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Hullabaloo for Migaloo

Lennox Head-based nature photographer Craig Parry managed to capture a rare close-up glimpse of the white humpback whale, Migaloo, last Tuesday morning. Craig said, 'We turned off the engines to keep our distance and drifted along, snapping pictures like crazy. Over about 30 minutes, he slowly made his way over to us to get a closer look before giving us a little high five in the way of a fin slap on the water and continuing on.' Craig claims that his imagery was captured in accordance with *The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Marine Mammals) Regulation 2006*; the law aims to protect marine mammals such as whales 'while allowing people to appreciate them in the wild'. For more information visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/whaleregulation.htm. Photo Craig Parry Photography

Councillor's DA all good

But flaws surround process

There's a new chapter in the long-running dispute with neighbours and a Byron Shire councillor's self-storage operation on a short, narrow rural road in Myocum.

Cr Alan Hunter is apparently now operating legally and, according to Council staff, 'the commencement of operations lawfully occurred on August 24, 2015 with the issuing of the occupation certificate. Therefore as per consent conditions, the consent will cease in August 2017.'

They explained that Cr Hunter's development application consent 'ceases two years after the commencement of operations (as per consent conditions).'

It's a surprise to neighbours, who believed that Cr Hunter's trial had expired in May, and indicates a weakness in Council protocol regarding such 'trials'.

Not only were neighbours not advised that his trial had finished, but it appears such trials automatically become a consent activity and are not subject to review or a council vote.

Additionally, questions regarding a staff compliance investigation into breaches by the high-profile National Party member have gone unanswered.

The two-year trial was criticised at the time by neighbours for being approved despite no traffic or noise assessment, and as the DA did not meet Council's traffic sight or stopping-distance requirements.

But Cr Hunter defended his operation, claiming at the time that a

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Last Council meeting should be a doozy

Bring your pillows and popcorn! Council's last official meeting before going into 'caretaker mode' for elections is this Thursday, starting at 9am.

Just one of the many topics to be tabled will be the lack of public trust in Council's process regarding a major planning policy which aims to guide rural zoning and land use.

Council's draft Rural Land Use Strategy (RLUS) is again before Council, and drew the ire of residents after it was reworked at the last minute by Cr Sol Ibrahim, senior council staffer Shannon Burt and a handful of unnamed town planners.

The Council majority of Ibrahim, Woods, Wanchap, Cubis and Hunter

approved it to go before the public in May, despite Cr Ibrahim giving fellow councillors just two days' notice on the changes. Many councillors were clearly not across the reworked policy at the time, with Mayor Richardson and Crs Dey, Spooner and Cameron voting against.




According to a staff report in

Thursday's agenda, more than 830 submissions were received, and the 'prevailing concern [is] a lack of trust and confidence in the process and strategy to deliver on these outcomes.'

'The overall view was that the consultation does not reinforce a two-way relationship between the

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Last hurrah for Council

Final official meeting this Thursday is fully loaded

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 community and Council, the actions are in some cases at odds with the generally well supported RLUS policy directions and there is a bias towards facilitating rural lifestyle living opportunities.'

Staff continued, 'The majority of submissions came from the local community, with many of their issues being strongly aligned with those identified in government agency submissions.'

Staff recommended a number of amendments to the policy to address 'key issues raised by the community and government agencies.'

Koala plan

Another significant policy before councillors on Thursday is a delayed plan to man-

age koalas in the Shire.

The history of the Koala Plan of Management (KPoM) goes back to the October 9, 2014 meeting, where Cr Ibrahim and the majority councillors voted to defer the plan and receive legal advice.

While that was later dealt with, on September 2, 2015, *The Echo* reported that the controlling Council faction 'again delayed action on saving the region's dwindling koala population, citing their inability to understand a key document aimed at the marsupial's preservation.'

Apart from concerns from Cr Di Woods that it would 'lock up land', Cr Rose Wanchap challenged the authors of the plan, arguing that it focused too much on the loss of habitat while not paying at-

tention to other factors that lead to koala deaths, such as disease. At the time, *The Echo* reported that her position was at odds with the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage and leading koala experts; they claim loss and degradation of habitat is the 'main threat' to koala populations.

And now, nearly a year later, Sydney-based consultants Niche Environmental and Heritage have completed the peer review.

They have deemed the koala plan was, 'largely consistent with current legislation, literature and other CKPOMs.'

■ And finally but not only, a few councillors want to rescind - or vote again - on a previous motion to approve ten one bedroom units on a Mullum residential block.

Filtered drinking-water fountain proposed

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Mullum Cares and Mullum SEED to purchase a Filtered Drinking Water Fountain and Bottle Refill Station for Mullumbimby.

Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce secretary Jeanette Martin says Byron Shire Council has agreed to install and maintain the system and 'we just have to raise the \$6,000 to purchase it.'

She says it's an opportunity for local businesses to get involved as sponsors, and that small tax-deductible donations can be made via www.mullumbimby.org.au/ water.

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Edwina Jonson and Chris Hanley with Byron Writers Festival volunteers. Photo Jeff 'Yes, The Program Looks Terrific' Dawson

More than 200 volunteers descended onto the site of the Byron Writers Festival last weekend to prepare for the big annual three-day event which opens on Friday.

The major annual literary event in Byron Bay and surrounding towns is almost sold out, which has elated organisers.

The festival, which began in 1997, offers a seven-day program attracting more than 65,000 individual attendances and reaching more than 4,000 school students.

Final year as chair

For founder Chris Hanley, it is a significant milestone as Byron Writers Festival celebrates its 20th year and he

enjoys his final year as festival chair.

'It's fitting that as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, the festival is experiencing its strongest ticket sales ever,' Mr Hanley said.

'We're on track for Friday and Saturday to sell out,' he said. 'Being part of Byron Writers Festival has nourished my soul for 20 years and been such a joy in my life.'

Mr Hanley says the festival's prosperity 'is built on much more than literary talent.'

'Many people are unaware that this festival is pulled together by a very small team of staff, a volunteer board, the support of the community and sponsors and a legion of volunteers, many of whom

come back each year to help us host this incredible event.'

The festival's volunteers and schools day manager, Penny Leonard, said Byron Writers Festival couldn't run without its volunteers.

Essential vollies

'We always receive so much positive and enthusiastic feedback about the friendliness of our volunteers,' Ms Leonard said. 'Many of them have helped out since the very first festival.'

'Visitors always comment on how lovely they are. Nothing is too much trouble.'

'The festival attracts many locals but we have also had volunteers from Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, New

Zealand and even the United States and Holland over the years,' Ms Leonard said.

Mr Hanley believes the region's natural beauty and diverse community add to the festival's popularity.

'Our extraordinary natural environment and village atmosphere combine to create a unique destination,' he said.

'During the festival, I love seeing festival-goers enjoying our cafes and restaurants, walking on the beach or doing the lighthouse walk.'

'Having visited many of our country's writers' festivals, I believe ours is the most relaxed and friendly.'

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Who's running on the Greens council ticket?

The Greens have announced their four candidates for the upcoming September 10 Byron Shire Council elections.

Current mayor Simon Richardson will stand for a second term as mayor, and heads the ticket.

Second on the ticket is general manager of Santos Organics, Michael Lyon; the third candidate is Jeannette Martin, a community development worker and secretary of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce.

Ms Martin is also the founder of Mullumbimby Community Gardens.

Fourth on the ticket is Sarah Ndiaye, a high school teacher who is well known for her work in local radio at Bay FM and ABC North Coast, and her engagement in local community events. Ms Ndiaye has also been Council's temporary media spokesperson.

Mayor Richardson said he was 'thrilled to have such



From left Sarah Ndiaye, Jeannette Martin, Michael Lyon and mayor Simon Richardson. Photo Jeff 'Sans Trojans' Dawson

a fine team of local people standing up for a progressive future for Byron Shire'.

He said, 'Each candidate brings strong Green credentials to the team, with long histories of community

involvement across important local issues including anti-CSG, chemical and plastic-free Byron, affordable housing, youth training and development, small business development, and

affordable housing.'

The four candidates will be at this Thursday's Council campaign fundraiser, where Greens founder Bob Brown presents a 'slide night' at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

Refurbished Byron Cenotaph unveiled

The Byron Bay RSL sub-branch will hold a re-dedication ceremony at the refurbished Cenotaph from 11am on Thursday August 4.

All money raised was from Local Service Organi-

sation, a DVA grant and community donations, say organisers.

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Tim Fischer, banking on seeds for posterity

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Svalbard in Norway is virtually the furthestmost northern point on the globe where commercial flights land.

That doesn't faze voracious voyager Tim Fischer, the former Australian deputy prime minister.

As vice-chair of Global Crop Diversity Trust, Mr Fischer took the freezing leap onto Norway's shores in 2014.

He was armed with oats, wheat and barley seeds, destined for a doomsday vault that ensures many of the world's crops are kept for future generations. The Svalbard Global Seed Vault lies safely



entrenched inside a glacier, on a remote island between Norway and the North Pole.

The vault has been built to withstand armageddon conditions. It protects seeds of precious crops from around the globe and is an insurance policy for world food supplies. The Crop Trust mission is to, 'ensure the conservation and availability of plant di-

versity essential for food and agriculture, forever.'

The vault currently holds nearly a million seeds, from just about every nation around the earth. Mr Fischer deposited seeds donated by Australia, including some from the Riverina and Fischer's own property.

'The seeds will be available to scientists for the next

two hundred years', says Mr Fischer. He claims that urban sprawl threatens crop diversity, and we must take steps to preserve food sources on planet Earth. Some plant species are also at risk of being wiped out by natural disasters or disease.

On the home front, he encourages home-grown food, and dabbles with pumpkin, spinach, peas and celery in his own vegetable patch.

On a larger scale, he says, 'Agriculture must be about sustainability, or planet Earth will run out very quickly of food sources, we all have to think about sustainability in the increasingly crowded planet Earth.'

Tim Fischer will be speaking about Food Security and his numerous books at the Byron Writers Festival.

Brunswick Business Card Directory

The Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce is compiling its annual Business Card Directory (2016/2017).

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Locals win big for tourism awards

A handful of local tourism operators have scooped awards from the North Coast Destination Network awards night held in Port Macquarie last Saturday. One of the winners, Cameron Arnold from Apartments Inn, told *The Echo*, 'It was again a strong presence by Byron Shire tourism operators.'



Pictured from left: Alexis Groen, representing Bluesfest, Terry Brown, Visitor Centre Manager, Serena Adams from Lets Go Surfing, Barrie Peters, also from the Visitors Centre, Byron Bay Eco Cruises and Kayaks' Lorraine and Simon Freeden, Cameron Arnold from Apartments Inn (in back) and Russell Mills from Bluesfest and other organisations. Photo Jeff Dawson

Spell wins award

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Pencil in Saturday September 3 - Mullumbimby's main street will again close for a single table with enough room to treat 300 people to a three-course meal.

It follows from its inaugural event last year, and the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce president Obi McDonald-Saint said that owing

to 'so much positive feedback from last year's event, they are very excited about organising this year's banquet.'

Pirate theme

The banquet will be pirate themed and adults only (18 plus), he said.

'The Banquet will be prepared by local restaurants,

while Mullumbimby High School students will prepare desserts and wait on patrons.

'Mullumbimby Community Gardens are growing a range of produce for the restaurants to feature in the meals and the gardens will be supporting the waste-wise plastic-free event by collecting food waste for compost.

BYO alcohol will not be permitted, as organic wine and beer will be available at two marquees on the night.

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Girls' day for Mullum cottage

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Co-organiser Deb Pearse said, 'We had a display of beautiful photos based on the theme "Home" and displays of creative projects they've completed. Yummy food and discussion turned into a passionate debate about the recent footage from the youth detention centre in NT.'

The essential service that assists young people in the area suffers from underfunding. Please phone Deb on 0409 170 062 if you can assist.



Deb with a few of the girls from the Mullumbimby Cottage. Photo Indigo Marshall

Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under.

H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
Journalist, satirist, scholar

Foodie authors at Mullum market

A trio of local foodies and authors will be signing copies of their books and offering free sample plates of their recipes at a special event at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market this Friday, August 5, from 7 till 11am.

Veet Karen Hedley, who runs Mullumbimby-based vegetarian catering business, Veet's Cuisine, will be joined

by local vegan chef and caterer, Anthea Amore, of Organic Passion.

Chef, food writer, restaurant reviewer, cooking teacher and one-time food columnist for *The Echo*, Victoria Cosford, will also be a special guest, signing copies of her memoir, *Amore and Amaretti: A Tale of Love and Food in Tuscany*.

Funding available for local musos

Byron Shire musicians wanting to promote and showcase their talents to overseas producers or develop international contacts are invited to apply for NSW government funding.

North Coast Nationals MLC Ben Franklin said the Opportunity Development

Grants Program can help local musicians and their managers develop the business and networking skills required to make it onto the world stage.

Round 2 applications close on Tuesday September 6.

Application details are available online at www.musicnsw.com.

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Byron masterplan scoops award

The Byron Town Centre Masterplan has received a state award at the recent Australia Institute of Landscape Architects awards.

The masterplan, which was

recently adopted, took out the communities category, with all entries needing to demonstrate engagement, recognition and interpretation of the community's values.

SAE open day Saturday

SAE Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay will throw open its doors to aspiring animators, audio engineers, designers and filmmakers this Saturday, August 6.

Students, career changers and anyone contemplating

a creative career are invited to take a campus tour, sit in on a studio session, watch a live outdoor film set in action and chat with SAE staff and students about study options.

The day will run from 11am till 3pm.

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Santos mining wins CSG court case

The NSW Land and Environment Court has given approval for Santos to operate a coal seam gas (CSG) wastewater treatment facility near Narrabri and the world-renowned Pilliga State Forest in northwest NSW.

Remarkably, the decision comes without an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and without the public being given a chance to comment. It is expected to treat up to 1.5 million litres of CSG wastewater every day.

Community group People for the Plains – represented by environmental lawyers EDO NSW – say they will review the decision for possible appeal.

On the consciously, skilled path to a happy home



Locals Trevor Wills and Ella Rose Goninan have signed up to the Village Development Program. It will be run by Shane Sylvenspring, pictured right, and aims to prepare those wanting to live in conscious communities, such as the one proposed for the Bruns Eco Village. The first day kicks off Sunday September 11. To learn more, visit www.brunsecovillage.com.au. Photo Jeff Dawson

Sustainable house comp

If you have a great idea for a tiny home, you have until September 1 to get your entry in for the The Sustainable House Day competition.

Organisers say there is \$5,000 in cash and prizes and is open to residents, architects, designers and young people in the northern rivers.

The 2016 design competition will culminate in a Showcase Awards and Expo at Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Saturday September 17.

Stallholder applications close on August 9.

To find out more or to enter go to www.sustainable-housedaynr.org.

Farmers urge govt to abandon biodiversity 'reforms'

Chris Dobney

A group of prominent farmers including Bangalow's Pam Brook and Alstonville's Michael Hogan have sounded the alarm over the state government's planned rollback of native forest protection on private property, saying it will 'turbo-charge land clearing and undermine Landcare'.

Nine farmers from across

the state have taken it upon themselves to issue a farmers' statement as a way of showing that progressive primary producers were alarmed at the government's plans.

They say that the government policy, which was proposed by the National Party in consultation with the Farmers Federation, will only worsen erosion, degrade soil and water health and end up

costing farmers more.

The farmers' statement urges the NSW government to significantly alter the current draft Local Land Services Amendment Bill and Biodiversity Conservation Bill.

Pam Brook, a macadamia farmer and director of the highly successful food business Brookfarm, said that regeneration activities on her property at Bangalow had

paid huge dividends in terms of pest control and enhanced soil carbon, without having to rely on artificial fertiliser and pest control. She said, 'Self-assessment is one of its key themes and ignorance is an excuse for land clearing'.

■ For full article visit www.echo.net.au/farmers-urge-baird-govt-abandon-biodiversity-reforms.

Flawed process surround development application trials

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self-storage facility fell within the definition of the state-wide Local Environment Plan (LEP) template, which states a self-storage facility falls within a Road Transport Terminal definition.

Disappointed

Neighbour Rebecca Chaffer told *The Echo*, 'We are disappointed and frustrated at the lack of progress into the Council's investigation of the continued compliance breaches by Cr Hunter in regards to the operation of his Road Transport facility.'

'On a wider note, as a ratepayer, it is my belief that Cr Hunter has been elected by the residents of the Shire (well, 20 of them according the NSW Electoral Commission) to

guide the development of local policies, set service standards and priorities, and monitor the performance of the council.

Lack of trust

'Cr Hunter's behaviour reflects on the council as a whole and if he is not following the very rules he is responsible for monitoring, this leads to a lack of trust, which undermines the effectiveness of the council as a whole.'

'Just like leaders at the state and federal levels of government, councillors' conduct sets the standard for other people to follow and as such Cr Hunter should be seen to be acting in an exemplary manner.'

'If there is evidence to suggest he is not, Council staff should prioritise such investigations to reassure ratepayers

that their elected councillors are trustworthy and not perceived to be given preferential treatment.'

Another resident, Angus Way, told *The Echo*, 'I haven't heard a squeak from anyone at the council in regard to this. Is the compliance department just a name only?'

