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Get ya Bruns vitamins

Kat and Daniel Gorskie earned their smoothies after entertaining the crowds at Saturday evening's Street Food Party in Banner Park, Brunswick Heads. More than 29 stalls – mostly cute little food vans – were flat out keeping the gourmet delights up to the huge crowds. Photo Jeff 'I'll Take The Orange Pill, Thanks' Dawson

Get active on Suffolk sportsfield: mayor

Owing to Council being unable to afford the market price of the Suffolk Park sportsfield, mayor Simon Richardson (Greens) is calling on the community to 'stand up and speak directly to the government.'

It's the latest in the unfolding battle for residents to retain the open space on Beech Drive; owners of the land, the NSW education department, say the land is surplus to their needs and have pegged it for auction.

And time is running out for residents to make their case clear, the mayor says.

In a video produced by Bakery

Media Productions, the mayor says that after a unanimous council vote to negotiate a purchase of the land, 'We since found that the valuation on the land showed it was about three times as expensive as we thought.'

'We just do not have that money, and if the government holds the line and sell it at the valued price, we can't afford it.' He says the community needs to let the state government know that the recent protest at the sportsfield 'is just the tip of the iceberg if they don't negotiate in good faith with the community.'

'Every bit of pressure will lower

the asking price.'

The mayor also explained how public pressure can influence a decision.

Public pressure

'Politicians quantify how powerful correspondence is – a petition is 10 votes. A handwritten letter, 100 votes and a phone call is 1,000 votes. Don't underestimate the power of a phone call.'

■ The video is online at <https://app.frame.io/f/rbi4nfG3>.

■ Education minister Adrian Piccoli's phone number is 02 8574 5300.

Levies unrealistic

Council's general manager says only rates can address infrastructure backlog

Hans Lovejoy

Council general manager Ken Gainger has played down the possibility of introducing specific levies to help pay for an infrastructure backlog, telling *The Echo* such proposals 'currently have no basis in statutory authority.'

Staff have claimed the Shire's infrastructure such as roads will continue to deteriorate unless a special rate variation (SRV) is implemented; they have suggested a cumulative increase over four years of 33.5 per cent (deteriorate), 46.4 per cent (maintain) or 60.2 per cent (improve).

While public comment for the SRV is now closed, Cr Paul Spooner has suggested a tourism infrastructure levy 'that is applied to any business deriving income from tourists.'

In the letters section (page 12), Cr Spooner argues 'It will then be up to each individual business to determine whether they pass on this cost to their tourism customers. For example, by applying an accommodation surcharge.'

But Mr Gainger says that such levies, whether a bed tax, tourism levy or a levy on festival patrons have no prospect – at this time – of becoming 'recurrent and reliable revenue sources for Council.'

He said, 'The government has previously categorically ruled out a bed tax option. Council, in its submission to be declared as Fit for the Future and thus avoid potential amalgamation, has promised the state government

that it will pursue rate increases.

'Only rate increases can produce the sustainable and reliable recurrent revenue desperately needed to repair our failing road system.'

Property portfolio?

But why isn't Council managing a profitable property portfolio?

Under legislation, councils can create a separate corporate entity as an investment arm of council.




While Mr Gainger confirmed that local councils can create and manage a business unit or corporate entity as a vehicle to invest in and redevelop its property portfolio, he says there is limited property available. Such an approach is not justified, he said.

'Nonetheless, our financial sustainability plan includes a rationalisation of Council's property holdings to determine which properties have investment potential and those that are surplus to our needs. This has resulted in some properties being sold and the proceeds of sale invested in infrastructure projects while properties with investment potential such as the former Byron Library site in Byron Bay, the former South Byron Sewerage Treatment Plan site in Suffolk Park and a former materials dump site in Bayshore Drive are earmarked for redevelopment.'

'Our aim is to look at redevelopment options that have the potential to return a recurrent revenue source to the council and create a situation where Council is less reliant on rate

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Foundation bee-nefits community

Vivienne Pearson

A Byron Bay project aimed at providing carpentry and bee-keeping skills to Indigenous youth and young people with a disability has received \$25,000 from philanthropic group, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF).

Just this year, the NRCF has given away over \$130,000 in grants to 22 different community organisations – the total amount donated by the NRCF over the last 12 years is now over \$1 million.

Auspiced by the Byron Bay Herb Nursery, the Katia Project Inc plans are to help with the manufacture of beehive boxes and the farming of native bees.

The grant was handed over at a ceremony in Tweed Heads



Laim Reynolds, bee project instigator Leeana Jenkins, GM Nick Thom, and Alex Vanhonk from Katia with George Alpen from NRCF. Photo Jeff Dawson

last Thursday and accepted by manager Nick Thom and staff member Leeanna Jenkins, who thought up the project. The beehives will be sold or leased to community members and those in the horticultural industry, for

both honey production and the pollination of food crops, especially nut trees.

Other local organisations to benefit from last week's NRCF grants include Byron Youth Service (a program for 'at risk' girls at Mullumbimby

High School), Byron Youth Theatre (performance and workshop exploring youth suicide), Shaping Outcomes Byron (development of support material for the new picture book, *Fergus & Delilah*) and The Shift Project Byron (training and work experience for disadvantaged women).

NRCF chair, John Callanan said, 'A lot of people say we live in paradise here... but the reality is that the northern rivers is statistically above average in many areas of disadvantage.'

The foundation is set to continue its mission as it only gives away profits from investments each year.

Its 'nest egg', already over \$1 million, is growing, largely thanks to bequests.

■ For more visit nrcf.org.au and www.byronherbs.com.au.

Week two: Byron Bay schoolies update

With Byron Bay schoolie celebrations now well underway, organiser of the safety response HUB located on Main Beach says that for the most part, the young visitors are having fun and are well behaved.

Last Saturday, HUB co-

ordinator Nicqui Yazdi reported that the first big night saw around 3,500 to 4,000 schoolies dancing around the HUB and hanging in the park and on the beach.

'It was an incredibly smooth night,' she posted on Facebook, 'clean as a whistle with hardly any alcohol making it into the park, with the schoolies being very respectful.'

'Both HUB volunteers and police directed them to the glass- and alcohol-free parts of the parks and beaches.'

One issue, says Ms Yazdi, was the 'ridiculously long lines to the toilets, with up to 70 at a time trying to use them.'

Locals create biff

Remarkably it was local kids who have caused the most trouble, Ms Yazdi said.

Last Friday night she said she 'felt the tension rising among the local youth.'

'I felt it for hours and knew exactly what would happen eventually and even could pinpoint the exact groups it would come from.'

'Not long after midnight, the park went off like a string of firecrackers with small but intense fights breaking out like a domino effect. Literally three fights started within the span of just one minute,

barely metres apart.'

She said young locals 'cruising for a bruising' were from Ballina, Alstonville, Ocean Shores, Lennox, Lismore and Byron.

'Without our male HUB volunteers and the public order and riot squad being right there, something really, really bad could have gone down.'

She added she was 'incredibly disappointed in just how damaged they are and how much damage they do... Where the hell are all the concerned parents in this town?'

The lack of any 'serious assistance from any sector of Byron community' was also a disappointment for Ms Yazdi.

'I can count on one hand those businesses and people who gave me any help at all in the eight years I ran a weekly Friday night youth program. The biggest issue that faces the youth of this place is the absolute lack of anything for them!'

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Local MP defends biodiversity laws

Further to last week's story on the state government's new biodiversity laws, local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin has responded to the same questions *The Echo* put to NSW Farmers.

As for environmental safeguards within the laws, Mr Franklin says there are 'inbuilt controls' such as 'limits on the level of clearing that can occur and the rate at which it occurs.'

'Clearing native vegetation is expensive and landholders will only undertake this if it makes economic sense to do so,' he says.

Mr Franklin added, 'The 2014 review by the Independent Expert Panel demonstrated the inadequacy of the current laws.'

■ Mr Franklin's full reply is available at www.echo.net.au.

Movember Mullum march



Spotted on the streets of Mullum last Friday were male Byron Shire Council staff (plus three female councillors), who were raising awareness for Movember. Council's media spokesperson said, 'one of the challenges for the men was to walk down the street and back in tutus and wigs, sporting their pink moes.' \$2,500 was raised for the charity, which aims to change the face of men's health. Photo Jeff Dawson

Compliance wins the day for neighbour dispute

Hans Lovejoy

Councillors were split recently over selling a council-owned access road to a property owner, which will consolidate their small property in Main Arm as it runs through their land.

The result will likely mean their neighbour will lose current access.

After nearly an hour's debate at the November 17 meeting, including numerous motions, the decision was made to sell.

The Echo previously reported that the issue had divided the small community that lives around Durrumbul Road; a family of five lives on a 97-acre lot on Durrumbul Road in a dwelling that staff have deemed not compliant to building standards, and a 60-page staff report outlined grievances between the neighbours as well as public submissions.

Nationals Party-aligned Cr Alan Hunter, who has had his own share of neighbour disputes, put forward the motion to endorse the sale, which was supported by Crs Hackett, Spooner and Richardson.

Crs Martin, Ndiaye and Lyon (Greens) voted against (Cr Cameron was absent).

During debate it became clear that the impetus for the sale came about from compliance issues and allegations of antisocial behaviour.

Cr Ndiaye took issue with the way in which it was handled, and said despite being told by staff it was part of 'systematic road closures' she found evidence in the report to the contrary.

She said, 'On page 827, line 6, it states, "Who proposed the initiated part road closure in question? Council received a few complaints by residents concerned with compliance issues?"

Later, Council's infra-

structure services director Phil Holloway admitted that compliance and 'antisocial activities happening in that area' were factors that led to staff recommending the sale.

The landowners set to benefit from the decision, Meredith and David Thompson, told *The Echo* they 'would have had no problem accommodating the original volume of traffic and pedestrian traffic through our small proper-

ty on a continuing basis, had the adjoining property owner developed her property legally, including using her legal access to her property that is to Main Arm road for the rest of her traffic.'

'We have had our privacy invaded for the past three years by the relentless passage of traffic through a once peaceful property, and other harassment and intimidation which has distressed us greatly.'

Rates under review as residents face hike

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revenue,' Mr Gainger said. Mr Gainger also pointed to a draft review of Council rating systems by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The tribunal provides oversight to government decisions.

'[IPART] suggests, among other things, that NSW moves from a site (land only) valuation system to a Capital Improved Value (CIV) system,

such as what has been in place in Victoria for many years.'

'This change would not lead to additional rate revenue being generated, but would significantly influence the apportionment of the overall rate burden and million-dollar mansions would pay a lot more rates than a modest dwelling.'

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Jobs, national security,

Hans Lovejoy

As the federal parliamentary year winds towards its close, *The Echo* asked a few questions of local Richmond MP Justine Elliot.

They relate to bills currently before both the lower house and upper house, or senate.

First up, she says prime minister Turnbull and his government are in total disarray.

'They're all over the shop,' she said. 'It will get worse for them... it's about his leadership and being led by the hard right within the party.'

'To become leader, he sold out on climate change and marriage equality.'

'He needs to stand up to the hard right and do the right thing. This behaviour is a reflection of a weak leader.'

Youth jobs

The Turnbull government's response to chronic youth unemployment is the \$840 million package called Youth Jobs PaTH program, which was debated last week.

Called *Social Security Legislation Amendment*

(*Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire*) Bill 2016, it would see an extra \$100pw to supplement Newstart allowances while businesses would also be eligible for a youth wage subsidy.

I understand Labor has some reservations with this Bill – what are they? Also what is Labor's alternative?

Yes, and what is particularly concerning is that the Turnbull government has trouble demonstrating what safeguards are in place to protect young Australians.

Let's not forget that this government was considering making young jobseekers wait six months to access benefits.

It was only due to pressure from Labor and others that it was reduced to one month.

That's why Labor remains concerned in this Bill that there are few guarantees that jobs will not be replaced by cheaper labour and that wages will not be undercut.

We're also concerned that the participants' safety will not be compromised and that

adequate insurance arrangements will be provided and that participants won't be used to help businesses sidestep unfair dismissal protections.

In terms of it getting through the Parliament, I don't know if it will get through, and I hope the cross-benchers don't support it.

We took to the last election our Working Futures program, which outlines how to move young people into jobs.

After a six-week work readiness course, they would do a six-month work placement with an employer, paid at an award-equivalent training wage.

Participants will also have the opportunity to gain a formal qualification alongside work experience by completing a Certificate III qualification through TAFE or a reputable private provider.

National security

It appears there is rarely if never any retrospective analysis on why there is terrorism in the first place.

I read Turnbull's National Security speech (November



Mrs Elliot at the voting booth. Photo Eve Jeffery

23) after his Peru trip to APEC. It was full of boogie man and motherhood statements yet didn't address any root causes.

Turnbull spoke of Daesh (ISIS) yet didn't comment on who funds Daesh or why Daesh exists. Because of WikiLeaks and others, we know the US are largely responsible for their existence and Saudi Arabia are also involved.

I also read the speech that followed by Labor's Bill Shorten and it was equally underwhelming and without any depth.

How much soul searching has the Labor party done

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sugar tax: local MP Q&A

on its understanding of why terrorism is such a problem?

Would speaking truthfully on such matters compromise Australia's national security?

Countering terrorism and violent extremism within Australia and around the world is an issue that the Labor Party takes very seriously.

In fact this is an issue that is regularly discussed and we're very fortunate to have in our Caucus recently elected Labor MP Anne Aly (member for Cowan) who is an internationally renowned expert in counter-terrorism and radicalisation.

In terms of Bill Shorten's speech he rightly said: 'While there are many issues that divide this parliament, often very deeply, all of us in this place, on all sides, share a common determination to keep Australia safe.'

