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Small schools celebrate their day



Tilly and Alina getting tubed at the Valley of Small Schools day at Durrumbul School last Thursday. Hosted by the Durrumbul School, the picnic day of ball games, team sports and fun brought together students from The Pocket, Upper Main Arm, Coorabell, Newrybar, Wilsons Creek, Goonengerry and of course Durrumbul. Photo Jeff 'Rapt In Plastic' Dawson

Rethink biodiversity law reforms, says land council

The NSW government must postpone the introduction of proposed biodiversity laws until key concerns raised by the land rights network are met, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) said last Friday.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said the land rights network had a number of concerns about the government's biodiversity and land management reforms. He said the proposed reforms failed to adequately protect Aboriginal culture and heritage and largely overlooked the interests of Aboriginal people.

'The NSW Aboriginal Land Council provided a detailed submission to the NSW government on the proposed reforms but the Land Rights network's views haven't been properly considered, he said.

Cr Ah-See said that the proposed reforms would give the green light to self-regulated land management processes and allow for broad-scale clearing.

'This poses massive risks to Aboriginal culture and heritage, especially scarred trees. The NSW Aboriginal Land Council is also seeking clarity on whether the proposed reforms will provide exemptions for Aboriginal traditional cultural activities such as hunting and the use of native plants.

'The proposed reforms need to better recognise and promote the role of Aboriginal peoples in biodiversity conservation, including supporting the use of traditional ecological knowledge in biodiversity conservation programs.

'The NSW Aboriginal Land Council is asking the NSW govcontinued on page 2 ➤

Minister admits to misleading parliament over Crown land

Luis Feliu

In a rare and embarrassing backdown for the NSW government, the minister for lands Niall Blair (Nationals) apologised to parliament for providing incorrect information on Crown land leases that have commenced since 2012. During debate last week on the auditor-general's recent scathing report into the sale and leasing of Crown land, the minister advised the house that no lease had been directly negotiated by Crown Lands since 2012.

It turns out there were 19 - involving leases to airports as well as transactions tied up with the privatisation of Newcastle Port and the NSW electricity generators.

The report reflects also longtime concerns by campaigners against the takeover of public foreshore Crown land at Brunswick Heads by a government-appointed trust which runs three public holiday parks in the town.

Byron Shire Council recently renewed operating licences for the holiday parks amid a public outcry over the encroachments onto public foreshore land.

The opposition says that Crown Lands was clearly dysfunctional and is now in crisis mode. Shadow lands minister Mick Veitch said Crown Lands' staff numbers have been slashed by the Baird government, and a lot of corporate knowledge has walked out the door since 2011.

'The auditor-general's report said that the Crown Lands agency did not know what was occurring on Crown land, Mr Veitch said. 'The minister's false response actually affirms the auditor-general's grave concerns for the management of public land in NSW.

'Savage job cuts by the coalition mean that Crown Lands is no longer aware of many transactions taking place on public land. It has now provided incorrect information to

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Nationals MP Niall Blair speaks to the media at Coogee beach in October 2015. AAP Image/Dan Himbrechts

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Mullum students help neighbourhood centre



As tradition demands, the Year 12 Charity Collection took over the streets of Mullumbimby last Wednesday as the 2016 HSC cohort prepare to graduate from Mullum High. Ashley Booth and Molly Fowler were part of the group who this year raised \$2,300 for the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre. 'Year 12 particularly wanted to support a local organisation', said principal Donna Pearson. 'They felt that supporting families who are struggling financially and the homeless in our area was a very worthy cause.' A cheque was presented to the centre that evening during the Year 12 presentation ceremony. Photo Sharon De Costa

Minister admits to misleading parliament

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the minister on leases - and the minister has admitted to misleading parliament.

'While the minister was quick to blame public servants, the real reason behind the dysfunctionality of Crown Lands is job cuts which have left many Crown Lands offices with a skeletal staff. Without staff, you simply can't know what is going on across land that comprises 42 per cent of NSW'.

Mr Blair told parliament on September 20, 'I apologise to the house for this regrettable error, which was contained in draft speech notes prepared by the department but not corrected prior to the debate. As soon as I was advised of this error, I wrote to advise the clerk of the parliament of my intention to update the record

'Given the topic of the debate last week, the irony of the situation is not lost on me or the department, and I have no doubt it will not be lost on other members. I have ensured that processes have been put in place to mitigate the risk of this reoccurring.

'Regarding the leases, I am advised that they were granted with appropriate consideration of all issues, including receiving a fair return for citizens of New South Wales.'

Avoiding scrutiny

The auditor-general's report report targets a 'culture of avoiding public scrutiny, Mr Veitch said.

Mr Veitch said the report also highlighted the NSW government's 'inadequate' oversight of decision making and 'limited' community involvement in the sale and lease of Crown land.

'Shockingly, the report reveals 97 per cent of leases and 50 per cent of sales over the past four years were hidden from public scrutiny because the government chose to enter into direct negotiations with buyers,' he said.

'The overwhelming conclusion is that more often than not the community is being excluded from the sale and leasing process and is unable to contribute to, or question, decisions made by the department.

'Many tenants are left with free reign on what they can do once they occupy Crown

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Rethink biodiversity reforms: land council

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ernment to address the land rights network's concerns before any of these biodiversity and land management reforms are introduced to parliament?

The NSW government's overhaul of the state's biodiversity and land management laws will see the repeal of the Native Vegetation Act 2003, the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, the Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001 and parts of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 – and the introduction of



NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See. Photo from ourmob.org.au

a new Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

■ See more on the land council at alc.org.au.

New patrol car for Byron Shire

North Coast Nationals MLC Ben Franklin has welcomed \$4.8 million in NSW government funding to roll out a series of new highway patrol vehicles across the state. Byron Shire is one of the first regions to receive one of these new vehicles, which are intended to crack down on dangerous drivers and help reduce the road toll.

Mr Franklin said the new high-visibility vehicles are being deployed to key crash hotspots on major routes and highways across the state. 'We've lost more than 280



people on our roads so far this year because of speedrelated crashes, he said.

'Of the 28 new vehicles, 14 have already been delivered and are on the road in Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Armidale, Tweed, Dubbo, Byron Bay, Grafton, the Hunter, Nowra, Goulburn, Gundagai, Albury and Lismore. The remaining 14 vehicles will be delivered progressively by next year.'

Schoolies HUB offers first aid training

Schoolies is fast approaching. This year the Byron Schoolies Safety Response is once again recruiting volunteers in order to help make the young visitors welcome and ensure that they enjoy a safe celebration.

The HUB will be open 24/7 November 18 till December 5. Up to 50 of this year's volunteers will have an opportunity to receive free certificate training in first aid.

HUB coordinator Nicqui Yazdi said, 'We are looking for volunteers of all ages but would like to encourage more

young people between 18 and 24 to join us this year; it is a wonderful way to gain volunteering experience.'

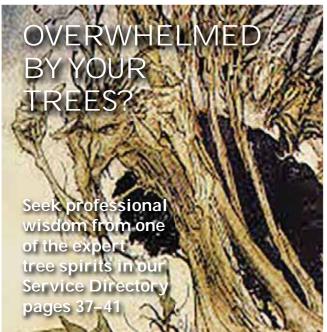
The HUB is a large marquee, set up in Beach Park, Byron Bay, for the duration of the school leavers' celebra-

Services provided include games and activities, evening entertainment, a minor first aid station, a hydration station with free water, free sunblock and condoms and visitor information about Byron Bay.

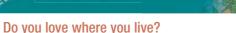
The Byron Schoolies Safety Response is also looking for experienced volunteer drivers to be a part of the shuttle mini-bus service they plan to run this year.

Businesses are also being encouraged to get behind the good work of the volunteers and donate funds towards the safety response.

Anyone wishing to sign up to volunteer, donate funds or just wanting to learn more can contact Nicqui Yazdi on 0402 013 177 or email hubvolunteers@yahoo.com.au.



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Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry, Community Project Officer Ph: 6626 7316 or Email: joanne.mcmurtry@byron.nsw.gov.au



Childcare survey

Byron Shire Council is launching a survey on current and future childcare needs for Byron Shire. Parents (including soon-to-be parents) and carers are invited to share their thoughts.

As a parent of young children, mayor Simon Richardson acknowledges the difficulties that can be faced by families. 'Finding quality childcare that suits your family's needs can be a challenging journey,' he said.

Cr Richardson said participation in the survey will contribute to planning and advocacy for change that increases community wellbeing.

The survey will also help inform Council's new children's services policy.

Visit www.surveymonkey. com/r/byronchildcare until October 14.

Garages band together for recycling



Cousins Orielle, Malayan, Omri and Teo got right amongst it at the Byron Entertainment Centre's massive garage sale, just one of many held during Second Hand Saturday. Photo Jeff 'I Bought All The Plushies' Dawson

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Northern rivers activists join Pine Gap protest

Ros Elliott

People from all over Australia arrived in Alice Springs last Monday to oppose the surveillance operation of Pine Gap Joint Defense Facility. A significant number are from the Bundjalung/northern rivers region.

Pine Gap is the most secret and strategically important of United States military facilities around the globe. It is a vital link in providing target details and coordinates for drone strikes in places such as Pakistan, in which numerous innocent civilians are being killed. The base's importance to US military strategy makes it a potential nuclear target.

Fifty years ago when Pine



'Quaker Grannies for peace' set up breakfast and chatted to the military on the road to Pine Gap last Monday.

Gap was established the sovereign Arrernte people were never consulted. An elder said of a culturally important waterhole there: 'It's the

best protected waterhole in all of Australia inside that spy base; Arrernte people would like to view the lease on their lands. The lease has

#closepinegap. Locally there will be a Picnic For Peace in the Park on Friday, gathering at the Byron Environment Centre rotunda in Railway Park, Byron Bay, at 9am.

never been made public.' On Monday three 'Quak-

er Grannies for peace' set up

breakfast on the heavily pa-

trolled road to Pine Gap and invited military personnel

to sit down with them and

for Friday September 30 to

march to the gates of Pine

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A major action is planned

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Ice forum in the Bay

BUDDI Community Drug Action Team will host a Breaking the Ice Byron Community Forum at the Byron Services Club from 5.30pm to 9pm, as part of the national awareness campaign to educate communities on how to combat the issues caused by

The key message for the forum is 'see the person, not the drug'.

Mandy Nolan will MC the forum with guest speakers including Annie Bleeker from the Alcohol & Drug Foundation and Matt Noffs, author of best-selling book *Breaking* the Ice, and the third generation of the Noffs family to be working in drug rehabilitation and drug law reform.

Other speakers include

On Thursday October 13 the Mitch Dobbie, manager Tweed/Byron Drug & Alcohol Northern NSW Local Health District; Sam Booker, senior project officer, North Coast Primary Health Network, and Dr Blake Eddington, the senior emergency doctor for Byron Hospital. Welcome to Country will be presented by Delta Kay.

> The evening will also include a number of documentary films and slideshows, a panel session and Q&A. Representatives from local health, mental health, alcohol and drug services will be present and resources will be available.

In related news, police recently arrested four men in relation to Ice production. A search warrant was executed for a property in Byron Bay.

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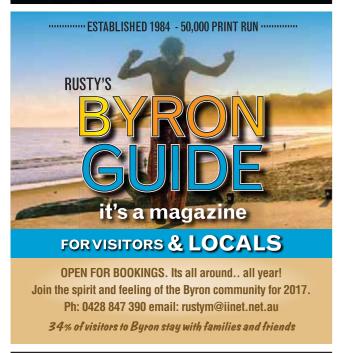
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Permaculture leader Bill Mollison dies

Australian educator, author and co-inventor of Permaculture, Bill Mollison, who died on Saturday aged 88, has been praised for his visionary work. Mollison, who established the Permaculture Institute at Pumpenbil in the Tweed Valley in the 1980s, was one of the world's most influential thinkers on community-led approaches to sustainable development.

The author, educator, academic, researcher and innovative thinker died peacefully in Hobart, Tasmania, on September 24. Mollison has been described as one of Tasmania's leading intellectual exports.

A Permaculture Australia obituary says that Mollison, who was born in 1928 in the Bass Strait fishing village of Stanley, 'leaves behind a worldwide movement of re-

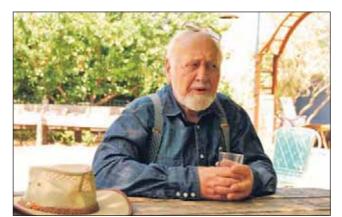


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markable resilience'.

'From its humble beginnings in Hobart, Tasmania, the permaculture design system, which Bill co-created with David Holmgren, spread worldwide, inspiring individuals and communities to take initiatives in fields as diverse and food production, building design, community economics and community development,' the Permaculture Australia website says.

'His time in Tasmania's rainforests and natural systems gave him the founding structure for what became his life's major innovation — the Permaculture Design System: the idea that we can design sustainable systems

that enable us to live within our economic and ecological means and enjoy a modest prosperity. In 1974, in Hobart, he and David Holmgren began to develop the permaculture concept, leading to the publication of Permaculture One in 1978.

'He travelled the world in the 1980s and 1990s, teaching thousands of students. Bill contributed articles, curricula, reports, and recommendations for farm projects, urban clusters and influenced local governments.

'He authored a number of books on the permaculture design system, the best known being The Permaculture Designers' Manual, published in 1988.

See the In Memory of Bill Mollison Facebook group for

Campaign throws sniffer-dog searches off the scent

A campaign spearheaded by the NSW Greens against the invasive use of police drugdog searches has highlighted the ineffectiveness of the operations and reduced them. The 'Sniff Off' campaign targets the ineffective and invasive use of drug dogs by NSW

Documents obtained by the NSW Greens under Freedom of Information show the campaign is having an impact on reducing drug-dog

Greens MP David Shoebridge said 'the widespread publication of data that demonstrates the continuing false positive rates and ineffectiveness of police drug dogs since 2011 has forced a reduction in police drug-dog operations'.

'In 2011 the NSW police searched 16,459 people after a positive drug-dog indication with 78 per cent of people searched being found to carry no drugs,' Mr Shoebridge said.

'After four years of embarrassing media on the high false-positive rate the number of people searched fell to 12,893 with a false positive rate of 69 per cent.'

Tweed/Byron consistently has among the highest number of searches in the state, and is the only Local Area Command outside of Sydney to make the top ten.

In 2014 Tweed Byron had the third most searches in the state, despite having only the 24th lowest false positive rate. In 2015, Tweed/Byron again had the third most searches in the state but dropped to 27th lowest false positive rate.

The false positive rate over both years was 64-67 per cent, meaning 1,221 people

were subjected to intrusive personal searches despite not carrying drugs.

Mr Shoebridge said, 'In 2015, 8,874 totally innocent people were surrounded by dogs and police in public, made to empty their pockets and bags, and then subjected to a humiliating public search by police based on a false positive by a drug dog.

'It is simply unacceptable that given the wealth of evidence that shows the scheme is failing that thousands of people are still being subject to pointless searches.'

Free autism support for families with school children

Up to 50 parents and family carers can attend a free one-day workshop in Ocean Shores next month to help them support their children.

The forum will be held on Wednesday October 12 at the Ocean Shores Country Club.

Research indicates that a large group of Australians have been diagnosed on the autism spectrum, a condition which can have a profound impact on the person, their introduce at our upcoming

family and community.

Workshop facilitator Karen Evans says, 'Particular challenges can arise for children with autism - including behavioural, social and learning issues - which also affect their families and teachers.'

Challenges

'These challenges can be met with practical evidencebased tools like those we'll

Ocean Shores workshop.'

Ms Evans said participants will gain knowledge about how to develop effective family and school partnerships and find out about strategies to advocate for their child, support their child's participation at school and develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs, among other

Space is limited so parents and carers of school-age children should register as early as possible online at www. positivepartnerships.com. au to avoid disappointment. Morning tea, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism Package and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia

It's official: Byron Shire a foodie's paradise

Byron Bay and the hinterland has won the trophy for outstanding region in recent awards by a prestigious food magazine. The recent delicious magazine awards honoured the region with several

On hand to collect the trophy was Byron Shire Council's economic and tourism co-ordinator Jane Laverty. Ms Laverty said the award caught

her completely by surprise.

'We didn't nominate. The award came as a result of some of Australia's most renowned chefs and food industry leaders recognising our industry maturity and passion for food.

'The combination of our incredible climate and fertile soils has seen our agricultural, valued-added producers and the creativity in our

restaurants grab the national

Byron also saw a gold medal win for Salumi Australia Bottarga and Josh Lewis from Fleet in Brunswick Heads being declared winner of the Unearth Next Gen

Byron Bay Farmers Market was also a finalist.

New local farmer to Byron Palisa Anderson took out the award for outstanding food store, Jarern Chai Asian Grocer and Boon Café Haymarket, where the farm produce is directly supplied to.

Ms Laverty said the prestigious national award will allow the area to continue to build the Byron food advantage and help leverage stronger ties to the upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

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Does Lismore have its own Uluru?

Story & photo Darren Coyne

Archaeologists investigating ancient stone walls and other sites on the North Lismore Plateau believe the area could be as culturally significant as Uluru. Led by Bundjalung elder Mickey Ryan, the archaeologists from Tocomwall Pty Ltd visited the plateau last week as part of a survey of the area's cultural landscape.

Mr Ryan has been leading the fight to stop a 1,500-dwelling development proposed by Lismore City Council and local landowners. The council has rezoned the plateau for residential development and has said that development applications would be lodged before the end of the year.

'Desecration'

But Scott Franks, managing director of Tocomwall, an Aboriginal cultural heritage consultancy firm that provides archaeological, ecological and cultural heritage services across Australia, told Echonetdaily that such a development would be desecration.

'I believe it's as significant as Uluru. I've never seen anything like this and I grew up with my old people walking the country. I've been in the army and all over Australia and I've never seen anything like it ... especially not in New South Wales, Mr Franks said.

'I believe it's highly significant and the council should be turning their minds to ways to protect this. If this area is cleaned up and managed properly, and the right protocols are put in place with



Bundjalung elder Mickey Ryan in the area of the plateau where stone walls are located.

the right knowledge holders, I think it could be an unbelievable teaching area for archaeology, and also for tourism.'

Tocomwall's senior archaeologist Jakub Czastka, who trained at the Institute of Archaeology in London, said the site should be properly surveyed and protected.

'What I've seen up there in terms of the wall alignments and the features most certainly do not conform to European or post-contact practice, he said.

Mr Czastka dismissed a previous theory that the stone walls could have been Chinese market gardens. 'They are located at the top of a slope and there is no soil build-up behind the walls. If they were gardens they would have been built further down the slope to contain soil, he said.

'The only interpretation

you can put on those stone alignments, even though we saw only a small section of them, is that they were established pre-contact, and would have been built over hundreds, if not thousands of years.'

Ceremonies

'I have no doubt in my mind that they are Indigenous, and looking at the location and the size, I would suggest there have been some very, very serious ceremonies occurring up there?

During their visit to the plateau yesterday, the archaeologists also found evidence of where Aboriginal people had used the granite rocks to sharpen tools.

And in among the lantana and other noxious weeds on the council-owned land, Mr Franks discovered red orchids, which he said were a rare and protected species.

Mr Ryan said the advice from the archaeologists confirmed what he had been telling the council for a long time... that the plateau was highly significant to Aboriginal people and should be protected.