'I'm picturing a sign sticky-taped onto an overflowing green-waste wheelie bin.'

'The dysfunction at BSC has reached a new low.'

Probity

Yet there is a policy when it comes to councillors and their DAs; Council staff put Cr Ibrahim's pool and second dwelling DA before councillors to assess recently 'in the interests of probity.'

As part of that process,

an independent planner was employed to review that DA.

And just this week, probity was also applied to Cr Hunter's own objection, which he lodged regarding a neighbour's DA application for a second dwelling on a 4,300m² rural block.

When asked about his DA consent, Cr Hunter replied, 'Thanks for the opportunity to respond but wonder no longer; past experience has convinced me there is no point in responding to any question of yours. I suggest you either ask Council or, as you often do, make up your own response because that's much more entertaining.'

■ *The Echo* rejects Cr Hunter's claim that it fabricates news – you just can't make this stuff up.

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Lack of consensus

With census night on August 9, it's worth pointing out that there is a major change to the privacy of the information the government will collect. And keep.

You may have heard that they will now retain names and addresses which can be linked with other data held on each person. It's sparked concern from The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), who say the integrity of the census would be severely compromised by making private data retention mandatory.

And independent media outlet *Crikey* are openly calling for a census boycott owing to privacy concerns.

Journalist Bernard Keane claims the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has no legal power to record your name.

He wrote last week, '...current ABS head David Kalisch has refused to provide legal advice he claims contradicts the views of one of his predecessors, Bill McLennan, about his legal powers.'

Keane argues the changes are a move from a 'periodic snapshot of Australia, intended to inform policy development, to being an iterative, permanent, lifelong surveillance project...'

And just to add more doubt about the intention of the gentle guiding hand of the government, the clever young lads from *Juice Media* have created a great online satirical ad.

They quote a *Guardian* article in which the ABS reported 14 data breaches since 2013. Besides that, they claim there is scope for the information to be shared with other government departments (though they promise it won't be).

'And Facebook? At least with them you make the choice to let them mine your data,' they say.

Most concerning of all is that the ABC reported in July this year that former Australian statistician and head of the ABS, Bill McLennan, believes that it is illegal for ABS to collect names. He said that under the Census Act, Australians were not compelled by law to provide their names to the ABS.

'I think it's a significant invasion of privacy, and the ABS shouldn't do it,' he said.

Those with healthy scepticism about data mining and the mass surveillance state could perhaps pretend to be George Orwell and write that name down for the night of August 9.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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

Malcolm grovels to the neo-cons

So much for Team Australia.

The term was always a bit suss – indeed, when Tony Abbott coined it to claim solidarity in the war against terror, it quickly became obvious that membership of his side was to be strictly limited.

Team Australia meant, in effect, Team Abbott: its participants were to be captain's picks, loyal not to the country but to the right-wing causes he himself would select.

And it was perhaps prescient that one of his immediate decisions was to barrack for Team New Zealand – he enthusiastically endorsed the former Kiwi prime minister Helen Clark as his choice for secretary-general of the United Nations over the former Oz prime minister Kevin Rudd. The precedent was set: the national interest would be disposable where party politics were concerned.

Malcolm Turnbull has followed several of Abbott's leads, and so perhaps it is not surprising that he also rejected Rudd's nomination for the position. Petty, vindictive, rancorous, bizarre – even Abbott's best friend, *The Australian's* foreign editor Greg Sheridan, was outraged and appalled.

But no longer shocked: Turnbull has slunk away from so many previous stances that disappointment from the once-heralded messiah is now par for the course. Once again, our prime minister has shrunk from the occasion. But his grovel to the neo-cons – his natural enemies within his party – is so blatant that it must now be asked whether it is in fact irreparable.

In spite of the sophistry of some commentators, there is no doubt that Turnbull had given

the nod to Rudd's nomination some months ago. For him now to say that he believes Rudd is 'not well suited' for the role is absurd. Turnbull was asked not to appoint him – that is not his job – but to forward his nomination to a selection committee of the United Nations.

It should have been a formality, and one that he would normally have embraced. His foreign minister, Julie Bishop, who knows far more about the United Nations than any other member of the cabinet, said publicly that she regarded Rudd as eminently well qualified for the job; and although a lot of

party politics were not involved in his decision is risible. When it was pointed out that Rudd himself gave a number of appointments – not just nominations, to his conservative opponents – Peter Costello, Tim Fischer and Brendan Nelson among them – Turnbull said, well, the coalition did that too – it had actually extended Kim Beazley's tenure in Washington.

True; but it had only been an extension. Over my 50-plus years of following federal politics, I can never recall a single new bipartisan appointment from the Liberals.

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by Mungo MacCallum



people don't like him much, that is not strictly relevant.

Of course he can be a narcissist and a megalomaniac – all successful politicians are. It goes with the job. And Rudd can be rude and abrasive at times – when he was frustrated at the Copenhagen conference on climate change he stormed that Australia had been ratfucked by the Chinese. Not tactful; but perhaps a bit of plain speaking is not such a bad thing in the overly cautious halls of the UN.

Rudd has been a prime minister (twice), a foreign minister, a top bureaucrat and a Mandarin-speaking diplomat: surely no-one – and certainly no other Australian – can claim those credentials. But the fact that Peter (Two Planks) Dutton doesn't want him nominated is apparently more important.

For Turnbull to claim that

Turnbull has been driven purely by politics – political cowardice, in fact. In similar circumstances other prime ministers would have faced their opponents down, but Turnbull has decided to try to appease them – to hope that in the next confrontation they will feel that they owe him one.

This, of course, is fantasy – the Duttons of this world are implacable. When they perceive weakness, they go for the kill. Turnbull's capitulation has not only insulted Rudd, and the Australian nation; he has humiliated himself and all those who, perhaps reluctantly, supported him on July 2 in the hope that after having been elected in his own right he might become his own man – that he would grow a spine.

The fact that he would not even face Rudd in person – that he resorted to the telephone to

tell his victim of his treachery and pusillanimity – is a clear indication that he is simply not up to the job. Politics may be his métier; leadership is not. And Team Australia – the real team Australia – is the loser.

Meanwhile, back in the land of our great and powerful ally, the preliminaries have finally been decided: Trump (his supporters respectfully use only his surname) versus Hillary (her followers regard her with rather more familiarity).

It should be no contest; it beggars belief that the bump-tious bigot can become the leader of the nation that remains, for many, the world's best hope. And my common sense tells me that he won't: the Donald (if I may call him that) has made so many enemies – women, blacks, Hispanics, sane people – that he must fail. Hillary Clinton is far from universally popular, but she is at least rational, which should be enough.

And there is a precedent. Way back in 1964 Lyndon Baines Johnson, who had succeeded the assassinated John Kennedy, was campaigning to become president. He was not liked much either; Kennedy had plucked him out of Texas as a wheeler-dealer, needed to secure the Democrats' more conservative wing.

But his opponent was the ultra-rightist Republican Barry Goldwater, who, like Trump, relied purely on mindless patriotic slogans to win the masses. His spin doctors coined the motto: 'In your heart, you know he's right,' which struck something of a chord until the Democrats responded: 'And in your guts you know he's nuts.' Goldwater won just four states. The Americans weren't silly then; let's hope they're not silly now.

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With Australia's Open and Women's teams now regulars at the biennial Chess Olympiads and preparing to travel to the Baku Olympiad, few recall how hard it was for the early Australian teams.

Australia's men made their Olympic debut in Tel Aviv in 1964 – taking six rounds before they won a game – but missed the next competition (in Havana) owing to boat scheduling complications.

From then on Australia has competed at every Open Olympiad, picking up five medals but too often losing team members for financial reasons. (A public appeal funds a small part of the team's travel costs.)

Australia's women's team did not make their debut until Skopje 1972; the first time the Women's Olympiad was held simultaneously with the Open Olympiad, now standard practice.

At Skopje in the first round Australia played the Soviet Union, led by World Women's Champion Nona Gaprindashvili.

Australia's board one, Narelle Kellner, was not expected to be a match for Gaprindashvili.

Or so it was thought. In fact Australia's first Women's Olympiad game almost saw the greatest ever Olympiad upset, with Kellner finding a winning combination but missing out on the follow-up.

Skopje Chess Olympiad 1972
White: N Kellner
Black: N Gaprindashvili
 Opening: Modern Defence
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Nc3 Qb6? 6.Qd2! Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Bc4 Nd7 9.0-0 Ngf6?! 10.e5! This should already be close to winning if followed up correctly. **10... dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Rb3! Qc5 13.Bxf7+!! Kxf7 14.Qf4+?** Not the best. After 14.e6+! Kxe6 15.Ne4! Qf5 (15...Qd5 16.Rd3!) 16.Re1 Black faces decisive threats. **14...Kg8 15.Ne4! Qxc2 16.Bxe7 Ndx5?** After 16...Ngxe5! 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 Black should emerge safely with too much material. **17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bf6?** Returning the favour. The large Yugoslav crowd was willing Kellner to find 18.Nf6+! when both 18...Bxf6 19.Bxf6 and 18...Kf7 19.Qxe5 Re8 20.Re1 win for White. **18...Qxe4! 19.Qxe4 Bxf6 20.Qb4!** Three pieces normally beat a queen but here after 20.f4 Nf7 21.f5! anything can happen. **20...Kg7 21.Re1 a5 22.Qc5 Rd8! 23.Rbe3 Rd5 24.Qa3 Be6 25.Rxe5** This loses by force but 25...Nc4 was threatened. **25... Bxe5 26.Qe7+ Bf7** Now White's intended 27.Rxe5 loses to 27...Re8 and she had to resign on move 40.

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► continued from page 11 into the existing character of neighbourhoods?

Unfortunately in this instance, the developers appear to have relied entirely on the SEPP to trump local provisions and as in many other cases (eg seniors proposal at Ewingsdale) this creates conflicts with local communities. It need not be one or the other.

We will all get better outcomes for heritage, affordable housing and much more if developers considering using a SEPP seek to engage with the community standards reflected in local LEP and DCPs. In the meantime it is up to councillors to set and apply the community standard.

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Residential strategy

While public discussion regarding the potential merits or perceived deficiencies of an affordable housing redevelopment in Mullumbimby has grabbed the headlines and letters section there is an even more important item for housing affordability up for discussion at the August 4 Council meeting – the Draft Byron Shire Residential Strategy.

This strategy provides an

Butchered trees



I don't know who is responsible for butchering hundreds of trees underneath the power line for the street lights along Ewingsdale Road, along the bike path, but it looks like not much thought was put into it.

I had a look at it and it wouldn't take much effort to tighten the cable, or lift it a metre or two. They just

left the chopped trunks and branches where they fell.

Funny how it's called Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve. Reserved for electricity wires, not nature.

How about some aesthetics and thought, electricity people?

Lee Cass
Byron Bay

opportunity to be a 'game changer' in housing affordability for our Shire.

I will be suggesting we adopt 30 per cent inclusionary zoning into our planning laws. What does this mean? Every new development over a certain size (say 20 dwellings) would be mandated to supply at least 30 per cent as affordable housing. Such

housing to be managed by a community housing provider to ensure ongoing compliance and support.

This is happening in London, Amsterdam, New York and hundreds of other places across the world. Why not in Byron Shire?

Relying on market forces or state and federal governments to deliver affordable

housing has failed. We need to be creative and leverage partnerships between local government, private investors and community housing providers to address the major shortage of affordable housing in our shire.

What could this deliver? Think West Byron. If this was in place prior to its approval we would be seeing 240 affordable dwellings created.

Cr Paul Spooner
Byron Bay

Toxic spraying

On Thursday July 28 I was walking on Brunswick Heads beach around 8.30am at low tide from the surf life saving club. The beach was busy with many beach walkers and dogs on such a beautiful sunny winter's morning.

About 20 minutes into our walk, going south towards Byron, my husband and I detected a chemical smell in the air. It was quite strong and distinctive. My husband (who happens to be a chemical-free bush regenerator) said that it smelled like glyphosate.

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We got back to our car and **continued on page 14 ►**

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Club Med tried to move in on Byron Shire. Their concept of a totally contained holiday experience held very few positives for the local economy... or anything else.

We asked them to "have a nice stay" somewhere else.

In recent history, our dedicated community groups have been working hard on our behalf to bring sanity and awareness to controversial issues such as the Belongil rock wall, West Byron and Ewingsdale mega-residential developments, and a draft Rural Settlement Strategy that proposes new residential developments across our hinterland.

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COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK was formed in 1994 from a wide range of individuals and community groups and has been an active force for many years in keeping Byron Shire a great place to live.

C·A·N supports the principles of environmental protection and sustainability, and community participation in Council decision making.

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took a sip of our filtered water and my husband said, what's wrong with the water? It was bitter and tasted like chemicals. As we drove home the penny dropped and we realised we'd been poisoned by the large plume of chemical spray drift.

I began to notice my lips were burnt, like I'd been wind burnt (I hadn't been in the bright sun or wind for weeks). This burnt lips sensation and redness lasted all day. My eyes were sore and itchy and my breathing felt slightly laboured and heavy.

Our skin tasted like a very bitter, acrid, chemical and it was all over our face, feet, hair and clothes. There was a very pregnant woman and school children on the beach in the time the spraying occurred.

There must have been close to 100 people using the beach in the one hour 15 minutes we were there. I rang Council when I got home and they suggested that Parks & Wildlife were currently spraying the Tyagarah reserve.

I rang the local National Parks and Wildlife to find out if they were spraying and of course they were. I spoke to them of my experience and lodged a complaint and I wanted to warn them how

far their spraying was drifting. There were no signs of warning on the Brunswick beach but I was told by Nigel Stewart (one of the local rangers I spoke to) that they would now start to use signs on Brunswick beach.

I do hope this happens as I was informed that this spraying would last months! I wanted to let the community know about this so people could avoid the beach for the next couple of months (or hopefully when the signs are put out on display).

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Matthew Hartley
Byron Bay

Border policy

In response to Jenny Coman's letter of July 27, any fair-minded person would recognise that Australia has had a very proud history in relation to both refugee and migration intakes over the past 60 or so years. There has been a great deal of bipartisanship and no one party can really claim the high ground.

There are currently tens of millions of people, either displaced in refugee camps, other refugees on the move and others seeking some

sort of economic refugee status. The recent unrestricted movements of displaced people has left Europe in tatters and until the cause of the problems can be contained the situation can only worsen.

If indeed there is a political party advocating an 'open border policy' I would be obliged if Ms Coman could enlighten me and, in terms of budget honesty, also let me know the party's costings and where and how these funds are to be raised.

Tim Harrington
Lennox Head

In great hands

I'm a 40-something who doesn't get to hang out with those in their teens/20s but having spent the day in their company at Splendour I reckon the future is in great hands. I found them friendly, inclusive, curious, happy, playful, smart and polite (eg thanking the bus driver after a wait of two hours at the end of the night).

Well played, millennials. And sorry on behalf of my and previous generations who've done a Onceler from the Lorax on our beautiful planet, but if anyone's able to sort it out, it'll be you lot.

Sam Leader
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b byron writers festival

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Festival traffic will enter the site via Bayshore Drive.

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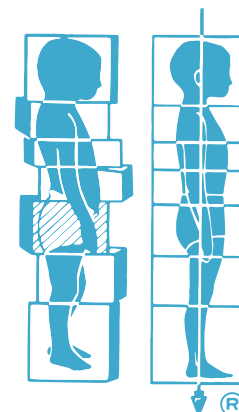
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Property insider

Home owners invite termites to dinner without knowing it

Thousands of Australian home owners are inviting termites to eat their homes, providing expensive meals that cost thousands of dollars, without even knowing it, Archicentre, the building design and advisory service of the Australian Institute of Architects has warned.

Archicentre director Michael Jones said termites can work silently eating the home with the damage being revealed on many occasions when the head of the vacuum cleaner hits the skirting board and it crumbles to dust.

Archicentre termite inspectors and architects have also reported incidents of houses with dangerous structural damage caused by termites.

Mr Jones said typically warm,

wet weather around Australia will see swarms of young termite 'alates' taking flight to search for new locations in which to establish colonies in trees, stumps, fallen logs, and fences, with many attracted to houses.

Many home owners are making their homes attractive to termites by:

- stagnant sub-floor spaces – remedy this by improving sub-floor ventilation so air can move freely through the space
- storing timber off-cuts beneath the house – clean them out!
- firewood stacked up against the side of the building – relocate it!
- dampness under or around a home – install an effective surface drainage system
- a 'bridged' damp-course, usually caused by landscaping or paving being placed too high – lower it.

'With the average treatment and repair cost estimated to

be in the order of \$10,000, it's vital to limit the damage that termites can cause.

'Regular inspections are also a must, at least once every year. While it can be difficult to prevent a termite attack, the damage bill can be minimised if their presence is detected early.'

Mr Jones said that if you find termites (or insects you think might be termites), leave them alone and get some expert advice as soon as possible.

Disturbing termites will result in their beating a hasty retreat to establish a new colony elsewhere on the property, thereby increasing the likely treatment and repair cost.