I strongly believe that Bill Shorten's speech did have depth in terms of our actions and motivations in combating extremism.

He further said: 'The ultimate defeat of Daesh is the

shared goal of all those who believe in peace.'

In fact if we have learned anything about Daesh it is that they will use every tool at their disposal, every weapon in their arsenal to spread hatred, to encourage violence, to destroy innocent lives.

Preventing this, combating terrorism, defeating extremism means meeting Daesh on every front – whether that is providing air support and training in Iraq, or disrupting cyber operations.

Not just defensively – but offensively. Ensuring we have and use the ability to silence their hateful extremist propaganda and to deprive them of resources and information.

I ask these questions because we appear to be living in a post-ethical and fact-free world, where such narratives i.e. terrorism – generally go unquestioned.

Surely an absence of honesty just leads us further into terrorism? As professor Noam Chomsky said, 'If you want to stop terrorism, then stop participating in it.'

These are very complex issues and as I've said the Labor Party takes these issues very seriously in terms of combating terrorism and we believe in working with other nations, such as the United States to achieve these goals.

We also believe that foreign aid is an important tool for both humanitarian reasons and also in attempting to prevent the circumstances and situations in which extremism or radicalisation might occur.

More broadly, Labor has been consistently critical of the coalition government's cuts to foreign aid.

In terms of Donald Trump's win in the US election, Bill Shorten has acknowledged that political parties must always look to the reasons as to why people are disillusioned and how we can address those concerns.

We in Labor know that means actions like creating jobs, delivering affordable health care and quality education systems.

Sugar tax

Are you for or against raising the price of sugar to combat obesity and increase government revenue?

Sugar industry lobbyists such as Coca-Cola must be wearing out the carpet in coalition offices at the moment. Are they attempting to influence Labor too?

I haven't been personally lobbied... but the Richmond electorate has a large sugar industry which I support 100 per cent. This sector is vitally important for the economic growth of the northern rivers.

For this reason I don't support a sugar tax, but I do acknowledge that government must always be focused on better health outcomes for Australians, particularly for tackling obesity.

■ According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the proportion of Australians who are obese has increased across all age groups over time, up from 18.7 per cent in 1995 to 27.5 per cent in 2011–12.

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Unpacking the rate-rise issue

Jim Beatson

Whatever the outcome of the public consultation process over Byron Shire's proposed three scenarios for a possible rate increase, it is likely there will be a change in Byron Shire's rates.

So here is an insight into what may happen.

Up until last Tuesday November 22, only around 550 people out of the around 15,000 ratepayers had answered questionnaires posted to them by Council.

The results were:

- Five per cent didn't indicate a preference
- Keep rates exactly as they are now: 22 per cent
- Council's first option: Rates which will lead to a deterioration of Byron's infrastructure: 20 per cent. Over the four-year period this will be a cumulative increase of 33 per cent.
- Council's second option: Maintain current level of infrastructure: 25 per cent of votes cast. Over the four-year period this will be a cumulative increase of 46 per cent.
- Council's third option: Improve Byron Shire's level of

infrastructure: 28 per cent of the votes cast. Over the four-year period this is a cumulative increase of 60 per cent.

By a small majority, of a very small number of votes, our ratepayers are voting for a big increase in rates.

But in a survey that Council conducted online there's a radically different result, with a very big majority saying 'keep the rates as they are now'.

So who do we believe?

Rates based on land value

But there is another element to the rate proposal that's not being discussed. Rates are based on the land value of your property. Not on the value of your house and land. So if your next door neighbour, with an identical-sized block of land has a house costing \$7 million, and your house is only worth \$70,000, you'll end up paying exactly the same rates.

This is another issue which needs to be brought, strongly, to the attention of our state and federal politicians.

Council rules are determined by state government

politicians and their senior staff. Politicians who often seem to be influenced by property developers and real estate agents. The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) caught developers illegally donating just under \$5 million to Baird's NSW Liberal Party election campaign via the Federal Libs, where it's legal!

The proposed rate rises were discussed last week at Byron Shire Council's roundtable regular meeting of resident representatives.

All of the resident members were unhappy that councillors, and Council, had failed to follow up opportunities to demand more income through changes to the Baird government's Local Government Act over a long period.

These opportunities were described as: failing to lobby strongly for a bed tax, not requiring the large number of attendees at major festivals to contribute to impacts borne by Council, and not imposing a tourism levy on all visitors.

Yes, tourism brings a lot of money into Byron Shire, but not to Byron Council. Tourism mostly brings

expenses to Council.

Councillors present at the roundtable meeting were asked by residents: 'What impact has Council had with representations to the state government? And to the NSW Local Government organisation?' One senior Council staffer at the roundtable said, 'Yes, that question will be in our report of this meeting.' Wow.

Mayor Simon Richardson was unable to attend the roundtable. However Councillor Paul Spooner said he believed requests to the state government for bed tax legislation were unlikely to succeed. But a tourism levy might.

It appears that Paul Spooner and Simon Richardson, both good men committed to economic justice, could be a lot more outspoken with this unpopular state government.

They would surely have the backing of many constituents in the Byron Shire.

■ Jim Beatson is a journalist who contributes weekly to Bay FM's one-hour weekly currently affairs program, *Community Newsroom* (Fridays 11am-12 noon).

■ *The Echo* confirmed with staff Council's survey figures.

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St Finbarr's Fair this Saturday

As part of St Finbarr's Catholic Primary School centenary year, they will present their famous Christmas Fair on Saturday December 3 from 11am till 4pm.

Publicist for the event, Grant Hawkins, says to bring your swimmers, as just one of the attractions will be an awesome waterslide park.

Apart from craft/food stalls and music, mechanical rides will return along with an inflatable obstacle course. MC will be Shelly Craft from TV's *The Block*. Additionally, Mr Hawkins says a dedicated group at the school has spent 12 months crafting a beautiful cookbook, which will be available at the fair.

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The ignored plight of West Papua

Hans Lovejoy

December 1, 2016 should be a celebration for West Papuan independence.

Instead, the day will mark 55 years of what should have been a sovereign nation; 19 days after the Dutch left their colony, Indonesia invaded and have occupied ever since.

It's a sad tale of genocide and assimilation – and resource exploitation.

Irreplaceable rainforests are being lost and the island has some of the largest copper and gold mines on the planet.

It's also well established that the population is now less than 50 per cent West Papuan.

Half a million people are believed to have been killed in this time.

And this is all happening on Australia's doorstep.

West Papuan activist, filmmaker and UN ambassador Wensi Fatubun was in the Shire last week in support of a new project headed by Blue King Brown's Carlos Santone.

'Australian government wants to forget about us,' says Wensi, and he spoke of how raising the issue of independence in West Papua can



Blue King Brown's Carlos Santone and Nattali Rize with Wensi Fatubun, a UN ambassador and activist for the West Papuan people. Photo Jeff Dawson

land you in jail.

As for media access, Wensi says it is open but not free.

'Foreign journalists are always led around by officials so they have no access to anyone who would speak against.'

Wensi also spoke of chronic lack of access to doctors in villages. 'They are not empowering us with modern health and education,' he says.

High HIV rates

'They are killing our culture; the use of condoms in brothels – which are Indonesian run – is discouraged for example. HIV rates are very high.'

The UN – which is largely

funded by the US – gave control to Indonesia in 1969 with The Act of Free Choice – it is referred to by West Papuan activists as the Act Of No Choice.

And then in 2006, the Lombok Treaty was signed, signalling agreement between Indonesia and Australia.

It has helped to stifle any real criticism from our leaders.

But West Papua is not alone Wensi says; Vanuatu is a long-time supporter, and just last month, six Pacific Island countries raised the West Papuan issue in the UN.

'The issue will be again raised before the UN in March 2017,' says Wensi.

Rize of the Morning Star

A new project from Blue King Brown's Carlos Santone is called Rize of the Morning Star (ROTMS) and its first film clip/song is *Sorong Samarai* by artist Airileke.

Santone, who is based part time in Byron Shire with Nattali Rize, says the politically motivated record label was co-founded in 2012 with Airileke and West Papuan musician and activist Ronny Kareni.

To shoot the clip, he says a small team travelled from the tip of West Papua (Sorong) to the tip of PNG (Samarai), 'capturing the culture and identity of one people, separated only by a colonial border.'

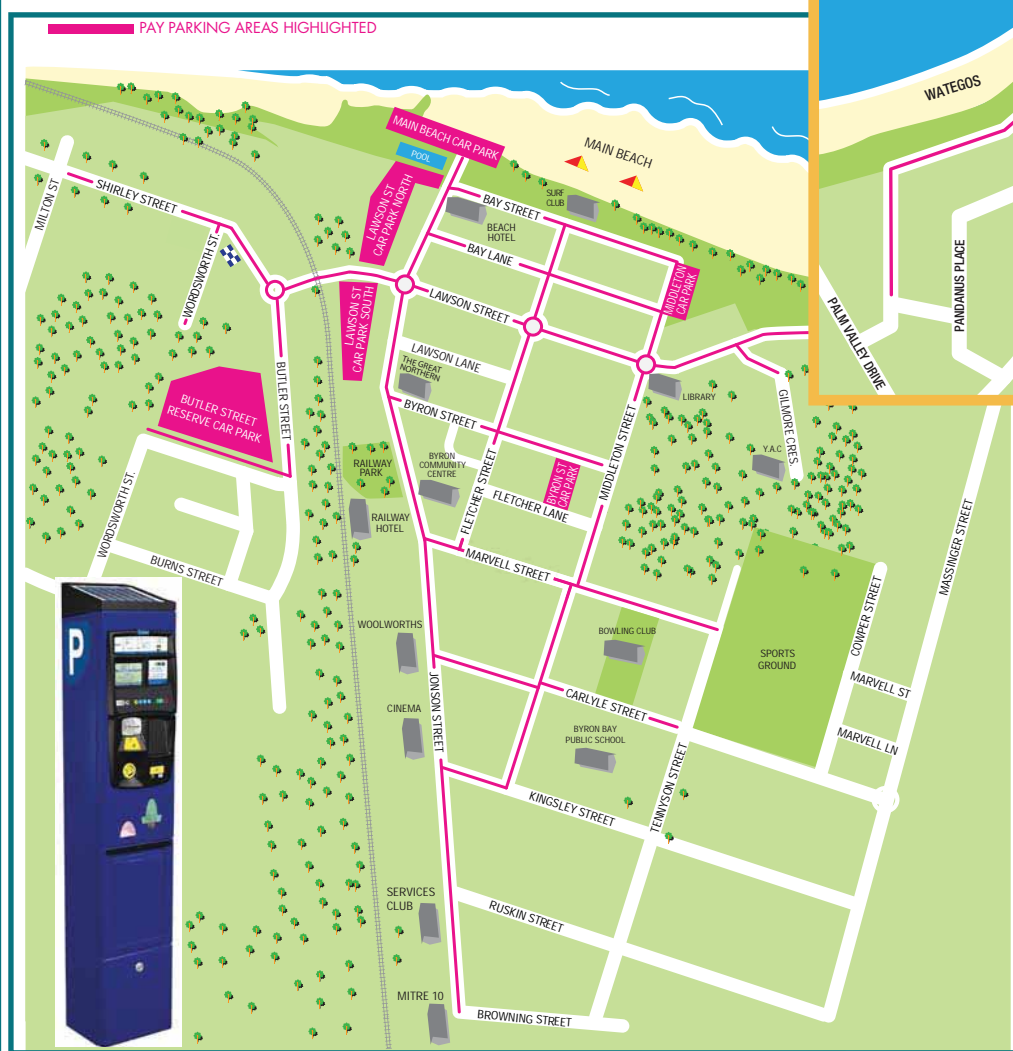
'West Papua contains the most culturally diverse people on Earth, with more than 1,000 languages, and has the third largest tract of rainforest in the world.' He says, 'Using music as a key unifier and amplifier, ROTMS have successfully organised some of the largest scale international free West Papua solidarity actions to date.'

■ For more, visit www.rizeofthemorningstar.com.



Wategos Pay Parking starting soon

starts mid to late December



Pay Parking is being introduced at **Wategos on Marine Parade** in mid to late December - look out for the machines! A four hour time limit will apply to the street. If you have a current Byron Shire E-permit exemption, you can park for no additional cost in Marine Parade. If you don't have an E-Permit, the cost will be \$3 per hour. If you require more time when your four hours has expired, you need to move your vehicle to another space. Please check the signs before leaving your vehicle.

E-permit exemption coming up for renewal?

You can renew your annual E-permit exemption anytime **prior** to the expiry via our website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/byron-bay-pay-parking. E-permit exemptions are available to Byron Shire residents and ratepayers, and people who work in the pay parking areas, but live outside of Byron Shire. Proof of local residency, rate notice or place of employment will be required - you can find out more on Council's website.

How do I find out my expiry date?

You can check your E-permit exemption expiry date at anytime via our website. If your email was not provided at the time of your initial application, you will need to email payparking@byron.nsw.gov.au or call our hotline on **1300 811 942**.

Do I need to enter my plate at the meter?

Current E-permit exemption holders **DO NOT NEED TO ENTER NUMBER PLATE AT METER**. No ticket is required to be displayed; simply 'Park & Walk' away, ensuring you adhere to the time limits as displayed on the street signage.

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SAE info night Thurs Dec 1

Calling all aspiring filmmakers, animators, designers, web developers, audio engineers and other creatives... SAE Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay is opening the doors to their state-of-the-art campus on Thursday December 1 from 6pm till 9pm.

Organisers say it's a chance for high school students, career changers and anyone contemplating a creative career to take a guided tour of the campus, sit in on an information session, check out the students' work, meet the lecturers and chat to SAE staff about study and career options.

The campus is located on Ewingsdale Road.