Mr Ryan has vowed to fight any plans to develop housing on the plateau, and has the support of the Bundjalung Council of Elders.



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Govt seeks cannabis growers

Chris Dobney

The Turnbull government has introduced legislation it says will 'ensure security and law and order is maintained' as it prepares for the cultivation of a local supply of cannabis for medicinal products.

It involves the screening of candidates, including potentially hundreds of experienced cannabis growers who may have fallen foul of the law at some stage.

Minister Sussan Ley said the amendments to the Narcotic Drugs Act would 'enable the safe and legal distribution of cannabis products for medicinal use for painful and chronic conditions, by giving law-enforcement agencies the confidence to provide sensitive information to the Commonwealth to assess

the suitability of applicants to cultivate cannabis for medicinal purposes.'

'It's vital that the cannabis grown under licence through this government-sanctioned scheme, which delivers the "missing piece" for Australian patients and their doctors to manage chronic and painful conditions, isn't diverted for illicit uses, minister Ley

Black market

'We need to exclude people who look at the cannabis cultivation scheme as a way to profit from diverting cannabis to the black market. This outcome can only be achieved if we work closely with law-enforcement agencies to ensure appropriate legal safeguards are in place, so that the risks of criminal involvement in cannabis cultivation are minimised.

'Allowing cultivation of cannabis for the treatment of very sick people, including children, is an important step.

'We want to see this scheme become a success for the patients who want to access this medicine, but for that to happen protections need to be implemented to ensure those cultivating the medicinal cannabis are subject to strict "fit and proper persons" requirements to ensure they are suitable to participate in this industry, she said.

The cost of issuing licences and of official inspections to ensure compliance will be funded by annual charges on licence holders.

Medicinal cannabis treatment starts on October 30.



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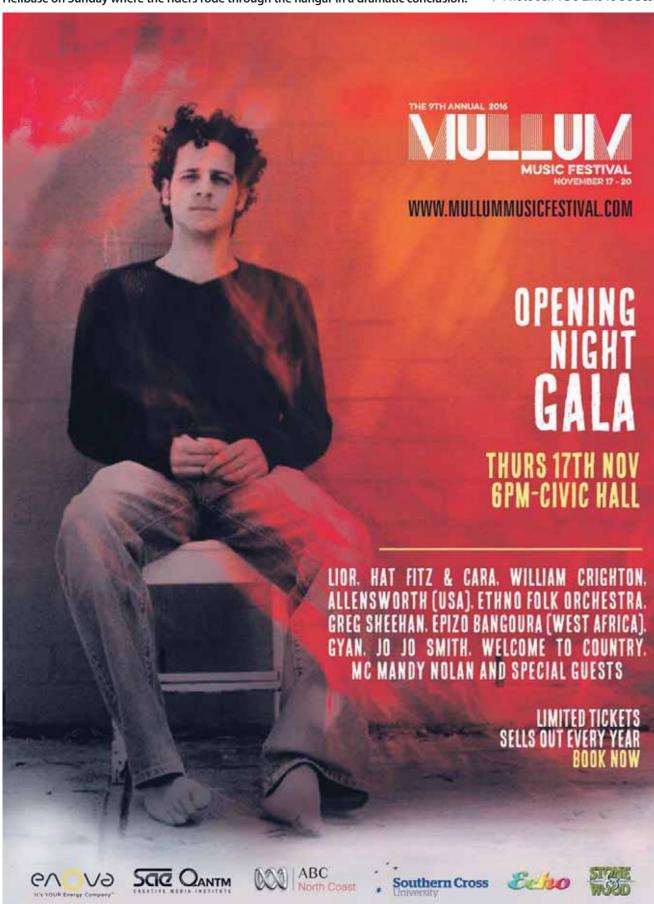


The second annual Hogs4Helicrescue charity ride was held on the weekend, involving members from a number of local biking clubs, including the Mid-North Coast, Sunshine Coast, Northern NSW, Gold Coast and Gasoline Alley Harley Davidson chapters. The ride, which raised about \$1,500 for Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service, started at the Kyogle Showgrounds on Saturday and riders performed a 'thunder run' down the main street of Kyogle at 11.30am before heading to Ballina. The ride concluded at the Lismore Helibase on Sunday where the riders rode through the hangar in a dramatic conclusion.

Beachside bling brings in the coin



Jake found last Saturday's beachside market at Byron Bay a good place to make some coin. Photo Jeff'l Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' Dawson



GPs, Feros win award

Establishing a regular videoconference link between Feros Care Village at Byron Bay and the local GP practice Bay Medical has led to the innovative project receiving a top award in the North Coast Primary Health Care Excellence Awards. The inaugural awards were hosted by the North Coast Primary Health Network (NCPHN) and are a national first for one of the Commonwealth-backed PHNs.

The project, known as the eVillage, was honoured in the Promoting Healthy Living category. Its aim was to establish a fast and dependable connection between aged-care residents and their GPs.

The videoconferencing has proved to be an ideal way of addressing the needs of seniors living in residential care with complex conditions.

Over a two-year trial period, Bay Medical conducted more than 400 video calls with Feros Care Village Byron Bay. The project involved four GPs and 48 seniors. It was found to have enabled 52 hospital admissions to be avoided, with care advice being provided to residents and Village staff sooner in afterhours situations. Transport costs for seniors were reduced by \$40,000.

The weekly 'virtual clinic' has been operating for 18 months.

Fed films and food

Federal Film Society (Federal Films www.federalfilmsociety.com) has been going now for 15 years and in that time, through the dinner at each film night, has enabled local community groups to raise over \$150,000.

Food Film Night (in its 14th year) is the one event each year where the film mob do the catering and raise the money to keep the films flickering for the year. It is also the one event you must book for as it is a sit-down gourmet dinner. This year's date is Sat-

urday October 8.

'With a menu designed by local cooking supremo Belinda Jeffery, using all of the wonderful ingredients we have in the area, the night is amazing value and a fun experience,' say organisers. There is film but mostly it is about our mission, "Bringing community together through food and film", with interactive quizzes, trivia, raffles, door prizes and laughs.'

To book, call Fran on 6688 4134. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$40 non-members.

Byron chamber AGM

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday October 6 upstairs at the Byron Bay Community Centre at 5.30pm. Come

along to hear about the year gone by and also plans for the next 12 months. Meet the new board members who have joined to support the chamber and its members.

Minister targets rezoning 'zombies'

Michael McDonald

It took two years from the minister's initial thought bubble but it looks like the state Liberal government is prepared to shut down ridiculous modifications to developments which thumb their noses at the original development approval.

Planning minister Rob Stokes's people describe it as 'a more independent and faster planning review process that stops rezoning applications being endlessly revived'. The new Rezoning Review, which came into effect on September 1, replaces the pre-Gateway review, enabling applicants to seek an independent review of council decisions on proposed rezonings.

Endless cycle

Mr Stokes said the new process stops amendments being made to proposals at the review stage, slowing proceedings and wasting time and resources. 'This will end the absurd situation of proposals rising like zombies again and again in an endless cycle of amendments and resubmissions during the review process, he said.

'The Rezoning Review will also be faster, more efficient and more independent, enabling local decision makers to resolve matters without additional involvement of state bureaucrats. A simpler, easier to understand and quicker review process will benefit applicants and the community alike.

Words like 'easier' and 'quicker' raise in the sceptic's mind the spectre of 'fasttracking' for developers. The devil in this new review process will be in the detail and in the continuing temptation



Scene from Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse, Broken Road Productions.

for any ministers to override a local government area's wishes in favour of a developer mate - though the ICAC has shown how perilous that temptation

The thought bubble in question is a statement by Mr Stokes to Parliament on March 27, 2014, in which he declared, 'Spot rezonings have long been the bane of planning processes. More than anything else, they erode public confidence in planning.

Surprise

'The problem with spot rezonings is that they introduce an element of surprise into planning, and that unpredictability can have huge impacts on people's homes, neighbourhoods and lives.'

Mr Stokes went on to describe a development on his home turf of Warriewood, a 'sylvan place', a 'peri-urban environment of paddocks and glasshouses', developed over the past 15 years into 'a vibrant medium-density suburb characterised by townhouses and detached homes on smaller blocks with a standard density of 25 lots per hectare'.

Staggering

But then: 'an applicant [the Daily Telegraph identified it as Meriton, a generous donor to Libs campaign funds] had submitted a planning proposal under the pre-gateway process for a development that offended the brand new strategic planning vision not by ten per cent or 20 per cent, but by a staggering and outrageous 300 per cent. Appropriately and unanimously, the council rejected the proposal for inconsistency with the strategic plan.

'The appeal process should be about re-examining sensible proposals put in good faith where the existing planning rules are manifestly unreasonable, not in providing endless backdoor opportunities for disreputable developers to push their proposals. Put bluntly, where a spot rezoning is all about the developer's interest and the case for public interest is not crystal clear and compelling, it simply should not happen.

'Under the new planning system, we need to move away from one that allows for assessment by faceless men. Contentious decisions, such as appeals on rezonings, must be made openly and transparently by representatives of the people directly in a council chamber, in a court by a commissioner or by an appropriately qualified independent panel?

So much hinges on what the local council, the residents and/or the minister sees as 'manifestly unreasonable'. Our new greenish council might get the opportunity to test the definition of reasonableness in the next four years and hold the minister to his declaration that where 'the case for public interest is not crystal clear and compelling, it simply should not happen'.

■ See Rob Stokes's full 2014 statement at http://bit.ly/ hansardstokes.



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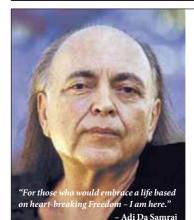
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EPA 'proves logging bad for koalas'

Outcomes of a recent study ests threatened by logging. koalas have a significant preference for larger trees and more mature forest, with koala populations found to be collapsing in recently logged areas, according to the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA).

NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh said, 'The government now has the evidence that logging is bad for koalas and needs to take immediate action to identify and protect the remaining koala colonies that are in public for-

by the Environmental Pro- Every day that the Forestry there had been limited recent stop half of it being logged. tection Authority prove that Corporation is allowed to go logging in Royal Camp and 'The minister for the enon logging koalas' preferred feed trees brings them closer to extinction.

'We call on Premier Mike Baird to urgently intervene.

The EPA assessed koala populations in four north coast state forests, finding that higher koala activity is 'positively correlated with greater abundance and diversity of local koala feed trees, trees and forest structure of a more mature size class, and areas of least disturbance'.

Carwong State Forests there was high koala occupancy and that these are source areas where koala numbers are increasing.

'NEFA had to intervene to stop the Forestry Corporation illegally logging koala highuse areas in Royal Camp State Forest southwest of Casino in 2012, and again in 2013 when they tried to resume logging,' Mr Pugh said.

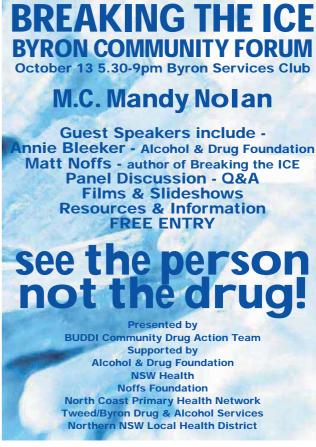
'It became evident that we had come across an exceptionally important area for

The EPA found that where koalas, but were too late to

vironment, Mark Speakman, has sat on his hands and done nothing for too long while the Forestry Corporation continue to rampage through koala habitat.

'The government can no longer claim ignorance. Premier Mike Baird must intervene to save NSW's koalas.

'A good start would be removing Royal Camp and Carwong from the logging schedules and making them into a national park,' Mr Pugh said.







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Healthy communities?

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has released a report with the somewhat wry title Healthy Communities: Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2013-14. The report goes on to detail the higher-than-average levels of hospitalisations in rural areas.

It fits in with an earlier AIHW report: 'People living in rural areas tend to have shorter lives and higher levels of illness and disease-risk factors than those in major cities. It is also true that, on average, people living in rural Australia do not always have the same opportunities for good health as those living in major cities.' Hardly seems in harmony with the sylvan serenity people come seeking on the north coast, does it?

AIHW spokesperson Michael Frost said on the report's release, 'Overnight hospitalisations for mental health conditions varied across Primary Health Network (PHN) areas, from 627 per 100,000 people in the ACT to 1,267 per 100,000 in north coast NSW. Overall, regional PHN areas had higher rates of hospitalisations than city-based PHNs.'

You can find the report at myhealthycommunities.gov.au/ national. It takes a bit of navigating but you can track down all the data for our region, the North Coast Primary Health Network, a big area which runs all the way from south of Port Macquarie to the Queensland border.

A break-up of the north coast mental health data shows that intentional self-harm hospitalisations are at a rate of 236 per 100,000 compared with the national figure of 150. Drug and alcohol hospitalisations run at 274 per 100,000 (national 168) and hospitalisations for schizophrenia and delusional disorders are at 234 per 100,000 (national 168).

The reasons behind these figures are very complex and I am certainly not qualified to offer an overarching judgment on them. Among many factors would be fewer back-up services in rural areas compared with the cities, the incidences of domestic violence and sexual abuse, homelessness, even the appeal of the balmy north coast to those with a mental illness compared with living in a stressful city could inflate the local figures.

What the figures demonstrate is that funding for frontline support services for people with mental health issues is vital.

The Byron Community Centre and the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre (http://mdnc.org.au), for example, are well aware of this.

Yet the Byron Community Centre has had its funding drastically cut in the middle of what could be regarded as a mental health crisis for the north coast and has an ongoing Safety Net Appeal at byroncentre.com.au/safetynet – the video is well worth a look.

For further information the Northern NSW Local Health District http://nnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au offers a booklet on local mental health services. Readers seeking personalised support can also contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

- Michael McDonald

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Customs officers will not deter the desperate

address well past prime time at the United Nations General Assembly, Malcolm Turnbull used his pulpit to proclaim that Australia's border security was the world's best.

And it is – up to a point. Not since the demolition of the Berlin Wall has there been such ruthless sealing of our frontiers. The boats may not have stopped entirely, but they have been very effectively repelled from our shores.

We have, as even Peter Dutton, Turnbull's hanger-on in New York, admitted, something of a natural boundary; the country is, as our national anthem notes, girt by sea. No other major nation on earth has such an advantage.

Were the countries of Europe - the current target of the greatest mass migration of refugees in 70 years - to seek such barriers, they would have to erect other walls, such as the one proposed by Donald Trump between the United States and Mexico. And for all sorts of reasons, no-one - at least no-one deemed sane - is suggesting such a course.

So when Turnbull preaches about the need for secure borders, it is not entirely clear just what he means. His ideas for keeping out terrorists and other undesirables will no doubt have resonance; everyone who matters is already doing their utmost. But the root problem, the push factors that drive the desperate to find some kind of safety from war, death and persecution will not be eradicated by customs officers, however well armed or well informed by intelligence or any other method known to science.

Thus Turnbull's second nostrum - that this is the way to achieve social harmony, promoting genuine humanitarian migration and a system of pub-

t a sparsely attended licly accepted multiculturalism - is not really relevant to any country other than his own.

> And his third panacea - international cooperation - has been exemplified by his unexpected move to bring in some refugees from Costa Rica. Given there are plenty of refugees in our own region, not to mention the crisis proportions in the Middle East, this has been seen as a blatant suck-up to the United States, either to buy his way into Barack Obama's summit in the first place, or, more conspiratorially, as a people swap: your Costa Ricans for our Nauruans.

of years it has never needed or demanded the kind of Border Force devised by Tony Abbott and Scott Morrison.

The influx of refugees and asylum seekers from Vietnam in the late 1970s was seldom queried: there were no cries to stop the boats, let alone for those arriving to go back to where they came from. The public is well accustomed to migration at all levels: for workers, for family reunion, for business migration and for refugees. The debates have rarely been about the composition, but about Australian

arguments have had absolutely

nothing to do with the fulmina-

tions of Morrison and Dutton,

spades, to multiculturalism.

The brave and successful exper-

iment with this initiative came

directly out of the post-war re-

construction plans of Labor in

the 1940s. It was nurtured and

expanded by all governments

of all persuasions, with few

exceptions; there were hiccups

in the 1990s in the age of John

Howard and Pauline Hanson,

And the same applies, in

nor the homilies of Turnbull.

resources and jobs. And those The real hiccup in public

through cynical propaganda fostered largely by the Howard government and pursued, on and off, ever since. We were told that the asylum seekers were not the wretched of the earth fleeing from persecution: they were at best queue jumpers and economic migrants (you know, the ones we encourage by offering large payments for visas from those offering to buy into businesses) and at worst bringers of disease, drug smugglers, terrorists and child drowners.

relentless demonisation of them

We did not want those people here; and the corollary

was that we did not want their compatriots here either - indeed, we did not really want any 'foreigners' here, and we would like a lot of those who had already settled to go away. The actual threat to what has been a largely harmonious multicultural society has not been the fact that a couple of MCGs full of boat people had landed: it has been the way they were demonised by the politicians. The campaign for fear and loathing has worked for the undecided voters in the marginal electorates, but it has spilled over with dangerous consequences for the polity as a whole.

Thus the extraordinary poll that showed almost half of Australians reject Muslim immigration. The only way to repair the situation - to ensure that Turnbull's belief in multiculturalism can be reaffirmed and celebrated - is to change the rhetoric, and that in itself may

not be enough. Until the paranoia and secrecy surrounding the shame and disgrace of our gulags on Nauru and Manus are finally expunged we will continue to be diminished - as acceptable participants in the international community, and, more immediately and importantly,

demonisation of asylum seekers through cynical propaganda.

by Mungo MacCallum

approval came from the relentless

But the latter is surely unlikely: Turnbull and Dutton have repeatedly refused offers of support from friendly countries such as New Zealand because they are just too nice. The way to deal with boat people is to put in the boot and keep it on their necks: brutality is the essence of the policy.

And this brings us back to the domestic issue: is border security the only method by which the two laudable aims of humanitarian intake and international cooperation can be achieved? Turnbull calls them the three pillars: a kind of policy trinity, three in one, self evident and indissoluble.

But even the most cursory reading of Australian history will reveal that the connections are neither necessary nor sufficient. Large-scale humanitarian migration arrived very early in the piece; it has been part of the Australian practice well before federation. It has been selective and discriminatory, but until the last couple

and there are now hiccups now. Turnbull claims that the way to ensure multiculturalism, which he passionately espouses, is through strong border security - the policies of Abbott which he has now so enthusiastically adopted. The hiccups, he says, came as a result of the wave of asylum seeker arrivals in the Rudd-Gillard years.

But it can be equally argued that the real hiccup in public approval came not from the arrivals themselves, but from the









Rail and trail

If you are looking for or supporting affordable housing in the Byron Shire, it is worth contemplating a regular rail service, which connects the jobs hub of Byron Bay with more affordable housing in the hinterland of Mullumbimby or Bangalow.

Both affordable housing and the Byron Line are difficult to attain, with the Byron Line having the potential to help ease the pressure on workers paying high rents for their abode close to their work.

In addition it creates more jobs, in Bangalow or Mullumbimby or the hinterland, from tourists wanting to explore those jewels in a leisurely fashion, not just on pushbikes.

This chance should not be missed as there is only one.