Rolling in the Meadows

McGrath conducted a very successful auction on the weekend of the last-stage release of the land in Bangalow known as The Meadows. What an event it was! Knowing demand would be strong, the auction of 11 lots was one of



the last chances for buyers to acquire their own slice of the town within a 300m walk of the town centre. Six of the blocks were larger than 800m², allowing for dual-occupancy opportunities.

A crowd of more than 150 people gathered and 39 parties had registered to bid. There were more than 250 enquiries on the land. Before the auction started a presentation of flowers was made to Joan Daly, whose family had owned the land for 100 years, prior to its being sold to the developer. 'The second stage of The Meadows sold out in January 2016 for \$360,000, and

therefore the price guide was set at \$360,000-\$395,000. We sold every property on the day, all over the top of the guides, which was a surprising and remarkable achievement for the owners. The community really supported the event. We had a coffee cart, croissants from Harvest. There was a real buzz,' said Greg Price, sales agent for McGrath. The buyers came from a variety of backgrounds: local buyers looking to upsize, builders looking to build dual-occupancy lots, interstate owner/occupiers were all strongly represented. One buyer from Sydney bid on five lots and secured four. David



Greg Price

Mills, auctioneer and principal of McGrath and resident of Bangalow, knew demand would be strong. 'Bangalow is highly sought after, it's a great place to live. This means there is low turnover of property, which makes it difficult to determine value. This sale gives great strength and confidence for land and existing house owners about what the new level entry to Bangalow is.'

HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

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Sold Properties



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R & R Ranch, Bangalow asking price \$4.5 million



Mountain Springs (land), Goonengerry asking price \$1.1 million



Mont Rouge, Rosebank asking price \$1.175 million



Myocum Ridge, Myocum asking price \$1.25 million



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Coorabell Breeze, Coorabell asking price \$1.35 - \$1.45 million



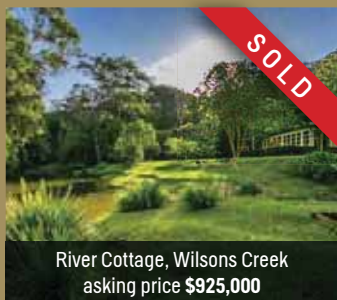
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Magnolia House, Mullumbimby asking price \$1.45 million



Coorabell House, Coorabell asking price \$1.5 million



River Cottage, Wilsons Creek asking price \$925,000



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Fig Tree Lane – Private Peace

22 Figtree Lane, Myocum

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Set amongst the stunning scenery of the hinterland and just minutes from the beaches of Byron Bay is Fig Tree Lane – a wonderful 7 acre estate boasting a pavilion style timber home with two cottages and a resort style pool.



Timber verandas around the main house provide wonderful shade and outdoor entertaining space. There is a master bedroom with a parent's retreat and ensuite, a central living and kitchen area and two guest bedrooms that share a bathroom.

There is a two bedroom cottage with a bathroom and kitchenette. Beyond the pool area and tropical gardens that surround it is a second studio-style cottage with a lovely veranda overlooking the gardens and an enormous Moreton Bay Fig. This cottage has an open plan layout with living, kitchen, bedroom and a separate ensuite.

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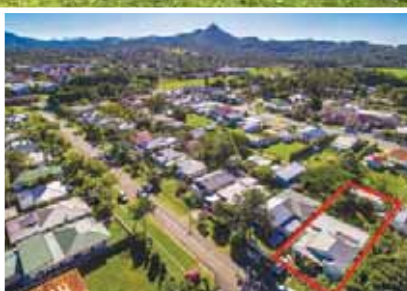


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Byron Writers Festival 2016: Where Stories Take You...

Welcome to the 2016 Byron Writers Festival!

This milestone year is our 20th anniversary with a stellar line-up of 150-plus writers and thinkers converging on Byron Bay for Australia's largest regional writers' festival.

They will engage you in enlightening discussions throughout 123 sessions at the Festival site at Elements of Byron, and during the feature events and writing workshops that comprise this spirited, stimulating Festival.

The inspiration for this year's Festival stems from our new brand and tagline: Where Stories Take You.

Conceived by Kevin Finn of TheSumOf, it recognises 'the courage, wonder, joy, creativity and transformational power of storytelling represented through the exchange of compelling ideas in an accessible way'.

The Festival celebrates the stories in us all – myriad tales that provide resonance to our lives.

The program explores the importance and power of literature and debate through storytelling and the benefits that flow from these discussions.

The Festival has always showcased contemporary



Photo Kate Holmes

political issues.

Recent global events and the Australian election have heightened the political realities governing our world and our children's futures. We will debate these issues, guided by expert political minds.

We will also celebrate the importance of reading for kids: the pathway to all learning. Sunday is a major drawcard for families in the region with Kids Big Day Out, a chance to make favourite stories come alive, to meet some of Australia's most talented children's writers.

Many feature sessions have already sold out but the

relaxed nature of the event means you will be able to mingle with your favourite novelists and commentators during the three-day Festival.

Thank you to the Byron Shire community for your immensely enthusiastic support of the 20th Anniversary Festival and sincere thanks to the writers, commentators and performers whose energising creativity will surely affect us.

You are warmly invited to join us and discover where 2016 Byron Writers Festival stories will take you.

Edwina Johnson
Festival Director

20 years of the nourishing Byron Writers Festival

John Howard had not long moved into Paul Keating's bedroom at the Lodge when we started our Festival 20 years ago.

September 11 had not happened and Elton John's *Candle in the Wind* was top of the charts. The first *Harry Potter* book was drawing children back to the magic of reading after a long drift away. It all seems like such a long time ago.

Are things automatically better because they are older, because of longevity? Are festivals in particular better experiences for the visitors just because they have hung around and survived the turbulence of taste?

No they are not.

Often they lose their juice. Their energy fades and the programmers and teams

involved stop stretching themselves and asking the single most important question we all must ask when we are running an event:

How can I improve this experience for our guests?

At Byron Writers Festival we have spent 20 years trying hard to improve the experience for everyone who attends.

By using surveys and constant community engagement we hope that now two decades along we have been able to offer anyone who buys a ticket a unique experience. The best experience we can possibly provide.

If you have never been to our Festival please make a note to self: Buy Ticket.

For 20 years people have



Photo Kate Holmes

said the following to me after attending their first event: 'I thought the Festival was just for writers and that's why I did not come along before.

'It's so not just for

writers... It's a real north coast experience... It's a cultural event in a tent.'

Byron Writers Festival is for everyone, so please get a ticket and join us.

I want to say thank you as we launch our 20th Festival.

Thank you to the large passionate local community who volunteer each year to help us run a world-class event in our own region.

Thank you also to our many partners and sponsors who have with toil and money supported us all these years.

Your generosity has allowed us to provide a platform for the adults and kids in our community to engage with ideas and stories, and writers and poets and musicians and screen writers and journalists from Australia and from all over the world.

I also want to thank the Board members, who are all volunteers, and the fabulous directors (eight in total) and

staff who have all worked tirelessly and passionately to program and run what is one of Australia's best cultural events.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has bought a ticket at any time during our 20-year history. We really appreciate your support.

This is my last year as Chair of the event and I want to say finally that being part of Byron Writers Festival has nourished my soul for 20 years.

To anyone contemplating community work in our wonderful part of the world in which we are all blessed to live and work... Just do it.

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Chris Hanley
Founder and Chair
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Among the festival highlights

Where do stories take you? For more than 150 writers, thinkers, commentators and thousands of patrons the answer is simple – to our home here in Byron Bay to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Australia's largest regional literary event, Byron Writers Festival.

Among the international guests sharing their stories are lauded American satirist and political commentator P J O'Rourke, best-selling UK novelist Louise Doughty (*Black Water, Apple Tree Yard*); Irish writer Evelyn Conlon whose epic novel *Not The Same Sky* traces the forced migration of young orphaned Irish girls to Australia; Spanish ex-police officer Victor del Arbol whose novel *The Day Before Almost Everything* won this year's Premio Nadal, Spain's oldest and most prestigious literary award; and three powerful Indian writers – novelist and human rights activist Salma, memoirist Rosalyn D'Mello and poet Sharanya Manivannan – whose works are featured in *Walking Towards Ourselves: Indian Women Tell Their Stories*, an anthology of personal narratives exploring India's gender revolution.

They are joined by an impressive contingent of US writers including Pulitzer prizewinner William Finnegan (*Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life*); Cheryl Strayed whose



American satirist P J O'Rourke. Photo James Kegley

best-selling book *Wild* detailed her extraordinary solo hike along America's Pacific Crest Trail; novelist and poet Jeffery Renard Allen whose contemporary American masterpiece *Song of the Shank* was inspired by the real-life story and musical genius of 'autistic savant' slave Blind Tom; and young writer Angela Flournoy who has recently burst onto the global literary scene with her debut novel *The Turner House*.

Internationally renowned Australian writers Anna Funder, Tom Keneally and Drusilla Modjeska join Texas-based Australian Dominic Smith (*The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*), this year's Stella Prizewinner Charlotte Wood (*The Natural Way of Things*) and performer Magda Szubanski, who has elegantly transitioned from the screen to the page with her fascinating and award-winning memoir *Reckoning*.



Journalist and interviewer Sarah Ferguson, author of *The Killing Season: Uncut*.

Post-election politics and the important issues facing Australians are hot topics of debate with Bob Brown, Tony Windsor, Tim Fischer and John Faulkner all taking part in sessions along with leading Australian commentators, journalists and thinkers Kerry O'Brien, Sarah Ferguson, Anne Summers, Julia Baird and Ross Coulthart.

While the Annabel Crabb and Leigh Sales Literary Dinner has sold out, you can catch them at various sessions at the Festival.

Reconciliation and race will be centre stage when fellow journalist Stan Grant delivers the annual Thea Astley Festival Address. Don't miss Robert Dessaix's acclaimed lecture on how Enid Blyton changed his life and award-winning architect Peter Stutchbury discussing all matters architectural including the future of housing with AGNSW Director Michael Brand.

Photojournalists Ben Bohane, Tim Page, Cameron Bloom and celebrated Indonesian photographer and writer Rio Helmi reveal the worlds inside their lenses, while former addict Luke Williams (*Ice Age*) and Matt Noffs (*Breaking the Ice*) share their firsthand insights into the nation's 'methamphetamine crisis'. John Marsden, Lucy Clark, Gabbie Stroud and Catherine Keenan debate the pressing issues in education and literacy.

Musician Paul Kelly discusses and sings Shakespeare; beloved cartoonist Michael Leunig shares his musings; Wendy Whiteley, Janet Hawley and Indra Naidoo invite us into their gardens big and small; Michael Brand together with artist Nigel Milsom and his subject Charles Waterstreet unpack the Archibald Prize and the tables are turned on radio stars Richard Glover and Richard Fidler when they take their turns in the hot seat as interview subjects.

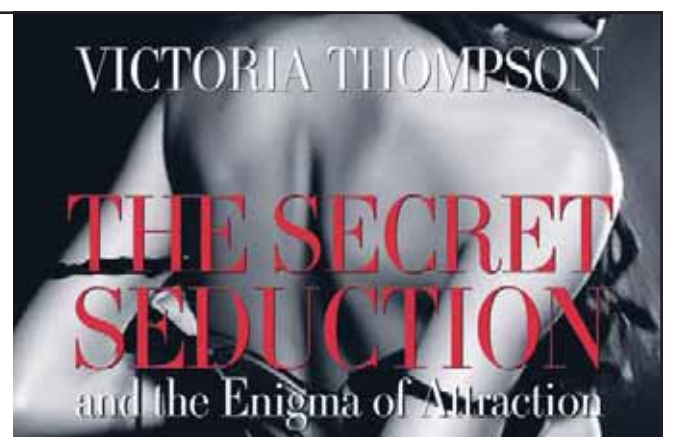
APPEARING AT THE BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL 5-7 AUGUST, 2016:

THE SECRET SEDUCTION and the Enigma of Attraction

by Victoria Thompson

"Victoria Thompson writes erotica so well and so bravely. The sensuality of this book is outstanding. But of course it isn't its main theme. I read this as a haunting tale of two complicated, wounded, intelligent people trying to redeem themselves through each other, looking for salvation and almost finding it. This is a heartbreaking book." – Lee Kofman, author

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A feast of special events for 2016

The Festival has again partnered with local arts organisations to present additional offsite special events outside Byron Bay.

These include Magda Szubanski in conversation with Australian playwright Hannie Rayson, in association with NORPA at Lismore City Hall.

A Surfing Life features William Finnegan in conversation with Sean Doherty at Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre, in association with Lennox Arts Board.

The 2015 Archibald Prize winner Nigel Milsom and his subject Charles Waterstreet are in conversation with Dr Michael Brand at Tweed Regional Gallery.

Arts Northern Rivers will launch *Our Way Stories, The Elders Book Project* at Elements of Byron at 4pm on Festival Friday.

Here's a taste of some of the feature events on offer:

Magda Szubanski

Friday August 5, 6.30pm NORPA at Lismore City Hall \$30, presented in partnership with NORPA.

One of Australia's most beloved performers, Magda



Wiradjuri man Stan Grant. Photo Kathy Luu

Szubanski, will share her journey of self-discovery as recently revealed in her extraordinary memoir *Reckoning*.

From a suburban childhood, haunted by the demons of her father's espionage activities in wartime Poland and by her secret awareness of her sexuality, to the complex dramas of adulthood and her need to find out the truth about herself and her family. Don't miss Magda in conversation with playwright Hannie Rayson.

Michael Leunig

Friday August 5, 7pm Byron Theatre \$30.

Much-loved artist Michael Leunig has delighted Australians with his incisive cartoons for the past five decades. He joins *The Sydney Morning Herald* literary editor Susan Wyndham to discuss his life's work.

Literary Dinner: Political Persuasions

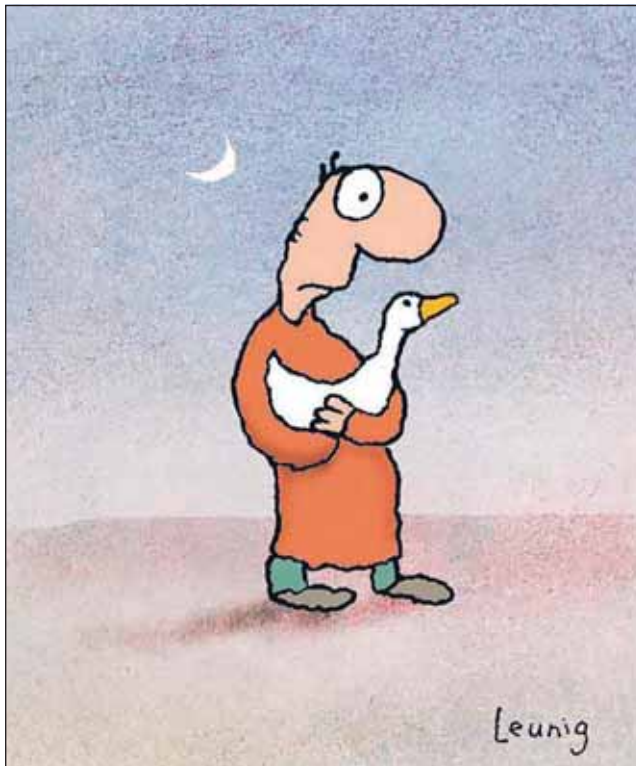
Friday, August 5, 7pm Beach Restaurant, \$99 including wine.

Join acclaimed journalists Paddy Manning and Niki Savva in a discussion with Simon Marnie about politicians, party loyalties, the election and the state of politics in Australia today. Delicious three-course meal with wine generously supplied by Howard Park & Madfish Wines.

Stan Grant

Saturday August 6, 6pm Byron Theatre \$30.

Wiradjuri man Stan Grant's celebrated speech on racism went viral. Now he has written *Talking to My Country*. He joins David Leser to urge all Australians to think how we can do better.



Michael Leunig self-portrait.

Contact and tickets for Byron Writers Festival

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Please check our website or Facebook page for updates and Festival news.

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At this year's Byron Writers Festival there will be no onsite sales of bottled water. There will be a large refill station serving free water, and if you forget to bring your bottle from home there will be Byron Writers Festival aluminium water bottles for sale at the merchandise stand. With your help, we will be eliminating the waste of around 3,000 water bottles! Thanks to our partner Byron Shire Council for sponsoring this initiative.

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Writing Blind – the story of Blind Tom, musician

Mandy Nolan

Jeffery Renard Allen's novel *Song of the Shank* was inspired by the real-life story of genius musician and slave Blind Tom, who was the first African American to perform at the White House. A contemporary American masterpiece about music, race, an unforgettable man, and an unreal America during the Civil War era, the novel was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award. I asked Allen about it.

Who was Blind Tom and why were you drawn to him?

Thomas Greene Wiggins was born a slave in Georgia in 1849 and went on to become possibly the most famous pianist and musical performer of the 19th century. Under the stage name Blind Tom, he started giving recitals when he was six years old and at ten he played at the White House, the first African American to do so.

History has been unkind to Wiggins because he is usually characterised as an 'autistic savant', and for that

reason he is seen not as a true artist and creator. Tom's life in so many ways speaks to the myriad questions about race, racism, bigotry. So I decided to tell Tom's story in my novel at a time that is under-represented in fictional narratives.