■ To register visit sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events.

Accolade for Ray



The Mullumbimby bloke, Ray Essery, took out a songwriting award at this year's Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards at Pittsworth in Queensland. Congrats, Ray! Photo Jeff Dawson

Water-extraction plan riles Uki locals

Former NSW agriculture minister Jack Hallam (Labor) is facing resistance from residents to his plan to extract 24 megalitres of water a year from a licensed bore on his Uki property. Hallam lodged the plan in October to the

NSW Office of Water, for 'bulk loading and delivery of extracted water'. The proposal is for up to three loads a day (six trips), six days a week from 7am till 6pm.

■ The DA is currently on Tweed Shire Council's website.

Bentley doco screened Dec 3

Acclaimed documentary *The Bentley Effect* will be screened at the Mullum Civic Hall on Saturday December 3 from 6pm.

Co-organiser Dave Rawlins says a fundraising dinner will be catered by the organic COREM Café.

'A stellar lineup of renowned musicians who performed at Bentley will join us to celebrate making the northern rivers gas field free.'

He says proceeds of the evening will go towards the production of the documen-

tary and COREM - Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby - to support their ongoing fund to install solar PV systems on community buildings.

■ Tickets can be purchased via www.corem.org.au through an Eventbrite link.

Byron Spirit Festival launch event, Dec 4

Combining music, arts, yoga, ceremony and a socially connective celebration, the Byron Spirit Festival has announced a launch event to reveal the 2017 lineup and raise funds for two important causes.

The event will be held from 3pm till 7pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall and organisers say all funds raised will

go to COREM (Community-Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby) and protectors and protesters supporting Indigenous land rights at Standing Rock in the USA.

Custodians

'Custodians of Culture' is the theme for the festival, which will run March 31 till

April 2, 2017. Promoter Alison Pearl says, 'Last year's Byron Spirit Festival raised more than \$2,000 for the Hope for Health Foundation, a project dedicated to restoring the health of the Yolngu peoples of Arnhem Land, NT.'

■ To register for the December 4 event visit www.spiritfestival.com.au.

Connor loses bid to have murder case thrown out

Byron Bay woman Sara Connor has lost her Indonesian court bid to have a murder charge against her thrown out, after again proclaiming her innocence.

The 46-year-old mother looked tense as the three judges at Denpasar District Court on Thursday dismissed her lawyer's challenge over the alleged murder of police officer Wayan Sudarsa.

Connor and her UK boyfriend David Taylor are facing charges of murder, with prosecutors alleging they attacked Mr Sudarsa on Kuta Beach on August 16.

Her matter will return to court next Thursday.

- AP reporting



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Ignoring overwhelming evidence to the contrary

Forget trying to correct fake news, what is needed is a campaign to develop critical thinking abilities. Urgently.

Admittedly it's a nebulous term, however simply put, critical thinking includes skills in logic and the self awareness of cognitive bias. Holding a convincing argument is not only based on reason – good imagination, creativity and intuition all help.

Academic website The Conversation last week published *What is critical thinking? And do universities really teach it?*

Author Martin Davies (Professor in Higher Education, University of Melbourne) argues that while universities all promote the idea of critical thinking, he's unaware of any that test students before and after the completion of degrees to assess their critical thinking abilities.

'Why hasn't this been done?' he asks himself.

'I suspect because universities would be justifiably worried about what the results might indicate.'

Critical thinkers challenged the idea the earth was flat of course, so the skill is kinda important.

And as early as 250BC, Greek astronomer Aristarchus of Samos had the idea that the earth might circle the sun, though it took another 1,500 years until Europeans generally accepted it.

The point is, the human race appears to be playing a long game where established universal truths are in constant battle with religious superstition, wilful ignorance and a lack of education.

Yet there's hope for the intellectually and even spiritually damned – revisionist Nazi sympathiser and infamous holocaust denier David Irving told the BBC in 2006 that he finally accepted the holocaust actually happened after he saw the personal files of its chief organiser, Adolf Eichmann.

There appears little hope for One Nation, however.

No matter how many times a NASA scientist explains anthropogenic climate change to One Nation MP Malcolm Roberts, he simply won't understand it, let alone accept it.

Likewise leader Pauline Hanson has no shame because there's little to no self-awareness and thus she cannot be shamed. She tried to prove climate science wrong last week by going for a snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef.

It didn't seem to matter she was 1,300km from the centre of the bleaching crisis.

One of the most painful phrases in the English language would have to be 'we agree to disagree.'

It smells of failure to rationally unpack a topic.

You know that blank expression? It's the look a dog gives you when you are trying to teach it a card trick. We may agree to disagree but one of us is surely correct. And sane.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Nats rub up against Hanson's populism

The Nationals are feeling their oats – also their sugar, their water and their pump-action shotguns. Quite suddenly the traditional party of conservative rural socialists are turning feisty and uppity – partly in self-defence, but largely just because they can.

The new rambunctiousness arrived with the new leader, Barnaby Joyce, generally seen as the loose cannon needed to shake up the somewhat torpid regime of Warren Truss. Joyce was always going to be a bit of a risk, but one that was worth taking: the Nationals were generally seen as a rather limp appendage of the Liberal Party dog. And initially, at least, the risk worked: the Nationals did far better in the July election than their coalition partners and secured an extra cabinet position and enhanced portfolio responsibilities as a result.

But there was a downside: the re-emergence of the minor parties, and in particular the perilous Pauline Hanson and her born-again One Nation. Her own renaissance in Queensland was regarded as inevitable, but when she gathered another seat in the deep north and one each in Western Australia and New South Wales the alarm turned into a clangor.

With state elections looming in both Queensland, where the Lib-Nats were hoping to win, and Western Australia, where the Nats were trying to stage a comeback, the national hegemony was threatened. And then came New South Wales, where the Nats were creamed in Orange – not by One Nation but by the well-armed Shooters and Fishers, who had also blasphemously misappropriated the Nationals' treasured title of Farmers.

That result was seen as the acquiescence of the party to Liberal Party policies from the

inner urban elites. So clearly something had to be done, and the chosen solution was to be tougher, to be more independent – to be rebellious. In the past the Nationals have generally been regarded as a relatively peaceful bunch of social conservatives – or perhaps more accurately conservative socialists.

But now it was time to rise up, and given the worldwide movements sparked by Brexit, Donald Trump and the rise of the European ultra-right, there was only one way to go. So instant populism was the cry – get back to your roots.

If people wanted to get fit – or less fat for a start – they could eat less and exercise. Taxing sugar would not work.

by Mungo MacCallum



Joyce led the charge: coal is good, but there are more than a few farmers who think that mining on their properties may not be an unalloyed bliss. But surely sugar is even better. When a report came out suggesting that a tax on the crystalline sweetener might prevent, or at least check, the rampant obesity in the population Joyce just said no. If people wanted to get fit – or less fat for a start – they could eat less and exercise. Taxing the product would not work.

Well, tell that to Malcolm Turnbull who has spent months insisting that all taxes are a disincentive to those who pay them, or better still to the tobacco industry, where taxing smokes has demonstrably reduced the habit – and not only that, it has produced a cultural change.

With government intervention, the clear signal that smoking was unhealthy and antisocial has resulted in smoking becoming less acceptable all round.

But logic and evidence has

nothing to do with it: leave the sugar farmers alone. They are just the sort who would defect to Hanson at the slightest hint of weakness. And so it is with the cotton growers of the north: extraordinarily, Joyce pre-empted a longstanding agreement to add 450 gegalitres of water down the Murray to the parched south in order to protect his constituents in Queensland and New South Wales.

Naturally there was an explosion from Nick Xenophon in support of his fellow Croweaters: settle this now – stick to the contract or my party and I will play

'not speak about anything else', and most especially about the so-called vital legislation in the senate. Joyce fumed that the government was being held to ransom, which did not help. So it was left, yet again, to Turnbull to throw the rug over another distraction.

And the same, in spades, applies to the backpackers tax. The government, which included the Nats, started by imposing a tax of 32 per cent on non-resident seasonal workers. The rural revolt that followed forced a reduction to 19 per cent. But this was an agreement with the Farmers Federation – not with the rank and file, some of whom thought it was still too much. So Jacqui Lambie suggested 10.5 per cent, and Labor, the Greens and other crossbenchers backed her.

Joyce went a still wilder shade of beetroot: this would mean the foreign devils would be taxed less than the hard working Aussie (in the unlikely event they were willing to work at all – that was why we needed backpackers, remem-

ber?) Actually it wouldn't. Since Australians receive a \$18,000 tax-free threshold while backpackers pay tax on the first dollar they earn, it would mean Australians had to earn some \$40,000 before they hit the 10.5 rate – a lot of fruit picking. Joyce, an accountant, presumably knows this. Once again, it is not about the facts.

But where the Nats really showed their muscle was the debate over the Adler shotgun. Not one of them voted in the Senate to retain the current ban. Two backbenchers actually crossed the floor to have it removed and the third abstained. Okay, fair enough – they are, after all, backbenchers. But as well, all three National Party ministers abstained, and that is, in parliamentary terms, treason.

The principle of ministerial solidarity means just what it says: ministers must support the government or resign. They cannot simply skive off whenever they feel like it. The excuse was that since Labor and Liberal were voting together for the ban, it didn't matter; it was what was called a Mickey Mouse vote. But that is not the point: by their action, the Nats have effectively broken the coalition agreement.

And there may be worse to come: incredibly the ultra-right George Christensen is also a statutory officer: the important and influential National Party whip in the House of Representatives. We all know what he thinks about solidarity with Malcolm Turnbull; in the present climate he may well be emboldened to follow the Walt Disney image and play the part of Goofy. He is already freelancing with Bill Shorten to support a royal commission into the banks.

The Nats may not yet be out of control, but they represent a far more frightening prospect to Turnbull and the Libs than the crossbenchers ever will. With friends like these...

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Hospital site

There have been so many good things brought about in the Bay over the years because of the foresight and dedicated hard work of community members with a vision for their town. We think of the memorial Olympic pool, the new library, the community centre, the Cavanbah sports centre and the new hospital, to name a few.

The subject disturbing our minds over the last couple of months since returning from visiting family in the UK is the sight of the old hospital, fenced with wire and studded with notices telling passers-by that it is no more a hospital. It is closed.

Is this very desirable public land, situated as it is at the very heart of our community, about to be sold to developers for the building of yet another block of flats? Or will it be used for something that will benefit our community?

If not, we feel this would not only be a big mistake and an opportunity lost but also a disgrace that public assets should be sold off to the highest bidder without thought for the long-term needs of the community.

Wendy & Bob Levett
Byron Bay

Save Bangalow

Jobs, jobs, jobs, 400 more jobs? Crap!

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the quality of Bangalow, our internet connection to the world, and especially our cashed-up visitors. A giant factory complex will definitely lower the tone and the 400 postulated jobs will be taken by revhead westies.

Get real. Wait for the masterplan in which a local growers food hub can elevate 2479, not destroy it.

Milton Cater
Bangalow

Business rating

I've previously suggested that Byron Shire Council should introduce a bed tax. I've now been told that this is not allowed by the NSW government.

If this is true, then may I suggest this. All houses and apartments purchased for short/long-term rentals, holiday letting, Airbnb are businesses and as such should be rated as a business, not as private residential.

If the owners decide to live there in the future and they submit documentation providing proof, then these rates can be adjusted down to residential.

You may wish to adjust this increase to reflect holiday lets and BnB which I suppose would be fair as the long-term renters' income stays here in Byron Shire.

D Haydock
Suffolk Park

Community con

The so-called 'community consultation' by NBN at Corabell Hall on September 8 was a failure at both assembling the community and consulting effectively. NBN supposedly notified residents within a 2km radius of the microwave tower site. Several residents near the tower say

they were not informed.

Consultation consisted of one-on-one interactions dived with misleading information while not knowing answers to important questions. However they did seem well-trained at brushing off opposition by any means possible.

A development application would flush out many truths but NBN continues to ignore Council's request to submit a DA, claiming it complies with zoning laws, when the Environmental Defenders Office claims it does not comply.

Michael Stavrou
Mullumbimby

Microwaving

As advertised in last week's *Echo* on page 50, Telstra has intentions of microwaving Main Arm Village via a roof-mounted antenna on the local exchange building opposite the shop and a childcare facility 30 metres away.

This they describe as 'low power'. If compared to the natural level of microwave radiation from the sun, such as what life has evolved in, then typically microwave radiation levels today are at least 10,000 million times greater, according to Professor Martin L Pall. This has only occurred and is increasing in recent years.

Now the government might say this is safe but they do hold the patents to wi-fi, and who funds the industry regulator ACMA? Well, it's the telecommunication industry - no conflict of interest here.

Anton Vanderbyl
Main Arm

Boring build

Kudos to Geoff Southward (Letters, November 23) for his incisive, observant and

articulate comment about the ugly, uninspiring and disappointing redevelopment of the old council chambers in Lawson Street.

My sentiments exactly.

What a missed opportunity, right in the heart of town, to add some innovative aesthetic.

Instead, we will have yet another homogeneous eyesore that does not reflect the 'essence' of Byron. This wretched building that has now been worsened by the addition of huge red, black and yellow murals, is an insult to the residents who care about Byron's township.

I now wonder why the Council even bothered to retain the 'heritage' frontage, which has absolutely nothing akin to the adjoining new 'cheap as chips' monstrosity. It seems that Council really doesn't care a hoot!

Does this exemplify what the future holds?

Josephine Wolanski
Byron Bay

Koho booboo

Council has approved the development of eight modern units in the Mullumbimby Heritage Conservation Area at 116 Stuart Street. Although the previous council refused this development at its last meeting the developers Koho had decided to take Council to the Land & Environment Court.