It's the only valid reason to protect the rail corridor.

Jens Krause Byron Bay

■ The old railway line has lain disused for more than a decade now. The process that led to its abandonment was gradual, inevitable and irreversible. The reasons for the discontinuation of rail services to the far north coast were largely economic.

Railroads were first developed in early 19th century England and trains quickly became the primary mode of long-distance transport throughout much of the industrialised world. Today they remain an essential and efficient means for transporting bulk produce over long distances between major locales, such as hauling coal or iron ore from mine to port.

But when it comes to distributing lots of people and packages to and from many different places, railways and trains are not the most effective or economic transport solution. Smaller vehicles that can travel on a variety of road surfaces are necessary to distribute and deliver people and products to and from diverse and dispersed locales.

In large cities, where centralised rail systems transport large numbers of people between suburbs and city centres, railroads remain economically viable transport solutions. But out in the country and regional rural districts, railroads have limited utility, associated mostly with mining and agriculture.

For a small, environmentally friendly community like we have here in Byron Shire, the disused railway

line would seem to be ideally suited for use as a trail for hiking and cycling between the small population centres scattered along its route.

Will this wonderful idea be any closer to realisation given another decade? Not if TOOT and co have their way. John Scrivener Main Arm

Three movements

When humans are ready to come out of denial that they are in the midst of an environment crisis, and are more ready to remember the humanness of their exceptional ability with reason, they could consider three major movements.

The first, with the acknowledgement that the side-effects of all technologies are killing the planet, is movement away from technologies. Technologies themselves are not the problem. Humans' excessive attachment to anything is a problem.

The second, the result of humans as a herd animal constantly comparing with each other, is egalitarianism; equality of material resourcing; the elimination of wealth gaps. This reduces the possibility of movement away from technologies being seen as poverty. Egalitarianism is also a movement that has been known to be needed to be accomplished, but was neglected for millenia. The prehuman past asserted itself more than humanness.

The third, the result of the comparative shock introduced by the first two, and as a means of supplying human needs in terms also of not creating a dead planet, is ruralisation rather than

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- Samuel Beckett

Digesting the food hub plans

■ The concern of Pam and Martin Brook, Massimo Scalas and Rebecca McEwan for Bangalow is welcomed (Letters, September 21). Their stated intentions for the Lismore Road Rural Industries Food Precinct site and their assurances that they will do everything possible to minimise impacts on Bangalow are respected.

But one must ask why are these new 'commitments' only now being publicised, and by tenants and not by the actual developer? After all, it is the developer who will determine the ultimate design, financial investment and impact on Bangalow, not the tenants.

Before this development was submitted to the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel the Bangalow community was given little opportunity to influence its design and suitability. Why must the community always be placed in the position of being perceived as negative to development when its prior involvement could potentially improve a project's chances of local acceptance and reduce community angst?

Bangalow Progress Association did meet with the developer and some tenants, but it was after the proposal had been submitted. A lively discussion resulted in members voting against the development on the grounds that it was incompatible with the overall vision for Bangalow expressed in the recent Have Your Say Bangalow survey, which is part of the town's master-planning process.

The survey found that Bangalow's attractiveness is its small scale, its village atmosphere, its clear village edge, its historic/heritage look and feel and its rural surroundings and views. The scale of this factory development is a significant threat to the maintenance of Bangalow's reputation and tourist business no matter what beautification might be proposed.

Tony Hart President **Bangalow Progress** Association

■ Does Bangalow deserve a major factory development and its significant traffic flow? What does that teach our kids about intelligent sustainable development?

As a trained engineer I have serious misgivings about the traffic report. It avoids serious commentary on the traffic impact on Bangalow.

The data used is signifi-

cantly less than data RMS used in their recent Lismore Road strategy. The report only accounts for three businesses on this site (yet the DA states four tenants plus more), predicted traffic volumes exclude staff growth, external contractors, tourist buses, or new business joining the site.

It states the development is for large scale users which includes a 'relative high percentage of heavy vehicles' and heavy vehicles must follow a 'code of conduct'. How realistic is that?

The DA states no plan to ensure trucks don't drive through Bangalow's heart, and even so didn't we just have an \$860m new tunnel built to take trucks off Hinterland Way owing to safety and pollution issues?

I congratulate the innovative approach but urge the businesses to step away from the 'developer-led dream' and look at the detail and logic of this site. Using rural farmland away from a major road for a significant factory development, driving large traffic volume through a heritage town, just doesn't make

> Simon Field Bangalow

■ It is a completely inappropriate site for a large-scale factory development - each

of these three factories will be seven times bigger than the largest building in the current industrial estate.

This single industrial development is more than twice the size of the entire existing industrial estate opposite and 80 per cent of all traffic will flow through Bangalow.

This sort of major industrial development needs to be accessible to major transport routes, not on the other side of a unique heritage village. Granuaille Road will once again be rumbling with extra truck movements.

Bangalow has a significant koala population with most of the sightings on Rifle Range, Raftons and Granuaille Roads. Koalas and vehicles do not co-exist.

This development is too large and in the wrong place, plain and simple. If you ever bothered asking the Bangalow community that is the message you would be hearing loud and clear.

> **Linda Sparrow** Bangalow

■ The food hub proponents have already responded online to a letter from Ean Jones and stated that 'prohibiting trucks from going down the main street of Bangalow is enforceable through a Tenants Charter or a Tenants Lease agreement'. See more at echo.net.au/letters. – Ed

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urbanisation. This encloses all humans in the comparative beneficence and nurture of nature. These are qualities of nature of which humans are rapidly losing all remembrance.

Nothing new is being put forward here. It is reiteration of what the hippies have always known.

Geoff Dawe

Burka symbol

Oh Daniel Sage, you sour bigot ('The row over burkinis reveals sour bigotry', Echo, September 21). 'One more nation tries desperately to hold on to an old-fashioned image of itself. Would you write that about the Yolnu? Massai? Yoruba? How about the Sioux? Maori? Maya?

No, Daniel, you probably wouldn't, would you? Every single paragraph of your article is unexamined, clichéridden hypocrisy.

Among your more puerile statements is that '... the French are open about their xenophobia, which is bullshit, but a handy introduction to saying you, Daniel, have written an ignorant, prejudiced, bigoted, racist article, and you certainly aren't open about it.

To understand the significance of the 'burka ban' is as important as understanding Germany's attitude to the swastika. Does anyone actually want to know, or shall we just follow Daniel's bigoted prattle down the road of ignorance?

I request equal space, and equal positioning, to present an article in reply, of equal

> **Matthew Hartley** Byron Bay

A new state

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the 1967 self-government referendum of New England which was narrowly defeated when the Askin government included the populous industrial city of Newcastle at the last moment to defeat the referendum.

Excluding the Hunter Valley, there was a Yes vote

of 64 per cent in favour of a new state. The Yes vote locally in that referendum was Lismore 72 per cent, Byron 67 per cent, Grafton 66 per cent, Coffs Harbour 73 per cent, Tenterfield 71 per cent, Tamworth 58 per cent, Armidale 61 per cent, Coonabarabran 53 per cent, Gunnedah 65 per cent, Moree 67 per cent, Taree/Foster 28 per cent, Port Macquarie 44 per cent.

In 1953 local government areas voted on the new state issue, producing a 76.9 per cent Yes vote. Under the *Local* Government Act 1993 - Section 14, Council Polls, 'A council may take a poll of electors for its information and guidance on any matter. Division 2 Constitutional referendums.'

If you can think outside of the square, you will realise that with a new state, residents will make their own decisions for their state/region, not rely on a far distant government/bureaucracy who have historically looked after their capital city constituency first. With

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Farewell to John Stanley McKay 1931–2016

ell-known Mullumbimby identity John McKay was born at Guyra on July 17, 1931, one of eight children.

John attended Farrer Memorial Agricultural College, Tamworth. He then enrolled at Armidale Teachers College in an agricultural science course, in which he excelled.

John's first appointment was to Wingham Central School in 1951. For 15 years he taught agriculture, science and physical education. John completed a university degree in science, studying by correspondence: 'the hard way'.

John married Elva Joan McKay on January 10, 1953 at Smithtown, and their two sons were born in 1953 and 1956.

At Wingham John played rugby league at fullback, centre and five-eight. He represented at group level, captained Wingham Tigers to a grand final, and spent two years as captain-coach of Taree United before returning to the Wingham team. He also served as president of the Wingham club.

John and his wife were members of Blackhead Surf Life Saving Club while at Wingham. In 1952 he was a mid-north coast representative in the state titles at Byron Bay in beach relay.

In 1966 John took an appointment at Mullumbimby High School as special science master.

John and Joan purchased a property next to Mullumbimby Hospital. They shared a love of gardening.

An adjacent section of land was purchased before the hospital was built, where they slowly developed a magnificent garden with hundreds of plant species. Growing bromeliads, succulents



and cacti was a passion. John supervised planting of trees and gardens at schools where he taught.

At Mullum high school John was Teachers Federation president for 15 years and was awarded life membership. He enjoyed coaching football teams and had an enjoyable time as captain of the cadet corp. A selector for Mullumbimby Rugby League Club from 1966 to 1971, he was also secretary and treasurer during that time.

John taught at MHS until 1985 when offered the opportunity to open a new high school at Alstonville. After working for three and a half years as deputy and acting principal, John retired at the end of 1988 after 37 years in teaching, aged 57.

In retirement John spent more time in the garden expanding his extensive collection. He and Joan enjoyed caravan travel over Australia periodically for 15 years. A couple of trips to South-East Asia with John's siblings followed.

Never inactive, John and Joan delivered Meals on Wheels locally for many years. He joined the Apex Club in 1966. An energetic member for many years, he was awarded life membership.

John joined the bowling club in the mid-1970s, over the years holding positions as secretary, treasurer and president for many terms. A board member for 20 years, he devoted much time, effort and energy to the club, last playing in January 2016.

He was awarded life membership in 1991.

After a brain tumour was diagnosed in early 2016, John spent time in Coolamon Villa then was transferred to Feros Village, Bangalow, on June 28. Joan visited him almost every day at Bangalow for seven weeks. John had his 85th birthday on July 17 but gradually deteriorated until passing away on August 19. We are grateful he did not suffer pain and was well cared for by the staff at Feros.

John was a citizen of great

community worth – a 'bloody good bloke'.

His friendliness and ability to engage others in a conversation about any subject endeared him to many.

He displayed a willingness to give his great skills, knowledge and abilities to any community fortunate enough to own him. Considerate, generous, helpful and kind, John was dedicated to Joan, his wife of more than 60 years, and will be missed by many.

■ A gathering to celebrate John's life will be held on Sunday October 2 at 12.30pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. All who knew John are welcome to attend.

- submitted by John's family

Early thoughts on the new council

■ Congratulations to our mayor and councillors. 'Welcome to the machine' – better green than greed.

Let's trust that they find themselves in a position to walk the talk, and find it a much more pleasant experience than walking around Byron.

What a considerate green human gesture it would be to ease the challenges a pedestrian faces wandering around Byron – help a human heart cross the road. Put aside, for now, the grand masterplan, zero emissions, rising sea levels, the bypass etc. Just paint some white stripes on our roads.

Byron Bay is a nightmare for human traffic. No pedestrian crossings leading to our iconic beaches, Lawson Street at Cowper Street is like crossing a racetrack.

Why is a pedestrian a second-class citizen on our streets? Why is trying to cross the road such a humble experience for a human heart? Cars have definitely eaten the Byron experience. Can a green council make it easier for me to cross the road? That's my question.

David Sherlock Byron Bay

■ It's a new council and we're told that the conservatives have only a single representative, being Cr Hunter. Why then do I feel such deja vu on reading what Cr Coorey had

to say to the *Byron News* last week?

'Backing the Byron Council staff will be key... we have to let staff do their job... we should not micro-manage everything, after all the staff are experts in their field.'

This is in fact classic Ross Tucker. If you went and tallied all Ross's votes and motions over his many years on Council, you would find him agreeing with the staff recommendations around 90 per cent of the time.

Implicit trust of white-collar professionals is indeed one of the abiding signs of conservatism, but I've always wondered exactly by what process of osmosis the council staff were able to divine just what Ross expected of them.

Some of these obedient guys still work for Council in senior positions, and I wouldn't be alone in seeing some of them as quite inexpert, ie holding their positions due to factors other than competence.

Let me put it like this: staff and elected councillors are like dogs and cats, mutual enemies. The staff regard each new crop of councillors as the latest bunch of well-meaning clowns to be got around one way or another.

The staff regard themselves as the actual rulers and the councillors as a kind of consultative committee to rubber-stamp what the staff have already decided, in particular what the GM has decided.

So Ms Coorey enters the arena with her blinkers well attached from day one.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

■ Well, the council elections certainly shifted the paradigm and altered the roadmap, leveraging it to the next level, an amplified game changer.

The core competency of the newbies will offer a scalable competency overcoming the aggressive mediocrity of the past, promoting blue-sky thinking outside the box, allowing them to value-add performance as they give 110 per cent and ladder up to the next level.

Hopefully they will reach across the aisle of the staff interface and square the circle inside the beltway, altering the governance ecosystem, exploiting teachable moments while going forward at the end of the day.

Tom Tabart Bangalow

■ 'But having savoured that victory just for a moment we then have to get on with the job. The Australian public has reminded people in my position, in our position time and time again, that if we have attacks of hubris or get carried away, we're quickly brought down to Earth. They've done that before to others and

they'll do that to us again. And that is a warning many of you will remember I gave when we had a similar gathering such as this in 1996.'

A timely 1998 reminder from a master of the political arts, John Howard, no less, of the dangers of having a large majority in an elected forum – recently demonstrated so well for us by 'the gang of five' and a warning to the newly elected Byron Shire councillors. We'll be keeping an eye on you in there!

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

As of going to press, the NSW Liberals are trying to convince Labor and the crossbench that this bill should become legislation (law).

It would provide police with the power to 'search and seize without a warrant', while fines would be dramatically increased from \$550 to \$5,500 for protesters who actively interfere – lock-ons for example – with mining operations.

The bill also intends to redefine the definition of a 'mine' to include CSG. While energy minister Anthony Roberts is pushing it, the bill looks suspiciously like it was written by NSW police and the mining industry.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

- from Iran's teenage stars to England's success with a Dad's featuring Carlsen. Army team - but one surprising who left their one superstar at

Ukraine were missing their brilliant if erratic top player Vassily Ivanchuk – away playing in a draughts tournament(!) – yet went within a whisker of winning the team gold medal.

India went to Baku without their top male and female players, Viswanathan Anand and Humpy Koneru, yet for the first time went close to winning the Gaprindashvili Cup for the best overall performance in the Open and Women's Olympiads.

Even Italy, who saw their world number two player Fabiano Caruana defect to the US, finished tied for eleventh place, twenty five places better than they had managed two years earlier with Caruana on their team.

The phenomenon of teams over-performing without a star player has an obvious counter-

Champion Magnus Carlsen leading Norway to a top ten finish. The Baku Chess Olympiad fea- However, the Baku performance tured many notable side stories came only after a lengthy run of poor results by Norwegian teams

As a pointer to the future, trend was the success of teams India's fine Baku Olympiad results indicate that it has a new depth which means that it can genuinely rank alongside the traditional superpowers Russia Ukraine, China and the USA.

> The move of the Olympiad was played by India's Baskaran Adhiban against Costa Rica's Sergio Minero. In the diagrammed position Adhiban (White, to move) appears to have no way to make progress, but Adhiban's classic interference move 47.Bf6!! decided the game. After 47... Rxf6 48.Ra6+ Black resigned, since White queens his pawn or wins a rook.



A quick flight to Saturn is do-able

Story & image S Sorrensen

Okay. She's only eight, but soon she'll be nine (as she often reminds me). It's an endearing, innocent age. She's inquisitive about this world we live in. And not only about this world. Apparently her tablet, a constant companion, has not got all the answers. (Pftt. Android.)

'Have you been to Saturn?' she asks, sipping a chococ-

'It has rings.'

'You should go.'

'How could I get to Saturn?' I say, looking around to see if anyone is listening. We have a family secret.

She looks around, too. You cannot be too careful with secrets.

A woman with grey dreadlocks is shouting good morning and how's Sally to a woman without dreadlocks across the street who says Sally has gone to Sydney to see her mum.

An Aboriginal bloke is loudly rapping in the street, busking for breakfast. It has to be the world's longest rap song; it's been going since we've been sitting at the cafe. Still, you don't get to have a 50,000 year history by catering to short attention spans.

'Fly to Saturn? That would

I do some mental calculations: 1.2billion (kilometres at closest point to Earth) divided by 900 (cruising km/h of Boeing 777) divided by 24 (hours in a day) divided by 365 (days in a year) - round-



ing off, of course.

'... about 150 years with Singapore Airlines. No stopovers,' I say. (That's arithmetic, folks. Learnt it from

'No, Grandpa. I mean...' She looks over her shoulder, leans into a conspiratorial whisper, and slightly raises her right fist: '... fly!'

'Oh,' I say. 'I don't know anything about that. I'm just a humble reporter...'

She has the best laugh. I love this kid. She makes me wish I really was Superman (I'm not. Truly. Just a bumbling reporter...) and could make the world a better place for her. A bit of truth and justice would go a long way right

Like, for instance, how

come we can bomb grandfathers and children in Syria without needing a plebscite (whose result isn't binding), or a royal commission (whose recommendations are never implemented), or even a bloody parliamentary debate (which makes a playground brawl sound sophis-

But try to close an inhumane detention centre, or give gay people their due rights, or deal with the tragedy of Aboriginal youth suicide and... nothing. Dither and splutter.

If I were Superman (and I'm not, really) I could stop the bombing, the discrimination, and the denial of the Australian trauma. Immedi-

How? I would make the US tell Australia to do it.

And it would be done. Straight away. No report, no commission, no plebiscite, no interruption to Parliament playtime. Just done.

'This cafe has the best coffee in the universe,' I tell Granddaughter, as I sip my latte. Loudly. For her sake.

She laughs, and says, 'Yes, and it has the best chococcino in the universe, too.' She sips. Loudlier. For my sake.

'Oh shut up,' someone sweeping the footpath yells to the Aboriginal fella, who has started freestylin' verse number 50. He doesn't.

Aboriginal culture had no history of suicide until about the 1980s. Since then, the rate in some communities has skyrocketed as exponentially as the corporate profits wrested from Aboriginal land. Kimberley Indigenous suicide is seven times the national average. And Indigenous suicides are getting

Earlier this year, a 10-yearold girl hanged herself.

'Grandpa?'

'Yes?'

'How long would it take to, you know, fly to Saturn?'

'Fly to Saturn? That would take...

I do some mental calculations: 1.2billion kilometres...

"... twenty-six minutes. No stopovers.'

'Can we go? Please?'

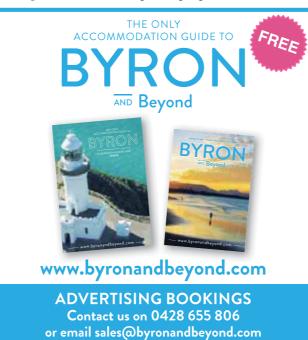
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economic rationalism, the Return on Investment (ROI) always favours the capital city in terms of economic development, thus leaving

smaller and smaller amounts of moneys for investment in rural Australia. For many regional people, NSW stands for Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong.