My novel is set during the time of Reconstruction, one of the great failures of American history and democracy. The legacy of that failure is very much with us today in the ongoing struggle that we face as black people in the USA for justice and equality, for equitable treatment under the law, for fairness and access and education.

Do you think these stories are uncomfortable for white Americans – that history tends to get, dare I say it, 'whitewashed', in films and fiction?

Yes, I am sure that many white Americans are uncomfortable with my work because I write from a place of truth as I know it. America is a great country, but it is also a dishonest and hypocritical country that refuses to own



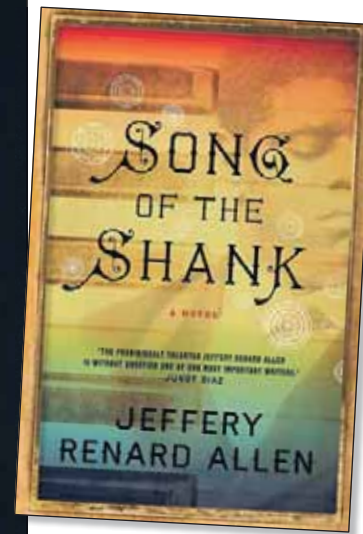
Jeffery Renard Allen. Photo Mark Hillringhouse

up to its past.

A country that slaughtered Native Americans and took their lands from them, an ongoing process of genocide. A country that enslaved millions of black people, then for another century deprived

them of constitutional rights and stood by and let homegrown terrorists murder them by the thousands.

That allowed and continues to allow black people to suffer all sorts of deprivations and be denied fair due pro-



cess under the law. A country that has supported dictators around the world and overthrown governments, then wonders why we have so many enemies.

America needs this slanted belief in its white heroism, and it needs to believe that everybody else is at fault, that everyone else is a 'loser,' to quote Donald Trump, the repugnant liar, fraud, and opportunist who is seeking to become our next president.

That said, I am also certain that many white readers enjoy my work for its quality but also because they share

my political and social concerns. Still, politics aside, I am first and foremost a writer, and I am writing books for people who like good books. This in and of itself is a tremendous personal struggle of commitment, energy, and sacrifice.

What is the influence of music on your writing? Especially in terms of form and subject?

Black people in this country made their first important and distinctive contributions to art in the form of music. Our literature is still trying to catch up, especially we fiction writers. Perhaps the poets have done a better job since poetry lends itself to music, or at least certain kinds of music.

As for my own work, I am especially interested in how certain musicians layer sound and I strive for the same quality in my work. So I think of something like John Coltrane's thick sound on the tenor saxophone, tones in the voice of a Bessie Smith, Laila Hathaway, Sarah Vaughn, or Beyonce. I think of



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Jimi Hendrix's version of the *Star Spangled Banner*, not only the famous live performance at Woodstock but also the studio recording that has ten or twelve overdubbed guitars. That's one of the things I'm striving for, a thickness – of language, of feeling.

But writing can never be music and can never have the directness of feeling of a great song.

I think it's hard as an artist to really make narratives about black people in America without understanding something about music. Novelist and critic Albert Murray spoke often about what he called the 'vernacular imperative', an effort to draw from African American idioms like the blues and jazz and create literature. Ours is a heroic American story, when you consider all that we have faced and continue to face, our struggle. Great literature is about struggle, about trying to 'make a way out of no way', as old folk say.

Your first novel, *Rails Under My Back*, has been re-issued. You are quoted as saying the introduction

of crack cocaine into black communities in the 1980s represented an 'apocalyptic moment'. Can you elaborate a little more?

I grew up black and poor in Chicago in the sixties and seventies, a time that certainly had its problems. However, the crack epidemic brought an unprecedented level of violence, despair, and desperation to the world that I knew, and to the vast majority of black communities across America. That was our apocalypse, which coincided with the AIDS epidemic that continued into the nineties.

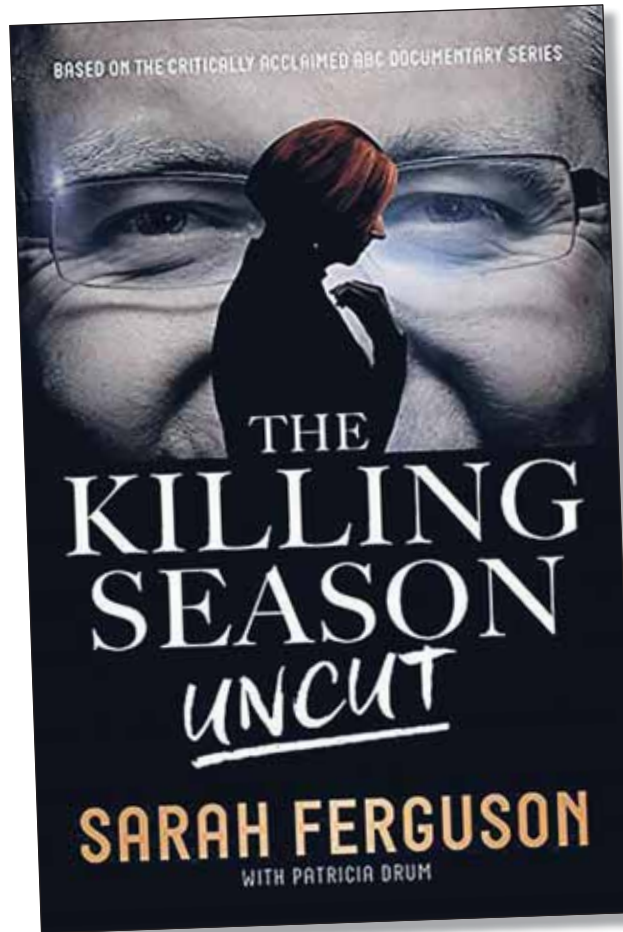
The weird thing is that this real but almost speculative world saw very little representation in serious arts. There were of course tons of bad movies, along with plenty of bad music, gangster rap, that glorified violence and drugs, so that was the challenge I gave myself from the standpoint of an artist.

■ To read the full interview with Jeffery Renard Allen go to Byron Writers Festival blog at byronwritersfestival.com.

A special additional session with Sarah Ferguson

Don't miss Gold Walkley award-winning journalist Sarah Ferguson in conversation with fellow journalist Matthew Condon probing *The Killing Season Uncut*. This is the book that delves behind the scenes of Sarah's captivating ABC TV series, candidly revealing the stories behind the interviews.

Sarah Ferguson in conversation with Matthew Condon, Feros Marquee, 1.45pm–2.45pm Sunday August 7.



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REVIEW: *Saurus Street 3: The Very Naughty Velociraptor* by Nick Falk

Review by Kanye of Brunswick Heads Public School:

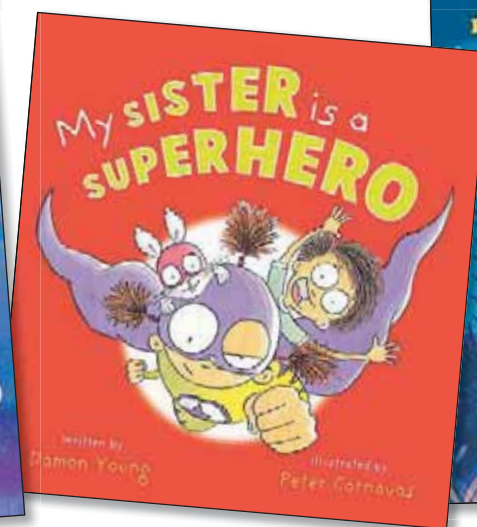
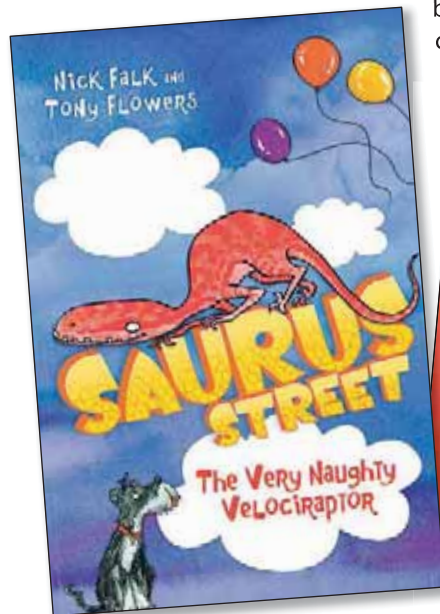
This book is set in a neighbourhood with a

brother and a sister called Tom and Tam.

Their grandma is coming to stay and they are not happy. They start thinking of ideas to get rid of Grandma. A swimming cap makes them shrink and then they find a velociraptor in the attic. He is cheeky,

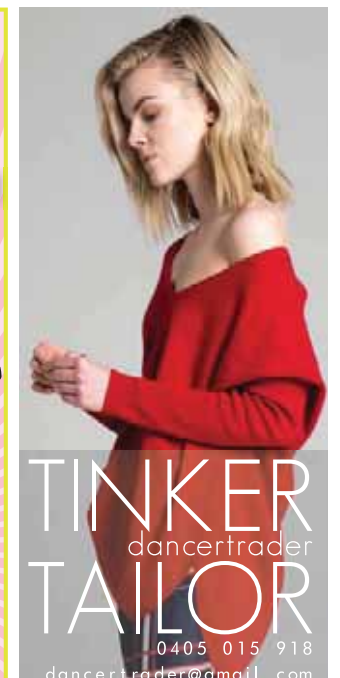
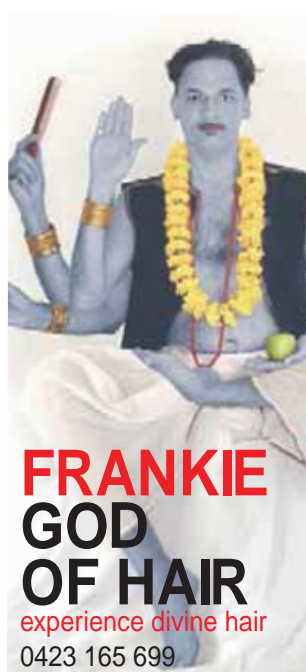
funny and a bit creepy.

I thought this story was very enjoyable and humorous. I was upset when the story ended because I wanted to read more.



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Q&As with festival guests

The Echo asked a selection of Festival guests some quick questions. For the full interviews visit the Byron Writers Festival blog at www.byronwritersfestival.com.

Angela Flournoy (The Turner House)

What are you looking forward to at Byron Writers Festival?

This will be my first visit to Australia, and one of the things I'm most excited about is talking about books with festival-goers. I have heard that Australians are enthusiastic about books (which is not always the case in the US), so I'm looking forward to the in-person book nerd moments.

Who should we be reading?

You should be reading books by women writers of colour. All of them.

Louise Doughty (Apple Tree Yard, Black Water)

Where do you write?

It depends what I'm writing. I do admin at home – re-writes, emails, journalism. If I'm doing first-draft work on a book, then I have to leave the domestic arena. I go out to local cafes a lot – so much so I could write a very detailed guide to the cafes of North London. I know which ones give you a free biscuit with your coffee and who has a clean toilet. When I first arrive, the noise and the chatter is irritating but if the writing is going well, it fades into the background.



Angela Flournoy. Photo LaToya T Duncan

Which book made the greatest impact on you as a child?

There's a very long list but I was greatly obsessed with the *Narnia* books. I believed them to be true and spent a rather sad amount of time hiding in wardrobes, although to be fair there wasn't a great deal else to do in the small town in the East Midlands where I grew up.

■ Join Louise Doughty with Kathryn Heyman for their workshop Writing Fiction. This workshop will give you the inspiration and tools to keep going. Book now for this half-day workshop, Thursday, August 4.

Sarah Armstrong (Promise, His Other House)

Who should we be reading?

Lately I find myself reading Australian women writers. On my bedside table is

Peggy Frew, Sofie Laguna, Tegan Bennett Daylight and Helen Garner. Recently we got a puppy and so I read, for about the third time, the truly wonderful *Dog Boy* by Eva Hornung.

Where do stories take you?



Louise Doughty. Photo Yves Salmon

Karl Ove Knausgaard puts it well. In his book *A Man in Love*, he writes: 'Nothing could give me any peace of mind except books, with their different places, different times and different people, where I was no-one and no-one was me.' I love that feeling while reading, of being no-one, and outside time.

Luke Williams (Ice Age)

Where do you write?

I write all day, every day. I move around to the cheapest countries I can find so I can afford to do this. This year it's been Indonesia and India. Last year it was Thailand and Nepal. Life's good.

What are you looking forward to at Byron Writers Festival?

Robert Dessaix on Enid Blyton, P J O'Rourke with Kerry O'Brien, and the Rome panel.

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Family, fatherhood and misfortune

Growing up, family memoir, fatherhood and family tragedy are all themes being explored at the 20th Byron Writers Festival.

Festival director Edwina Johnson says memoir sessions are always hugely popular with Byron Bay audiences.

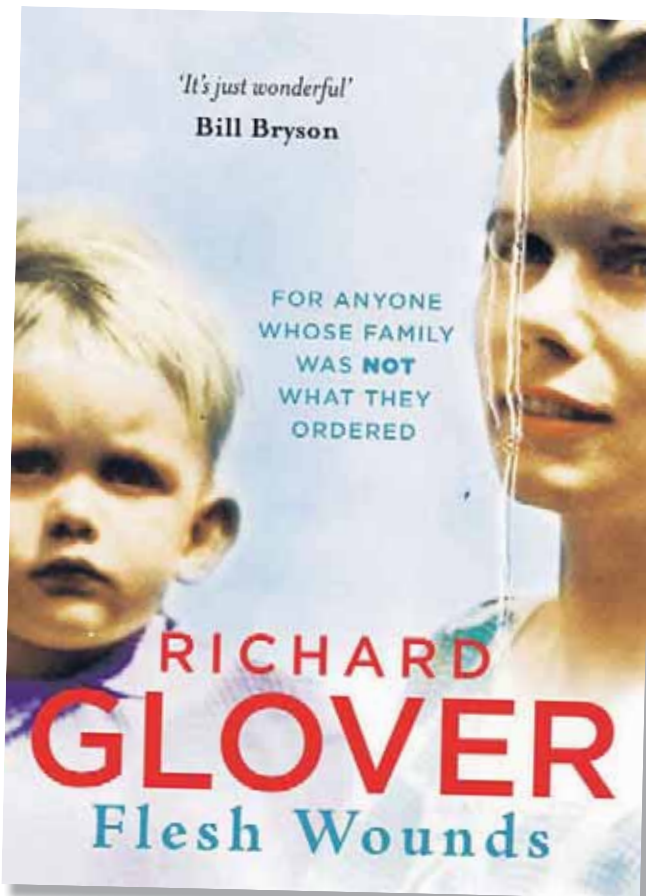
'Family stories are the fundamental of life. We recount stories about good times and challenging ones, about milestones and memories of people, places and parenting,' says Edwina.

The Festival team were captivated by the Bloom family's inspiring true story illustrated in *Penguin Bloom*.

'Like so many people from all over the globe, we were enthralled by the gorgeous images of Penguin the Magpie with Cameron, Samantha and their three boys.'

Penguin Bloom is a unique journey of recovery and an extraordinary celebration of life featuring Cameron Bloom's exceptional photographs and a captivating narrative by *New York Times* bestselling author Bradley Trevor Greive.

The story begins with a shocking accident, in which Sam Bloom suffers a near fatal fall that leaves her paralysed and deeply depressed.



Into their lives comes Penguin, an injured magpie chick abandoned after she fell from her nest.

'Don't miss Cameron and Samantha Bloom on Festival Saturday as they tell their extraordinary story with Richard Glover,' says Johnson.

Richard Glover, Elspeth Muir and Liam Pieper come together to discuss Family Memoir with Mandy Nolan

on Festival Saturday.

Richard Glover's favourite dinner party game is called 'Who's Got the Weirdest Parents?'

It's a game he always thinks he'll win.

There was his mother, a deluded snob, who made up large swathes of her past and who ran away with Richard's English teacher, a Tolkien devotee, nudist and stuffed-

toy collector. There was his father, a distant alcoholic, who ran through a gamut of wives, yachts and failed dreams.

Part poignant family memoir, part rollicking venture into a 1970s Australia, Glover's acclaimed memoir *Flesh Wounds* is for anyone who's wondered if their family is the oddest one on the planet.

David Burton, Magda Szubanski, and Rosie Waterland will revisit the past in the session Growing Up.

The turbulence of childhood and adolescence can have a lifelong impact on how people feel about themselves.

These memoirists will discuss their early days with laughter and, no doubt, a few tears.

Richard Fidler and David Leser will discuss fatherhood with Mick O'Regan on Sunday afternoon.

'I encourage everyone interested in attending the Festival, the feature events or our workshops to purchase their tickets now as tickets are selling fast,' says Johnson.

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And the authors keep coming...

No need to feel post-Festival blues. In early September, Byron Writers Festival is hosting Yann Martel, author of the bestselling *Life of Pi*, and Lionel Shriver, the Orange Prize-winning author of *We Need to Talk About Kevin*.