The vote was four-all, with the mayor Simon Richardson having the extra deciding vote as Basil Cameron was sick and was not at the meeting. Basil is in fact the only informed councillor about the issue and the other councillors have had no chance to

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

15-year-old Anton Smirnov added another title to his collection with a win of the Vikings Open, the ACT's final Grand Prix tournament of 2016.

Despite defeating Junta Ikeda in the battle of the top two seeds in the fourth round, Smirnov's victory was far from assured because of the stunning performance of Canberra junior Frederick Litchfield.

Litchfield had hung on for 106 moves to draw with Smirnov in the third round – a stunning upset – and at the end of the first day was tied with Smirnov for the lead.

Litchfield added the scalp of International Master Andrew Brown in the fifth round to stay level with Smirnov, the player most likely to be Australia's next Grandmaster, but finally faltered against Ikeda, with whom he ultimately finished tied for second place.

Smirnov, back in action after a lengthy break, looked slightly rusty but he nonetheless scored two crushing wins.

White: A Smirnov
Black: S Press

Opening: Ruy Lopez
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4? Played on move 10 this would be a perfectly sound sacrifice because after 10...Nxe4 11.Bd5 Qd7! 12.Bxe4 d5, Black regains the piece because ...e4 is in the air. As played by Press, however, the move is fatal. 11...Na5 was necessary. 12.Bd5! 1-0

White: A Smirnov
Black: J Ikeda

Opening: Sicilian Defence
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 Thanks in part to Carlsen's advocacy, this has largely supplanted the older 6...Bb4. 7.Be2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qd3 d6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.b4 Be7 12.Bb2 Improving on a 2014 game when Smirnov played the more usual 12.Be3. 12...Rc8?! The start of a faulty plan. 12...0-0 and 13...Re8 was needed to guard the vulnerable e6 square. 13.Rac1 Qb8 14.f5! Ne5? Already fatal. 14...e5, leaving behind a weak d5 square, was ugly but forced. 15.Qg3! Nxc4 16.fxe6 Nxb2 Allowing a spectacular finish since 16...fxe6 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Nxe6 was hopeless. 17.Qxg7 Rg8 18.exf7+ 18.Qxg8+!! would have been a fitting end to the game, leading to a forced checkmate after 18...Nxc8 19.exf7+ Kd7 20.Bg4+, etc. 18...Kd7 19.fxcg8 Qxg8 20.Qf7 1-0

The score in the World Championship match in New York stands at Carlsen 6, Karjakin 6. Rapid and if necessary blitz games will now decide the title.

Racial Discrimination Act 1975 IS NOT FLAWED

Murdoch's flagship bird tray liner, The Australian, can't stop squawking that section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act must be repealed for the sake of free speech. What these people don't seem to talk about is that section 18D follows 18C, and defines exemptions to 18C.

Section 18C describes 'Offensive behaviour because of race, colour or national or ethnic origin' that is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate... because of [their] race, colour or national or ethnic origin...'

Section D states 'Section 18C does not render unlawful anything said or done reasonably and in good faith with regards to 'fair and accurate report', or an 'expression of a genuine belief' etc.

Australia's first convicted racist, Andrew Bolt, was found guilty in 2011 because Justice Bromberg found his NewsCorp articles

regarding Aboriginals with fair skin was 'not done reasonably and in good faith.' The judge found he had not fact checked his stories and the material was 'substantially proven to be untrue.' Ouch.

So provided that what you write is factual, or it's a genuinely held belief, you can't be sued under the RDA. If Greg Sheridan and his ilk were really concerned about freedom of speech they would rally to abolish the secrecy provisions of the Border Force Act and banning SLAPP suits (strategic lawsuits against public participation). Better still would be a Bill of Rights. There is nothing inherently wrong with this law. The problem appears to be that bigoted, sociopathic individuals are mostly in power and they are always looking for ways to inflict their toxic bile on others.

For more read the case: **Eatock v Bolt [2011] FCA.**

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Better responses than raising residential rates

It's clear Council needs a boost in income to solve an infrastructure backlog that's been in a state of deterioration for well over a decade.

I'm not that interested in apportioning blame as to why we are in this situation. However, I am interested in getting out of it.

A rate rise is the easy way out for Council – not to mention the state and federal government. It's not so easy for landowners.

And it will not be easy for those who rent off the landowners. Any increase in rates will immediately be passed on to tenants. This will make Byron Shire even more unaffordable than it is now.

continued from page 11 be fully informed.

The concern was of course the pending cost of the court case. It was really sad that Koho wanted to take Council to court, in light of all the support and encouragement the planning department has given the company for its other projects in the Shire.

Nor did the company consider the strong opposition from the community to this development. So now an old house will be demolished and new units built that do not fit in with the character or ambience of the old part of Mullumbimby township.

I hope in the future councillors will realise just how beautiful and historic and precious the old part of town is, and they will try to preserve its heritage for future generations to enjoy. It is the feeling of the whole town that is unique and it is important to preserve the

We need another approach to this problem that does not burden the residents unfairly.

It's argued by many that tourists impact on the ability of council to maintain public infrastructure at acceptable levels. If this is the case then increasing residential rates is not the appropriate policy response.

A better response may be a tourism infrastructure levy that is applied to any business deriving income from tourists. It will then be up to each individual business to determine whether or not they pass on this cost to their tourism customers. For example, by applying an accommodation surcharge.

old buildings and houses if we want to keep Mullumbimby as a refuge from the rest of the mad world. If the old homes get demolished we will finish up being just like the Gold Coast.

Len Bates
Mullumbimby Residents Association & community representative, Heritage Advisory Committee

Shark Watch

I'd like to congratulate Byron Council and MP Tamar Smith for knocking back Mike Baird's shark nets and for implementing Shark Watch, a program specifically designed to protect surfers.

Even WA premier Colin Barnett – not noted for his greenie credentials – rejected shark nets, calling them 'killing machines.' Over 1,000 dolphins and numerous other marine creatures have died in the Queensland

The principle at play here is that it should not be the residents who should be paying for the infrastructure needs of the tourists but the tourists themselves or the businesses that are making money from them.

Residents should pay their fair share but not be expected to unfairly carry the burden for the tourism industry.

We need to 'render unto Caesar's' – but let's get the balance right first.

Cr Paul Spooner
Byron Bay

Byron Shire has problems with its roads and public toilets because of the huge tour-

ist numbers. Council can't levy a bed tax but it can effectively do the same thing – it can increase and extend parking fees.

If necessary, it can also lift water, sewer and waste disposal charges for businesses in the Shire.

It is unreasonable to expect residents to bear the extra costs on roads and services that tourists and the businesses that benefit from tourists generate.

Over the last decade my rates have increased on average by 5.4 per cent a year, much greater than inflation or the growth of wages.

Garth Luke
Mullumbimby

netting programs to date.

As a long-term Lennox Head resident and surfer I am deeply saddened at the thought of a net within Cape Byron Marine Park at Lennox Head.

L Walker
Lennox Head

Parklands puzzle

Given the extraordinary statements by Matt Morris quoted in a previous issue of *The Echo* in relation to the Land & Environment Court's refusal to grant permanency consent to Parklands to hold festivals for 50,000 patrons, serious questions are raised.

Morris claims that 'Parklands paid Council \$150,000 towards the new roundabout adjacent to the Yelgun interchange.' The Commonwealth government lists the grant made for the roundabout under its black spot program as \$300,000.

There's no mention of extra funds being paid to Council. In essence, we have taxpayer funds being used to provide Parklands with a facility to direct traffic to festivals. I wonder how many taxpayers would support this. Was Council paid \$150,000 by Parklands over and above the Commonwealth grant?

Then Morris states that 'Parklands will be guided by what the planning law re-

quirements are as it has always done since the original application.' He must have amnesia about the significant numbers of breaches; the appalling problems with noise; the impacts on Billinudgel Nature Reserve; the traffic fiasco of the last Splendour; the damage to the infrastructure of the Shire – which ratepayers are now being asked to cover to support the 1.5 million tourist numbers invading Byron.

Sue Arnold
Coordinator, Australians for Animals Inc Ocean Shores

Matt is needed

Over and over and over I've been wondering why Matt Hartley didn't get a seat on the council.

The housing crisis and environment issues are obviously our greatest concerns and here's a guy with a clear futuristic vision and a clear plan to restore our town to a healthy wonderful place for all of us to live in again and he was virtually ignored. Would people even in this progressive area rather complain than be happy?

It's wonderful some people care and the intentions were good regarding the camping ground for our homeless friends, but that's a band-aid; continued on page 14



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Farewell to the quiet man



Keven Oxford

You can count yourself among a very small minority if your life hasn't been touched by cancer. This week it paid a visit to my family when it took my sister-in-law's husband Clifton Whyte. Just as it does with so many others, it arrived without warning, snuffed out a soul quickly and left loved ones dazed and confused.

Cliff was well respected – an in-demand tour manager and sound engineer for the biggest names in black music. He'd worked with the greats – from afro-funk legend Fela Kuti to the prophets of reggae Public Enemy, from west coast gangster Ice Cube to the smooth soul of The Fugees. He was the main man for hip-hop pioneers De La Soul and Latino smokers Cypress Hill. Although Cliff's love of black soul ran deep, his heart was open to all great music, regardless of skin colour.

A gentle man

In a perfect world Cliff would've loved nothing more than to spend time developing new talent for the company he'd set up with cousin Cyril and best friend Winston, 101 Productions. But as an in-demand TM, he went where the money was in order to provide for his family.

He was a soft-spoken gentle man housed in a foreboding black six-foot five-inch frame. Often guarded, he could appear intimidating – but he was a giant softie and once you gained his confidence, he'd open up and reveal a wicked sense of humour.

He met Kylie while on tour in Australia with De La Soul in 1989. Love reared its beautiful head and they moved to London in 1994 where he could be close to family.

Cliff was born in Birming-

ham of West Indian heritage and was rooted in the London Jamaican community. In 1996 Kylie's sister Karin (my wife) moved to London to be with her for the birth of their first child.

At the time they lived in the predominately Afro-Caribbean community of Harlesden. Shortly after Karin's arrival, Cliff took her around the neighbourhood and introduced her as family, along with a subtle warning that she was to be treated with respect.

Trial by fire

In 1997 my daughter Tamerlaine moved to London to enter the music industry. She worked with Cliff at 101 and with Kylie, who at that time was label manager for Tommy Boy Records. Tamerlaine also undertook a trial-by-fire European tour with Ice T and Body Count under Cliff's watchful eye. He looked out for her as if she were his own daughter and laid the foundations for her career in the music industry.

Australia called, and Cliff, Kylie and son Levi moved home, joining us at Ocean Shores in 1999. Kylie joined the family business and became the in-house publicist for Bluesfest.

Not long after, Cliff joined the firm and was based in my office alongside my son-in-law Ben, providing production for our many touring artists. We'd start the morning with a beach walk, discussing the day that lay ahead. He was a calm influence at the office and gained the respect of those he worked with.

Cliff's battle with the 'dreaded disease' was brief. Diagnosed on October 12, passing on Monday November 21. Survived by wife Kylie, children Levi, Isabella and India and brand spanking new granddaughter Hartley.

Devoted sisters Sandra and Lesleyn, and cousin Cyril flew from London to be with him.

Cliff's brother Everall passed away from the same pancreatic cancer in 2014. His sons Akeel and Aaron had a special bond with their uncle. Cliff's right-hand man and 'brethren', the indomitable Winston, also flew from London to support his friend during his darkest hour. Winnie's one of life's great characters and his presence bolstered Cliff's spirits during his final days.

Along with family and friends, they'll join together in celebration of the big man's life at Bangalow A&I Hall on Thursday December 1 at 1pm. We'll share food, drink, music and stories.

Respected

This week his son Levi, a budding music producer, received a call from the colourful Flava Fav of Public Enemy. Flav relayed stories of just how respected his dad was within the international music community. De La Soul also took time out from their current Australian tour to spend time at Cliff's bedside before he passed.

Cliff loved Byron Shire. He said many times it reminded him of Jamaica – but without the Jamaicans!

Like many who work in the music industry, Cliff had no medical cover, insurance or superannuation. The link below was set up by my daughter Tamerlaine to help with ongoing medical expenses – it now serves a different purpose. If you can help out in any way, no matter how small, the family would be eternally grateful.

Respect, Cliff – we'll meet again down the road.

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Phillip Frazer

Now that global corporations rule most of the 196 nations on Earth, the world is running out of paid fulltime jobs. An ideal world, ideal for big corps that is, will have fewer employees, with fewer benefits, and no unions.

We're getting there, and what's coming toward us like a Mack truck surfing a tsunami is a mass of computerisation, automation, robotisation, and artificial intelligence that will do almost everything better than we stupid persons now do. Oxford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the International Monetary Fund all agree that half of all the jobs in the world will be gone in the next ten or 20 years.

No jobs

And while most people have been kept from waging revolution because of distractions such as videogames, pornography, drugs, mobile devices, online shopping, and the 196 nations' versions of *X-country's Got Talent*, all that becomes nonviable if none of us has a job that pays enough to do all that stuff.

In short, people will grow increasingly bonkers unless there's a serious change to the system. They'll trash the European Union and other globaloney like 'trade pacts' that put corporations in charge of everything from war'n'peace to drinking water ... some people might even elect a president whose brain is in his budgie smugglers.

And while robots and computers will take over doing everything from truck driving to diagnosing illnesses, weeding orchards, building



This is not Phillip Frazer.

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houses, and washing the dog, there aren't many *new* jobs on the horizon for us billions of inefficient people to do.

One response to this, other than electing Trump or waging revolutionary war, is called the universal basic income, which proposes a simple deal: everyone in the entire country gets a flat pay cheque every month just for being here. Let's say \$4,000 a month - and you spend it however you choose.