Taxation data for the northern NSW regions exceed the taxation base of Tasmania and the territories. Population projections indicate it has the viability for future self-government.

Now is the time to start the conversation with chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs, the Regional Organisation of Councils, community radio, letters to the editor and Friday nights at the pub about revisiting self-government for the region.

Stephen Welstead Bangalow

Fly-by nighters

Every time a new technology enters the market, fly-bynighters try to capitalise on innocent buyers.

Battery storage is emerging fast and many PV solar owners are considering batteries as we speak. Several technologies are being offered, and even the humble 'gentrified' version of a lead acid battery is among them. There is room for all of them, but it is very clear that the one-size-fits-all approach does not work.

A couple I know were among the 'victims' of poor advice. They actually went off-grid with their new lead acid battery system (as they had been advised they could), only to find out that there was no way they could cover their power needs on solar and batteries alone. A costly reconnection was the result.

There are plenty of websites offering free and independent advice. Make use of them. Only buy from sellers you trust 100 per cent.

Michael Qualmann Modanville

If Trump wins, how bad could it be? Pretty bad

Phillip Frazer

Donald Trump is ahead in the polls, with 34 days left to the election.

WTF is this bloated braggard's appeal? Hundreds of millions of people in the US and around the world can see that Trump is hard-wired from his id to his mouth, that he is stunningly ignorant, and that he can't put his factoids and crypto-concepts together into coherent thoughts. But this is music to the ears of many of America's angry.

Why?

A legion of linguists have recently pointed out that Trump's sentences are a series of half thoughts, and when his audience finishes his sentences for him, they fill in the blanks with their own fears and enjoy the shared thrill of outrage that envelops the crowd, whatever they each think they're hearing. George Lakoff, guru of linguistics at UC Berkeley, points out that this is what Trump 'has been doing for a very long time as a salesman - that's what he is best at.

Entertainer

A learned man I chatted with at the swearing-in of Byron Shire's new councillors last week reckons Trump is an entertainer, which is ludicrous on one level (what's entertaining about calling Mexican immigrants rapists?), but the only person I've seen with comparable delivery is standup comic Joan Rivers - both of them New Yorkers who made a living screaming oneliners while riding the rapids of consciousness.

But another Trump appeal is that he's not Hillary. When Bill and Hillary emerged from Arkansas way back, she went on TV with a hokey accent talking about baking cookies, but even then, before google was a verb, she was outed as a feminist and a wonk.

senator, secretary of state, and she's become a star in the oligarchs' universe - and that's a good reason she's not trusted. Yes, she's pushed for social programs for all Americans, but she's also pushed like a fullback to get on corporate boards and, in cheerful concert with five-star generals and Wall Street banksters, to exercise America's right to rule the world.

On Crikey last week, Guy Rundle argued that her current slide down the polls is



There is plenty of street art featuring Donald Trump, much of it too scatological for this delicate publication. Artist Tabby (http://tabbythis.com) captures the self-love that the Trumpster has in spades.

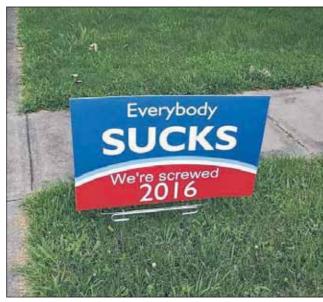


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because, since adopting light versions of Bernie Sanders's policies (eg maybe free tertiary education) to win over his followers, she's offered no policies that will make life better for the working or middle-class voters.

All for profit

He points out that the Democratic Party, in the hands of the Clintons, banked on 'free trade' deals Over the 25 years since as engines of growth for the hen, she's been First Lady, a American people – but they turned out to be jet-propelled profit-engines for the global corporates who invented them. Malcolm Turnbull, like the Clintons, keeps selling this globaloney which actual Americans and Australians aren't buying.

> I've written here previously about the madness of the American electoral system how either Trump or Clinton will win with the votes of maybe 25 per cent of the adult population, and how the president might ultimate

ly be chosen by the (2017) members of Congress, who could choose either Clinton or Trump, or either of their vice-presidential candidates Tim Kaine or Mike Pence (very unlikely scenario), or the Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson (extremely unlikely). Pence is hideous, Johnson awful, Kaine sameold-shit.

But let's come back to the second most-likely what-if after President H Clinton. What if it's President Trump?

It's hard to say what policies this guy would actually pursue. For all the deplorables, as Hillary so tactlessly called his gut-driven supporters, there are millions of voters who've heard Trump bullshitting for decades about what a genius he is at business - a multi-billionaire must know how to run things,

Actually, Trump made his small fortune by inheriting a large one. Last week former secretary of labor (under President Bill Clinton) Robert Reich said this: 'In 1976, when Trump was just starting his career, he said he was worth about \$200 million. Most of that was from his father, and he says he's now worth four and a half billion. But if he had just put that \$200 million into an index fund and reinvested the dividends, he'd be worth twelve billion today. And he got about \$850 million in tax subsidies, just in New York

'He's not a businessman, he's a con man.'

Finagling

I lived in New York through all the decades of Trump self-promotion, and even though the papers liked to put his smarmy face on their tabloid covers, Trump stories in the business pages were always about his strategic bankruptcies, his routine of stiffing suppliers and contractors (workers? fergetaboutit), and his life-long finagling of tax subsidies and grifted gifts to his companies from the storehouses of pub-

Beneath this awesomely horrible President Trump there will be the usual pyramid of cabinet secretaries, advisers and operators who set the agenda for the US government – insofar as they can get around the competing interests in Congress. But those interests will be represented predominantly by Republicans since many of the party's billionaire backers are buying them seats instead of wasting money on the uncontrollable Trump.

Under Trump we can expect an administration that'll make George W Bush's Cheney and Rumsfeld look like a couple of smart and gentle dudes. Like Ben Carson, the nice-idiot paediatrician who famously averred that 'Joseph built the pyramids to store grain' could be in charge of the nation's health; Gov Chris Christie who shut down the key bridge between his state (New Jersey) and Manhattan, just to show the millions of drivers who were stranded what a tough guy he is, as US attorney-general; former New York mayor Rudy Guliani, a flaming racist, misogynist deplorable, as director of homeland security; and the maniac from *Duck* Dynasty in charge of parks

For his Supreme Court, expect Trump to name Judge William Pryor, who described Roe v Wade, the landmark US court case declaring restrictive anti-abortion laws unconstitutional, as creating 'a constitutional right to murder an unborn child, and Judge Diane Sykes who is a crusader for the rights of employers, and anyone else really, to dis-

and beards.

criminate against LGBT employees or customers.

And then there's Judge Allison Eid who ruled that students at the University of Colorado have a lawful right to carry handguns on campus, including in class... and

As Paul Waldman wrote in The American Prospect last week: 'There is no gaffe Trump will commit, no outrageous statement he'll make, no new disclosure from examinations of his businesses, that will undo his campaign. When it comes to Trump, nothing matters any more.

'It isn't that Trump's supporters are untroubled by his reversals and lies. It isn't that they put them aside in favour of a greater purpose. No, they love it. They cackle in glee and revel in their part in the greatest scam of all.'

The largest part of Trump's votes are a profoundly simple, simple-minded 'fuck you'. That's the mood in many of those disunited states today.

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'This is bad news for readers in the northern rivers, as it further increases the power and influence of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. We now have a huge multinational, even larger than APN, controlling papers like *The Northern Star, The Byron Shire News, Ballina Advocate, Tweed Daily News* and *The Lismore Echo*. In addition to the malign corporate influence, we can expect an increased homogeneity of news and opinion and a further reduction in the free-thinking, independent press that regions like this deserve.' Simon Haslam, General Manager, *The Byron Shire Echo* and *Echonetdaily*.

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FESTIVAL YEARS

Aussie pot culture explored in Byron Film Festival doco





The film *Marijuana Australiana* provides an unprecedented overview of the history of cannabis in this country, writes Digby Hildreth

CANNABIS is a subject that polarises people and provokes extreme claims from both sides of the debate: there's the 'cannabis cures cancer' crew on one side, and the reefer madness mob on the other.

But the more the prohibitionists shriek, the more their voices are lost in the blue haze rising off the two million or so Australians who like to spark up on a regular basis.

Indeed, as one observer in Richard Baron's documentary *Marijuana Australiana* notes, the warnings to the youth of his era – the 6os – about this 'evil sex drug' had the teens piling into their cars and heading off to find some in the wild plantations of the Hunter Valley, which they soon deforested.

But the consequences of the prohibitionist stance – formalised and funded as part of the war on drugs – are no laughing matter.

The antis are given their fair share of screen time in this intelligent, timely and rollicking documentary, which has its world premiere at the Byron Bay Film

It's just that the interviews with the heads, home pharmacists and horticulturalists are more eye-opening and entertaining than those with the director of the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre Institute, Prof Jan Copeland, and others opposed to legalisation, including senior police.

And, increasingly, there is an irresistible call for legalisation coming from the parents of epileptic children whose 30-a-day seizures have been stopped by doses of medicinal cannabis, cancer sufferers whose lives are made bearable, and PTSD-stricken veterans who say it is saving them from alcoholism and suicide.

Baron's purpose with the film was 'to demystify cannabis as a medicine and some of the issues around recreational use... to make it clear that it's an organic herbal medicine and have viewers make that leap in their minds: "It's just a plant".

But *Marijuana Australiana* isn't a pro-pot polemic or a piece of dreary agit-prop.

Its purpose may be serious but it is deftly handled, and there's plenty of fun, courtesy of the anarchic energy of Nimbin MardiGrass and its dancing Ganja Fairies – and the wry soundtrack of songs that serenade the Faeries and other peculiarities of the weed world. The title song Nimbin Girls and Goin' Hydro are all examples of the finest, funniest Aussie vernacular.

The growers, the dedicated, determinedly larrikin producers such as bush doctor Tony Bower, are the memorable voices here: they adore their plants, take pride in their product and, tellingly, are benevolent, barely making a living.

They are true believers, maverick scientists whose product is 'made with love and motivated by compassion', as Baron notes.

Their care and connoisseurship are astonishing – and so is their courage. Most have seen the inside of a prison and have no wish to return: but they carry on, quietly defiant.

Baron is full of admiration: 'One breeder was focused on aromas and tastes and was breeding out effects like dry mouth. It's to that granular level.

'There are illicit breeders who have even been instrumental in breeding cannabidiol (CBD) back into cannabis, to offset the psychotropic effects of THC and offer other health benefits,' he says.

'It's not a Big Pharma innovation.

'None of this is addressed in the current debate, which is obsessed with how to sanitise it, and put it in the same system as the synthetic stuff.'

People around Nimbin are experts in cannabis, the keepers of the knowledge, notes Nimbin identity Michael Balderstone, but 'no-one has come here to ask us about it'.

Baron's background is in audio production, then sound design for film. He cut his teeth as a filmmaker with Lafranchi's *Memorial Discotheque* in his last semester at Sydney's University of Technology.

He's embarrassed by the fledgling work now and just wants to get his new 'rambunctious' creation in front of as many eyeballs as possible.

T've been intimately involved with this story. A bit too closely perhaps ...

'It's extremely personal to me. It's my baby and it's time to deliver it to the world.'

The festival includes other explorations of alternative pharmacology, most notably *Going Furthur* – the destination of the bus that took Ken Kesey and his LSD-inspired Merry Pranksters across America in the 60s, spreading the word about altered states and alarming the uptight citizenry.

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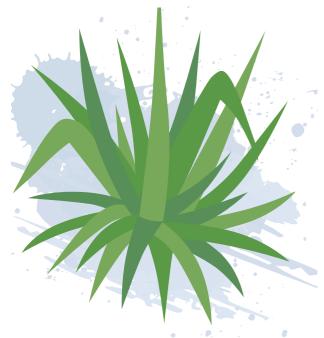
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Property insider

Advice when buying an older home



Charm. People don't buy an older home, they buy charm. Decades ago homes were built by artisans and the quality

approach to their work showed in the final product. Detailing around the home was often intricate and decorative These days homes are built with cost effectiveness and energy efficiency in mind and, while modern homes can be stunning, they rarely have the charm that a lot of older properties do.

However with the charm

can come a myriad of different problems that could be costly to fix. So before you buy an older, period home you can do a few things to make sure it is charm and not a headache you are buying.

Take a close look at the external and internal walls, floorboards, skirting boards and roof. Look out for signs of mould or damp and check for sagging or cracking that could be result of structural problems.

If any of these look major you might choose to avoid the property at this point.

It's also a good idea to check the size of the hot-water systems and check the plumbing is in working order. Flush the toilets, run the taps, listen for noisy pipes and plumbing.

cheaply and easily, real estate agents now need to record details about certain reports. This includes pre-purchase building and pest inspection reports, and strata and

However, even if things look (and sound) sweet a building and pest inspection are a must. If repairs are needed, or pests need to be treated, you need to know that is within your budget to affect the repairs. The cost of treating a termite infestation could be as much as \$5,000 for the average home. Structural problems can cost a substantial amount to fix.

Cheaper building, pest and strata reports

Improvements to the laws regulating property agents started on 15 August 2016.

To help home buyers access pre-purchase property inspection reports more

agents now need to record details about certain reports. This includes pre-purchase building and pest inspection reports, and strata and community scheme reports. When the prospective buyer requests a contract of sale for the residential property, an agent will need to inform the buyer about the reports they have recorded. Buyers may then opt to access an already available report, and negotiate a reduced cost, instead of commissioning their own report.

Why did this law change? Pre-purchase property inspection reports

Prospective home buyers had raised concerns about the cost of obtaining pre-purchase

property inspection reports for several years.

Following public consultation, the government amended the laws to help prospective buyers access information about key reports. This will enable a prospective buyer to contact the author of a report, if they wish to ask about obtaining a copy. The NSW Government supported this sharing of reports in seeking ways to improve services for consumers through the new collaborative economy (also known as the peer-to-peer or sharing economy). The amended laws take into account the growing trend of businesses using online services to make key prepurchase property inspection reports available at a lower cost than would otherwise be possible.

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





Burringbar 88 Burringbar Road

Rural Paradise with Development Potential

For the first time in 31 years, this rural paradise in the Tweed Valley is offered for sale. This private and peaceful property with rolling hills has the convenience of adjoining the village of Burringbar with the site identified for possible future urban development (STCA). Land bank & enjoy the lifestyle or develop & reap the rewards.

- 28.12 ha (approx 69.48 acres)
- Town water and spring fed dam
- Sewer connection available close to boundary
- 36kms to Byron Bay
- 45kms to GC International Airport

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Sale

View: Contact Agent Brad Franks 0404 051 111 brad.franks@raywhite.com Darren Jones 0402 188 648

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Sensational Views

172 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar

\$2,885,000



This immaculate property of 15 acres with 100-metre frontage has dress-circle views to the ocean. The lovely, brick/ cement-rendered home has 4 spacious bedrooms, built-ins, 2 ensuites plus a large main bathroom, a separate study and



flexible living spaces which make it perfect for a growing family. Light and airy throughout, you will love the way the huge windows take advantage of the amazing view, which can never be built out.

The home sets a benchmark for comfortable living with reverse recycle air-conditioning throughout as well as ceiling fans in the bedrooms; the modern kitchen with gas cooktop and electric oven has a walk-in pantry that will be the envy of many cooks; the laundry has plenty of storage space; the easycare tiled floor in the living area is complemented by carpet in all the bedrooms.

Just 12 minutes to Ballina/Byron airport and within easy reach of stunning beaches, this truly is a wonderful family home.

Inspect: By appointment

Scott Harvey 0412 296 872 Scott Harvey Real Estate

Footsteps to Clarkes Beach

2/39 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

\$895,000



Just footsteps to the heart of Byron Bay, this fully furnished holiday let is part of the popular 'Byron Bay Beachfront Apartments' complex and is the perfect opportunity to invest in a low maintenance beachfront property. Its family-



friendly park side location allows easy foot access to popular Clarkes Beach and amenities. The property features well-appointed interiors to ensure relaxed beachside living, a neat and tidy kitchen complete with microwave and dishwasher, comfortably scaled bedrooms, main with built-ins and patio and a modern well maintained bathroom. There is a large sun drenched entertaining deck overlooking Lawson Street. The property has a 24 hour onsite manager and residential barbecue facilities overlook idyllic Denning Park. Step outside and follow the iconic trail to Cape Byron Lighthouse. It's walking distance to surf sports, and footsteps to Byron Bay markets, shops, cafes and restaurants.

Open: By appointment Nick Dunn 0448 301 111 McGrath Byron Bay

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Located at the northern end of the Byron Shire, it is centrally located between the 2 festival sites and only 15 mins from the centre of Byron Bay and 25 minutes from the Gold Coast International Airport.

The owners have relocated to Brisbane and want it sold.

Inspect: Saturday 1.00–1.30pm Peter Browning 0411 801 795 LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads



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Price: \$1,800,000 Web ID: 1P0865

Contact: Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001



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- 2 living rooms and separate study
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- · Spacious indoor & outdoor entertaining
- · Resort style pool
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\$3.8M



Just completed, this beautiful ground floor residence is the ultimate luxury escape, just steps from Main Beach and located in one of Byron Bay's most exclusive new properties - 'Fortyfive Lawson'.



Ideal for those wanting to lock up and travel, as the onsite concierge can make sure the residence is spruced up and fully stocked, ready for when you return.

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Inspect: By appointment **Contact**: 6685 8575

Byron Bay Property Sales

67 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

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\$2-2.2 million



Due for completion early 2017, these stunning 2-level residences (only six) are of the highest build quality and finished with premium fixtures and fittings. Just a short walk from the beautiful Belongil Beach and the town centre of Byron



Bay, these open-plan-style residences boast a sought-after location in a world-renowned NSW town. Each residence features two large master bedrooms, each with generous ensuites, and two other bedrooms that share a common bathroom. With your own resortstyle pool, landscaped garden, feature lighting and expansive entertaining areas, Kaylani is an entertainer's dream. The light and airy internal design creates harmony between indoor and outdoor. There is an abundance of storage space for large families and a separate study. Furnished with stone benchtops, range-topping European kitchen appliances and whitegoods, quality tapware, extensive timber feature joinery and built in barbecue, Kaylani enjoys the highest quality design.

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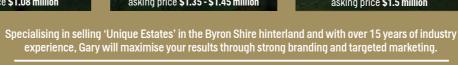












After trying other agents in the area without success, we turned to Gary at Unique Estates We found their marketing approach to be far superior to the competition and Gary's attention to detail and genuine enthusiasm to keep us informed of all developments was commendable.

Adam & Elaine - June 2016





Property



9 Oodgeroo Gardens **Byron Bay**

3 Beds 2 Baths 2 Cars

Light infused interiors revealing a chic open plan living/dining area with stylish décor. It's a sublime sanctuary and only a stroll to beaches, shops and cafés.