Yann Martel will be in con-

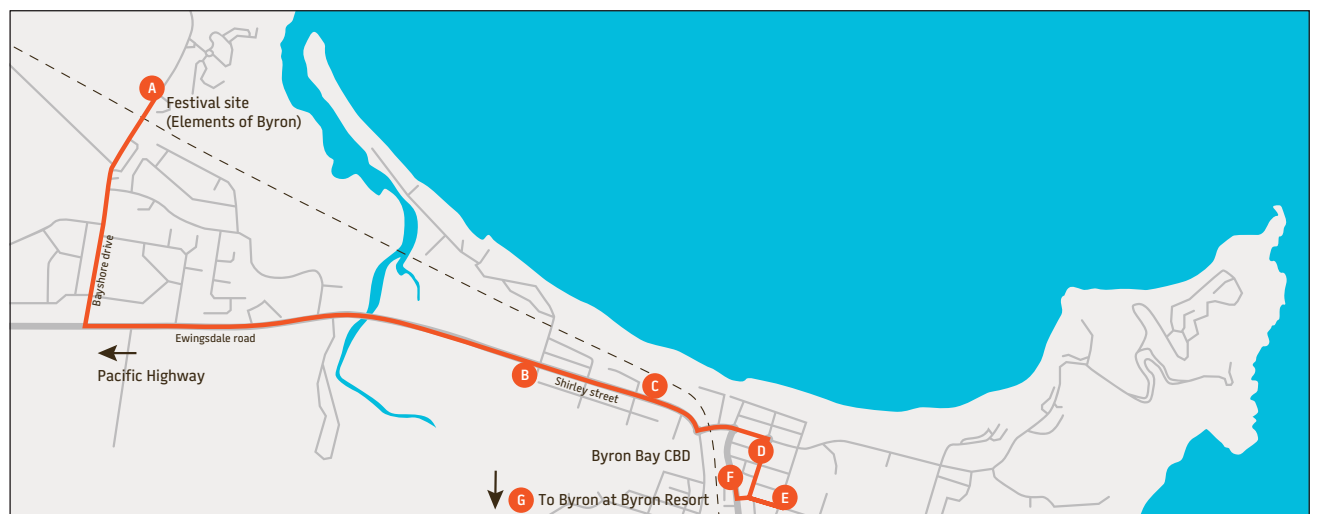
versation with Matthew Condon, Thursday September 1, 6-7.15pm, Byron Theatre. Tickets \$35 (Members \$30).

Man Booker Prize-winning author Yann Martel will visit Byron as part of his Australian tour with the highly anticipated release of *The High*

Mountains of Portugal.

Lionel Shriver in conversation with David Leser, Tuesday September 6, 6.30-7.45pm, Lismore City Hall, presented in partnership with NORPA. Tickets: \$35 (Concession and Members \$30). Arguably the most per-

ceptive author of our times, Lionel Shriver will discuss her new novel *The Mandibles*, about the decline of the United States. The *Mandibles* is a frightening, fascinating, scabrously funny glimpse into the decline that may await the US all too soon.



Sessions with AUSLAN interpreters present are marked in the Festival Program.

P J O'Rourke is presented in collaboration with The Centre for Independent Studies as part of their 40th Anniversary celebrations. Rio Helmi's appearance at 2016 Byron Writers Festival is supported by the Australian government through the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Salma, Sharanya Manivannan and Rosalyn D'Mello's appearances at Byron Writers Festival are supported by the Australian government through the Australia-India Council.

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- 24 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Thu 11–11.30am
- 23 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby. Thu 12–12.30pm
- 4/71 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Thu 12.30–1pm
- 4/64–70 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Thu 2–2.30pm
- 30 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Thu 2–2.30pm
- Lots 1 and 18 Wilfred Street, Billinudgel. Fri 11–11.30am
- 75 Burns Point Ferry Road, Ballina. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 8/31 Kingsford Drive, Brunswick Heads. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 2/7–9 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Fri 2–2.30pm
- 2/7–9 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 4/71 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 258 Piccadilly Hill Road, Coopers Shoot. Sat 9–9.30am
- 4/19 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 24 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/404 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4/51 Border Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 12 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 30 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 23 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby. 11–11.30am
- 12 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 8/31 Kingsford Drive, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 3/41 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 131 Currie Road, The Channon. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 463 Tuntable Creek Road, The Channon. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 11 Minyon Street, Brunswick Heads. Thur 11–11.30am
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- 497 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Thurs 1–1.30pm
- 43 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 20/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 497 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 11–11.30am
- 856 Bangalow Road, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5 Honeysuckle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 43 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 463 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable. Sat 2–2.30pm

RAINE & HORNE BYRON BAY

- 163 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Saturday 12–12.30pm

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- 13 Aloota Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 27 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 1 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–2pm
- Lot 2 Englishes Road, Upper Coopers Creek. Sat 1.30–2.30pm

Auctions

ELDERS BANGALOW

- 10 Wood Crescent, Coopers Shoot. Auction 6th August
- 152 Nashua Road, Fernleigh. Auction 25th August
- 6 Burrawan Place, Bangalow. Auction 25th August
- Lot 8 The Meadows, Bangalow. Auction 25th August

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- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Auction
- 24 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Auction 13th August 10am Guide \$715,000–\$785,000
- 4/51 Border Street, Byron Bay. Auction 20th August unless sold prior

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- 1 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach. Saturday 10th September 2pm onsite.

New Listings

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- Lot 8 The Meadows. 58 Charlotte Street, Bangalow. Auction 25th August

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- 15 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale. \$1,400,000–\$1,500,000
- 3/41 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. \$500,000–\$520,000
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- 2 Clifford Street, South Golden Beach



A Luscious wood-fired pizza captured on film in its native environment. You can now pick them up or, if you live near Sunrise, have them delivered.

'Luscious'

By Lesley Hannaford

Luscious Foods, tucked away in the Arts & Industry Estate, has long been a favourite with locals, nearby workers and any tourists lucky enough to stumble across it. With a relaxing vibe, outdoor seating and service with a smile, it really is a little oasis in the area. Luscious serves up delicious food with a Middle Eastern twist alongside local coffee, fresh juices, home-made pastries and cakes. From your traditional breakfast and lunch dishes to the more exotic Shakshuka eggs or Saneeah platters, there really is something for everyone.

If you want to bring the Middle Eastern experience home, Zohar and his team offer a catering service that can create a unique, delicious menu to suit any occasion. Taking centre stage in the cafe is the wood-fired oven, which they put to good use turning out not only great pizzas, but also traditional breads and even omelettes. Local produce is used wherever possible including award-winning northern rivers favourite Salumi salami. Until recently, the only time you could get your Luscious fix was Monday to Friday from 7.30 till 3. Now the Luscious love is being spread a little further and you can pick up one of their amazing pizzas any Thursday, Friday or Saturday night between 5.30 and 9. And if you're lucky enough to be in Sunrise, the Arts & Industry Estate or Ewingsdale, they'll even deliver it straight to your door. Weekends just got better.

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Oyster Fest

By Vivienne Pearson



Sean shucks

There is a word that will have half of you salivating and the other half gagging. Oyster.

It's a food that divides. You're either an oyster lover, or you're not. Occasionally, someone switches camp, but people are usually in or out for life.

If you are like one friend of mine who, when I mention oysters, gets all dewy-eyed and says: 'They're like nothing else... it's a whole romantic experience,' then please get your calendar ready. If you are like another friend, who says unprintable things involving seawater and nasal secretions, you are excused from reading on – hey look, there's a great article about retained-heat cooking over there!...

During the month of August, the Balcony Bar & Oyster Co is holding their inaugural Oyster Festival.

Starting with daily Oyster Hours (\$1 oysters 5–6pm), there will also be oyster shooters (a cross between a cocktail and an entrée) and drinks designed to complement oyster feasting. Oysters – both rock and Pacific varieties, sourced from around Australia – will be front and centre of the dinner menu, including a Cheeky Beef and Oyster Pot Pie, and Oyster Rockerfeller.

The frenzy will climax on Wednesday 31 August, when executive chef Sean Connolly will run an Oyster Masterclass – guiding you through shucking, eating and pairing drinks with oysters.

So, oyster-lovers, go eat, drink and inhale oysters! And, for any non-oyster eaters who are still reading, take a few deep breaths and remember that eating oysters is way better than getting your feet cut to ribbons by them.

Happy oyster month!

■ **Information: Balcony Bar & Oyster Co, Corner Lawson and Jonson Streets, Byron Bay. www.balcony.com.au or [balconybyronbay](#) on Facebook and Instagram.**

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Eco Cooka Sisters

By Vivienne Pearson. Photo by Jeff Dawson

Sisters Cathy and Natasha Buirski are avid users of retained-heat cooking and they are keen to introduce it to the Byron Shire.

They first heard of this cooking method during their childhoods in South Africa, though it was not part of their daily lives. When Cathy found herself living in an eco-village with two children, no income and limited fuel, she instantly realised that it was an answer to many of her challenges.

On moving to Australia more than a decade ago, they chose the Byron Shire – in Cathy's words because: 'It is diverse, sustainability oriented, and close to the ocean and the mountains.' They brought their retained-heat cookers with them and now use them multiple times a day. 'They are out on benches, not packed away in cupboards,' Cathy says, describing how useful they are for soups, stews, vegetables, legumes and puddings. 'I don't know how people live and raise a family without it,' says Natasha, who even makes yoghurt using this method and notes that others make jam, bread and fermented foods.

Despite their enthusiasm, they philosophically note that their vision of every home using retained-heat cooking every day might be a long time coming. They reflect that, in the past, it has been seen as only for those who are desperately poor or living a hippy lifestyle. 'But there will come a time when we will all need to watch our energy consumption,' Natasha says.

It was Renew Fest (the celebration of all things sustainable that took place in Mullumbimby in June) that prompted the sisters to start towards their vision. They have started the manufacture of an insulated container (called an EcoCooka) that looks like two bean bags and is easy to use and highly effective. They are offering a class in retained-heat cooking at Byron Community College and are planning to offer ongoing monthly classes at other venues as well.

Retained-heat cooking may not take off like a burning flame, but Natasha and Cathy are happy to take a 'slow boil' approach – pun intended.

■ **Information: For info and bookings for the class, to be held on Sat 27 August: www.byroncollege.org.au. For information about EcoCookas or to contact Cathy and Natasha: [Facebook/EcoCooka](#).**

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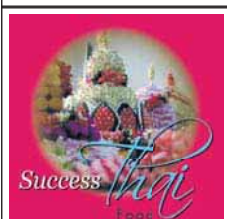


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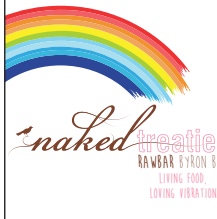


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Armed with an arsenal of harmonicas, a mess of foot percussion and a road-worn Telecaster, the duo kick out raw and primal blues while infusing the genre with a jolt of renewed energy.

Just meeting up to play is a bit of a challenge as it's quite a travel, especially for Hall.

'We don't have a ridiculous distance between us but we do have a salted body of water between us; that's difficult. I am usually flying to Vancouver - I live in a town called Miniami - on an island; it's an hour-and-a-half north of Victoria, and Matt is in north Vancouver. It means the time we allocate to play together is very funnelled and it's concentrated. I moved to this island four years ago. It is a real quality-of-life choice; I have two little boys and the lifestyle here is amazing, but not so amazing for rock'n'roll! I spend a lot of time jumping on a ferry!'

'Music wasn't a career choice,' says Hall, 'but it has to become a career when you put kids in the mix you have to make it work for you!'

Although success comes at a price. It means Hall spends a bit more time than he'd like in airport lounges.

'I spend a massive amount of time in lounges, and lounges are pretty much the most lonely places in the world. The energy is that they are generally type A people, usually people who behave themselves... I mean, where are the handjobs in these secret lounges...?'

Hall laughs. He's funny. I get the feeling he's going to really like Mullumbimby. Especially if he doesn't like airport lounges.

The last visit to Australia wasn't so inspiring for Hall, who ended up spending a week in Brisbane.

'Canadians have a very different vision of Australia. It's based on those who have left home and have come to live here. They come to roost in our mountain areas and they end up shagging all our Canadian women. I thought, great, going to Australia. It's going to be wild. But Brisbane - well once you get over the tropical foliage, it felt like bankers by day and spankers by night, and not in a great way!'

Yep. He's definitely going to Love Mullum Music Festival.

I tell him how jealous we are of the Canadian prime minister. It

seems that most of the intelligent, empathy-loving world is in love with Justin Trudeau.

'He came along at a time when it was so desperately needed,' says Hall. 'Our former prime minister was so business hungry and trying to close down arts and things that were good for the arts, draining the funding. When you get this guy in you know you are in different times. The former cabinet ministers would never have shown up to a concert of ours! A cabinet minister turned up to our gig recently! We didn't know who she was, we were oblivious to her status; people were exclaiming, 'Melanie Joly is here!'

Canada really nurtures its creative community. The level of government funding from province to province is really really impressive.

That sort of thing doesn't exist in the states. The music industry and the circuit is far less cutthroat in Canada. We have a much more socially connective community minded country.'

Like their conversation, the music of The Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer are unapologetic. And they love festivals. It's where they believe musicians make their best music.

'You get community in a festival - you aren't alone in a hotel room after a show winding down by yourself, you are among your peers and that is where you thrive. It is where your heart makes a connection and you get to be in the community of people who are making music. You aren't just there for a night. You are there for days - and that's where you get stories... and you get to hang with the wild characters in the community!'

Tickets on sale now at mullummusicfestival.com.au or phone 6684 6195.

LISTENING TO THE FIRST LIGHT

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE DUSTIN TEBBUTT'S ACCLAIMED DEBUT SOLO RECORDING *THE BREACH* SET BLOGS AND TRIPLE J ALIGHT.

His story of creating the bleak epic during the depths of a Scandinavian winter - where he relocated to live and work for several years - captured imaginations everywhere.

Home now on the central coast for the past three years, Dustin laughs about the naivety of suddenly up and moving to northern Europe.

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I DIDN'T KNOW

When harm is incurred, there are three little magic words that people seem to believe alleviates them of all social, moral and ethical responsibility: 'I didn't know'. When Big Daddy Malcolm rang Indigenous Affairs minister Nigel Scullion with what I can only imagine was a pretty cranky dressing-down, Nige was caught with his ideological pants down.

I mean, it's hard to win the hearts of the Australian people when you've been torturing their children. Last week the ABC aired graphic footage of young people (predominantly Indigenous) being strapped to chairs and tear gassed at Darwin's Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

Spine-chilling stuff. Sickening, stomach-turning images that once seen can't be unseen. Abuse that makes your blood go cold and reinvigorates that well of white guilt for what seems to be an unending legacy of white violence against our first nation.

You can't not know. People had to know. It's just that no-one who should have been interested was interested. That's why nothing happened until it hit

our screens and the government was shamed into announcing a Royal Commission. As though that somehow absolves them of the significant harms that have been caused.

The story that aired the other night wasn't the first time the abuse was reported in the media. It was published in *NT News* and *The Australian* a year ago. So it's been on the public record for at least 12 months. But Senator Scullion didn't know. He was too busy reading Harry Potter. Again. Getting ready for the new release of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* this week.

Ironically, Scullion could be the author of his own book: Nigel Scullion and the Cursed Children. This is what Scullion said to the ABC last week when he was asked about his total lack of engagement or action on the issue thus far: 'I wish I knew what I know today yesterday afternoon or some time ago, but the facts of the matter were I didn't know; I had never seen the vision, it hadn't come to my attention, hadn't piqued my interest...'

Really? So which is it? You didn't

know or you weren't sufficiently interested? If you don't know, then how can something you don't know in the first place ever fail to pique your interest? I'm no lawyer but I think you'll find that they're two pretty different statements. Either you don't know. Full stop. Or you do. And if you didn't really show interest and you admit as much it kind of infers that you had chosen to let it slip. Like you kind of knew something.

I wonder how one can only half know about something like that? As an Indigenous Affairs minister, wouldn't the violent abuse of Indigenous children be red-flagged as requiring urgent and immediate action? And does one actually need to see 'vision' to be appalled? To realise that this is horrendous abuse and deprivation? Wouldn't you take immediate action?

There have been reports into the youth justice system in the NT and the youth detention centres going back as far as 2012. Doesn't someone in the office photocopy them and bring them down to the minister for a bit of a read? If Nige is too busy with Harry Potter, then shouldn't one of his many

overpaid public servants have had a read and advised accordingly?

Obviously those reports didn't include pictures so if negligent Nige actually got the report, then clearly he drifted off. Voldemort is so much more compelling than a hooded black boy being strapped to chair. One wonders what Nige scribbled in the margins of these apparently dull dossiers on the humiliation and brutalisation of children. 'Couldn't get into it. Needs pictures. I'll wait for the movie.' Guess what, Nige: The movie just happened.

That's perfect timing for the 'I didn't know': the three words chorused by villains everywhere. When Cardinal George Pell was questioned about the activities of paedophile priest and former housemate Gerald Ridsdale, he also said 'it wasn't of much interest to me'. Hmm, like Scullion it seemed that his interest wasn't sufficiently 'piqued'. Curious when you consider the lofty and socially responsible roles assigned to these apparently morally ambivalent men. 'I didn't know' is the chorus of cowards happily singing their songs of self-interest. Well, dickheads, now everyone knows.