The Swag

This notion has been around for hundreds of years, and while it's variously called Universal Basic Income, Unconditional Basic Income, or Citizen's Income, I suggest we call it The Swag.

In any case, it will probably happen, because it has to. In fact, there've already been trial runs: Canada ran a five-year trial in the 1970s, and India ran a test program more recently. Both trials showed that very few people Oded on pizzas and videogames - in fact health improved, more people finished higher grades of school, more people created new work projects that made them happy and added to their income and the broader economy, and the net savings from these lifestyle improvements could

cover the cost of handing out a trillion-dollar annual swag to us citizens.

Some advocates of a swag that reckon we should pay for it by doing away with all of our welfare systems, the ones that dole out bits 'n' pieces of support - regulated by vast bureaucracies with rules that break your back and your heart - but we need to watch this plan very closely - well-off people, especially American 'libertarians', are prone to tossing out welfare systems on principle, even though life is full of specific needs that will only be addressed by fine targeting.

Living like kings

While the world's middle and working classes are losing their jobs, absurd amounts of wealth are accruing to the top two per cent, who now get more than half of global wealth and income and live like kings, queens and warlords used to, or like members of the Saud family still do.

Now, it's hard to imagine America's many elites going anywhere near this scheme, though President Nixon proposed it in 1968! But Australians today tell pollsters they favour more social support for poor people and higher taxes for the very rich.

Right now, six countries are planning versions of a universal citizens income, led by Kenya and Finland, and Elon Musk says it's the only way to go. So we should get moving, too, though none of the existing political parties is likely to go there without undergoing brain and spinal implants.

But since the idea of re-arranging our multitudinous welfare systems around one that might work, let's do the same thing to taxes. I never understood why we tax income, and why do we let fossil fool companies dig up billions of tonnes of carbon, when retrofitting every building in Australia with solar energy and sensible insulation would employ millions of us brain-challenged persons?

One tax

Why? Because of momentum - it's what rich and powerful people have been doing for a few hundred years, and Malcolm Turnbull's fine with that. How about we have just one tax, a single tax on using any and all of our natural resources: air, water, land, and all things animal vegetable or mineral that are - or ought to be - our shared common wealth, and our shared responsibility?

Why does Gina Rinehart get \$1 million every 30 minutes because her dad knew the look of iron ore from the window of an aeroplane? Why do we let ethically challenged investors in Sydney or Shanghai rip up our land to build another mess of mansions?

It's time for a new deal.

■ Phillip Frazer lives like a hippy prince at coorabell-ridge.com.

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it's not getting to the core of the issue, which can be rectified. It seems like the beginning of ghettos here.

Remember when we were kids, when we went on holidays we stayed in caravan parks and holiday flats, and the locals lived in their homes. Now the locals live in overpriced caravan parks and the tourists live in houses.

In the words of 4 Non Blondes, 'what's going on?' Love you, Matt.

Julia Franco
 Broken Head

RDT myths

Once again Byron Shire has seen mass random drug testing (RDT) of drivers. The claim by the NSW govern-

ment and the NSW Police is that it is done for road safety. It is a lie. Of all the drugs, legal and illegal, commonly taken, only three drugs are tested, cannabis, Ecstasy and Ice.

I'm not going to discuss Ice here. It is a nasty drug that produces psychosis and extreme violence and no-one should be taking it, driving or otherwise.

But what about ecstasy and cannabis?

According to the Australian government Department of Health, the major effect of ecstasy is that users 'may feel more alert, energetic and affectionate'. Logically anything that increases a driver's alertness and energy would be beneficial. Coupled with an increased feeling of 'affec-

tion', it would also reduce the incidence of road rage.

According to the Australian government Department of Health, the major effects of cannabis are that users generally feel 'more relaxed, happy and more talkative. It can also increase appetite.' Again, nothing that would make a driver more dangerous.

The most extensive research done into the effect of cannabis on driving was undertaken by the US Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DOT HS 812 117 - Feb 2015) and they did not find 'a significant increase in levels of crash risk associated with the presence of drugs (cannabis)'. According to recent research by the

University of Colorado, using statistics provided by the states where medical cannabis is legal, 'legalisation (of cannabis) is associated with a nearly nine per cent decrease in traffic fatalities, most likely due to its impact on alcohol consumption'.

So why are the NSW government and NSW Police targeting cannabis and ecstasy at RDT? Obviously, it has nothing to do with road safety.

If it were, then RDT would be testing for the drugs that do have a proven detrimental effect on driving such as tranquillisers, chemical stimulants, and drugs against common diseases whose side effects include drowsiness, sleepiness and impairment of

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Let's record the nature/human mash-up in Byron Bay

Mary Gardner

This location is one around Byron Bay, hidden but in plain view. The jumble of plants discourages that hurried walking that gets a person from here to there. But it does invite a person to explore.

At first, big features grab my attention: blossoms, leaf changes, bird nests. But as I slowly pick my way in, I notice the structure of the land is often shaped by water. Perhaps the slope leads down to a patch of bog or a puddle, a trickle or signs of a water flow now soft mud or completely dried up. On a sunny day, all seems quiet. With any weather change, this becomes a hotspot for stormwater, pollution and flooding.

In Byron Bay, 20 such public HotSpots are the focus of surveys to be undertaken by community volunteers on Saturday December 3. A few people, with camera in hand, will explore each site. Their photos will highlight what has become a tangle of natural and built infrastructure for water. The original wetlands, bogs and streams mix with the constructed roads,



Photo courtesy Environment Team from 2014 HotSpot Survey

roofs and carparks, the pipes for tap water, storm runoff and wastewater plus about 50 kilometres of excavated drains.

Resilience is how this mash-up works together across all these locations. The rainwater naturally fills places, forms ponds and then slowly flows through or percolates into these sites. Stormwater pipes flow into the cut drains. These often lead into these sites or into the Belongil or directly into sea. The sea itself, with high tide and storm surge, also comes into these

same waterways, against the other flows.

Resilience

Strong resilience is the result of infrastructure that handles extremes of both flooding and drought. How this is accomplished is also how pollution created by people is made better or worse.

Smart water design is also linked to the future prospects for wild animals on land and in water. It's a large part of how we people, at our most fundamental level, will prosper.

rather feel 'affectionate' than violent, pain-free than nauseous and 'happy' rather than depressed.

There is not a shred of science or evidence that supports RDT for cannabis; it is bullshit.

Unfortunately the men and women of the NSW police lack the courage to tell their corrupt political overlords that they will no longer take part in this hypocritical farce. They should be telling their union - 'we've got better things to do than persecute sick people and victimless crimes; we didn't become police to bully people for corrupt politicians; we joined to protect people.'

Derek Harper
Billinudgel

Save the rail line

While I sympathise with the residents of Butler Street, Byron Bay, who do not want their street turned into a bypass, I am outraged that anyone would suggest wasting large amounts of our money ripping up the valuable train line to build the bypass which studies tell us would do little to reduce traffic congestion in the town.

The \$19m being earmarked for a bypass would repair many kilometres of

train line. A regular train service to and from Byron, and around the northern rivers, could provide sustainable transport for millions of tourists and locals while at the same time reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions.

The train station in the middle of Byron (and many other towns along the line) could make it pedestrian/cyclist heaven, and a much more pleasant place to live and visit. There is no valid reason to be wasting so much money on a bypass.

We know that traffic coming across the border at Tweed has increased from 42,000 in 2004 to 67,000 per day currently and is projected to reach 115,000 (805,000 per week) in ten years. This traffic does not stay on the highway; it comes into our towns.

It's disappointing that our local Green MP is not shouting from the rooftops for a sustainable train service for the northern rivers, and for the 22km of line to be built to connect our line to Coolangatta, which would not only provide sustainable, affordable, public transport but also reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions.

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

people who can see ghosts. These drained places once had verdant connections to the Cumbegin Wetland and the coastal heaths and forests of the Arakwal Park and Tyagarah. By planting the banks of drains and fencing off livestock, riparian zones would come back to life. Wild animals, both terrestrial and aquatic, would stabilise and increase. Broilga could dance again.

Pollution

In parts of NSW, a drain trust is a legal entity for landowners that can set standards for resilient, ecologically sensitive management of drainage networks. This December, in West Byron and the industrial estate, owners are now invited to revitalise the Union Drain Trust. Their renewed participation could mean action about pollution issues with the industrial estate and Union drains.

One problem is that the water quality of these drains affects the Belongil. Corrosive water from acid sulphate soils eats at the concrete bridge pilings. Replacement works this year cost just under half a million dollars.

Byron Bay has a bonus supply of fresh water that few people see as a major resource. It's in the form of high-quality effluent from the West Byron sewage treatment plant (STP). Some is recycled in the treatment plant wetlands, sportsfields or golf courses. More simply flows through the drains to the Belongil and out to sea. People in town and rural places could find better ways to use this water.

Hurrah for the people involved with the HotSpots Survey. Their compiled photographs and notes will become knowledge and spark action helping community, council and a revitalised Union Drain Trust. Maybe some artists will decorate Byron's clock, the lowest place in town, with a mosaic about water. These motifs could be repeated at all the HotSpots.

A community acting on such science and art, wise with its water, prospers in both body and soul.

Volunteers can still sign up for the HotSpots Survey by sending email address and phone number to the Environment Team: brg2481@gmail.com.

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The answer is money.

Cannabis represents an enormous threat to the alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical industries. So much so that in the 21 American states that have decriminalised personal use of cannabis, the anti-cannabis argument has been almost exclusively funded by the alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical industries, and the police associations and owners of private prisons who make money out of prosecuting and jailing cannabis users.

Thousands of Australians are using cannabis and risking jail to relieve and cure physical and psychological diseases, including the symptoms created by ineffectual drugs that haven't helped.

Decriminalised cannabis is a disaster for the pharmaceutical industry and will have a detrimental effect on the profits of the alcohol and tobacco industries. So they give hundreds of thousands of dollars to our corrupt, self-serving politicians and political parties to fight cannabis while they try to find a way to take it over.

And we get dozens of police with dogs and testing kits trying to intimidate and punish those people who would

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We wish you all a prosperous lead-up to the festive season and a wonderful start to the new year.

From *The Echo*:

The Echo grew up around here and we're proud to support the Shop Local campaign, because those of us who've chosen to live here love it. You can walk down the street with your kids and they'll know people in the shops. When you buy something, you know your money's staying local – you can see the local owners supporting the schools and other local businesses.

It's probably been like this for a hundred years: 'oyster bars' have been replaced by cool cafes, organic stores and computer shops; and it's a bit harder to get a park, but you can still see your friends from the hills shopping in Mullumbimby's main street or at the music festival. There's a great sense of community here that we should support by shopping locally.

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2. Fill out the entry form and have the back stamped by the participating store or attach your receipt.
3. Drop the entry form into the specially marked box located at participating stores.

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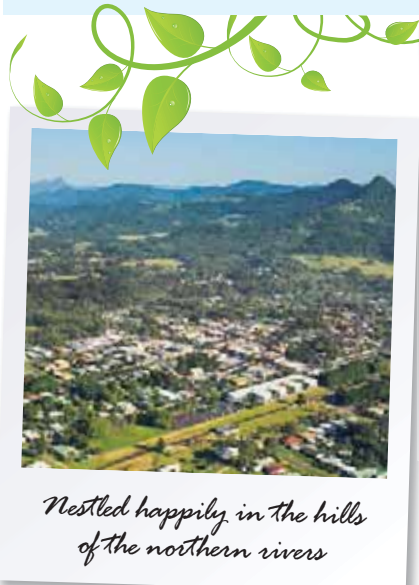
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Colourful catering

Students from the Certificate II in Hospitality and Events Management course with staff of the Byron Youth Service have put their studies to practice in the conceptualising, organising, catering and running of this fundraising event.

An awesome venue

Although a youth-focused centre, the YAC is available for lease by the wider community.

The building, youth-purpose built in 1987, houses BYS offices, boasts a computer lab, commercial kitchen, smaller multi-purpose kitchen, conference facilities, music room and the iconic Big Space, and is set within lush grounds in the heart of the Bay, minutes from the beach and situated on Crown reserve.

The centre is a multi-purpose space that can be used for many things such as music and drama productions, concerts, movie screenings, training, forums, classes (eg yoga and boxing), parties and more, and has often been used as an alternative space for wet-weather plans for outdoor festivals. See the website for more info and rates, www.bys.org.au.

Celebrate with us

With an open invitation to the whole community, young and old, families and agencies, youth workers and youth supporters, go along to 1 Gilmore Crescent on Saturday 3 December to celebrate with music by East Atlantic, Fergo, MERCY MERCY and DJ Torosphere, face painting, fire twirling, soul surf trampoline (a new inflatable surf fun), gourmet barbecue, Pizza Loca, juice bar, massive raffle including two tickets to Bluesfest 2017, Crystal Castle vouchers, skateboards and more...

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BYS is a not-for-profit incorporated community association committed to providing services for young people between the ages of 12 and 24 years and their families. Our services are based on a sound understanding of young peoples' needs and experiences. We were established in 1987 and have been the primary provider of youth services in Byron Shire ever since.

Byron Flea Market

8am-1pm 2nd Saturday every month at the Byron Youth Activity Centre (YAC), 1 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay

Managed by Byron Youth Service this is a social enterprise aimed at giving young people opportunities and bringing the community together, something the people of Byron love to do.

Volunteer at the YAC

There are so many ways to help out. Here are just a few ideas.