Auction Saturday 1 October 11.30am

Price guide \$1.2m-\$1.3m

View Saturday 11am-11.30am

Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



71 Parkway Drive **Ewingsdale**

3 Beds 2 Baths 2 Cars

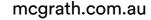
A beautiful property to complement the Byron Bay lifestyle, this superb 2,486sqm block comprises a desirable home and offers a well appointed single level layout Auction Saturday 1 October 10am Price guide \$920k-\$980k

View

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12 Gloria Street

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160 Rosebank Road Rosebank

3 Beds 1 Bath 2 Cars

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Saturday 15 October 1pm

View Saturday 12pm-12.30pm

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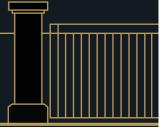
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without the cream

Vivienne Pearson

As Horst Thomson was lying on the floor, in a funk after losing his job, a small voice spoke to him. It said: 'Ice-cream'.

Most others would take this as a sign to grab a tub of icecream and start eating. But not Horst. He started an ice-creammaking business. It is called Knox & Aya.

Knox & Aya's ice-cream is not ordinary. It is vegan, thanks to the use of coconut milk instead of dairy. Horst, along with his partner in business and life, Nadine, started making coconut-milk icecream at home after extensive medical testing could find neither a cause nor cure for his daughter's skin rash. It only disappeared after eliminating dairy and refined sugars and grains.

Horst was already a good cook. Deciding it would be easier for the whole family

to adopt the new diet. Horst experimented with making foods that were 'good to eat and made you feel good all day'. Ice-cream was one of these, and a choc/peanutbutter flavour was soon the family's favourite.

To fund the purchase of a decent ice-cream-making machine, Horst turned to crowdfunding. He not only reached his target (of \$5,000) but found the crowdfunding process to be a huge confidence booster. 'You have so much doubt when you start something,' he says. Crowdfunding works by offering donators something in return for their investment. Tellingly, no-one wanted the t-shirts or tickets to the launch party that were on offer. They all wanted ice-cream.

Now, nearly nine months on, the main game for Knox & Aya

Horst in action - photo Vivienne Pearson Knox & Aya ice-cream. Photo supplied

is selling ice-cream in tubs via stores. Local options include Santos, Baz+Shaz, the Green Garage and the Garage Grocer. Ice-cream in a cone is available via a mobile ice-cream van at events and markets.

Horst and Nadine use these events to get feedback and test new flavours and get feedback. The flavours are indulgent, strong and satisfying. Some in development include lime, and a caramel pecan. The family's home favourite, choc-peanut butter, has been ousted from top seller by salted-caramel and chocolate 'moneycomb' (a honey comb made with coconut nectar instead of honey, in keeping with the vegan theme).

Horst reckons that 20 per cent of buyers at events care about the ice-cream's being vegan. The rest? 'They just want an ice-cream!' says Horst. Maybe they heard the little voice too.

Ice-cream snippets

Vivienne Pearson

Many publications would wait until the first week of summer to do a feature on ice-cream. Not us. The sun is shining, the sea beckons and we know there's nothing better after a beach trip than an ice-cream. If it's made in house by locals, all the better.

Knox & Aya (see main story opposite) are the latest in a long tradition of in-housemade ice-cream and gelati in this region. Here are some of the others:

Tastebuds tickled pink



In the Pink is one of the mainstays of locally made gelati, having been in business for nearly 30 years. Supplying other ice-creameries as well as their own store, In the Pink are proud to be one of the few to make their gelati from scratch, using only Norco milk, and to source the rest of their produce locally, including at farmers markets. 20a Jonson Street, Byron Bay.

Life is short



'Life is short, eat dessert first,' says a social media post by Bella Rosa. Researching this story, I realised that the presentation of gelati is becoming a standalone art form. At Bella Rosa, I had to look twice before realising that the mango flavour was actually gelati, not cut slices of mango! 11 Jonson Street, Byron Bay



It's not just the ice-cream that is blazing colour, including the sprinkles and coffee cups (and

go to the farmers market to buy strawberries, he says. If that doesn't put you in the mood for gelati, I'm not sure what will! On the day I visited, customers ranged in age from bubs-in-arms to ladiesrelying-on-walkers – is gelati the least age-discriminating food around? On the beach at Lennox Head.

All in the family



At the tender ages of two years six months, Frankie and Lucas Hardy are not quite old enough to realise that their parents have the coolest job in the world – they own a gelati shop! Layla and Matt Hardy have run Bernardi's in Brunswick Heads for six years. Layla learned the gelato trade from the original owners who used their gelateria-owning Italian grandparents' recipes. 'We still use the recipes,' says Layla. 'We have people come from Italy and say it's the best gelato they've ever had.' 22 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads (next to the health food shop).

Peachy keen



Andy Raberg was a bar manager before his life took a turn for the sweeter almost a year ago when he became inhouse gelati maker for Beaches & Cream. 'It's fun!' he says. 'It's almost a form of art - I use a recipe but it's up to me to get the balance right.' Andy notes that he alters the recipe slightly depending on the weather. 'If

it's really warm, I might need to use less sugar, he says. 'It changes a bit with the season.' He learnt from a 'gelati master' and now feels confident enough to invent new flavours, like banana-nutella and a coconut-lime sorbet. On the off-chance that someone in your crew doesn't feel like icecream? Beaches & Cream make their own donuts too! 14 Bay Street, Byron Bay (opposite the surf life saving club)

Made in the pantry



For Pantry 29, located about half-way down the hill in Bangalow, ice-cream is only one part of their business. While they have some unique flavours, including Turkish delight and ginger, the most popular are mint choc-chip, vanilla, and chocolate. After owning the business for six years, the joy of eating an ice-cream hasn't dimished. 'I love eating it,' says Lisa Fisher, adding that though her favourite flavour varies, mint choc-chip is a mainstay. 'It reminds me of my childhood,' she says. www. pantry29.com.au.

Next new kid on the block

Teven Valley Farm is a brand-new small on-farm manufacturer of ice-cream. 'We got all our approvals through two weeks ago,' says Mark Parry, adding that they are currently talking with local retailers and cafes. One of their flavours will be burnt-honey and others are in development, including a banana ice-cream with peanut and bacon brittle! www. tevenvalleyfarm.com.au.

What's in a name?

Vivienne Pearson

You say gelati, I say gelato. He says ice-cream, she says sorbet. So many different words, but hey, let's not call the whole thing off.

On starting this story, I felt embarrassed that I didn't know the difference between ice-cream and gelati, let alone sorbet. And is it gelati or gelato?

It turns out that I'm not alone. Several conversations and dictionary/website consultations later, I'm clearer but not crystal.

Some say that 'gelati' is simply an Italian word for ice-cream. Others say that gelati is made slightly differently and ends up

with a lower fat content and less air than ice-cream. I now know that gelati is the plural of gelato but, in Australia, the two words are used seemingly interchangeably.

I was under the misconception that all gelati were dairy free. I got this idea from the classic lemon flavour that was always an option in the gelati vans of my youth. It turns out that I was half right – this product is dairy free, as are most fruitbased gelati. Some places distinguish between fruitgelato and milk-gelato. An alternative is to call the fruitbased ones sorbet, as sorbets never contain dairy.

But does ice-cream always contain dairy? Traditionally



yes, but not Knox & Aya's selection of vegan ice-cream, based on coconut milk (see story opposite).

I will leave the last word to Lisa Fisher, of Bangalow's Pantry 29. 'I roll with whatever people call it, she happily declares. I second that... and, in celebration, will add a second scoop to my next icedconfectionary-in-a-cone.

Colour, colour everywhere

is colourful at Lennox Gelato & Coffee Co – the entire shop yes, there's even a rainbow 'flavour'). Owner Dan makes the gelato fresh every day. 'I



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The crepe – France's great culinary contribution

They're an anytime-of-the-day food, just as appealing for breakfast, lunch or snacking as they are for dinner or dessert.

For French-born Cecile Charrue, crepes are a family tradition, forever linked with her childhood and fond memories of watching her mother stir the crepe batter every Sunday.

Born and raised in Brittany – where crepes originated – Cecile's mum taught her the art of traditional French crepes, a



gift that Cecile now shares with the wider community at local markets, festivals and parties, via her mobile stall Peace Love and Crepes.

Cecile makes crepes the traditional way, but has tweaked her recipes to give them a health-conscious local twist. For example, her buckwheat savoury crepes are made using activated organic buckwheat (gluten free and easier to digest) and are egg free, so they are suitable for vegans.

She says running an ethical and planet-friendly business has always been her priority. 'I choose local and spray free first, then organic. If I can't get it locally I'll choose Australian organic, and if I can't get Australian, I always choose organic and fair trade. I shop in co-ops and compost all my food waste,' she said.

Nimbin cheese; free-range local eggs; organic spinach; local spray-free mushrooms, olives and tomatoes; and free-range Bangalow ham feature on the Peace Love and Crepes savoury menu, while the sweet crepes – made with organic flour, local milk and free-range local eggs – are topped with goodies such as macadamia and cacao spread (fair trade and sustainable palm oil) with local bananas; local honey; Cecile's homemade salted butter caramel; homemade jam made from spray-free blueberries, strawberries and raspberries from Bangalow, and traditional lemon and sugar (with unprocessed rapadura sugar).

Making crepes requires a degree of finesse, and watching Cecile at work in her open kitchen is part of the fun and appeal of the Peace Love and Crepes stall. It's a concept she now plans to extend into catering for private parties, weddings and events: 'People can watch and even have a go if they feel like it!' she said.

■ www.peaceloveandcrepes.com.



Gifted cookies

Story and photos by Vivienne Pearson

Like a phoenix arising from the ashes, Byron Bay Cookies have opened a sparkling gift store in the same location as their previous outlet.

The outlet store closed in 2013 after the business hit major financial difficulty and by the time the business's future was assured (thanks to a buy-out) another retailer had moved into the space.

It became vacant again earlier this year, prompting Byron Bay Cookies to revisit the past by leasing the store, which is at the entrance to the Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate.

The store has been fitted out in black, gold and timber – which is salvaged from the new owner's 1888-built mill. The focus of the store is gifts and, fittingly, when I visited, two little bridesmaids sporting floor-length cream dresses were helping their father buy thankyou gifts for wedding guests.

'Weddings are a big market for us,' says chief operating officer Keith Byrne, showing me the display of bonbonnière-style packaging.

The gift store's opening comes as Byron Bay Cookies celebrate 25 years in business. As part of the celebrations, two new flavours were designed by dessert-queen-celeb-chef Christine Manfield. As with all Byron Bay Cookies, flavour names are not just wishful thinking. Eating the Passionfruit and Dark Chocolate cookies involves crunching passionfruit seeds. The Salted Caramel Popcorn cookie is filled with pieces of popped popcorn. 'Our cookies are an indulgent product,' says Keith. 'The characterising ingredients, such as the chocolate or nuts, can take up to 30 per cent of a cookie'

The company has nearly doubled production in the last three years. 'We achieved this through constant innovation and creativity,' says Keith, who declines to spill the beans on what the third Christine Manfield flavour (due for release later this year) will be.



Byron Bay Cookie Co gift store counter Keith Byrne and Kim Sallis at the new store



If you are a smart cookie and need to buy a gift on your way to or from Byron, or a clever cookie in need of a snack-attack to cope with the mounting summer traffic on Ewingsdale Road, look out for the lady-eating-a-cookie logo and stop in for a gifted cookie.

■ Gift store, Ozigo Complex, corner Ewingsdale Rd and Bayshore Drive (also retail store Shop 3, 4 Jonson St, Byron Bay.

Who gives a golden fork?

Story and photos by Vivienne Pearson

What does it mean to win a Golden Fork award at Bangalow's Sample food festival?'It is recognition, it shows that I am on the right track,' says Zohar Flantz of Luscious Foods.'I know from previous years that I was close, but this year my dish hit the mark.'

Zohar's entry in the \$5 tasting plate competition was a Saneeah Pide, a mix of beef and lamb with caramelised onion, pine nuts, tahini, tabouli and pickles in wood-fired pita bread. One of the judges, Steven Snow (Fins Restaurant), agrees that the pide hit the mark. 'While the offerings from Harvest, Town, and Ilias the Greek were outstanding, I felt that the Saneeah Pide from Luscious was best – mainly owing to the spicing and ethnicity of flavour, which helped it stand out,' he says.

The \$10 tasting plate winner was from The Stockpot Kitchen, based at Bangalow Bowlo. 'Who doesn't like winning?' laughs Graeme Stockdale when asked what the Golden Fork means to him, adding: 'It's magic. We're stoked the judges liked our fried chicken as much as we do.'

One of the judges of the \$10 section, Spencer Patrick, did indeed like the chicken, which is cooked southern style, accompanied by a kale-and-apple 'slaw, homemade hot sauce and pickles. It was 'quite simply the best fried chicken I've ever tasted,' Spencer says. 'The decision wasn't easy as all the \$10 plates were great. It was just that the spicy, crunchy



Stockpot's Graeme, Sous Chef Byron and 'Chief Chicken Cooker' Jim Zohar – Luscious Foods



chicken had me going back for more.'

For Graeme, the most immediate impact of winning was that he had to abandon lunch service at the Bowlo in order to join wife and business partner, Jen, to receive the award. 'It's lucky we are close, as I literally sprinted over,' says Graeme. The next impact is that the remainder of their 600 serves of chicken sold out within a half-hour of the award's being announced. If you missed out, Thursdays are the evening to visit Stockpot, as they offer a bigger version of the winning dish.

Both Luscious and The Stockpot Kitchen are a little hidden – Luscious in the depths of the Byron industrial estate and Stockpot within a bowlo – but their great food is no longer secret. The Good Life is happy to report that they were already on our radar, with stories written about both of them in the last two months – check these out at *Echonetdaily* as well as checking their food out in person.

And don't forget about the many other eateries whose entries in the Sample competition made the judges' job in selecting just two winners so hard.

■ The Stockpot Kitchen: Bangalow Bowling Club (Tues-Sat 5pm and lunch Fri & Sat).

Luscious Foods: Unit 1/6 Tasman Way, Byron industrial estate (Mon-Fri 7.30am-3pm and Friday night 5.30-9.30pm as well as catering).



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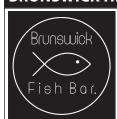
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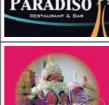


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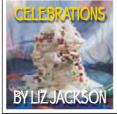
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ACTOR MARK STANLEY SPEAKS WITH THE ECHO IN THE LEAD-UP TO HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE SHOW 24 WAYS TO SAY I'M GAY AT GLITTER FESTIVAL AT THE GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE.

If you could have dinner with anyone it would be...

My wife's mother. She died before we met and married so I never got the chance to meet her in person.

What do you love most about yourself?

My sense of humour – although I'm sure it also gets me into trouble at times as well.

What has your personal experience been in regard to the themes of 24 Ways to Say I'm Gay?

I am a straight man – married with two young kids. In saying that, I have seen my dad hide his sexuality for most of his life before coming out. For him, during the 1970s he was so fearful of society's view on his sexuality and how it could impact on his life that he decided to hide it away. It was not until the late 1990s that he came out. For him, being judged and the impact on his career and life at the time was his biggest fear. The spoken words obviously did lead to shock at the time, but reaction from some family members was his biggest struggle. The slurs, ridicule and talk of who's fault it was did take their toll, only made easier owing to the fact he was working away from home. In the end, time heals all wounds and

the family has again become one, and the acceptance now also extends to his partner as well.

What kind of Australia would you like to live in?

I believe we are lucky and Australia will always be a great place to live. I would love to see one where we communicate more face to face than through social media. This is a place that I believe the most cowardly, bigoted, racist or sexual discrimination attacks take place. I would love to see the technology used more for education than discrimination and thus creating a better Australia for all.

What is the most fabulous show you've ever seen?

Tough one. There have been many great shows I have been an audience member of. The most memorable show for me was *La Boheme* at the Lyric Theatre 1990. I played a small role as a street urchin. This was the role that got me 'hooked' with the performing bug. I have been a part of the entertainment and tourism industry ever since.

If you could art-direct Australia Day, what would happen?

What a great question! For me, I love creating work that helps bring people together through a sense of joy and celebration. A day where people cannot just celebrate, but also walk away with a greater sense of pride and unity.

I feel like we've moved a long way, but then the plebiscite thing happens and it feels like the state is getting way too involved in people's personal affairs... How does it feel to you?

This is really becoming a

mountain out of a molehill. Yes, for me a no-brainer. Everyone should be able to live their lives with whomever they choose. The biggest frustration is not the waste of money and lack of direction with the government on the issue; it is the fact that there is still a debate to be had!

Tell me a little about your show.

It's not just about coming out; that is but one step in the journey. The play takes the audience on a sometimes humorous, sometimes confronting look at what it actually means to be gay.

What inspired you to get it together?

What I admire the most about the gay community is the way they face the challenges that our society can throw at them with a huge amount of humour. When you look at the original meaning of the word gay – carefree, happy, bright – I think the gay community truly represent this. This is what 24 Ways to Say I'm Gay is all about to me.

What should we expect for your show at Glitter Festival?

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AT JUST 20 YEARS OLD SINGER/ SONGWRITER JULIEN BAKER IS A TALENT ON THE RISE.

Queer, Christian and native to Memphis, this is a girl with a voice who is prepared to use it. She is one of the featured performers at Mullum Music Festival this year.

What are the five albums that changed your life?

Catch for Us The Foxes by mewithoutYou, Transatlanticism by Death Cab for Cutie, Mean Everything to Nothing by Manchester Orchestra, Define the Great Line by Underoath, and Control by Pedro the Lion.

What is the song that you have written that most surprised you? Were you surprised by the reaction *Sprained Ankle* got?

Yes, I think I was most surprised because the songs weren't written with a large commercial audience in mind so the reaction has been pretty unexpected. I think the most surprising song to me was *Vessels*. That was a little more delicate and the lyrics are not in any particular order, and it's in a weird time signature/chord phrasing, so I imagined it would be hard for people to respond to but it ended up being one of my favourites to do live.

Is it hard to be brave songwriting? How do you push yourself past your comfort zones?

I think it's difficult but necessary to push past 'comfort zones'. I guess here meaning the desire to discuss only what is comfortable, non-threatening, that doesn't require an admission of something overtly personal. When I write, though, it never occurs to me as a choice to be brave necessarily, more as a choice to be honest. It's not truly cowardly to hide parts of oneself, though it does require courage to be vulnerable. I think it's a matter of cost-reward, so it is painful to be open about the deepest parts of oneself, but the reward is healing and establishing meaningful connections, which is well worth the discomfort or fear.

How good are you at critiquing your own work? Is it hard to decide what should go or stay on an album or in a live set? How do you decide?

Often I find myself overly critical of my work. I have a tendency to be really analytical of the art I produce and second-guess myself. When writing songs I have to restrain myself a little bit from overcomplicating or getting frustrated,



and learn when to just leave something, or else I'll end up endlessly tweaking and refining and developing. It's the same with sets; I try to make songs fit together in an order that seems logical or sequential, but that's subjective, so I end up shifting parts around. Like at the last show I played in New York City, I made probably four different written sets because I kept scratching songs out and re-ordering them.

Here in Australia the queer community have been fighting for the right to marry. Why do you think the broader community feel they have the right to make decisions about other people's lives? As a young woman, and someone who is proudly out, do you think this will ever change?