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AFTER A FEW YEARS IN A BIT OF A MUSICAL HIATUS, THE MUCH-LOVED WILLY McELROY, FORMERLY OF THE WILD ZINNIAS, EMERGES WITH A BRAND-NEW BAND, THE IMMIGRANTS... AND A BRAND-NEW SELF-TITLED ALBUM.

So how did Willy McElroy & The Immigrants come into being?

'It's a pile of lads from different bands,' says Willy. 'We played a couple of things at the Golan and then a charity for the old folks in Byron and

thought let's keep playing together, and the lads wanted to call it Willy McElroy & The Immigrants.'

The album features nine tracks all recorded and engineered at Christian Pyle's Prawn & Spanner Studio in the Byron hinterland.

'I'd wanted to work with him for years,' says Willy, 'and I never got the opportunity. I won't ever work with anyone except him again. His ears are incredible! He's up there juggling us and Tex Perkins at the same time, and some other group of guys and he looks like he just got out of bed!'

From the minute he stepped into the studio Willy could tell that the Prawn & Spanner was a place to make great music.

'Some studios are so sterile that they look like dental labs. Christian's is like an eclectic museum of instruments. People walk in there and grab the instruments. You can feel it, the energy in the place, and being musicians all the band went YES! It was like discovering a shop in a back street of Melbourne where you want to hang out for a week!

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Friday at SAE from 12 noon.

ERIN GETS LOOPY

Unafraid to stand for what she believes in, yet friendly and approachable, Erin inspires and uplifts with topics that will touch hearts and open minds; conscious roots music, for complicated times. She finds inspiration in a great love for the planet, and all upon it, as well as in the lighter side of life. Mostly self-taught, her songwriting exudes a unique yet popular style that has evolved through a life of travelling and soul-searching. Immersing herself in the jungle reggae vibe of tropical northern Queensland, backpacking with musical collective 'The Love Bus' in Malaysia, founding well-received 'Animoki' in Nelson, NZ, and touring with both solo shows and a backing band in recent years, before discovering a more versatile way of presenting complex tracks... and a love for a loop pedal. **Erin** plays the **Poinciana Cafe** on **Friday** at 5.30pm.

BILL, PETE & SARA

Bill Jackson has firmly established himself over the past few years as one of Australia's finest singer/songwriters. He achieves this by marrying compelling melodies and fine musicianship to clever, witty, poignant lyrics that never



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underestimate the intelligence of his audience.

Steel & Bone was awarded Folk Alliance Australia Radio Presenters Album of the Year in 2008 and his 2011 album *Jeriilderie* was The Cowboy Sweetheart's Album of the Year on BayFM. More recently Bill and his songwriting brother Ross have embarked on a three-album project *The Wayside Ballads* – recording around 30 songs on two continents in a relatively short time. Vols 1 and 2 have been released to great acclaim and Vol 3 is in the works. Bill Jackson will be performing with multi-instrumentalist **Pete Fidler**, who just released his own solo album *Buzz In The Room*. Together they have toured the US four times. US website acousticmusic.com described Fidler as 'ranking up there with a handful of people on my best of dobro/resonator players' and of Jackson and Fidler being 'joined at the hip' in a 'symbiotic musical relationship'.

Local legend **Sara Tindley** will open the evening with a wonderful batch of new songs. Sara recently began recording her fourth album. **Saturday** at **Club Mullum** at Mullumbimby Ex-Services at 7.30pm. \$23 or \$25 at the door or trybooking.com/2114102

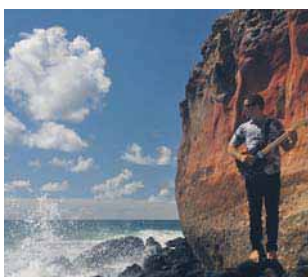
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'The Immigrants are Michael Turner from the Durga Babies on bass, Guy Maddigan on percussion – he used to play with Sirocco – and Phil Levy on bazooka and mandolin (formerly from The Romaniacs). He's a major folk player around town and has been for the last 47 years. There is also Steve Gilbert, our harp player – he's world class; it's ridiculous, he makes that bloody thing sound like bagpipes!'

The songs on the album have a wonderful celtic soul being funk'd over by folk kind of feel telling stories of struggles with oppression and stories of love and loss.

'*Love is the Sharpest Blade* came from watching Dick Cheney on the TV one time, spouting shit about what was going on, and that was

the first line in the song about how the truth is subjective. It depends on the words you put in your sentence. It reminds me a lot of my relationships... you can always it the truth, because it is to you!

'There is another song called *Crisis* and it's about domestic violence and refugees and that kind of thing. I have always been into the melody of a nice song but I find myself getting more political as to what happens in Australia these days, especially acknowledging all the women who have been killed. There's five of us blokes in the band and we all feel the same.'

The album is also a nod to the past, with very special mention to Michael Turner's dad, Leon, who died the first day of the recording.

'When we recorded the album we had all set up at Christian Pyle's studio all together ready to play in a circle. Christian had us all miced up and just before we were to kick off to play Mick got the call – his dad had died. He had to decide whether to leave or stay. When that happens it's huge emotions; he decided to stay. We lit some candles and played the whole album in a few hours. Mick was there playing the bass lines with tears streaming down his face. We dedicated the album to Leon and all the pictures on the front cover of the album are parents and grandparents and great-grandparents of the band – they are our ancestors...'

Willy McElroy & The Immigrants launch their new CD at the **Rails** on **Saturday** at 7pm.

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'I ended up moving because of the group of friends I was working with and writing with. One was from Stockholm and he had to go back and the girl we were working with was in a relationship so we all went. We were a close group of friends.' Eventually they all went their separate ways.

'The outcome was I was over there and I had fallen in love with the country and with the band that had been a part of our lives, and it ended, and I had an opportunity to be on my own for the first time in my life and to work on my music, and I didn't have any excuses not to do it. I had always been in bands playing guitar and this time I had no-one to hide behind. I had to bite the bullet!'

Tebbutt's beautiful new album is *First Light*, a glorious homage to love. In fact the relationship that he so passionately writes about blooms and falls away. Consequently there's a mood of solitary contemplation in this album, captured in a dark bedroom during the wee small hours.

'I am sharing a lot of myself. I never thought of that. I am giving a lot of myself. I am lucky in the way it is received. It doesn't polarise anything, I am just talking about human stuff.'

'I wanted to learn to write about intimate things without it having to be so dark and fragile. I wanted to show that there isn't just only one side of falling in love and becoming vulnerable – there is this fine line between sounding cheesy or bitter. You keep worrying that it doesn't feel authentic. I hope that I have managed to get a balance of the lighter world into the album.'

'The vast majority of the stuff I recorded on my own. I didn't have a direction when the song started, so after a while sitting in the studio things started to coalesce a bit.

There are something like 50 or 60 songs at least. A lot of them were really bad, luckily, so the decision was easy... you never know which bit is going to turn into something good. Even in something bad you might get a good line out of it!

'*First Light*, for example, came quickly. Here is a song, whereas

some of the others such as *Wild Blood* sat there, almost got finished, sat there, maybe two months. There was a lot more invested. It depends a lot on the day.'

Triple J & Select Music present: **Dustin Tebbutt First Light Album Tour** with special guests Robbie Miller & Woodes.

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♈ ARIES: Your planetary boss Mars charging forward in gung ho, foot-in-mouth Sagittarius can be a bit of a rowdy cowboy, which in this week's fiery climate could rub someone the wrong way. So when you're in full flight, remember that whatever quality you address in another is who you're inviting to reply.

♉ TAURUS: August's astral emphasis on your home or base of operations features family affairs, domestic events and workplace improvements. Which needn't be extensive or expensive renos – a decluttering feng shui freshen-up costs nothing, can significantly reboot enjoyment and efficiency levels. Wondering what to let go hard? You're a Taurus: trust your gut.

♊ GEMINI: With your ruling planet Mercury's move to analytical, orderly Virgo, the devil's in the details, so don't take things for granted or make assumptions. Do check the accuracy of what you're transmitting and receiving, read the fine print, ask questions, enquire, investigate. The deeper you go, the more you get to know.

♋ CANCER: Money matters to Crabs, even more so with the coming month's eye in the sky on financial facts and figures, fundraising, cost cutting, budgetary management, spending trends and savvy investments. Whew! Make you just wanna have fun? There're all sorts of that on offer too in this week's fizzy cosmic cocktail.

♌ LEO: A galactic blockbuster week of genial gusto, goodwill, gift-giving and general gadding about. And wait, there's more... your majesty's astral birthday prez: the Sun, Venus and midweek annual Leo new moon offer a potent portal for supporting this year's wish list of what it is you truly, deeply, madly want most.

♍ VIRGO: The time of the Lion implies a hectic schedule, and Mercury in Virgo can be an industrious workaholic. Both of which suggest the need for silent time apart this week to let your mind settle, so backstage activity and undercurrents that need space to clarify and take form can emerge.

♎ LIBRA: Expectation's the mother of disappointment; it's possible someone talking up a storm and promising the moon may not deliver this week. And someone else older or more experienced could surprisingly turn out to be right. If inner and outer prompts coincide on something specific only to you, there's your clue...

♏ SCORPIO: You deepwater detectives will have already sensed the tide shift as the red planet presses your energetic reset button. With this week's Marsometer off the Richter in bright and sprightly Sagittarius, life definitely won't be dull. Expect pyrotechnic tempers, entertaining tantrums and a cornucopia of creative ideas.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Imagine a bowstring pulled back to maximum capacity. This week it lets fly, as Mars speeds forward in your adventurous, optimistic sign like a runaway centaur – fortunately with stabilising Saturn at the reins regulating and maintaining the balance between revving momentum and necessary restraint. Listening's a must.

♑ CAPRICORN: Getting tense constricts our ability to absorb life's magic. Relaxing, on the other hand, expands the atmospheric dynamic, clearly making mood adjustment a worthwhile practice. So how about test driving this concept till you feel confident in taking an interesting risk this week? Can't hurt. Has every chance of working...

♒ AQUARIUS: This week's about teamwork, alliances and the fine art of compromise, but with Uranus your boss planet retrograde in Aries, provocative Aquarian viewpoints could easily offend edgy egos. So use your Uranian ingenuity: foster communal good feeling by soothing ruffled feathers with the recognition and reassurance people need.

♓ PISCES: Many vivid citizens will be vigorously demonstrating this week's leonine theme of bold, courageous and outrageous. Let them. Your mojo is best expressed in a support role of serving, complementing and enhancing. Nature hates a vacuum, so there'll be plenty of interesting openings for you to flow into and fill.

CULTURE

PAPA PUNS

Conceived at the Melbourne Comedy Festival *Dad. Joke.* is an ageing man's howl of rage and joy about parenting in a world gone mental.

Watching hot young comics Zoe Coombes-Marr and Rhys Nicholson tear it up – as a grey-haired no-one doing his first Melbourne show – Mark thought he must come over to his audiences as the comedian's dad. He thought, let's roll with that punch... be the comedian's dad!

With that kindling, a new show emerged; Mark comes out as the comedian's dad – because his son, the scheduled entertainment hasn't turned up.

Mark Swivel... is a writer and performer (and lawyer, sort of). His last show *How Deep Is Your Love?* toured to Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Darwin, Mullum and Gympie! Bookings: www.trybooking.com/216331.

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Saturday 20 August at 7.30pm. Tix \$10 at the door or online.

MOTT'S ROCK LIFE

Rock'n'roll photographer Tony Mott returns to the Lismore Regional Gallery to talk about the exhibition *What a Life: Rock Photograph by Tony Mott* and his colourful career this Thursday. The exhibition and talk are free to attend. Visitors can also get their hands on a signed copy of his new

book, *Alphabet A-Z: Rock'n'Roll Photography by Tony Mott: Some Rock, Some Roll, Some Other Things*. Lismore Regional Gallery is currently staging the first major retrospective of premier Australian rock photographer Tony Mott, featuring images from his extraordinary archive. The exhibition has been astutely put together by the State Library of NSW. The exhibition is currently touring and Lismore is the regional NSW venue for the show. **Thursday** at 5.30pm at the **Lismore Regional Gallery**.

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The first of the workshops is at the **Lismore Regional Gallery** this **Monday**.

Registration for a workshop, or application to become an Ncube8 artist, can be submitted through the BBFF website, www.bbff.com.au/ncube8.

POETIC SOAP BOX

The poetic soapbox of **Byron's Writers at the Rails** is celebrating its 24th anniversary this **Sunday** with special Writers Festival guest Philip Wilcox, the current holder of the Australian Poetry Slam title. Philip will be joined by fellow Sydney performance poet Tug Dumbly along with popular Lillian Rock poet Christine Strelan. The anniversary show hosted by David Hallett will also have some invited readings as well as the ever-popular Poetry Slam. Show starts around 2pm. Free entry.

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TUG DUMBLY AT THE RAILS ON SUNDAY AT WRITERS AT THE RAILS



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poetry and music. It will be held on **Saturday**, at the **Lone Goat Gallery** next to the library in Byron Bay. Enjoy the rich vocals of 'the poet's songwriter', Kim Banffy, with songs from her album *State of Bliss*. Anthony Lawrence, author of 15 poetry books, and who teaches at Griffith University, will read from his latest collection, *Headwaters*. As judge of the Dangerously Poetic/Byron Writers Festival national poetry prize, he will announce the winners. The winning poets will read their poems. Be part of the celebration! 5pm. No tix required.

COMEDY IN COURT WITH MS STELLA

It's her last night in town and Ms Stella takes Mullumbimby hostage with her savage dark wit at the **Court House Hotel's Open Mic Comedy Night**. With a bunch of very new and very exciting comics on stage, this is a show to see... and it's going to be going quarterly so it will be three months until the next one!

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BYRON BALLET CO. BRINGS DANCE TO THE HEART OF BYRON

This year Yvonne Hall's Byron Ballet company celebrates 10 years. Built lovingly from the ground up with her partner Clinton Hart, the company are excited about moving to a new dedicated dance location in Byron Bay – at the Blue Lotus Dance Centre, 144 Jonson Street (above Byron Music). The Byron Ballet Company will also be starting new community classes.

Yvonne's passion for youth ballet was seeded by her own experience. 'I started in youth ballet in Sydney with Tanya Pearson and spent two years touring Australia with that company – and then Marilyn Jones OBE took that company over – and then I moved to the Australian Opera Ballet company, and I was associated with them for around five years as a freelance dancer.

Earlier this year the Byron Ballet Company reprised their production of the *Nutcracker*. It was met with a huge positive response. 'This time in the *Nutcracker* we had 60 people; when we did *Rite of Spring*, the smaller production, we only had a core of 25 dancers.

'There is a lot of talent in this area,' says Yvonne. 'We currently have Chloe Michelle Hollow doing some teaching for us. She is just back from the National Ballet School. She started here. She was the little angel in the original *Nutcracker*. She is only 18 and the other kids love dancing with her – she has had amazing training and it's great for them to share what they have learnt.'

Growing a core of dancers is one of the key goals of the Byron Ballet Company; they will be auditioning for *Midsummer Night's Dream* in November. 'We are starting new courses there in two weeks – open day on Saturday, 10am–midday. Community classes will go from mums and bubs and preschooler dance to pre-professional with a focus on adult and young adult classes, especially for those who danced until 18 and then stopped.

'We are also wanting to encourage boys to dance with a special class that is just ALL boys!'

Classes for all ages, even mature dancers welcome. Classes will start Monday 8 August. Open Day on **Saturday** at the **Blue Lotus Dance Centre** – 144 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. For more information go to: www.byronballet.com or email byronballet@gmail.com.

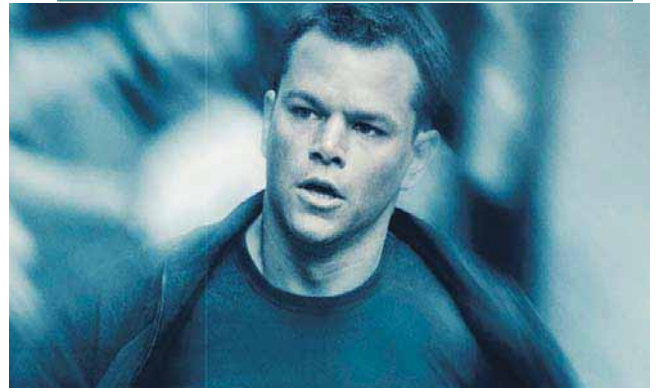
cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



SWISS ARMY MAN

I'll wager even now that this is likely to be the weirdest movie that you will see all year. But it is strangely compelling and likeable. Hank (Paul Dano) is stranded on a tiny deserted island and is about to hang himself in despair at his isolation. At the last minute, Manny (Daniel Radcliffe) is washed ashore and Hank is spared... but the problem is that Manny is dead. So begins a surreal, metaphorical journey in which Hank manages to find his way back to civilisation. It begins with the cadaverous Manny's expulsion of bodily gasses. Hank finds that he can use them as jet engines and rides Manny's body all the way across the sea to America – as fart jokes go, it works well enough to begin with but is a tad overdone. Manny then miraculously comes to life – or does he? Is he instead a mere projection of Hank's subconscious, through which all manner of anxieties and inhibitions are 'workshopped'? This is the relevance of the movie's title – just as the famous Swiss Army Knife has a g'zillion gadgets that might save your life, so Manny, living or otherwise, provides Hank with numerous opportunities to liberate himself from his own psychological straightjacket. It lags occasionally – most two-handers do – but there are many wonderful scenes of unexpected grandeur as Hank creates a home in the woods, a bus and a girl's outfit from the rubbish that they find everywhere. It is an ambitious and at times discomfiting film – a little bit silly, too – but for some reason, and only fleetingly, it brought to mind the magnificent *Beasts of the Southern Wild* (2012). Dano's performances are always on the edge of some deep internal crevice – his head is disturbing enough to begin with – so he is perfectly suited to the role, while Radcliffe, leaving Harry Potter further behind with every outing, is marvellous as a stiff (whose erections are funny enough to warrant their over-exploitation). A superb soundtrack does wonders for a movie that is bizarre and absolutely original.