- Help out in the kitchen cooking healthy meals for young people
- Do some gardening or help clean up around the YAC or the Cottage
- Support enterprising young people at the Byron Youth Enterprise Centre
- Volunteer to hang out with young people at Byron Flea Market & Suffolk Park Project
- Help promote and fundraise for BYS

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The annual St Finbarr's Primary School Christmas Fair is a much-loved, free, family-friendly event.

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The fair is famous for its fabulous Taste of Finnie's Food Arena and Made by Finnie's bake and craft stalls and activities.

ATTRACTIONS:

FOOD

- Miss Margaritas
- Cypress Tree
- Fishheads
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Get your rides passes TODAY!

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St Finbarr's Christmas Fair

ACTIVITIES
1 Entry / Ticket Booth
2 Main Stage
3 Volunteer Control Centre
4 Finnie's Yoga / BB Henna Tattoo
5 Sideshow Alley
6 Pop-stick Game
7 Byron Bay Property Sales Game
8 Crafter-noon Alley
9 Shorty Brown Clown
10 ABC Childcare Soft Play Area (<5)
11 Chocolate Wheel
12 High Flyer Swing Chairs
13 Scrambler
14 Tiki Falls Double Water Slide
15 Surf's Up Slip and Slide
16 Interactive Live Reptile Display
17 Animal Farm
18 Snow Dome / Santa's Workshop
19 Giant Jurassic Park Bouncy Castle
20 Tractor Race Obstacle Course
FOOD and DRINK
21 Bun Coffee
22 Devonshire Tea
23 Barcoo Burgers
24 Dads' Barbecue
25 Miss Margarita's Mexican Food
26 Cypress Tree
27 Fish Heads
28 Finnie's Cookbook Dessert Bar
29 Bar
30 Ice Cream and Lemonade
STALLS
31 Lollie Shoppe
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Site Map



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Property insider

REINSW offering free webinar for members: Exploring the new strata by-laws

Thursday 8 December 2016 – 10–11am FREE for REINSW members | \$55 for non-members 1 CPD point Within the strata sector there is a high level of confusion surrounding the changes related to by-laws:

- What does the Act say?
- What does it really mean?
- How do we work with it in practice?

In particular, strata agents are struggling to clearly and effectively identify:

- what by-laws apply
- where and how they apply, and
- the need to determine their relationship to pre-1996 or post-1996 strata plans.

This webinar will cover what you as a strata manager can and need to do in relation to by-laws.

The REINSW is encouraging attendees to register and start drafting their questions as there will be plenty of time to submit them during the webinar and get them answered by the two expert presenters.

Meet the presenters

Leisha de Aboitiz

Leisha is a strata specialist partner with law firm Massons. She has a wealth of strata experience around strata

management and compliance, and has worked on several major complex strata developments including the iconic Jones Bay Wharf and Darling Island, Sydney.

A member of REINSW's Strata Chapter Committee, Leisha is a regular presenter on strata issues with NSW Fair Trading, REINSW, Strata Community Australia, the College of Law, and the Australian Property Institute.

Christine Nesbit

Christine is the principal and licensee-in-charge of Albury Wodonga Real Estate, an agency specialising in strata management. She is fully licensed in strata management and stock and station. Christine is a member of REINSW's Strata Chapter Committee.

To register for the webinar go to the REINSW website www.reinsw.com.au.

A new tool has been launched which will give Australian properties their own energy efficiency rating for the first time.

Realestate.com.au has launched Energy Scores for Australian properties, which will give property buyers and tenants an indication of how energy efficient their next home could be.

It will also help homeowners and tenants better understand their energy usage, associated costs and where they could potentially reduce their energy expenditure.

Owners and renters can also input more information about their own energy usage to refine the score to help give a more detailed breakdown and analysis of their usage.

Energy Scores was created in partnership with Tendril, a global expert in data analytics and home energy modelling, and will also provide comparisons to other homes



and scores.

Henry Ruiz, REA group chief digital officer, said: 'We're working towards providing a rich view of every property on realestate.com.au.'

'Energy Scores may offer deeper insights into the energy efficiency of a property, helping Australians make more educated decisions on their next purchase or rental, or even improve the home they already live in.'

A survey of realestate.com.au users showed that 76 per cent are concerned about the cost of electricity, and 79 per cent are actively trying to conserve energy.

Energy Scores is available to signed-in users across realestate.com.au's website.

You can watch a short video on how the home energy score works on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ1Nxjok3lw>

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Award Winning Renovation

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This spacious home with an award-winning renovation is situated on an elevated level and north facing block in central Byron Bay. With a commercial zoning this property can be used for residential, commercial or holiday purposes. The home is light and modern with quality finishes throughout. The open plan lounge, kitchen and dining room flows to both the front and rear yards. Located in the blue-chip investment area of the old part of town, this property will enjoy high rental returns and has proven to be one of the best areas for capital growth. Inspect soon as this property will sell fast!



Inspect: Saturday, 3 December 2.00 – 2.30pm
 Contact: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660
 First National Byron Bay

Edge of Bangalow

7 Tinderbox Road, Bangalow

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This property offers a highly desirable location just 5 minutes out of Bangalow and 10 minutes to Byron Bay! It presents a substantial, contemporary style home in a leafy, private position on approximately 5 undulating acres. The land is easy to look after as most of it has been fenced for horses and cattle.

The modern style home was built approximately 8 years ago and features a very livable floor plan with a generous, open plan living area opening on to the spacious north-facing verandah. From the verandah, there is a lovely outlook across the property through the mature trees.

The layout can be flexible with upstairs and downstairs living having the ability to be separated if required. Downstairs is currently used as a fantastic teenagers retreat but could easily be converted to separate accommodation. Lots of contemporary features including timber floorboards, high ceilings and louvre windows can be found throughout the home.

This has been a lovely family home however, with the kids heading off to do their own thing, it is now time for the owners to downsize.

Inspect: Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
 Contact: Janice Maple 0401 026 359 / 6687 1500
 Elders Bangalow

Beach Lovers Paradise

14 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

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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 minutes 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. If you are looking for a great beach house to live or rent...

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177 New Brighton Road, Ocean Shores

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Price guide from \$980,000



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Architect designed home offers the perfect indoor/outdoor lifestyle with two fabulous covered decks to use for stylish alfresco entertaining or just to sit and relax as you enjoy the beautiful, tranquil reserve outlook.

Inside, you have lovely vaulted ceilings, polished timber floors, separate spacious living and dining areas, plus an inviting open plan kitchen with corner pantry and lots of storage space. A slow-combustion fireplace warms the home in the cooler months, while the many windows and doors provide refreshing cross-ventilation during summer. Your master bedroom is located on the entry level, while the additional bedrooms with built-in robes are on the top level, with their own sitting/study/play area.

Inspect: Saturday 11.00am – 12.00pm
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 Raine & Horne Ocean Shores

Ecologists Dream Farm

264 Arthur Road, Corndale

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\$690,000 – \$735,000



Situated on the southern slopes of the Mt Warning caldera, just 30 minutes west of Byron Bay and 20 minutes north east of Lismore, this 72 acre property offers a combination of cleared, fenced paddocks for cattle/horses, lush, rainforest pockets spanning 10 acres and an established hardwood plantation comprising black butt and flooded gum tree varieties.

There is a recently renovated, expanded dairy bails with 3 bedrooms and bathroom, perfectly fine to live in or it could also be ideal for a weekender or secondary home whilst you build your dream home on one of the numerous house sites on the property. It has previously been rented for \$380 per week.

Featuring approx 750m frontage to permanent Boomerang Creek with a superb swimming hole, the property is also home to abundant native fauna (koalas, wallabies, echidnas, goannas, platypus, birds galore) and avifauna habitat.

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Fantastic Buying Close to Town

3 Bunjil Place, Byron Bay

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Auction \$650,000 – \$690,000



Immaculately presented, light and bright, three bedroom home, close to town, schools and the beach.

Renovated family home with two bathrooms and a huge double lock up garage, this fantastic property has polished concrete floors, ceiling fans and beautiful open living spaces. Being low maintenance, it could also be a fabulous investment property.

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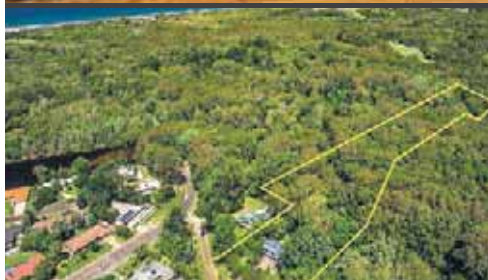
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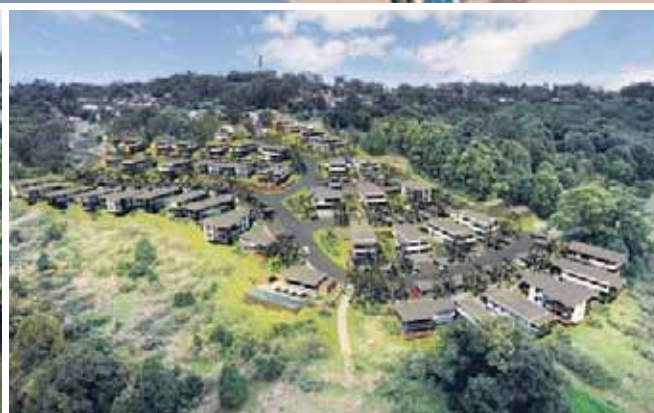
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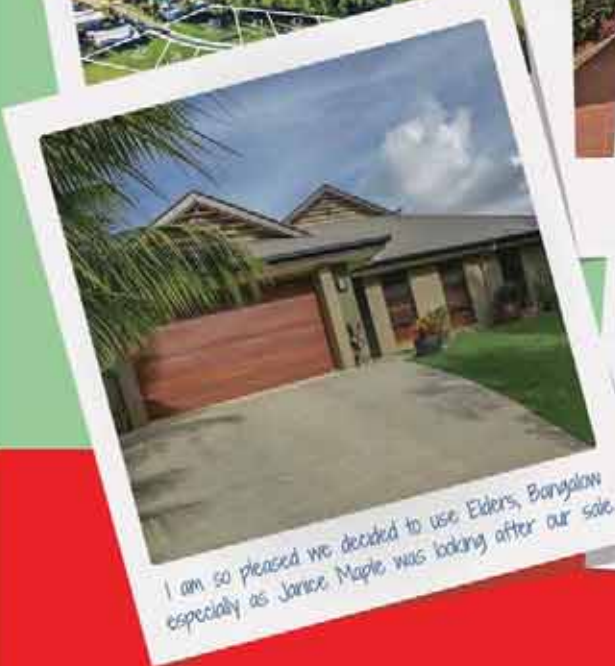
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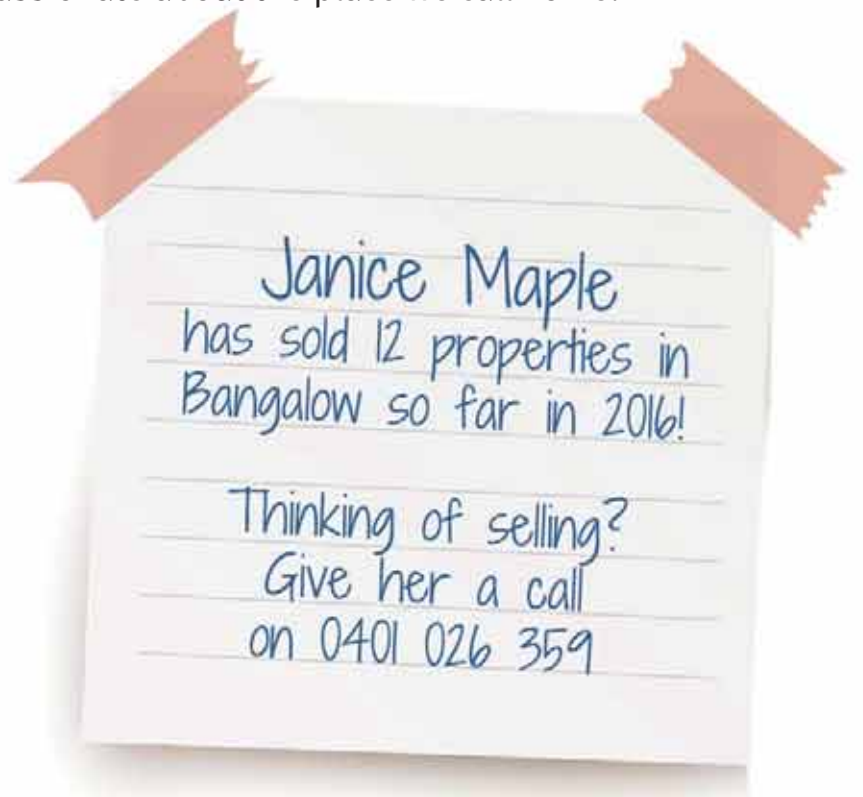
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Lismore. The generously proportioned home features flowing living and dining space and a well equipped kitchen plus five bedrooms, three with ensuite. An abundant orchard includes oranges, grapefruit, stone fruit, mangoes with fenced paddocks, and picturesque walking path through rainforest. It features a separate 3 bedroom retreat with potential for B & B (STCA) and a large former piggery offering scope for business opportunities. There is a beautiful verandah, newly polished floors and additional storage.