When approaching topics such as this one, where a (theoretically) representative government attempts to legislate behaviour in regard to specific, subjective moral issues, I think we have to keep in mind the sort of values that are ingrained in the social consciousness. Obviously I do not think a government should have the right to tell an individual whom they may or may not marry, and reject any legislation which is discriminatory against the queer community. However, I think the way to change this is to understand that the antiquated, judgmental ideologies and social biases of generations past were legitimised by being woven into the fabric of culture as legislation, and now we have to address the deeply ingrained traditionalist mentality as much as the literal, tangible legislative representations of that mentality. I think that every generation has the tendency to feel that it is being 'held back' by the previous one because younger generations are nearly always more progressive, but I would maintain that the way to work toward a more inclusive social climate is by working to undo prejudices through understanding and communication, attacking the motivation for division and oppression as well as the systems of that oppression.

Mullum Music Festival, 17–20 November. For program and ticket information go to mullummusicfestival.com.



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Last week my middle daughter finished school. Forever.
That's one less lunchbox on my bench. At my peak I was packing five lunchboxes and now I'm down to just two little boxes. I don't understand parents who can't wait for their kids to leave home. It's not like that for me. I'm such a sook. It's really hard letting them go. One after the other.

Nobody really tells you this. So when it happens it's a surprise. Again, you'd think I'd have this nailed by now but I don't. Finishing school is one of the final rites of passage that starts to move them away from you. It's really the last time you get to yell at them for not

doing their homework, for not handing in a note, for missing the bus.

I love yelling at them for stuff like that. It's how I get all my frustrations out on the world because I'm right and they're wrong. It's wonderfully simplistic and always satisfying. Poor Sophia has sat through hundreds of my lectures about completing tasks on time. I've shared my time-management skills.'If you have a party on Saturday then you have to work backwards and budget study time so you can AFFORD to go.' My eldest daughter would look at me like I was nuts and say, 'Get fucked,

ONE LESS LUNCHBOX

Mum,' but Sophia always let me finish: 'Yes, Mum. I will'. Of course she never did. She was just smart enough to realise that you got shorter lectures if you acquiesced to the almighty mother from the first beat. So now my sweet little platinum-haired girl is finished. When you have a small herd you expect the older ones to finish; it comes as a bit of a shock when the younger ones start finishing as well. I'm not sure if it's actually shock or just another rude reminder that life seems to be moving at a slightly faster rate these days. I wasn't quite prepared for how emotional it made me. I was a blubbering mess at the graduation. Seeing all these

kids in their conservative uniforms, with their hair in neat ponytails, blazers done up, stockings on, ties and long pants, they looked as adorable as a bunch of hairy stinky sweaty 17/18-year-olds can look. I imagined them all as little kids again. Back on the first day of school when they were filled with wonder, and felt terribly grown up because they had a schoolbag bigger than them. The look on their faces was the same. That wide-open excitement, that thrilling sense that they were 'big'. Instead this time the book of their school years was being snapped shut. This was the last page. Pretty soon they'd be starting

a brand-new book. A much

harder, less directed, lonelier book. A book where you don't know the ending like this one. Where no-one is there to make you finish it. And there are so many books to choose from that many just stand there unable to open any of them. I thought of this and started bawling. I'm bawling again writing this, but mainly because on reflection I realise how easily moved I become by crappy metaphors about parts of your life being like a book.

I look at all their faces and wonder where they will be in 12 months, two years, ten years. Who they will be. I want to yell out, 'You don't know! It's harder than you think! You're safe now! Your parents are looking after you! Your mum made your bed. They probably even paid for your car! And your teeth! You have each other. You'll never have these long days to hang

with all your friends again. You think you're free when you walk out of here, but you were free when you walked in! Life's not what you think!

'You'll have to do stuff you don't want to in order to eventually get to a point in your life where you can do more of the stuff you want to. Sometimes by the time you get there you won't care about doing that stuff any more. You won't know who you are. You'll try to impress people. Contrive relationships. You'll feel lonely. Disconnected. You'll search for your place in life. Your tribe. I hope you find it. Because when you do it's so good. It's the real thing.

Apparently this isn't what you are supposed to write in a graduation card. It's depressing. I don't care, I'm packing that lunchbox anyway.



GETTING THE VIBE

There are some festivals that have to be on your bucket list. **Island Vibe** on Stradbroke Island is definitely one of them.

Appearing this year alongside the glorious Nattali Rize of Blue King Brown is New Zealand's Tiki Taane. He is one of the country's most well-known and diverse artists and producers, a pioneer in the NZ music scene, first rising to prominence as frontman of leading band Salmonella Dub before embarking on his solo career in January 2007.

Tiki is renowned for his abilities both as a gifted performance MC and solo acoustic performances. Affectionately known as 'King of the Dubs' in NZ, Tiki's musical influences roam from dubstep, reggae, old-school drum'n'bass and hiphop. Tiki's power to unify, warm and wow punters is definitely going to make him one of the hot shows to vibe to.

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28–30 October at **North Stradbroke Island**. For tickets and program info go to islandvibe.com.



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Poinciana Cafe in Mullumbimby on **Sunday** from 6pm.

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OLLY KNIGHTS FROM TURIN BREAKS TALKS ABOUT THE SOUNDTRACK TO HIS LIFE.

Turin Brakes are featured at Bluesfest 2017.

What song reminds you of growing up?

The one song that reminds me of growing up... there are millions. Fire and Rain by James Taylor.

What is the song that gets you up on the dancefloor every time?

A song by an artist called RUFUS featuring the great Chaka Khan and it's a song called Tell Me Something Good. It's extremely funky; it's a piece of disco brilliance.

What is the song that's always bust out when on one is around...

The Waiting Room by Fugazi a post-punk hardcore band from Washington DC, if I remember rightly, and it reminds me of when I was a little skateboard punk when I was a kid.

What is the song on high rotation in your car at the moment?

This would be Michael Jackson's entire back catalogue and everything from Off the Wall including Off the Wall, as my kids have recently discovered Michael Jackson and we've been having a big 70s disco thing going on in my car.

What was your wedding song?

For my first wife, who is still my wife, was a song by Neal Young called Harvest Moon, which was the most romantic song we could think of at the time.

Do you have a favourite song to cover?

Covering songs... I try not to because it seems to be the thing everyone does. Everyone asks you to do it; if you can't think of anything do a cover. I don't like doing it and recently I tried to do a cover of the Joni Mitchell song Hejira It's complicated and I realised I couldn't really do it because she's a genius and you can't really do it - she's a one-off. You can't do a version - she is the version. I have a complicated relationship with covers, but we have done them with the band many times.

If you could sing a duet with anyone dead or alive who would it be?

You know what? I want to sing with Stevie Wonder because he's such an exciting vocalist. He is just so much fun.

Who is your all-time blues hero?

Probably Chris Whitley, who is a blues-influenced artist who did an album called Dirt Floor.

For more program and ticket information go to bluesfest.com.au.

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ARIY FUN FOR THE

and families at Spinks Park in Lismore. Event co-director Gabrielle Griffin spoke with The Echo about this innovate creative

Hi. Gabrielle. What is the concept behind Arty Party?

Our tag line is 'Playful art-making in public spaces'. We want to create a world of wonder for families and communities, with the intention of slowing down, forgetting the technology, and just playing side by side, making art and trying crafts and games, surrounded by whimsical theatre characters, and a unique creative atmosphere. We're partnered with the incredible Lismore Regional Gallery and Lismore City Council, plus Lismore Business Panel, and we try to engage with as many local community groups as possible, such as the CWA ladies, and The Yarn Guerillas. We want to unite the community in joyful play! We also have a policy of using recycled/re-purposed materials as much as possible, for minimal carbon footprint (we are all op-shop queens!).

Why are there so few events like these?

This has been a long-held dream of the three of us (Valley Lipcer, Claudie Frock and me), to offer an alternative to commercially focused, mainstream, Disney-type stereotypical children's entertainment. We want to encourage EVERYONE to get playful, get arty and crafty, play dress-ups whether you're a boy or girl, build a bamboo cubby house with your grandma, listen to stories with an Indigenous aunty, learn and share new skills with your neighbour. But it all costs money, so we have sought sponsorship and funding, as well as running a Pozible campaign, which we'd love pledges on! We are also fully accessible, and are providing AUSLAN interpreters on the day.

What do you think families and communities get out of events such as Arty Party? What do they add to the social calendar and what unique experiences do they offer?

It is so unifying, and affirming of our wonderfully diverse community, and the natural outdoors beauty of this area. People get to really connect, and be playful, which is so good for your health and wellbeing. The day offers a valuable alternative to watching TV, to passive consumption of entertainment; come and make your own Playdoh feast, or act in a play, or sculpt a book castle. We employ a wide variety of local artists and performers, and hope to keep making this an annual event (this is our third, and they're getting bigger).

How did you get into puppetry and street theatre?

I've been performing since 1994, and was bitten by puppetry in 2003. I'm lucky enough to have toured around Australia and overseas doing this work, with a background in dance, improvisation, and clowning.

How can kids get involved?

We'd love kids to bring their whole families, including grandparents. Bring your curiosity, your sense of adventure, your willingness to try something new and help out someone else who's learning too. Be creative and playful. Be free! We do also need volunteers, so if older children want some experience assisting with arts and crafts activities, send us a message on our 100 Wonder Place Facebook page.



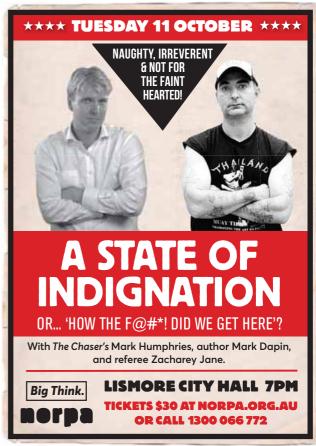


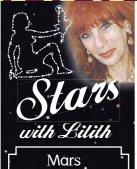
What should we expect for the upcoming event?

Just turn up to Spinks Park Lismore, Thursday 6 October, 11am-4pm. There will be a welcome to country, then the mayor will cut the ribbon and it's on! Dance workshops, a band, giant knitting nancies, storytelling tent, papercraft marquee, a yarn barn... the list goes on. We will stop the site for a picnic lunch 1–1.30, and if there's wet weather we'll be up at NORPA in City Hall. Come join the festivities, and the celebration of creative community

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and Pluto in Capricorn join the sun, Jupiter and Friday's moon in Libra to spark a major cardinalsign push of creative ideas for communal use...

- ARIES: Your planetary captain Mars in Capricorn fires the starting pistol to exit this year's doldrums. You're off and running: ambitious, determined and persistent, but remember successful working relationships need communication. And before you get too attached, keep in mind that not getting something you want can turn out to be the greater blessing.
- **TAURUS**: Your ruler Venus in sultry Scorpio develops emotional muscle tone, bringing depth to everyday affairs. And takes you back to basic principles if this week's interactions go pear shaped, by asking: What did this situation want to be before it fractured, frazzled, became complicated? Questions beget answers, so take your pick.
- **GEMINI**: Have escalating stress and responsibilities made you a stranger to pleasure and recreation? Then shake off the weighty vibes of recent months - come out to play. Let this week reaquaint you with the fun of strutting your stuff. But remember personal and/ or professional partnerships could get rocky unless everyone's treated with respect.
- **CANCER**: Cancerians are always sensitive, sometimes emotionally edgy. This week, treat other people's feelings lightly at your own risk because with Mars and Pluto excavating the past, reactions can be unexpectedly volatile. As Jupiter buffs up your leadership skills, best moments will come from helping others, feeling needed and productive.

- **LEO:** The sun, your planetary ruler conjunct enterprising Jupiter's a cause for jubilation in anticipation of a personal renaissance, with the opportunity for truly epic change. Leos understand stagecraft, so be sure to check that your backstage aspirations and intentions are the right fit for launching this latest, updated version of your majestic self.
- VIRGO: When your diagnostic skills peak round midweek Virgo moon, to speak or not to speak's the essential question. Ditch an either/or stance and express uncomfortable feelings or opinions honestly and kindly. Then consider Virgo Mary Oliver's poetic question: What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?
- LIBRA: The trifecta of sun, Jupiter and Friday's moon in Libra ask who and what you want to align with for the coming year. Audacious, abundant Jupiter, planet of opportunities, only visits your sign once every twelve years with its cosmic rocket fuel to accelerate advancement and fast results, so ditch gilt - go for gold.
- **SCORPIO:** Venus in Scorpio ensures plenty of pleasant and pleasurable attention from the right faces in the right places. Watch bossy Mars in Capricorn though, because in order to really receive you have let go control (no easy ask for Scorps), but willingness to show vulnerability could really strengthen your credibility this week.

- **SAGITTARIUS**: Everything's a guide, even what we don't like or agree with. There are always many stories operating simultaneously in any situation – often conflicting, all true from someone's point of view. Only question is which version, which horse, you choose to ride. Does it have energy? Vitality? Beauty? How does it make you feel?
- **CAPRICORN**: Mars and Pluto moving forward in Capricorn farewell the heavy weather of recent weeks with the professional power surge you've been aiming for. As Jupiter's magnifying glass amplifies your many strengths (along with those lesser, shall we say, imperfections) this week sees you assertive, determined, and in some cases not a little driven...
- AQUARIUS: Mercury in Virgo recommends choosing your words carefully, because banging on about undesirable circumstances just makes them bigger. As dwelling on the unlovable qualities of others only keeps these repeating in your life. Tune in instead to what wants to speak through you. Ask for the unselfish eloquence to be a responsible voice.
- **PISCES**: This week requires taking care of seemingly annoyingly small, but actually quite important, details. Ticking off lists and following through will definitely be worth the effort. After that, when opportunity comes knocking – and it will – Jupiter offers the confidence to try new things, to break with routines of past patterning and get joyfully creative.

MASTER LIKE PLAYER AJ LEONARD FRONTS **UP FOR UKE NIGHT**

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In a lightning-fast tag team manoeuvre, NORPA's Big Think announces a Chaser switcheroo in the forthcoming State of Indignation event. Previous contender Charles Firth has been whisked away to cover the US election so he has deftly passed the baton to Chaser stablemate Mark Humphries.

In 1964, Donald Horne called Australia the lucky country and described it as run mainly by second-rate people who share its luck. Fifty years on, has much changed? Are we still the lucky country? Evidence would suggest we're far from a clever country!

Join NORPA's Big Think on Tuesday 11 October at 7pm for a wide-ranging conversation on politics, both local and global, on terror, both real and imagined, cultural diversity and tolerance, but not in my backyard, and the importance of dangerous ideas. NORPA Big Think event

featuring Mark Dapin, Mark Humphries and Zachary Jane

Tuesday 11 October, 7pm. NORPA at Lismore City Hall, tickets: \$30, bookings: www.



BRIGHT LIGHTS

Bright Lights Performance School's junior musical theatre group is presenting Disney's Peter Pan Jnr. The 60-minute musical, designed for middleschool-aged performers, is based on the play by JM Barrie and the 1953 Disney film. The junior musical yheatre cast contains 15 students professionally trained by



AND THIS WEEK DALE RHODES HAS THREE SEMIFINALISTS IN THE DOUG MORAN - THIS IS ONE OF THEM. TO SEE SOME OF DALE'S **WORK GO TO DALERHODESPAINTINGS.COM.**

Rebecca Balfour and Lee Purdie. Peter Pan Jr is the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up and the girl who has to. After finding his shadow in the Darling family nursery, Peter teaches Wendy, Michael and John how to fly and sweeps them off to Never Land, where they meet Lost Boys, mermaids, Indians and, of course, pirates. If the children are ever to return home, Peter must defeat Captain Hook with the help of Tinker Bell and her fairy friends. Sunday at the **Byron Community Centre** at 2pm and 6.3opm.

Voodoo Revue is a brand-new,

of song, circus stunts, illusions

and comedy brought to you by

sideshow celebrity The Space

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niss this comedy circus shock

show. Friday at the Brunswick

Picture House at 7pm.

mysterious and tantalising variety

CURLY SPRING SING

Celebrate spring with The Curly Cousins these school holidays. With their trademark humour, multi-instrumental talents and sweet harmonies, Coco, Miss B and Sunshine invite audiences young and old to join them for a spring sing thing! A big dose of fun for children 2-8 years and their families. The Curly Cousins will be at the Drill Hall, Mullumbimby, Saturday 8 October. Two shows: 10.30am and 2pm. Tickets \$10, or \$30 for a family of four, available at the door from 10am. Enquiries: curlycousins@gmail.com or phone 6680 3411.



Jessica Roemischer

'A musical meditation that comes from love. Greg Thomas, writer, New York Daily News



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DANDY MAN

A must-see show of outrageously funny proportions. Australia's international award-winning prince of circus and physical comedy, Daniel Oldaker, aka Dandyman, will thrill with a kooky, eclectic, unique and quirky show featuring: jaw-dropping circus, absurd acrobatics, side-splitting comedy and mischievous highjinks. See Dandyman balance watermelons on his head, witness everyday drinking straws come to life before your very eyes. His clowning rivals Buster Keaton: take a dash of Mr Bean, throw in a pinch of Jim Carrey, a handful of Frank Woodley, cross Salvadore Dali with Jerry Lewis, throw in some juggling balls, a bow-tie made of straws and a whole lot of charisma and you've arrived somewhere in the neighbourhood of Dandyman. Don't miss this master of manipulation in his familyfriendly show,

Saturday at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby at 11am and 7pm. Adults \$20, children \$10.

Tickets: www.varietyville.com or Mullum Bookshop, on the door if still available. Info danieloldaker. com or 0404 154 292

EMBRACE AGAIN

Owing to popular demand, Brunswick Picture House are screening *Embrace*. When body image activist Taryn Brumfitt posted an unconventional before-and-after photo in 2013, it was seen by more than 100 million people worldwide and sparked an international media frenzy. The film follows Tarvn's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing, inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies. In a world swamped by altered, unrealistic and sexualised images of women, this is the kind of informative. helpful film parents might want to take their daughters and sons to see, and teachers might want to show their students

Saturday 6.30pm at **Brunswick Picture House**.

OPEN MIC ATTHE COURT HOUSE!

The Court House Hotel in Mullumbimby has a brandnew lineup of hot new open mic comics for their open mic comedy night. Now every quarter, you don't want to miss the hottest new talent on the block. Fast, furious, and always outrageous, emceed by Mandy Nolan – and free! Thursday 6 October at 8pm.

SCALE IT DOWN

Experience Scale Free Network's Microscope Drawing Laboratory in Mullumbimby these school holidays! Led by local artist and art teacher Jacqui Smith, the project – supported by Arts NSW's Country Arts Support Program – comprises Microscope Drawing Workshops for children aged 8–16, a Microscope Drawing Laboratory Open Day for the whole community and an exhibition at Mullumbimby Library of artwork produced.

The four Microscope Drawing Workshops are on 5 and 6 October at 10am–12 noon and 1–3pm at the Byron School of Art, Dalley St in Mullumbimby. Children will be introduced to ideas of scale, forms in nature, and the connections between art and science. Booking is required for workshops. Please contact Jacqui on 0402 129 811 or jacqsmith@gmail.com. Workshops and open day are FREE.

DIVINE YOGA

This **Saturday** in Murwillumbah sacred dance artists present a unique performance where yoga meets dance. Featuring the Odissi exponents Sanatani Romboli (Italy), Bharatnatyam Ballerina Aruna Pavrithram (Sydney), and Murwillumbah's own Nayta Shakti Dance Collective (fresh from their recent Sydney Opera House performance), they will collaborate with special guest artist and dance scholar Monica Singh Sangwan (Melbourne). Live music accompaniment will be presented by Bhavi and LAYA with vocalist Mohini Cox.

