney netted 11,000 suspect phone accessories. There are plenty of companies selling accessories, phones and computers online that purport to be based in Australia but are really operating out of Hong Kong or mainland China. All or part of the product may be unauthentic and dangerous. If the deal is too good to be true, it probably is, so check reviews of the sites or stick to the major distributors and manufacturers which are likely to honour consumer law. And review your rights at fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

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Local band Drop Legs felt the heat of the law recently when they were pepper-sprayed after a gig in Sydney and had their van searched. This was just after Triple J aired their track *Criminal* protesting



The Vikings invaded the Shire last Saturday to celebrate the 40th birthdays of Bec and Kasper, owners of Byron Bay Camping and Disposals Store, which just had its tenth birthday. The couple's Danish background helped lend the party authenticity.

against the current drug-test laws. Last time we looked it was number 3 in the Un-earthed charts. Catch up with the lads at facebook.com/lamezclacrew.

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If you're about to embark on the perilous path of divorce, Legal Aid NSW has an information webinar which may take away some of the angst. It is scheduled for April 27 11-11.30am and you can register at <http://bit.ly/10ApDYL>. According to Legal Aid, 'Every year more than 25,000 people in NSW get divorced, and many of them don't know what to do, or what the process involves.' That comment probably applies to a lot of marriages in the first place.

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While it has emerged that fossil-fuel corporations have been conspiring to hide knowledge of the impact of their products on climate since the 1960s at least, it turns out the problem was recognised 50 years earlier. A volunteer at the Braidwood Museum recently found this note in a July 1912 issue of *The Braidwood Dispatch*:

'Coal Consumption Affecting Climate. The furnaces of the world are now burning about 2,000,000,000 tons of coal a year. When this is burned, uniting with oxygen, it adds carbon dioxide to the atmosphere yearly. This tends to make the air a more effective blanket for the earth and to raise its temperature. The effect may be considerable in a few centuries.'

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