JASON BOURNE

Halfway through this pyrotechnic nightmare, as I struggled to find the will to see it through to the end, it dawned on me; how dull people's lives must be for 'franchise' flicks such as this to be so endlessly successful. Here we go... lots of bang for your buck from the opening, with Bourne (Matt Damon) being chased through Athens by agents who want to eradicate him because his aim is to release online a file that will expose the nefarious activities of the CIA and its megalomaniacal chief (Tommy Lee Jones). As an action sequence, the prolonged pursuit, with a frenetic edit that almost makes you think that Damon's stunt man could be in danger, is filmmaking of the highest order, but only in the same way that two hours of root canal work is similarly skilled dentistry – all you want is for it to end. Unfortunately, it's like that for the next hour-and-a-half. Damon speaks little more than a dozen words at a time while the fine French actor Vincent Cassel says even fewer as he roams around shooting people willy nilly as a whirlwind of smash-ups lurches from Athens to Berlin to London to ghastly Las Vegas. Bourne looks harried but never fazed and, despite having no visible means of support, has no trouble in lobbing at whatever city is nominated as a rendezvous point. Minimal script time is allotted for him to be troubled by the reason for his father's death and writer/director Paul Greengrass indulges in some glib commentary on the more sinister repercussions of the cyberspace revolution, but nothing can take precedence over the chasings, with the Girl as tasty aside (the Girl is an essential component in any numbskull blokey caper). First it was Julia Stiles, the chick who flew from Reykjavik to set Bourne on his course, then it was Alicia Vikander, the gorgeous CIA tech-head who has access to surveillance cameras at the push of a button. Horribleness is at large in our world. Crap movies such as this contribute nothing to its cessation.

UFOS & ANGELS

Okay, so the space sister got the writeup about the space brothers a little incorrect. Turns out this space sister was channelling some old energy systems... and got the venue and date mixed up. So if you want to find out about UFOs and angels then **Sunday 14 August** is going to be the date when your new age dawns. A free talk and presentation about the **Masters of Wisdom** where they outline the role of the space brothers (I do hope there are space sisters too!), crop circles and new energy systems are explained, along with who actually authors miracles and there's an introduction into transmission meditation. All this in just more than two hours!

At the **Byron Community Centre Cavanbah Room**, Sunday 14 August 2–4.30pm. With a transmission meditation workshop on **Monday 15 August** at the **Byron Community Centre** Verandah Room. Profoundness is exactly like where you are right now, only much, much better.

NO LIGHTS BABY NO LYCRA

No Lights No Lycra is a dance community that started in 2009 by unruly dance students that has grown a presence in more than 70 locations across the world. Every week Roo shares his love of dance with the Byron community. No Lights No Lycra is a dance space where you can completely let go, shake out the stresses of your busy week, and lose yourself in the music and the physicality of your body. There is no light, no lycra, no teacher, no steps to learn, no technique, just free movement for one hour. NLNL is a daggy, non-pretentious place to completely be yourself. How good is that?

The Byron session is on every **Tuesday** from 7.15pm for \$5 at the **Byron Bay Public School Hall**, Carlyle St (opposite number 19). Roo makes it a really fun and welcoming place to dance and have fun! It would be great to come down to the session to have a try or get in touch with Roo to organise a feature.

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THURSDAY 4

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BYRON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **DUSTIN TEBBUTT WITH ROBBIE MILLER & WOODES**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **AQUILA YOUNG**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 2.30PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH INDIRA NAIDOO**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 6.30PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH BOB BROWN & THE GREENS**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **OPEN MIC COMEDY WITH MS STELLA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM**
- LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY 5.30PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH TONY MOTT**

FRIDAY 5

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCREAMING**

FEMALES, WHITE LODGE

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GOODRICH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **ADAM HARPAZ 9PM PINK ZINC**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL LEUNIG 8PM PAUL KELLY**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM THE WEATHER MEN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **NICK CASEY & LEROY LEE**
- SAE INSTITUTE, BYRON 1PM **OFF THE GRID/LIVE ON THE GREEN WITH RAGGA JUMP, GLOBAL RIPPLE**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 6PM **DO IT OURSELVES DOCO: EARLY DOOF/PARTY PROTESTS**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON, SUNRISE **BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **KATIA DEMEESTER**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **THE HOMBRES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5.30PM **ERIN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 6PM **FREE SPIRIT FESTIVAL**

FUNDRAISER WITH DJ MAGU, DJ WEBBER, DJ SHE J, DJ LYDIA

- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS & HEARTS ON FIRE COMMUNITY CHANTING**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **NEIN BIGWUNZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **BRIAN WATT BAND**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **ROD MURRAY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **GLENN MASSEY & THE THREAD**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **MANDARIN JAM**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 6.30PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH MAGDA SZUBANSKI**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **ANTIMATA**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH STICKY ROCK**
- YAMBA GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **HIGH TIDE**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **BALTIMORE GUN CLUB + THE POST + LABJACKET + NILA BONDA**

SATURDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THIS OLD SUNN, HOBO MAJIC, ZONG**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **WILLY MCELROY & THE IMMIGRANTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ DISCROW**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH STAN GRANT 8PM HANNIE RAYSON'S HELLO, BEAUTIFUL!**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON 5PM **DANGEROUSLY POETIC + KIM BANFFY & ANTHONY LAWRENCE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM
- LOCAL DJS 9.30PM **GARRETT KATO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE PEEKS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **TESS LATU**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON, SUNRISE **BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **QUANTITATIVE EASING THE ZERO LOWER BOUND & OTHER MONETARY POLICY DOUBLE SPEAK**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **YESSAC & FRIENDS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **BILL JACKSON + PETE FIDLER & SARA TINDLEY**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH WILLIAM FINNEGAN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **JACK O'LEARY DUO**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 7.30PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **DAMIEN COOPER**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **VICTORIANA GAYE BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **ANGELO PASH**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **PINK ZINC**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7.30PM **DUBMARINE & 4'20' SOUND**
- THE LAKE, CABARITA 6PM **SAMBA-BLISSTAS, MAULPARTY, 2 FREAKS**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **SUNDANCE**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS

- 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **RAB WHILEY**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **BLACK RHENO + KNIGHTS + VALHALLA MIST + HANDFUL OF HELMET**

SUNDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TAY OSKEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 2PM **WRITERS AT THE RAILS WITH PHILIP WILCOX, TUG DUMBLY, CHRISTINE STRELAN 7PM LADY SLUG**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC 8PM DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON MARKET 10AM **WILLY MCELROY THE IMMIGRANTS, PAT TIERNEY, TIM STOKES**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **JOCK BARNES**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 1PM **SUNDAY SESSION**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON, SUNRISE **BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **SHAUN THE SHEEP**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **BULLHORN**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **JAZZ'N'BLUES**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 2PM **BILLI JAM WITH STEVE RUSSELL, JOHN HELMAN**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **BEN P TRIO**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 12PM & 6.30PM **CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 2PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM **CALDERA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB WITH SANDFIRE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **B-TOWN COLLECTIVE DJS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM JOLANDA MOYLE**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **MAT STOKES**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **PINK ZINC**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 3PM **SHAG ROCK**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN

MONDAY 8

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **LEELI**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **AQUA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **COD SQUAD**

TUESDAY 9

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PAT TIERNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **CARNAVAL DRUMMING WITH THE SAMBA BLISSTAS**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TEMPLE ECSTATIC DANCE**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **SOUTHERLY CHANGE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **KRISTY TURNER & THE ESSENTIAL COLLECTIVE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

WEDNESDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **POINT BREAK II**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 8PM **COMEDY NIGHT W MC RUDY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BYRON BOWLO **MUSICAL TRIVIA**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **COOL RUNNINGS**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**

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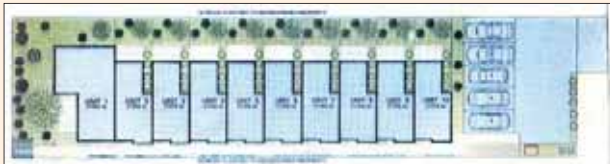
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- Will set a precedent for demolishing old houses in Heritage Conservation Area.
- Development is too big for the site.
- Goes against heritage area values.
- Density is too high and the units are too small.
- Not enough car parking - 5 cars only.
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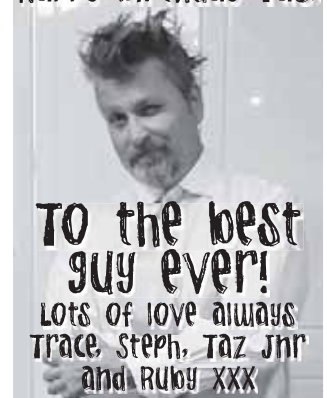
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THINK

Win keeps Byron Bay Rams in the race for minor premiership title

Dogwhistle

The top five contenders were looking for a strong win last weekend as the race for this year's Football Far North Coast Premier League honours heats up.

A draw between ladder leaders Goonellabah and fourth-placed Bangalow tightened the competition and meant the Northern Hotel Rams were once again within striking distance of the Minor Premiership title.

The Rams' Reserves opened Sunday's proceedings with yet another huge win over Lismore's Italo Stars. Four goals to Byron's own star striker, Will Ennis, three to Tomás Do Prado Coelho and an own goal from Italo took the boys to an eight-goal victory and a total of 85 goals for the season to date.



Golden Boot aspirant Aaron Walker sealed a 2-0 win for the Byron Bay Rams.

The Ressies still share the top of the table with Richmond Rovers with a goal

difference lead of 28.

The match was not so easy for the Premier League Rams, with the bottom-of-the-ladder Lismore crew putting in a gritty performance against the reigning champs. Despite the Rams' overwhelming lineup of talent, the underdog Stars held the Rams to 0-0 scoreline into the break.

Repeated attacking moves from Golden Boot leader Aaron Walker, midfielders Lachie Dewar, Quinn McDonald and veteran Sam Owens bore no fruit for Byron until the opening minutes of the second session when Owens put the spill from a goalmouth skirmish back into the box and found

the head of Dewar.

Italo fought back strongly but as fatigue and the relentless pressure from the Rams began to take their toll, the contest began to get a little ragged.

Finally, an Aaron Walker rush on goal was impeded by the Stars' keeper and Walker buried the resulting penalty to lock in a 2-0 Rams win.

With just three rounds remaining, the Byron Prems still share second spot with arch rivals Rovers, six points adrift on goal difference. Byron's chance to challenge for the lead comes this Saturday when the Rams take on Goonellabah in Lismore.

The Reserves kick off at 1pm and the Prems at 3pm.

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AUGUST 2016

Astronomical data and tides

● New moon	August 3	06:33
○ First quarter	August 11	04:20
○ Full moon	August 18	19:26
● Third quarter	August 25	13:40

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 M	0629	1715	0441	1542	0702,1.19; 1932,1.76	0114,0.34; 1243,0.26
2 T	0628	1716	0534	1642	0751,1.22; 2015,1.76	0200,0.28; 1330,0.24
3 W	0627	1716	0622	1740	0835,1.23; 2056,1.74	0241,0.25; 1415,0.23
4 T	0626	1717	0705	1838	0916,1.24; 2133,1.67	0319,0.25; 1456,0.26
5 F	0626	1717	0745	1934	0955,1.25; 2208,1.59	0355,0.26; 1535,0.30
6 S	0625	1718	0822	2028	1033,1.24; 2241,1.49	0430,0.29; 1615,0.36
7 S	0624	1719	0857	2121	1112,1.23; 2315,1.39	0502,0.33; 1656,0.44
8 M	0623	1719	0932	2213	1153,1.22; 2351,1.28	0535,0.36; 1741,0.51
9 T	0623	1720	1006	2304	1240,1.20	0612,0.40; 1836,0.59
10 W	0622	1720	1042	2355	0033,1.18; 1336,1.20	0654,0.43; 1944,0.64
11 T	0621	1721	1119	0126	0126,1.08; 1444,1.22	0745,0.46; 2101,0.65
12 F	0620	1721	1200	0047	0233,1.02; 1552,1.26	0843,0.47; 2222,0.62
13 S	0619	1722	1243	0139	0346,1.00; 1652,1.34	0943,0.46; 2329,0.55
14 S	0618	1722	1330	0230	0454,1.01; 1744,1.43	1040,0.42
15 M	0617	1723	1422	0322	0549,1.06; 1829,1.52	0017,0.46; 1131,0.36
16 T	0616	1723	1518	0412	0638,1.12; 1911,1.60	0058,0.37; 1218,0.30
17 W	0615	1724	1616	0500	0723,1.18; 1951,1.67	0136,0.29; 1302,0.23
18 T	0614	1724	1717	0547	0806,1.25; 2031,1.71	0213,0.21; 1346,0.18
19 F	0613	1725	1819	0631	0850,1.31; 2112,1.72	0250,0.16; 1431,0.15
20 S	0612	1725	1922	0715	0935,1.36; 2154,1.68	0330,0.13; 1518,0.16
21 S	0611	1726	2026	0757	1022,1.39; 2237,1.59	0410,0.12; 1608,0.21
22 M	0610	1726	2129	0839	1111,1.40; 2323,1.46	0453,0.15; 1701,0.28
23 T	0609	1727	2233	0922	1203,1.40	0538,0.20; 1800,0.37
24 W	0608	1727	2336	1007	0013,1.32; 1302,1.39	0627,0.26; 1912,0.45
25 T	0607	1728	0105	1054	0112,1.18; 1409,1.40	0723,0.32; 2035,0.49
26 F	0606	1728	0038	1145	0224,1.07; 1523,1.42	0828,0.36; 2202,0.47
27 S	0605	1729	0138	1239	0345,1.03; 1634,1.47	0936,0.36; 2316,0.41
28 S	0604	1729	0235	1335	0501,1.04; 1737,1.54	1044,0.34
29 M	0603	1730	0328	1433	0603,1.09; 1830,1.59	0014,0.34; 1144,0.29
30 T	0602	1730	0417	1530	0653,1.15; 1915,1.61	0010,0.27; 1234,0.25
31 W	0601	1731	0501	1628	0736,1.20; 1954,1.61	0138,1.23; 1319,0.22

Times are Eastern Standard.
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
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Tweed surfer crowned

Alyssa Lock from Tweed Heads was crowned an Australian shortboard champion over the weekend at the Australian Surf Festival held in playful three-foot waves at Coffs Harbour. Alyssa successfully synced her front-side attack with the punchy lefthand waves outperforming runner-up Sophia Fulton (Mollymook, NSW) in the all NSW final.

New basketball comp keeps it fun

The Byron Bay Beez slammed the Ballina Breakers 96-52 on Saturday night to win the first game of the new Sunshine Basketball Conference.

The game was played at the 'Bee-Hive', the Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay, and was a 'fantastic success' according to Beez manager Bret Madden.

'We were trying to make it something for friends and family as well, a real event so they could enjoy the whole proceedings,' he said.

The first-up win in the Sunshine Conference gives the team good momentum going into the new three-

month, four-team competition.

Lismore and Grafton round out the conference with Bellingen, Casino and Tweed Heads on schedule to enter teams in the future.

The new competition is a streamlined version of the NSW Basketball Northern Rivers competition that includes teams as far south as Port Macquarie.

The local teams had financial and time problems putting together teams who could compete in this comp due to the travel requirements, he said.

'The new Sunshine Con-

ference means a lot more locally based players can have access to premiership level competition,' Bret said.

It was also about making sure younger players could see a playing pathway into the future. 'It is good for them to see A-grade adults playing. All the clubs are doing a lot for junior development at the moment, but Byron has the momentum. We are raising the bar and the others are joining us,' Bret said.

In the long term the new competition could field its own representative team in the short term it is just about having fun.

Fightback couldn't save Swingers

Brian Mollet

The Sunday sun stood proud and Lomath Oval glowed like a flat screen set to 'retinal damage' for the eastern derby in the world's unique cricket competition, the Nick Shand Memorial.

Byron's finest Full-Tossers convoyed across the highway en masse and it was a bit like a polite sort of invasion as they staked out their sunchairs and hit the nets.

The Suffolk Swingers ambled in, some a little wet behind the ears (from the morning surf), and you could tell that with neighbour versus neighbour the game was going to have some edge.

Ash of Byron got it right on the toss and, with conditions perfect notwithstand-

ing the famous turf's tendency to snag the ball like a farmer's friend on a woolly sock, chose to bat. Dutchy John (24) and Jamie showed some intent from the start as Byron jumped from the box like a greyhound on a live lure. Sixes carved across the sky in crimson arcs but the Swingers kept themselves in reckoning with good catching and scalps to Lionel, Christian, Jonty and Jamie (2/12).