Auction: Saturday 3rd December 2.30pm
Inspect: Wednesday 30th November 10.00am – 10.30am
 Saturday 3rd December 2.00pm – 2.30pm
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Auction: Saturday 17th December 12.00pm
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- 55 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Thu 2–2.30pm
- 1 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. Thu 2–2.30pm
- 6A–D/155 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Fri 11–11.30am
- 24 Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 9–9.30am
- 34 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 3 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 322 Kings Road, Federal. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 72 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Wed 5–5.30pm and Sat 11–11.30am
- 15 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 5–5.30pm and Sat 10–10.30am
- 48 Cliff Murray Lane, Lennox Head. Wed 5.30–6pm and Sat 10–10.30am
- 3/1–5 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 14 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 64 Terania Creek Road, The Channon. Sat 2–2.30pm
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- 7 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba. Sat 1–1.45pm
- 23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.45am
- 177 New Brighton Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.45pm

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- 251 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. 10 Dec 10am on site

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- 3 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Auction 10 Dec 11.30am if not sold prior
- 1–4/6–8 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Auction 10 Dec 1pm
- 9 Tallowood Crescent, Byron Bay. Auction 10 Dec 2pm. Guide \$1.5M to \$1.65M

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- 64 Terania Creek Road, The Channon. Sat 3 Dec 2.30pm on site
- 72 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10 Dec 9.45am on site
- 14 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10 Dec 11am on site
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 10 Dec 12pm on site
- 48 Cliff Murray Lane, Lennox Head. Thur 15 Dec 4pm on site
- 130 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Thur 15 Dec 6pm McGrath Byron Bay Offices
- 84 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 17 Dec 12pm on site
- 23/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 17 Dec 2pm on site

New Listings

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- 264 Arthur Road, Corndale. \$690,000 to \$735,000
- 5 Ryces Drive, Clunes. \$535,000
- 276 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar. \$1,225,000

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- 11 Azolla Place, Suffolk Park. Auction – Contact Agent
- 32/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. \$850,000 to \$900,000
- 1 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. \$1,050,000 to \$1,150,000
- 34 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Contact Agent
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'Best in the world' for Byron resort

The Good Life
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The highest international award for interior design was bestowed upon Elements of Byron resort last Friday when they won Best Hotel Design at the Society of British Interior Design International Design Awards. Entries were received from 43 countries and Elements of Byron was the only Australasian finalist selected by the technical panel of judges in this category. Resort owner Peggy Flannery and interior designer Rowena Cornwell attended the

pre-ceremony function at the House of Lords followed by the Awards Ceremony at London's Dorchester Hotel.

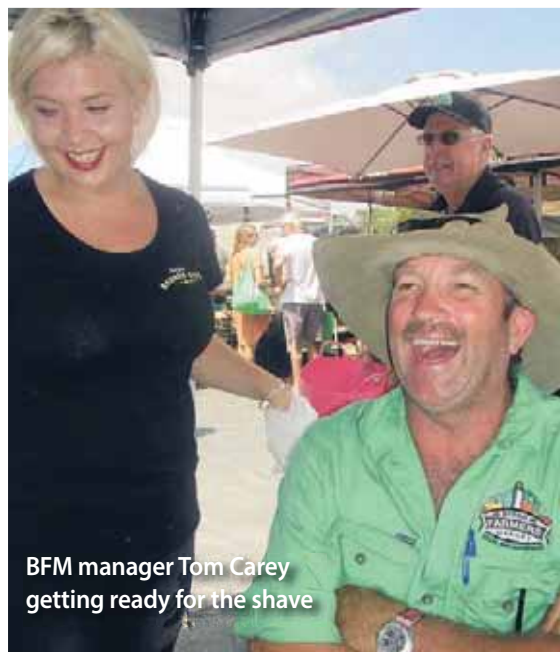
Peggy Flannery cited intense collaboration as contributing to the award and thanked Rowena Cornwell, artists including Noel Hart, Suvira McDonald and Jules Hunt and suppliers including Murwillumbah's Quattro Design.

NSW minister for trade, tourism and major events Stuart Ayres congratulated Elements of Byron on winning the prestigious international award for Best Hotel Design. 'The north coast and northern rivers continue to lead the state for visitor nights and visitor expenditure and it's easy to see why with accommodation options like Elements of Byron redefining the Australian beach holiday', said Mr Ayres.

'The modern Australian beach architecture and unique natural surroundings of this exceptional Byron Bay property are highly deserving and will no doubt generate further international attention.'



Close shave at Byron Farmers' Market



BFM manager Tom Carey getting ready for the shave



Byron farmer Will Cotterill preparing for the chop

Farmers at the Byron Farmers' Market have been growing more than just great local produce of late. During November, they have also been growing beards and moustaches to help raise money for Movember, a global men's health initiative.

Last Thursday (24 November), was the last November market so it was time for the mos to go. Frankie, from Blade Barbers in Byron Bay, volunteered her time and barbering skills to shave the beards and moustaches off many of the stallholders who had been on the grow for Movember.

Volunteers from the Bangalow Men's Shed were also on hand to help collect donations, while Frankie made a clean sweep of the furry-faced farmers at the Shave for the Shed tent.

'It's not every day you see a barber setting up in the middle of the farmers' market, but it was all for a good cause,' said Tom Carey, manager of Byron Farmers' Market.

'We have a great community here who come to the market every week to support our local farmers, so it was our turn to give something back. We raised more than \$1,000, which will be equally split between Movember and the Bangalow Men's Shed, and last month we raised more than \$1,100 for the McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness month, which is great.'

Byron Farmers' Market is held every Thursday from 8am till 11am in Butler Street Reserve.

The Farm: Benevolent vegetable empire grows



More of The Farm's space is being used in partnership with local organisations such as Liberation Larder to grow staple vegetables for the community. The space offered has the right infrastructure and irrigation ready to go.

Byron Bay Primary School had already planted two x 50-metre rows of potatoes, and the food grown in the extra space can be used by Liberation Larder, who supply approximately 550 meals weekly, often to needy people.

The S.H.I.F.T. Project Byron, a residential transition program for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, then came on board; through this partnership Liberation Larder and The Farm were able to offer women the opportunity to assist in the maintenance of the vegetable crop. This has allowed the women to gain both commercial and horticultural skills.

Byron Bay Herb Nursery has also donated the

seedlings that are being used throughout the crop. They have also offered to help harvest the crops when they're ready to be pulled.

The result is that four local organisations are working together to create a sustainable working model with the overall goal of giving back to the community.

The Farm plans to double the space dedicated to Liberation Larder next year, but between this December and February hope to harvest 500kg of potatoes, sweet potatoes and pumpkins, 200 bunches of carrots and possibly even some Rosella jam.

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Picnic with the Wild Goats

By Vivienne Pearson



The goats of the Byron Bay lighthouse are no longer there but they provided inspiration for a new boutique catering business called Wild Goat Events. 'The goats were nearly as iconic as the lighthouse,' says 29-year-old Katie, who recalls the outrage when it was decided, back in 2006, that they should be removed.

The events that Katie creates at the lighthouse are very civilised, but give people the opportunity to experience Cape Byron at sunrise and sunset – times when it feels more wild, simply because there are fewer people around.

Wild Goat Events are boutique. This is partly to make sure that the location remains as important as the people. Katie has exclusive access to the deck at the Cape Byron Lighthouse when the cafe is not open. 'It is an honour to be able to work there,' says Katie.

It also allows Katie to meet her aim of providing a luxury experience. 'I love spoiling people and taking care of fine details,' she says.

Her inspiration comes from her year working with an events company in Morocco. Like Byron, Morocco has become a destination for weddings, and a wedding party

(usually from Europe, the US or Brazil) would often have a week-long celebration. Katie was part of the team dedicated to taking care of every single detail – bookings, chauffeurs, luxury hotels, parties and exotic excursions as well as the actual wedding. 'Because labour is so cheap in Morocco, there are many opportunities to provide personalised experiences,' says Katie.

Offering such dedicated service here means that Wild Goat Events are not cheap. Their exclusive Toast the Sun breakfasts include chauffeured Kombi van transfers and a delectable mezze-style breakfast.

A more affordable option is being launched on Christmas Day, with picnic hampers filled with enough savoury and sweet nibbles to see you through as long as you choose to enjoy the beautiful surrounds. Picnic blanket, juices, coffee, and a special postcard to send from Australia's most easterly letterbox are all included. Having a goat-style scramble around the grassy hills and rocks is optional.

Wild Goat Events: see www.wildgoatevents.co. Picnics are available on Christmas Day and then from February on (bookings essential).



Mick, Jade and Rebeca added a tasty, nostalgic note to last Saturday evening's Street Food Party in Brunswick Heads. Little Bonnie Dot, their lovingly restored 1940s teardrop caravan, based on an Austin A40 chassis, is named after Mick's grandmothers. The cakes and pastries hark back to those times, while their caffeine could have fuelled a Flash Gordon space foray. More than 30 trucks, vans and tents could hardly keep up with the demand at the event.

Christmas at the Club

By Vivienne Pearson

In case you hadn't noticed, Christmas is coming. It's not yet knocking at the door but it is starting to wander up the driveway. This gives you a couple of all-important weeks to plan before you hear the doorbell ring (in dulcet Santa sleigh-bell tones, of course).

One place that can help you with your planning is the Ocean Shores Country Club.

The Club's Coast Restaurant already has lots of bookings for Christmas functions but there are a few spots available. Options include a canapé-style function and a traditional roast.

Also available is an Aussie-style barbecue buffet. As this is held on the back deck, the barbecue comes with beautiful hinterland sunset views to enhance your more casual function. There's no need to worry about Uncle Frank adding a dose of charcoal to your snags; a Coast chef will cook up the meat (fish is an option if you are not a meat eater) to combine with the delicious salads and bread.

The club is closed on Christmas Day but can help you with your home catering for the big day with their massive Christmas Ham Raffle. On each of two consecutive Friday nights (9 and 16 December), there will be 100 hams waiting to be won! Tickets are only \$1 and are on sale over 6-7.30pm when the draw, which probably takes the rest of the night given the number of winners, takes place.

So outrun Christmas's approach by heading up the hill to the Ocean Shores Country Club.

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The Salad Book



Belinda Jeffery's latest book, *The Salad Book*, has just come out, perfectly timed for summer. With her inimitably warm and intimate style of writing, wealth of wonderful, achievable recipes and signature photography by longtime collaborator Rodney Weidland, this is set to become another well-thumbed, much-stained addition to any food-lover's cookbook collection.

On Friday 2 December at the Moller Pavilion (Bangalow Showgrounds), this much-loved author, chef, TV presenter, restaurant reviewer, food writer and cooking teacher will be chatting with local food writer/author Victoria Cosford about the new book,



about salads in general and how they have evolved over the last few decades, and other matters culinary.

The evening kicks off at 5.30 for a 6pm start. There will be a drink upon arrival and tastings of salads from Belinda's book. Tickets are \$10 each, available from the Bangalow Newsagency or by calling 6687 1396.

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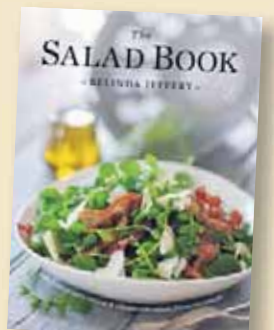
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PASSING PARCELS – FROM THE GREAT NORTHERN TO FALLS

Louie Swain and Noah Hill spoke with *The Echo* about the musical homecoming of The Parcels.

So how was it, from Byron to Berlin? What made you move there?

We always wanted to go to Europe. In order to easily play music in multiple countries, to experience and learn from different musical and cultural differences, to live in the city. Berlin specifically wasn't really thought through. We heard it was cheap, wild and creative and we jumped right in.

Byron to Berlin was inevitably a culture shock. Byron is a beautiful little bubble but Berlin, in all its seedy brilliance, is an absolute cultural explosion.

Tell me about your life in Berlin and how you fit into the music scene.

Our lives are constantly diving from great highs to pathetic lows. We spend much time on the road, going to amazing festivals, eating great food, playing music and seeing the world. Then suddenly we'll find ourselves in sub-zero Berlin sleeping in a hallway and eating only stolen potatoes for a month.

The music scene is predominantly electronic here, techno is life. So as a live band we aren't exactly a part of a big pool, but it gives us our own space and we're slowly trying to carve a more groovy scene here with some other great bands.

How has living there changed your approach to the music that you make?

We have had some classified experiences here that have completely changed how we view and create music. Also just moving here together changed the whole feeling. Since then we've been in it 100 per cent and it consumes our lives sometimes.

How do you keep your tight musical bonds? Is it like maintaining a family? Are you allowed to see other people?

We've recently imposed a 'two-friend rule'; each member is allowed communication with two outside parties but only on weekends and public holidays. Girlfriends and any sort of family are strictly prohibited and there is no eye contact with strangers.

What are the musical allegiances that have moved you forwards?

Our groovy Berlin pals include Hush Moss, Private Agenda, Malibean, Von Wegen Lisbeth. We love playing and throwing secret disco parties with these guys.

Then there's that sweet Byron scene we grew up with! The Tora fellas, good friend Merryn Jean and (now Melbourne-based) The Lovely Days, who we are so pleased will be joining us for some of our Aus shows!

Is it hard to crack the European circuit? What has been the attitude to you boys over there? Are you an anomaly?

Any scene is hard. But we don't think so much about 'cracking' it. We obviously spend day and night writing, recording, practising, playing and piling into the van. It feels like its all growing now though, naturally.

The response varies. We play a lot of amazing shows where the crowds get down like it's 1982 and sweat is the most valuable currency in the room. Then sometimes we play for a crowd of very confused, slightly offended middle-aged European pedestrians.

What's the biggest achievement so far?

We completed our latest invention the Disco Helmet V2 (see Parcels' YouTube channel).

Is Berlin permanent? What are the plans for the future?

Berlin isn't the kind of place you want to move with your wife Nancy and raise Sammy and Marcia, your two peachy children. But we love it now; it's perfect and we have no plans other than to keep recording, playing and expanding concepts.

How has your sound changed and evolved since living O/S?

The endless Berlin nights with that non-stop kick drum and that hazy, yet consistent, groove have definitely given us a taste for more driving, punchy music. But we're constantly being inspired by a hundred genres and artists so inspiration comes from everywhere.