Dance in Devotion at Murwillumbah Civic Hall.
Doors opening from 5pm a pre-event mini 'Festival of India' titled Peacocktail. Dance performance from 7pm. \$20.
Contact gaittothespirit@gmail. com or 0477 167 336.

TALKIN' BIG LEZ

Meet the three guys from Tweed River High School who are rapidly becoming one of Australia's biggest online sensations with their hit comedy series The Big Lez Show. Screenworks and Screen NSW are bringing Jarrad Wright, Izak Whear and Tom Hollis to **Byron Bay Community Centre** on Wednesday 5 October to talk with Mandy Nolan about their show, their success, and to screen some new material. Jarrad, Izak and Tom went from doodling comics with textas and pens at school to creating the massive online sensation The Big Lez Show in just a couple of years.



COMEDIAN CHRIS WAINHOUSE

- THE ANTI CHRIS APPEARS AT
THE BALLINA RSL BIG GIG ON
THURSDAY

Episodes of The Big Lez Show now receive between 500,000 and two million views and the channel has more than 350,000 loyal subscribers. The boys have been approached by Comedy Central, who commissioned a five-part API off series called The Mike Nolan Show. Jarrad Wright, Izak Whear and Tom Hollis will be in conversation with local comedian Mandy Nolan at 6pm Wednesday 5 October at the Byron Bay Community Centre. Tickets \$20 and on sale from Screenworks, www.screenworks.com.au. This event is co-presented by Screenworks and Screen NSW. Tickets \$20 plus booking fee www.screenworks.com.au.

Recommended as an MA event owing to coarse language, drug references and violence.

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

The Beatles: Eight Days A Week

- The Touring Years is based
on the first part of The Beatles'
career (1962–1966) – the period
in which they toured and
captured the world's acclaim.

Ron Howard's film will explore how John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr came together to become this extraordinary phenomenon, The Beatles. It will explore their inner workings - how they made decisions, created their music and built their collective career together - all the while exploring The Beatles' extraordinary and unique musical gifts and their remarkable, complementary personalities. The film will focus on the time from the early Beatles' journey in the days of The Cavern Club in Liverpool to their last concert at Candlestick Park in San Francisco in 1966.

Screening in Byron at the **Piggery**. **Friday** at 8pm, **Saturday** at 6pm and **Sunday** 4pm.

THE BEATLES: EIGHT Days a week

Younger people might scoff, but if you weren't there when it was happening, you can have no idea of the unprecedented, profound and lasting impact of the Beatles. They were more than just 'of their time'; they changed their time in a way that has not been repeated by any performing artists since. Ron Howard's documentary of the Fab Four's early period of hard and relentless touring covers the years from 1962 until 1966, and includes remastered footage of a performance at Shea Stadium, New York, in 1965 that, for old fans at least, is an absolute knock-out. Interviews and gigs from various locations, many of them in B&W, have been painstakingly compiled in chronological order to give an insight into the energy, creativity and fun the boys were having until, ultimately, the pressures of their own success and the demands of the media and a doting public began to take their toll. In one aside, George (do I really need to say Harrison?) comments that he felt for Elvis, 'because he was on his own. We've at least got each other to cope with it all.'There is the ebullience and the off-the-cuff wit – 'I'd like to be a duke,' Ringo says when asked what more they could achieve, Paul's fierce ambition, John's irreverence - 'We're bigger than Jesus', and, above all, there is the astonishing output. There seemed to be no end to the group's ability to come up with yet another hit song, with only hindsight allowing us to now understand the significance of Lennon's genuine dismay expressed in the lyrics of Help. Commentaries are provided by, among others, Whoopi Goldberg and Elvis Costello, comedian Eddie Izzard and director Richard Lester, and Sigourney Weaver with, remarkably, a shot of her at one of the concerts – 'I wore my best dress, because I knew they'd see me'. But it is the tightness of the band, the faultless harmonies, Lennon's primal voice and Ringo's banging away on his minimalist drum kit that stick in the mind. A fantastic flick, whether you are a tragic or not.

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

SNOWDEN

'We are drowning in information while starving for wisdom.' It was an Fb platitude, but it seemed appropriate after seeing this. Oliver Stone has earned a reputation as one of cinema's foremost chroniclers of contemporary American society albeit with critics along the way sniping at him for the liberties he might occasionally take with the facts. His films have delved into the assassination of JFK, the psychedelia of the Doors and the war in Vietnam (in which he served), so it was to be expected that he would eventually turn his attention to the digital age and governments' response to the threat of terrorism. Telling the story of Edward Snowden, the whistle-blower who exposed the secretive surveillance of its own citizens that US agencies indulged in, frequently illegally, Stone is, of course, preaching to the outraged converted. But is he (was Snowden?) telling us anything we don't know? I doubt it. And as one who expects his safety and comfort to be secured by any means, I have to admit that it seems vaguely hair-shirtish that we in the liberal-thinking West would get our knickers in a knot over it. En masse we rush to blurt out whatever flies into our heads on a plethora of social media outlets, but want to take umbrage at the thought that what we make 'public' it is being noted to guard against others blowing us up. As happened to the sad Kim Philby, Snowden now lives as an exile in Moscow (where they don't spy on their citizens haha), having been detained there on his way to sanctuary in Ecuador (where journos who expose truths unpalatable to the ruling regime routinely 'disappear'). It's a film that is expertly made but, perhaps owing to its towering self-importance and high-minded imbalance, is lacking in tension.

Fantastic performances from Joseph-Gordon Levitt in the part of the eponymous 'hero', Shailene Woodley as his pole-dancing girlfriend and a creepy Rhys Ifans as a CIA knob don't quite make up for the boredom that descends in the overlong third act.





THURSDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON THE BEAUTIFUL **GIRLS, THE SEA GYPSIES**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM HARRY NICHOLS BAND
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM PETE HUNT
- BYRON COMMUNITY **CENTRE 10AM SPRING IN BUNDJALUNG COUNTRY EXHIBITION**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM DJ NERY
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ME BAIRD**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **UKE NIGHT WITH AJ LEONARD & JENNY ROWLANDS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM JAM
- BALLINA RSL 8PM BIG GIG **COMEDY WITH CHRIS WAINHOUSE, GREG SULLIVAN, MANDY NOLAN**
- NR COMMUNITY GALLERY, **BALLINA 5.30PM HILARY** HERMANN, KERRY **ELIAS MOORE, AMANDA BROMFIELD, ANN BELLE,** PHILIPPA LEADER & TARA **PLANET EXHIBITION OPENING**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **COLE COX LOVEJOY**
- MURWILLUMBAH **SHOWGROUNDS 9AM ESSENCE MUSIC**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 12.30PM SPIRITED AWAY
- YAMBA GOLF CLUB HARRY MANX

FRIDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL. BYRON TIJUANA CARTEL
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **JOCK BARNES 9PM PINK ZINC**

- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON 9AM PICNIC FOR PEACE IN THE PARK
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **DJ FLASHDANCE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE BREAKFAST CLUB**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM LOCAL DJS
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM CLUB RAIDERS DJS
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **DUSTY BOOTS**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 6PM HARMONISING THE ANCIENT VOICE
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM GUY KACHEL
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **FOZZY BEAR**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM VOODOO REVUE
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM HOUSE OF BLISS & HEARTS ON FIRE **COMMUNITY CHANTING**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY **8PM KARAOKE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **THE SHOOFLYS**
- BAND
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA ROD **MURRAY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM BILL **JACOBI**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **MEOW MEOW**
- STAR COURT THEATRE. LISMORE HARRY MANX
- YAMBA GOLF CLUB **CARAVANA SUN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM MR TROY
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB
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- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB **6PM TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB WITH THE EARLY BIRDS, TROMBONE KELLIE &** THE MUDDY ROADERS
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM HARRY NICHOLS
- CURRUMBIN TAVERN 8PM **RADOLESCENT + PLANET** + THE STRAAYS + RACHEL **GILLIGAN**

SATURDAY 1

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, **BYRON THE BLACK SEEDS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DEVILS KIOSK**
- BEACH HOTEL BYRON 9PM DJ **DISCROW**
- YAC, BYRON 8,30PM MOONDANCE
- BALLINA RSL 8PM THE EAGELS BYRON BREWERY 8PM LUKE & **SEBASTIAN**
 - BYRON THEATRE 3PM LIBERTY **EOUALITY FRATERNITY** 6.30PM LOUDER THAN **BOMBS**
 - STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM LOCAL DJS
 - WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
 - TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM SOUTH TWEED SPORTS THE OCEAN PARTY
 - KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 10AM HARMONISING THE ANCIENT VOICE
 - PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM KATIA **DEMEESTER**
 - BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **KIM SOUZA**

- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM EMBRACE
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK **HEADS 10PM THE BAND** STARTS YESTERDAY **CHAMBER OUARTET**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM & 7PM DANDYMAN **CIRCUS & COMEDY**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **BLUE CHILD COLLECTIVE**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8PM HARRY MANX
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM LEIGH JAMES
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM CONSPIRACY OF ONE
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM AKMAL
- GOONFI I ABAH TAVERN 9PM THE DIRTY CHANNEL
- LISMORF CITY HALL 7.30PM **MEOW MEOW**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE** INSOMNIACS
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **VARIFTY SHOW WITH ALL** LOCAL ALL STARS
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM MICK **MEDEW & THE MESMERISERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 4.30PM **SWEET MIXJAH**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM SARAH STANDO
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **LIVING IN THE 70S CLASSIC ROCK SHOW**
- CLUB 2.30PM WELL SWUNG **DADDIES** 7PM **SUE REID BAND**
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SUNDAY 2

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON JESSE PUMPHREY
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **PUSH** RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4,30PM **DU'EAST DUO, GANGGAJANG 8PM DJS LONGTIME & FONZAIUS**
 - BYRON MARKET 8AM **HUNTER** & SMOKE, RAKU O'GAIA
 - BYRON BREWERY 2.30PM **BREWERS CIRCUS**
 - BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **OOZ**
 - BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 6.30PM BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **PETER PAN JR**
 - **OCTAGON & DJ EVA J**
 - KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 10AM
 B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM JAM VOICE
 - SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE ROD **MURRAY**
 - BANGALOW A&I HALL 2PM **SUNDAY SAFARI WITH THE BABE RAINBOW, WORLD** CHAMPION, SEASIDE, **ISRAELI CHICKS, GALAXY GIRLS + DJS**
 - BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **HANLON BROTHERS**
 - BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM FANTASTIC MR FOX
 - MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM JAM
 - POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM RADIO CYP, MICK **BUCKLEY & THE HEPCATS.** KAREN MINAMI'S JIVE CABARET
 - BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 2PM **DJS** AL ROYALE, VINYL JUNKIE, DALE STEPHEN, LORD SUT
 - CLUB LENNOX 4PM LADY LEE & THE JAZZY KATS
 - CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM GUANABA **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB WITH TLG COUNTRY MUSIC BAND**
 - SEESPACE, LISMORE **THE OCEAN PARTY**
 - SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM SHUNYA & FRIENDS
 - **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM WIL MASSEY**
 - ILLAWONG HOTEL, EVANS

- **HEAD 3.30PM DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **TOTUM**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 2PM EDDY GOBBE. **BALLADIER, ESTELLA & ALEX** WONG, TWEED LINKS MUSIC **CLUB OUARTET**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM PINK ZINC

MONDAY 3

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, **BYRON DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM JAX HAZE
- REGGAE
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM DJ WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON
 - 9PM DJ OVAL
 - **HARMONISING THE ANCIENT TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM**
 - PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM DAVE BARBARA

COD SQUAD

TUESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- 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 **ECSTATIC TEMPLE** DANCE

WEDNESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM THE DIRTY CHANNEL
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM THE BIG LEZ SHOW ■ WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON
- 9PM **DJ JAMIE** ■ BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM PUTUPARRI & THE
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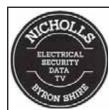
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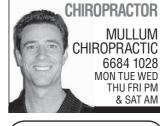
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MYOCUM 70 McAuleys Lane, Sat 11-

BYRON FLEA MARKET @ Byron Youth

Activity Centre (YAC), 1 Gilmore Cres,

2nd Saturday of each month 8am-1pm

Food, entertainment, vintage & pre-loved

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Clothes, vintage, Parker & other furn,

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Hospitality Trainee Position, PN Roy 1/172 Ruron Ray 2/181



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Please send your resume to: info@stokedsurfschool.com.au

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IYENGAR YOGA TEACHER required to teach rope classes for new movement studio. Phone 0409583977

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- Casual short term 38 hrs p/w with some weekend work

Email kai@crystalcastle.com.au by Mon Oct 3rd

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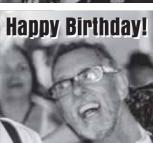
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BIRTHDAYS





FUNERAL NOTICE

FISHER, IRIS VIOLET ROSE

Much loved wife of Peter (dec). Loving mother of Alan, Suzanna (dec), Michael and Chris.

Much loved grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunty and mother-in-law. Iris will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Iris's life to be held at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall Dalley Street on THURSDAY (September 29, 2016)

commencing at 2.00 pm. MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS 6684 6232

IN MEMORIAM

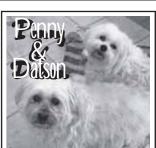
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2nd SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	0431 524 044
2nd SUN	The Channon Lennox Head Alstonville	6688 6433 0419 369 609 6628 1568
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Each TUE	New Brighton	6677 1345
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED	7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
Each THU	8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172

	New moon	October 1	10:11	
	First quarter	October 9	15:32	١
0	Full moon	October 16	15:23	
	Third quarter	October 23	06:13	
	New moon	October 31	10:11	
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OCTOBER 2016 **Astronomical data** and tides

	New moon October 31 10:11							
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4	Т	0621	1848	0815	2132		1206,1.39	0531,0.23 ; 1815,0.32
5	W	0619	1848	0853	2223		,1.18; 1242,1.37	0601,0.27 ; 1857,0.37
6	Т	0618	1849	0933	2314	0048	,1.10; 1322,1.33	0635,0.32; 1944,0.42
7	F	0617	1849	1016		0130	,1.01; 1407,1.29	0713,0.38; 2039,0.47
8	S	0616	1850	1103	0004	0221	,0.94; 1501,1.25	0759,0.44; 2146,0.50
9	S	0615	1851	1153	0053	0329	,0.90; 1606,1.24	0858,0.49; 2300,0.49
10	М	0614	1851	1246	0141	0447	,0.91; 1715,1.27	1014,0.51
11	Т	0613	1852	1342	0227	0600	,0.98; 1819,1.34	0005,0.43; 1130,0.48
12	W	0612	1852	1442	0312	0700	,1.10; 1915,1.42	0100,0.34; 1237,0.41
13	Т	0611	1853	1543	0356	0750	,1.23; 2005,1.50	0145.0.25 ; 1335,0.33
14	F	0609	1853	1647	0439	0837	,1.36; 2052,1.55	0226,0.16; 1429,0.24
15	S	0608	1854	1752	0521	0923	,1.49; 2138,1.56	0305,0.08; 1519,0.16
16	S	0607	1855	1859	0605	1008	,1.59; 2223,1.53	0345,0.04; 1610,0.11
17	М	0606	1855	2007	0651	1055	,1.67; 2312,1.45	0426,0.02; 1701,0.10
18	Т	0605	1856	2115	0739		1143,1.70	0508,0.05; 1755,0.12
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21	F	0602	1858		1023	0150	,1.08; 1421,1.55	0730,0.30; 2106,0.32
22	S	0601	1859	0020	1121	0257	,0.99; 1523,1.46	0831,0.40; 2219,0.36
23	S	0600	1859	0112	1219	0415	,0.96; 1632,1.39	0944.0.47; 2330,0.37
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Daylight Saving Time has been calculated.
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;
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Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min;
Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high
2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
MULLUMBIMBY HOSPITAL	6684 2266
BYRON BAY HOSPITAL	6685 6200
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flood	ling 132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
LIFELINE	131 114
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for me	en) 6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520

Sport

Junior life savers tested at Lennox Enduro

The Lennox Head Enduro junior Surf Life Saving competition was held at the Lennox Head Surf Club last Saturday and attracted over 70 entrants.

"It was great to see all the competitors put in the effort and shake off the winter cobwebs,' Lennox Head surf sports coordinator, Laurel Moston said.

'This is our region's premier junior lifesaving endurance event and is a great way for juniors to sample the competitive world of an ironman or ironwoman in a safe and supportive community environment,' Laurel said.

'A successful day was had by all, with competitors coming from North Cliff and as far as Port Macquarie!'

The event is open to competitors aged from u/11 to u/17, and includes swim, board and run legs, with distances increasing with age.

The u/11 competitors swim 400m, board paddle for 1km and run for 1km; whereas the u/17 competitors swim 1km, board paddle for 3km, and run for 3km.

Cash prizes were up for grabs for first, second and third placed competitors in each age



Junior surf lifesavers from across the north coast line up to test their staying power at Lennox Head last weekend. Photo Supplied

group, as well as an assortment Shepherd (Ballina). of lucky draw prizes.

The day would not have been possible without a huge number of volunteers and sponsors.

RESULTS

u/11 boys: 1 Harry Askew (Port Macquarie), 2 Maalik Moston (Lennox Head), 3 Ethan Callaghan (North-Burleigh).

u/11 girls: 1 Niamh Thompson (Lennox Head) 2 Kloe Mills (Cudgen), 3 Charlotte

u/12 boys: 1 Oliver Sharpe (Lennox Head), 2 TJ O'Halloran, 3 Max Callaghan.

u/12 girls: 1 Kalani Ives (Yamba), 2 Emily Gould, 3 Elizabeth Warne (Cudgen).

Aitchison, 3 Jay Wren.

u/13 girls: 1 Haidee Lonsdale-Jones, 2 Amity Clout, Lena Matson.

u/14 boys: 1 Nathan Mc-Kenzie (Lennox Head), 2 Joseph Warne (Cudgeno), 3 Beau Carter (Byron Bay).

u/14 girls: 1 Sara Tazai, 2 Maisie Miller (Lennox Head), 3 Jarrah Davies.

u/15 boys: 1 Finn Askew (Port Macquarie).

u/15 girls: 1 Georgia Tuite, u/13 boys: 1 Jack Breen 2 Sophie Watson (Cudgen), 3 (Lennox Head), 2 Kade Lily Murphy (Lennox Head).

> u/17 boys: 1 Josh Jones (Cudgen), 2 Max Milligan (Tacking Point), Cooper Murphy (Ballina).

> u/17 girls: 1 Jess Carroll (Northcliffe), 2 Chantal Luxton (Cudgen).

Life savers return to north coast beaches

Far north coast surf life savers returned to active beach patrols last Saturday.

Over 21,000 active surf life savers from the 129 surf clubs along the NSW coastline will be on patrol during the 2016/17 season.

Surf Life Saving NSW President David Murray raised the flags on the new patrol season.

'Our proud record of zero drowning deaths between our iconic red and yellow flags is something we cher-



New season lifesavers are now on duty at local beaches.

ish. This is why we strongly urge everyone to always swim at a patrolled location, and

why we continue our safety messages.