The Tossers had notched 111 at drinks but, with not many wickets left to protect, they had to do what so many Byronites have difficulty in doing, namely pull their heads in. Jebez (36no) was the man for the job; despite Hughsie's (3/6) late wickets he hung around and ensured Byron got full use of the overs and, with

support from Zac (22), hit the Tossers to a towering 187.

The Swingers indeed came out swinging and although Lionel and Jamie got among the bowling at times, both fell before scoring 30. At 7-88 it looked all over but weighing down the bottom order were big hitters Wortho and Hughsie. They launched a series of big hits in the late overs and all of a sudden the man with the abacus was saying less than a run a ball was needed. Adam's sliding catch ended proceedings when Wortho died by the sword on 24, leaving Hughsie on 49no and Byron with the win, albeit with quite a scare to go with it.

Next week Main Arm venture forth from their solar-passive dome houses to meet the eclectic Geckos.

Devils keep fighting the losing battle

John Campbell

As a geopolitical analogy, Byron Bay's NRRRL clash with competition leaders Cudgen on Sunday was like Poland taking on a Superpower, and thus the 42-0 scoreline.

The Hornets have an enormous clubhouse and enough poker machines to bankroll a dozen bush footy teams. They're so flush they can afford an electric scoreboard that splits seconds.

Their poor cousins from the south, Byron's Red Devils, made up of good old boys, turned up on Sunday on a hiding to nothing, and if the records suggest that they duly received that hiding it had nothing to do with the effort that the Devils always put in.

Coming up against a quality side like Cudgen was always going to be a test of their heart and soul. The boys passed that test with flying colours, but the scoreboard never records such details, even when it is electronic.

They were never in the race against a side that was a bit more settled, a side that had more pace where it was needed when breaks were made, as well as a side that had had a few extra kilos in the forwards



Byron captain Ryan Connell hits the Hornets' wall at Kingscliff on Sunday.

and knew exactly what they were doing at every moment. The Devils harried them as best they could, and hit them hard in every tackle, but the Hornets never lost their composure. This is the difference between teams closing in on a grand final and those trying to avoid the wooden spoon.

Everything the Devils did smacked of uncertainty and anxiety. They had enough opportunities inside the other mob's twenty to score a handful of tries, but they blew it every time. When Cudgen got a look-in they nailed it.

As the second half wore on, fatigue set in among those

Devils who had already gone around for the reggis and they dropped like flies.

That's how footy works. Go the Bay!

Mullum Giants

Everybody in the Shire who loves rugby league was devastated to hear that Mullumbimby, after one-hundred years of playing would not be fielding a team in this season's NRRRL comp. If you want to help get the mighty Blue-and-Golds back at Les Donnelly Field next season, come along to the club's AGM at the clubhouse on 11 August. All welcome.

Bruns Bulldogs thrive on belief



Hungry Bulldogs Jimmy Trevaskis and Phoenix Islinger.

Dean Trevaskis

The belief that you are good enough arrived for the Bruns Valley Bulldogs Under-11's footy team two weeks ago.

Their first-half performance against the Tweed Tigers turned the form guide on its head, and this new-found mojo underpinned a big win on Sunday against a brave Casino side.

Early-season wobblers

off the boot became deftly weighted punts, fumbled marks became one-hand grabs, handballs linked together and loose players were created and found.

Ocean Casuarina dominated the ruck, rover Charlie Heath darted with grace and grunt gathering possession while River Dragonfly gave the goal umpire burnt nostrils nailing seven goals from all angles. Fino Rudd bagged

four majors of his own.

In the Doggie's backline Phoenix Islinger let his lightning speed off the chain and Jimmy Trevaskis translated his training skills into game day, taking his first specky and releasing teammates with clever handballs.

The team has the bye this weekend, which is a shame because they are hungrier than a pack of junkyard dogs at a vegan picnic.



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Time Capsule

25-year-old time capsule to be opened on 26 August, 1.30pm – Past, Present and Future celebrations for Coorabell Public School's 125th anniversary. All families and members of the community warmly invited.

Volunteer Expo

Byron Shire Volunteer Expo – Cheers for Volunteers, Tuesday 13 September at

Byron Community Centre. A chance for not-for-profits and potential volunteers to meet. Info 6685 6807.

Knitting Nannas Fundraiser

Nonnas' fabulous homemade pasta (meat and vegetarian) extravaganza! Thursday 4 August from 5pm at Lismore City Bowling Club, Molesworth Street. Music by Liora Lalita Claff and band. Fundraiser for the Knitting Nannas' second Nannational Conference, Chinchilla gasfields, at the end of August.

VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club birthday show luncheon is on Thursday 11 August at 10.30am at The Ocean Shores Country Club. Please call Rae on 0427 103 072 by Monday 8th to reserve your seat.

Byron Market

Butler Street Byron Bay this Sunday 8am-3pm. Be entertained by Willy McElroy

& The Immigrants, Pat Tierney, and Tim Stokes. Please leave dogs at home.

Songs for release

Saturday 13 August, Lennox Head Community Centre auditorium at 7.30pm, free entry. Northern rivers singer/song-writer Tom Francis with a group of local musicians performing acoustic music and poetry.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Jiddu Krishnamurti, Religious Philosopher, Author and Educator, presented by Gerald Reardon, Thursday 4 August, 1-3pm at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Art Expo

Ocean Shores Art Expo opening night is on Friday 26 August. Book the date now to come and have fun at Ocean Shores Primary School with 'What Matters?'

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA monthly meeting at 10am Wednesday 10 August in the CWA Rooms, Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby. Members and friends of CWA are welcome. Lunch at 12. Enquiries to Sue 6684 1675.

Antiques & Trading Fair

Northern Rivers Collectors Club Inc in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah) are holding their 26th Antiques & Collectables Exhibition & Trading Fair at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Saturday 6 August, 8.30am-3pm. Admission adults \$6, school children \$1. Proceeds to Tweed Palliative Support Inc. Details Trevor 6677 9577 or 0439 779 577.

U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tues 9 August, 10am-12pm, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Julie Homebrooke pre-

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U3A Ballina/Byron

Ann Porter will speak on Aussie Deaf Kids at our meeting on 9/8/16 at 10am at the RSL, Mullumbimby. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Tax help

Tax return doing your head in? Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is offering Tax Help. Help is free at the centre every Tuesday by appointment through to September. Call 6684 1286 to make an appointment.

Junior chess

Mullum Junior Chess Club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F7 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards. Enquiries Mike 6684 6281.

ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes for migrants and residents in Byron and Ballina, suitable for beginners to advanced learners. Classes held at Ballina TAFE and

in Byron. More info: Penny 6681 8923 penelope.beaumont@tafensw.edu.au.

Newrybar fireworks

Newrybar Public School annual fireworks and bonfire spectacular Saturday 27 August, gates open at 4pm.

Bangalow progress

Bangalow Progress Association will not hold a meeting in August but intends to hold a broader community meeting in September.

Indira Naidoo visit

Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire, in conjunction with Byron Writers Festival, will present Indira Naidoo, author of *The Edible City* in conversation with Belinda Jeffrey at the Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showgrounds, Thursday 4 August, 2pm for a 2.30 start. Catered by Bangalow CWA, tickets \$10, bookings essential – Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396.

Bangalow Red Cross

AGM Bangalow RSL Hall, Friday 5 August at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regular As Clockwork

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Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer.

BCC Seniors Activities

Byron Community Centre's Tuesday Seniors' Activities are back on their regular schedule: 10.30am Elder Beats Drumming \$10; 11.30am Morning Tea; 12 noon Chair Yoga \$5. The Bay Community Singers Choir will be resuming its Monday class at 10.30am from 2 May, cost is \$10.

#StartupByron

#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused on connecting anyone interested in startups or small biz. See <http://www.startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/start-upbyron-un-networking>.

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Bridge club

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at 12.15pm at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Visitors welcomed. For further information/partner ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

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

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Come and chat, enjoy a cuppa, the company and your craft. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Library fun

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

No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people on low incomes with safe, fair 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: brunbushschool@gmail.com.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-11pm. Discover your local history. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

Drug support groups

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

U3A discussion group

Brunswick Valley U3A audiovisual discussion group, Thursdays 10am Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Info 0432 165 006.

Quota Club

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

End-of-life choices

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

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at the Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community

College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Rainbow Dragons Abreast

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzeratizo10@gmail.com.

Op shops

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

Lions Club

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

Low-cost food

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

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7-9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Liberation Larder

The charity that collects, cooks and distributes over 450 meals per week across the Byron Shire to people in need is on the look out for volunteers. There are a variety of roles. For information ring on 0435 879 778 or visit our Facebook page or iberationlarder.org.au.

Byron FLEA

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crescent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Lotte 0490 026 840.

Bridge Club

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

Byron Girls Group

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

Bay Community Singers

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

ManTime

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

Town Choir

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

Carers Community Group

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Mystery talks

The Mysteries of Life and Death: A series of talks and meditations based in the ancient gnostic mysteries, Friday evenings in Byron Bay. Free of charge. Gnostic Society 0412 020 234.

CWA Bangalow

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

Mullum CWA

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

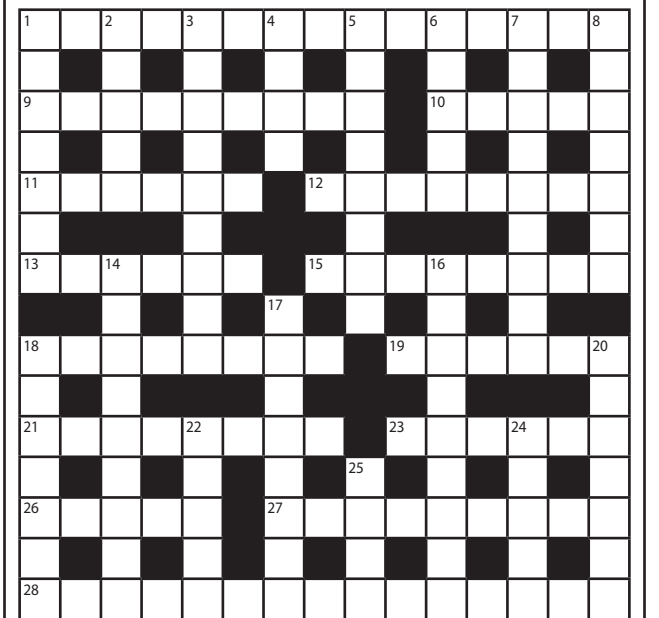
Education Care

Education Care Projects – Kenya, 81-83 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby 9.30am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Potters & Sculptors

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

Mungo's Crossword N136



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Upmarket clobber for flash barroom licensee (10,5)
- Prime looked over happening (9)
- Instrument for a prison band (5)
- Old boy takes time to employ the thick (6)
- Sprout capital (8)
- Obese, that woman – and a parent! (6)
- The end of autumn goes quickly for creatures with a very short life (8)
- Chief of political propaganda in confusion (8)
- Indian outfit takes note of expedition (6)
- Refuge with cardinals holding \$2000 in savings (4,4)
- Noodles a weight? No, a light unit! (6)
- Canoodle with Poles carrying excrement? (5)
- Before anaesthetic, the unconscious are more numerous (9)
- Unexpectedly won little bongos and big waders (10,5)

DOWN

- Rejected acts? (4,3)
- Hold firmly, but tire out about five (5)
- For clerics, short dresses disturb rest (9)
- Pearson goes straight from K to M, we hear (4)
- Unusual moral ban – most unusual (8)
- Dances to The Stones (5)
- She performs at a dance near Gosford (9)
- Southern Post Office employs married women (7)
- Bufo Marinus excrement can be deadly (9)
- Used to photograph a gaudy tulip, for instance (9)
- Game to send a message over the smell? (4-4)
- Polonius knew this tool from a hawk (7)
- From the pub, take a road south – needs guts! (7)
- Broadcast of NUJ – how tedious (5)
- Thanks, and disapproval is forbidden (5)
- Miranda goes both ways (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

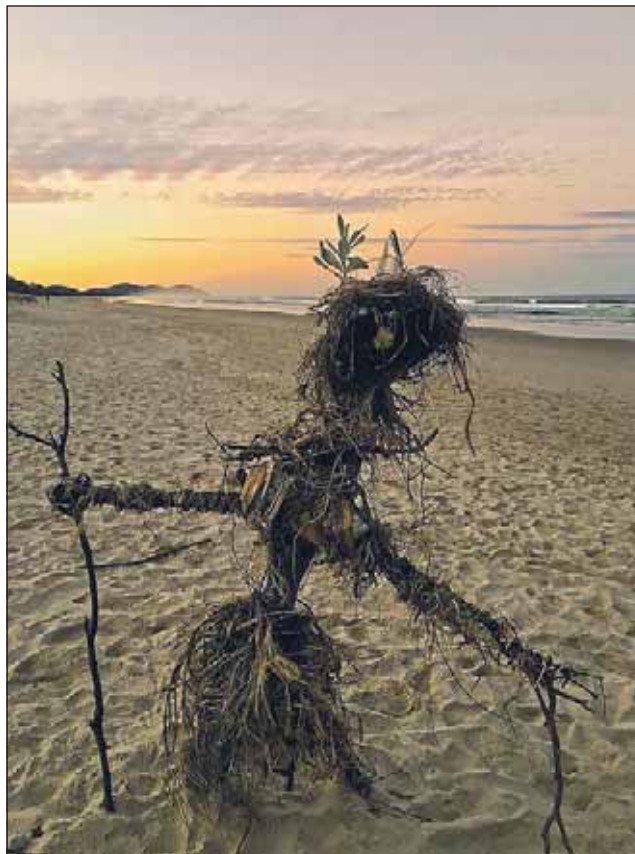
- Garb for state occasions (10,5)
- Number between 15 and 20 (9)
- Stringed instrument (5)
- Of an angle: neither acute nor right nor straight nor reflex (6)
- Capital city of Belgium (8)
- Paternal parent (6)
- Insects with a very short life span (8)
- State of confusion or giddiness (8)
- Hunting trip (6)
- Savings, usually for a rainy day or a particular purpose (4,4)
- Light particle (6)
- Type of cutlery (5)
- Be more numerous (9)
- Farm footwear for rain and mud (10,5)

DOWN

- Throw out, let go (4,3)
- Metal fastener (5)
- Politicians holding a portfolio (9)
- Christmas (4)
- Unusual, not natural (8)
- Igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic deposits (5)
- Classical dancer (9)
- Marital partners (7)
- Fungus, often poisonous (9)
- Photographic accessory used for taking pictures in dim light (9)
- Table tennis (4-4)
- Manual cutting tool (7)
- Internal organs, guts (7)
- Boredom, tedium (5)
- Banned, forbidden (5)
- First name of Bismarck, last name of Miranda (4)

Last week's solution N135

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Must be the season of the witch? Someone was active recently with an art installation on Tallow Beach. Photo Mary McCarthy

'How can I stand here and speak to the idea of our place in an indissoluble commonwealth when this week my people have been reminded that our place is so often behind this nation's bars.' So said Stan Grant in a speech at the University of NSW last Friday. Read it (and perhaps weep) at <http://bit.ly/Stanspeech>. Mr Grant will also be speaking at the Byron Writers Festival this weekend, and there's likely to be some lively debate around the sorry state of our nation, too often governed by cruelty and stupidity.

In last week's article by Mary Gardner the name 'Sarah Friedman' should have been 'Susan Friedman'. Ms Friedman is a psychology professor at Utah State University

and pioneered the application of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) to captive and companion animals. She is internationally known for her work and you can find out more at behaviorworks.org.

If you want to get a handle on keeping your riparian zone gorgeous and flourishing, then get along to the free Healthy Catchments gig at Goonengerry on Sunday August 14, presented by Rous Water and Brunswick Valley Landcare. Get more details and find out how to book in the ad on page 3. (Riparian: adjective, relating to or situated on the banks of a river. Origin mid 19th century, from Latin *riparius*, from *ripa* 'bank'.)

Thirty-seven days and counting... Rolls have now closed for the September 10 council election and nominations close for candidates on Wednesday next week, so we'll soon know who all the runners are. Find out more about early voting and polling places at votensw.info. And if you're old enough to vote and you don't, then don't complain about the standard of councillors you get.

Visitors to the Shire for the writers festival (and locals, too, of course) should be aware that sharks have been spotted lately enjoying the balmy August weather along with the less intimidating whales. You can get alerts from the Shark Smart app or keep track at @SharkSmart on Twitter. The volunteer group Shark Watch NSW also provides warnings on

Facebook. A 2011 issue of *Australian Geographic* gives 13 tips on how to avoid shark attacks (short of not going in the water at all) at <http://bit.ly/sharkytips>. Another article reports on animals which like to get intoxicated, which might also be useful.

The NSW government made one step towards common sense on the weekend with premier Mike Baird announcing that doctors can now prescribe medicinal cannabis. However, don't expect the drug to be legalised for adults who aren't sick any time soon, even though many health experts in the field advocate it, as that would require abandoning the ridiculous 'war on drugs' in favour of treating any over-use of a substance as a health problem rather than a law-and-order issue.

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