Tragically last season 53

people drowned in NSW coastal waters, the highest annual total on record.

The inaugural Surf Life Saving New South Wales Coastal Safety Report showed that 92 per cent of victims were male, 66 per cent of all drowning deaths occurred in waters greater than 5km from the nearest life saving service and swimming/wading, rock fishing and diving/ snorkelling were top three most common activities at the time of death.

Tweed Valley Summer Racing starts with a squall

A great turn out of 22 boats at Fingal Head on Sunday saw 35 crew racing ir some of the most challenging conditions the club has seen as the new season of sailing got underway.

The Tweed Valley Sailing Club's hotly contested Summer series started under a gentle breeze.

But just before the yachts had set themselves for the start they were blown away by a sudden squall that sent the boats flying to every corner of the river.

Not everyone got back to the start on time but there were plenty of opportunities to catch up with 180-degree sudden wind shifts catching out even the experienced skippers.



Gary McCrohon came first in his class in his Laser. Photo Adam Busbridge

The wind dropped to nothing at times and then came screaming back in with 22 knot gusts.

All the sailors were up for the challenge and most completed the three-lap race.

RESULTS

ıst placed NS14 Glenn Slight & Kynan Luescher on 'Radical Phase', 2nd place NS14 Adam Hurt & Tom Busbridge on 'Zazen', 3rd place NS14 Tornado Bill Fenelon & Sienna Pullen.

1st Placed Corsair Peter Skinner & crew on 'Epic', 2nd Place Corsair Russ Timbs, Deborah Flannery & Kate Yeomans on 'Dominatrix', 3rd place Corsair Geoff & Jo Carter on Swallow.

1st placed Laser Gary McCrohon.

Line honours as usual to Dave Chester on Hobie 'Sledder'.

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NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS..

KOALA HOTLINE...

The Byron Beez basketball team had a convincing 80-52 win over the Ballina Breakers to earn a crack at the Sunshine Conference title this weekend.

The first quarter promised a tight and exciting encounter when the Beez went to the break just one point ahead at 18-17, according to Jenny Ogle from the Byron Basketball Association.

But then the Beez hit a rhythm courtesy of big man Jason Golding and Sam Bakker, who hit a few threepointers in a row. Backed up by Nash Campbell and Flavio Cardelli holding the centre, the Beez extended their lead to 33-23 at half time.

The third quarter saw Michael Baggaley draw shooting fouls from the Breakers for several three-point plays giving the Beez a five-point buffer, with the last quarter to play.

It saw the Beez step up an-



The Beez got the jump on the Breakers. Photo Supplied

other notch with the speed and intercepts from Raj Chandra and Sal Daly proving too big a challenge for the Breakers.

The win puts the Byron Beez into the grand final for the Sunshine Conference against the Grafton Vikings in Grafton this Saturday.

Byron basketballers reach final | Shucks! The Black Oystas win **NSW Schools Netball Cup**

Mandy Nolan

Cape Byron Steiner School is known for many wonderful things. Sport is not one of them. Neither is the colour black. But the Year 8 boys netball team just made history by heading to Olympic Park and winning the NSW Schools Cup.

They beat boys from Albury, Narooma and across the suburbs of Sydney.

The boys call themselves the Black Oystas. No-one quite knows why, but now everyone in the world of netball knows their name.

In the final, Cape Byron played the unbeaten Narrara, who had two kids over six feet tall (in old money)!

At half time, the Black Oystas were down by three goals. But sensational defence, swift passing moves



The Cape Byron Year Eight boys and mentor Steve Richards on their way to winning the Championship. Photo Supplied

and nerveless goal shooting put Cape Byron on top, and got them an 18-13 win.

'The Black Oystas looked sleek, professional and showed great skill on the courts going five games undefeated,' proud mum Jane Dolahenty said.

'While their skills were impressive, what stood out the most was their teamwork

Brisbane Phoenix

outclass Bay Rollers

and camaraderie - they were respectful to their opponents, courteous to their umpires and showed wonderful team spirit'.

The win was a truly outstanding achievement and a great credit to the school and especially team manager Steve 'Ric' Richards.

Boy's netball will never be the same.

Dirty Wheelers pick up funding and members

Ross Kendall

The Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club collected at least 30 new members when it officially opened its New Italy trail network last weekend.

The four-year-old club now has more than 170 members based between south Queensland and Yamba, with plenty from the Byron area.

'The official opening of the New Italy MTB Forest Trail attracted 500 people, making it a huge success and demonstrating the popularity of offroad cycling, club president Dave Hegerty said.

The New Italy trails are relatively level and undulating and are good for kids and intermediate riders.

The club is also getting close to opening another set

of trails at a site in Alstonville suitable for more experienced riders. 'This course is intense. It is short but steep, and deliberately a lot harder to suit advanced riders,' Hegerty said.

The Dirty Wheels also got a boost from Kevin Hogan, the federal member for Page, who announced a grant of almost \$10,000 to build car parks at the new facilities.

'This is great news for the community and the Dirty Wheels club members,' he said. 'I would like to congratulate the club and all of its members for working to develop this public mountain bike facility - the only one on the northern rivers.

'Mountain biking is a sustainable, non-discriminatory sport that can be enjoyed by anyone who can ride a bike.' he said.



Lennox Head-based Dirty Wheel member Tony gave the track a workout last Sunday. Photo Supplied

Byron Bay players Nikki Nitro, World War Wen and B-Rail defend Elizabeth Hurl-Me. Photo Richard Tompsett

Miranda Ivey

The Bay Rollers' return to the Cavanbah Centre on September 9 saw them lose convincingly to the visiting Northern Brisbane Rollers Team Phoenix 315-89.

The Bay Rollers could not find the composure that saw them beat North Brisbane this time last year.

The Byron Sirens, as the Bay Rollers' travel team is called, had strong hopes going into the game but these were dashed early as the jammers struggled to break through the tight defence of Team Phoenix.

Jammer Nikki Nitro managed to score well in the first half to keep the Sirens in the game but they were still off the pace by 50 points.

Coming into the second

half, the Sirens' jammers and blockers acquired a lot of penalties meaning they had to serve 30 seconds in the penalty box each time. When your jammer is in the penalty box in roller derby, it means that you're unable to score.

In the end Team Phoenix came out on top with a convincing win.

Overall a good learning experience for the Sirens as they head to the Tropicarnage Queensland Derby Tournament over the coming long weekend.

Correction

The Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club division two men's team won their grand final against Woodburn 3-1, not 3-0, as reported in last week's Echo.

Mullum juniors succeed at tennis finals

A grand final win for the Mullumbimby junior tennis club's division three team capped a successful year for the local club.

Division three won their grand final against Lismore. The division two team, recently promoted from division three, lost the grand final to Ballina and the division one side lost in their semifinal to a combined Alstonviille/Goonellabah team.

'We had another good season,' coach Steve Gort said. The Mullumbimby Club is helping build good camaraderie among the kids, and a family atmosphere.

'Next season starts at the beginning of the new school term. Hopefully we will do even better,' Steve said.

'Some of our juniors, Lachlan Tuckwell, Amadeus O'Connor and Timothy Yeung-Packer, are all off to Sydney for the junior finals in November, so there's definitely some good talent in the



Grand final winners: Tombaye Hoy, Aymeric Cheviler, Oliver Fernley and Oliver Campbell. Photo Supplied

Community at work

On The **Horizon**

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Coffee morning

Guess Who's Coming for Coffee: Tuesday 4 October 10am free coffee morning at St Paul's Anglican Church, 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay. Guest speakers are two carers

Byron market

Byron market Sunday 8am-3pm Butler Street Reserve. Be entertained by Hunter and Smoke and Raku O'Gaia. Please leave dogs at home

African celebration

African musicians and dancers and a

Regular As

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

entries may be included each

Please note that, owing to

space restrictions, not all

week. Email copy marked

'Regular As Clockwork' to

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

Byron Community Centre's Tuesday Sen-

iors' 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

at 10.30am from 2 May, cost is \$10.

#StartupByron

Respite Service

Choir will be resuming its Monday class

#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-

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers

range of clients throughout the Byron,

Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations

welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fund-

raiser@byronrespite.com.au, website:

The Mullum junior chess club meets after

school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4

at Mullumbimby High School. All ages,

all standards, encouragement and pro-

fessional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets

every Saturday and Monday at 12.15pm at

welcomed. For further information/partner

Bay Insight Meditation with Radha

Nicholson and friends Tuesdays at Suf-

folk Park Hall, 7.30-9pm. All welcome.

Please bring a cushion. Evening sup-

ported by dana (donation). Buddhist

meditation teaching and practice

now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first

floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby,

on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.

and 3rd Saturdays of each month at

Brunswick Heads Community Centre.

Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or gld@

shenpenaustralia.org for more info.

Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather

Mindfulness Meditation with Pairoj

Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15-9pm at the

6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela

au. Dzogchen Meditation Group - 1st

ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

www.byronrespite.com.au.

Junior chess club

Bridge club

Meditation

high-quality respite care to a broad

and more. Call reception on 6684 1286

and discover what is on offer.

BCC Seniors Activities

editor@echo.net.au.

silent auction, raising money for two organisations doing incredible work for humanity, Ocean Shores Community Centre Saturday 8 October, 6pm. For enquiries and bookings Jacki 0402 047 120 or jacki@journeytofree.com.au.

Suffolk dune care

Suffolk Park Dune Care Saturday 1 October at 8.30am at the northern end of the bike track near Tallow Creek Bridge. Contact Helen 6685 4964.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Wisdom Man - The compassionate life and beliefs of a remarkable Aboriginal elder, presented by Camilla Chance, Thursday 29 September, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

To Bali with Love

To Bali with Love Supporting Refugees in Detention is a Byron Shire group of concerned people who have been providing friendship, support, craft materials, books and small gifts to asylum seekers held in a detention centre in Bali. If you

yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron. com). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssum-

mit.com. Healing Meditation 7.30pm

Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Dean 0414 364 415

or www.unityhousebyron.com.au. 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 mee 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.

No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people on low incomes with safe, fair interest-free loans of up to \$1,000 for purchasing essential goods and services. Contact the Byron Community Centre to find out more.

Budgeting Support

Money Matters is a free service helping people identify where their money is going, how best to save and, most importantly, how to get on top of bills! Contact the Byron Community Centre to make an appointment; private sessions run every Monday afternoon.

Bush School

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

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.

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

would be willing to help in any way please contact Rani zenshiatsuo8@gmail.

Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting 10am Tuesday 4 October at Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker Jo Chaffey, wildlife carer. Eng Margaret 6680 3316.

Bangalow Men's Shed

Community invited to inaugural members' meeting on Tuesday 4 October at 5.30pm. Membership forms available Bangalow Post Office. For more information go to our Facebook page or contact Brian 0413 679 201.

Mullum CWA AGM

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12 October 9.30am in the CWA Rooms, Tincogan St, Mullumbimby. Enquiries Sue 6684 1675 or Jenny 6684 7282.

Giant plant sale

Giant plant sale, books, bric-a-brac, Thursday 29, Mullum CBD. Proceeds to Landcare's Heritage Park. Info 6684 4344.

Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

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.

Repair Cafe

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

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. Byron Bay Anglican Op **Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.3opm, Saturday 9.30am-12.3opm. 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. Education Care Projects - Kenya Op Shop, 81-83 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby 9.30-4 Mon-Fri.Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. 1st Sat of the month (market day) 9am-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

Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members 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

RDA training day

Riding for the Disabled volunteer training day at 377 Houghlahns Creek Rd, Booyong, Wednesday 5 Oct 9am-12. Call Peta 0447 005 996

Ocean Shores Landcare

Small groups working in Yalla Kool Reserve Wednesday and Friday mornings are looking for new members. Call Felicity 0467 650 140.

Chaos into love

Filtering chaos into love: Meeting at Heart Space above Santos in Mullumbimby on Saturday 1 October, 3-5pm. Please call Jay 0421 726 797 to reserve your place. A free all-ages event.

Indonesian connections

Do you have business connections in Indonesia? The AIAA organisation works to create cooperation and understanding between Australia and Indonesia and is currently planning a roundtable torum. Please email aiaahub@gmail.com for more information.

www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

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

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

ManTime

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

Town Choir

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

Carers Community Group

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

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

Mullum CWA

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

Byron Bay Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club AGM Saturday 8 October at 1pm at Byron Bay Services Club. For more info Jeni: 6685 7816.

Would you like to join our friendly book club? We meet on 2nd Thursday of month 2.30-4.30pm at our homes in Byron and surrounds. Please ring Athena 0422 761 775.

AIR meeting

The next AIR (Australians in Retirement) meeting is on Fri 7 Oct at the Lismore Workers Club at 9.30am. You do not have to be a member to attend; public welcome. More info Ken 6687 7291.

Scouts centenary

1st Bangalow Scouts are celebrating 100 years of scouting in Bangalow with an historical exhibit at the Heritage House and Museum until 7 October. Museum and Tea House open Tuesday to Friday 10am-3pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Enquiries Jacinta 0417 547 242.

Tuesday Forum returns 11 October with Des Wann presenting Louis Moreau Gottschalk: His Life and Music. Visitors welcome. More information byu3a.org

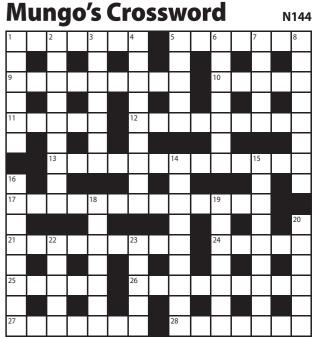
Lone Goat Gallery

inson. Evocative large-scale abstracted landscapes, oil on aluminium and linen.

Mullumbimby Show

Mullumbimby Show Society 109th show 12–13 November. Applications for volunteer positions welcome. See www.mullumbimbyshow.org.au. New

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Cryptic Clues ACROSS

- 1. Argument as policeman returns to cover a crooked mile (7)
- 5. Shout last round expensive glass!
- 9. Shoot the old chook a pretty
- 11. Stage north in the region (5)
- (5,4)
- traditional menu for 17 (5,3,5)
- 17. Translate Nepal word sequence it could involve gar labour! (5,8)
- 21. Communist landlord is something
- 24. Encountered about 39 inches (5)
- 25. Start working group (5)
- 26. Bares bum to Norse and English what a gem! (9)
- 28. Convent resists make up (7)

DOWN

- 2. Palanquin with British inside it's full of rubbish! (6.3)
- stop (7)
- Mad Eric Lodge he had a vision of a damsel with a dulcimer! (9)
- 5. About Roy, old bean ... (5)
- gruesome murders (5) 8. Cleverly runs deal and cleans up! (8)
- infamous! (9)
- 16. Encourage debts? That's not right!
- 19. ... revenge seems in order! (7) 20. Take a break concerning the filth (6)

Quick Clues ACROSS

- 1. Disputatious statement, argument (7)
- Transparent mineral formations, usually found in regular shapes (7) 9. Inferior work of art produced purely
- for financial gain (9)
- 10. Was once known as Ayers Rock (5)
- 11. Stage, sporting field (5) 12. Outlaw of Sherwood Forest (5,4)
- 13. Traditional prison diet (5,3,5) 17. Verdict involving imprisonment (5,8)
- 21. Special, important (usually of a day) (3-6)
- 24. Basic unit of length (5)
- 25. Start, attack (5) 26. Bluish-white gemstone (9)
- 27. Backer, supporter (7)

28. Female siblings (7)

- 1. Tall deciduous tree (6)
- 2. Receptacle for rubbish (6,3) 3. Place to tie up a boat (7)
- $Author\,of\,Kublai\,Khan\,and\,The$ Ancient Mariner (9)
- Seedpod used as chocolate substitute (5)
- 6. Understand, get it (3,4)
- South Australian town where gruesome murders took place (5) 8. Washes, cleans (8)
- 14. Infamous, well-known for the wrong reasons (9)
- 15. Three times seven (6-3) 16. False, counterfeit (8)
- 18. Son of Polonius, brother of Ophelia (7)
- 19. Goddess of revenge (7) 20. Withdrawal, break in proceedings (6) 22. Night club. Dance (5)

23. Watch or hourglass (5) Last week's solution N143



Byron Bay Library fun Tuesday 4 October at 10.30am: Library Lego Land for children aged five and up. Bookings required on 6685 8540. **U3A Brunswick Valley Book club**

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- ordinary story (9) 10. Rock involves three turns, left and right (5)
- 12. Folk hero provides cover for bird
- 13. Bran tea; Edward provided the
- special (3-6)
- 27. Backer keeps track over the Poles (7)

- 1. Tree, opposite, contains a perch (6)
- 3. The Moroccan period a place to
- 6. ...sounds a bit like a sheep, no? Understand? (3,4) 7. Straight line reported in town of
- 14. No time with alternative debts? Just
- 15. Gambling game which used to be considered mature and responsible
- 18. Strangely relates to Polonius's son...
- 22. Night spot's hell, officer ... (5) 23.... send back the watch! (5)

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The Simple Pleasures Photo Competition is a great way to showcase Brunswick Heads and for the second year in a row Ocean Shores resident Lesley Cowan has made it into the annual Chamber of Commerce calendar. Lesley absolutely captured this year's theme 'Colours of Bruns' in her entry 'Rainbow Dragon Joy' taken from the bridge during the Mullum 2 Bruns Paddle. See a photo gallery of entries at www.echo.net.au/paula-scoops-simple-pleasures-big-prize.

A friend of Backlash's was bitten by a brown snake last week when he accidentally trod on it - fortunately to no ill effect. Yes, it's spring and our reptilian buddies are emerging into the warmth to hunt and mate, so watch where you're walking. The Queensland government has a good FAQ at http://bit.ly/ snakefaq, which notes that 'it is important to remember that snakes are an important part of the environment and the relocated snake is often replaced by another living nearby'. If you do absolutely need a snake removed, you could try WIRES 6628 1898.

Byron Shire councillor Alan Hunter's reported comment that most of his fellow councillors are 'socialists in one form or another' inspired us to look up the definition of socialism: 'a political and economic theory of social organisation which advocates

that the means of production,

distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole'. Sounds like a better option than having the pirates of Wall Street at the helm. Any decent government practises socialism to one degree or another, especially in areas such as public health and welfare, so let's not demonise the theory and its practice to the degree it is by the US neocons.

How do you mend a broken heart? asked the Bee Gees. Well, one way to get some relief might be to enter a 'break-up' song in Mullum Music Festival's songwriting competition for a chance to perform at this year's festival. Visit www.mullummusicfestival.com for full details and application forms. On the other hand, author and drama queen D H Lawrence noted, 'For my part, I prefer my heart to be broken. It is so lovely, dawn-kaleidoscopic within the crack.' Whatever that means.

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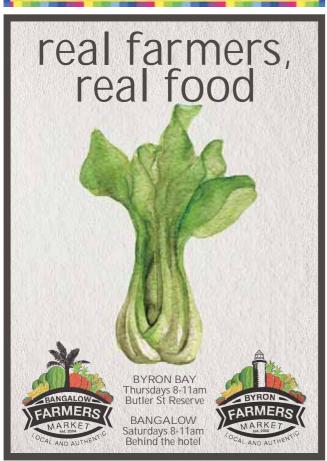
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