What should we expect for your home show?

A signature five-man disco-funk electro-pop explosion. We want that room to be HOT, like the summer of 74. We want to see those Australian moves raining down like it's monsoon season. And we can't wait to wrap our lips around an over-fruity Pacific ale once again!

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THE KIDS AREN'T ALRIGHT

When I was a kid we went skating. There was a drive-in. A cafe with booths that we gathered at, eating burgers and playing Space Invaders. There was a regular Blue Light Disco. And I lived in a shitty country town with nothing to offer.

Here we are in the Byron Shire with so much talent at our fingertips. So many innovators. So much capital and there's nothing for our teenagers. We need to start giving a shit about our kids. Not just the ones in our bellies or on our back seat, but the ones in the street, the ones hitching into town, the ones getting drunk and causing trouble. The ones we look at and think 'thank god that's not

my kid'.

Well, guess what, you live in a community, and that is your kid. Everyone's kid should be our responsibility. An idyllic paradise promoting the utopian dream, Byron Bay should have state-of-the-art youth facilities. It should at the very least have an amazing children's park for the littlies – all bespoke and wooden, crafted by artisans out of breadboards and kale. Instead we have beachfront playgrounds littered with bottles and ciggie butts.

What about a beachfront skatepark? Or one of those temporary inflatable water parks? A PCYC? A cafe where kids actually feel welcome? It's

great not to have McDonald's, but could we have a cafe where kids can actually afford to eat and recognise something on the menu? We have none of this. Nothing that tells our young people that they matter, that they can see benefit from the constant invasion of holiday makers.

The other day a local youth worker posted on Facebook about her disappointment with the lack of interest and engagement of the wider community, and namely, the Byron business community, in the welfare of the kids in our region. I guess it's easy to blame the parents and forget about the bigger picture of what it feels like to live in a town where you'll never be able to rent a house or afford to live. Where you see all the services and energy in your town geared to

the visitor, and not the resident. Certainly not the under-18 resident. If you're not legal to drink you sink.

The youth worker noted how many initiatives to keep kids safe, occupied and meaningfully engaged had been brought to a halt because of a lack of cash and a complete lack of interest of anyone in the business community to step up. It seems crazy that in a town absolutely bloated with affluence and opportunity that so little benefit trickles down to the young. I don't think they want a bypass, or more development, more shopping districts on streets that no longer feel or look like home. What have they got to look forward to here? It must make you feel a little locked out of your hometown when everything is laid on for milking that big creamy tourist cow,

but nothing for you. It's enough to make you a little tourist intolerant.

It's time those who profit from the 1.7 million tourists each year to put their fat little arms into their bulging pockets and throw some cash on the community table. And I'm talking real cash, not the spare change you hide from the tax man. That's right, you big fat profiteers, I'm talking to you. Do something big. Something impressive. PUT BACK.

Build something. Fund something. Have a vision. Make it happen. Stop relying on volunteers to do the job of paid workers. We don't live in a region of limited resources; we live in a region of financial abundance... for some.

Frankly, the ratepayer is sick of having to pick up the tab on all the infrastructure costs

around here and not even get a pothole successfully filled while businesses like Woolies sit with fingers in ears going la la la.

The irony of a rate rise just after a forum on the lack of housing affordability doesn't go unnoticed. This place is crazy. You know what under-18s in our region, Byron, Lismore, Ballina, Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby, Lennox etc have to do on a Friday or Saturday night? They get 'sloppy at tippy'. Basically it's getting smashed at the park opposite Main Beach. When it gets messy we use our police to clean up.

It's not like we don't know. We all know this has been happening for years. God knows I've had to pick my kids up there on numerous occasions. That's what we offer them here. Underage drinking in a poorly lit park. Somehow, that doesn't feel like the Byron dream. We can do better. Affluent Byron can do better. They just choose not to. Shame on them.

TELLING HER STORY

FOLLOWING UP ON HER HIGHLY ACCLAIMED *MANDARIN SKYLINE*, WHICH DREW A NOMINATION FOR THE 2014 AUSTRALIAN BELL AWARDS, LEIGH CARRIAGE DIGS DEEPER INTO HER PAST FOR HER LATEST OFFERING, *WEAVE*.

Blessed with stunning crystal-clear tone and pitch, her nuanced delivery, masterful story and compositions mesh divinely, weaving stories ancient and new. There's a timeless quality to her singing, likened to water flowing over river stones.

You say that when you embark on an album you really push yourself. What do you mean exactly? How do you stretch yourself outside your comfort zone?

After any creative project there is a time of reflection, and that reflection from my last album, *Mandarin Skyline*, has fed directly into this project, along with new ideas from the intervening months. It's a deliberate choice to include some angular melodies, to discover new harmonic pathways and a broad range of approaches to lyrical writing – some collaboration continues to be an important aspect. This is the first time I have written for string and horn sections.



How have your gigs launching *Weave* gone so far? It's not with the same band, so how do you step in and out of the music with different musicians? Does it give you an edge each time?

Weave's initial launch was at the Wangaratta Jazz Festival with some of the musicians who recorded it. We had a full house and the music was really well received. The Australian jazz community is very tightly interconnected, so in capital cities we're able to connect with musicians we know or who are recommended. Again each time I commence a new project there are improvements in some technologies to speed the sharing process like electronic charts etc. By using a different ensemble on this tour each performance contains subtle differences, improvisations, dynamics approaches etc.

I am curious about *Backstepping*. You say this is the first song you were able to write about your car accident. Can you tell me a little about it?

It's ironic that I'm writing this today as it's the tenth anniversary of my accident. We all tend to think about our own death and mortality at various points, when it might happen and how. But it's not until you're right on the precipice that you see your own fragility. I was just driving home from work and next thing I was at the precipice, surrounded by strangers. *Backstepping* is about the deep inner fight for survival, certainly directly after the impact of the accident, but also in the years afterwards, living with permanent changes to your body – that is the really constant daily growth. Often one step forwards and two backwards – strength of spirit and fragility of the body. It's hard to articulate and words are inadequate. Strings are the instrument closest to the voice – so I have used a beautiful string quartet on this song to echo the emotion in the lyric and for what cannot be said lyrically.

What about *Complicated Love*? What was the impetus for sharing your very personal story on this album?

Julia Gillard's apology to victims of forced adoption came in 2013 just after the completion of *Mandarin Skyline*, and has been a slow-burning catalyst in my thinking since. I co-wrote this song with Justine Bradley, and we share the concept of loss of mother. With some things you feel like it's just the right time, like you're personally ready. Much like the accident, the complexity and entanglement of outcomes is a lifelong lesson. The impacts of adoption are layers deep – in relationships, reunions with birth parents, half-siblings, your own identity and misplaced belonging – it has always been complicated. I also wanted to put a voice to these feelings and to acknowledge a lot of complicated loss.

This album seems to be telling stories deep from your heart – from hard places as well as the light, as a musician how does song and music help navigate complex emotional journeys?

Every note has a harmonic, and that harmonic has a frequency, and that frequency resonates – sound itself has a beauty and is a transportation device. Two songs on *Weave*, *Filament* and *Blank Slate*, are

wordless so the sound of the voice and the melody is even more poignant. When frequency is coupled with word, it becomes a mighty conveyor of emotions. I think because of my past I've never been frightened to sing the sad songs. But since my accident I also equally want to sing about the joy. In many ways I feel more in balance. What is a healing for me I hope can also be of value for others.

How do you approach a recording session? How did you feel about the outcome?

With great amounts of preparation: 98 per cent of the work is done before you get to the studio – the composition, creative endeavour that manifests into scores and arrangements, selecting musicians etc. The trick is leaving room for collective spontaneous improvisation. This is my fifth album and by now I'm well aware that no work ever feels completed – there are always limitations of time and finance etc. The music written on *Weave* is my best work and clear evidence that I am still willing to take risks and try new approaches.

I love the idea of your parents being weavers. Can you expand a little about what this theme or idea means in the context of your work?

Nothing comes to life in music until you play it. Every musician becomes a skilled weaver in one beautiful colourful elaborate nest, and the engineers, mixers and masters shine a light on the individual wefts of each weaver. In the bigger picture we all need one another and are all interconnected.

When you walk on stage what do you want to give your audience?

I want them to feel welcomed and safe, and part of the weaving, as well as an array of emotions – joy, sadness, passion, beauty, excitement. I want them to hear the risk in the music, so they're in the moment with us and share and feel the freshness.

How does an artist develop the ability to connect, do you think?

Everyone is different – for some it happens very early in their careers – it's innate. For others it can't be reached until they've walked for a little while on the earth. It's also a dance between ego and egolessness – the ego gets you up there in the first place, the other knows that you are just a conduit and surrender is the only path. For example, I've had people say that my saddest songs have made them feel so good, and that a joyful little bossa nova brought back saddest memories for someone. You have to be prepared to not be perfect – we're not robots, and the beauty is in the imperfection.

What should we expect for your Byron show?

Perfection of imperfection. Ha! Two sets of original music with a stellar ensemble of Martha Baartz, Steve Russell, Dave Sanders, Helen Russell and Laura Targett, all weaving.

Leigh Carriage launches *Weave* at the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre on **Thursday 8 December**.

Tickets at byroncentre.com.au.

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BAY FM PRESENTS BOOGIE FEVER AT THE BANGALOW BOWLO ON SATURDAY, WITH KIDS' DISCO FROM 2PM AND THE GROWN-UPS' FROM 6PM

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT

The biggest little town will have just recovered from the Mullum Music Festival when the next community event will roll in!

For those who love an all-ages, all-cultures, all-kinds-of-music, arts, yoga, ceremony and socially connective celebrations, don't miss the free launch of the 6th **Byron Spirit Festival** on Sunday.

With a dual purpose of revealing the BSF 2017 lineup, themed Custodians of Culture and raising some funds for two current causes close to our hearts, it's guaranteed to be inspiring and fun.

Spirit Festival is on over 31 March-2 April - so find out which first-time and returning local, national and international leaders in the fields of yoga, health, music, dance, ceremony, and more will grace our venues and share their wisdom. This is a free community event with limited space.

Registration is essential and via the www.spiritfestival.com.au website. **Sunday 3-7pm at Mullumbimby Civic Hall.**

A VERY BOOGIE CHRISTMAS

Christmas comes early this year at **The Bangalow Bowlo** with Bay FM's annual Christmas discotheque **Boogie Fever** from 6pm till 1am, with a kids' disco for the family from 2pm till 4pm!

The Bowlo will become an authentic 70s discotheque, with DJs spinning Absolute Disco and Funk, A sides and B sides. Bay FM loves to party with The Bangalow Bowlo, with this being its third year together creating these spectacular discotheques.

This year's theme is 70s Hollywood Pool Glamour, so let your mind run free with creativity. The Bangalow Bowlo Shuttle will be doing a Bangalow pick-up and drop-off loop so please 'like' The Bangalow Bowlo Facebook page for details, for all other Disco Shuttle transport around The Shire. Check the poster or www.bayfm.org for details.

To make this Christmas extra special Bay FM are hosting their first kids Christmas disco **We are Family** on the same day, 2-4pm. BayFm DJs will be spinning Top 40 cool kids' hits. We're inviting the kids and

ALOHA BABY AT THE TREEHOUSE IN BELONGIL ON FRIDAY



parents to shake it together for Bay FM and have fun on the dancefloor. There will be a \$3 Sausage Sizzle which you must pre-book when booking your disco ticket at www.bayfm.org, and also limited door tickets available on the day. Kids' tickets are \$12 with \$4 of that ticket price donated back their school of attendance. Parents and guardians get FREE ENTRY and must stay at the venue with their children for the entire time.

GIVING CHARITY'S A NUDGE

The Cunning Stunts December **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** features Sydney-based DJ James Scott, who represents one half of CO-OP and worships at the altars of disco and house. DJing here and in the UK for more than

20 years, James laces all his sets with love and will deliver an eclectic set spanning a number of genres with the sound aimed firmly at the dancefloor. Joining him in the lineup are beloved Nudge DJs Stephen Allkins, Al Royale, and Solar Love Machine (Dale Stephen and Lord Sut). **Sunday 2-9.30pm at The Billinudgel Hotel. Free!**

FINDING YOUR EARTH FREQUENCY

From its origins in 2006 as a one-night landcare music event, **Earth Frequency Festival** has grown significantly over the past 10 years and become a highlight of the Queensland festival calendar. Now well into its second decade of operation, Earth Frequency continues to evolve and expand. In 2017, Earth Frequency will

be returning to its awesome **Ivorys Rock** and expects to reach capacity at 5,000 attendees. The 2017 music lineup features a huge range of international and domestic talent across a wide spectrum of live and electronic music genres.

Highlight bookings include Beardyman, undoubtedly the world's most creative beatboxer and improvised-genre-bending loop artist, the legendary Australian hip-hop collective The Herd, progressive trance masters Ace Ventura, Marcus Henriksson aka Son Kite, Sensient and Smoke Sign, and US bass music pioneers Desert Dwellers, Sixis, Digital Rust and Biolumigen. Festival favourites Opiuo, Spoonbill, Kingfisha, Hugo and Treats, Lubdub and Griff top the domestic lineup.

More than 100 artists will

complete the music lineup, which spans four days and three nights. Music is not the only focus, with a massive visionary art lineup including Collin Elder (Canada), Randal Roberts and Morgan Mandala (USA), resident artist Adam Scott Miller and more than a dozen Australian artists showing art in the Osmosis Gallery and performing live painting throughout the festival. Tickets are on sale now and are selling quickly, and the organisers advise everyone wishing to attend to get in early for their tickets this year as there may not be any gate sales. For more information visit www.earthfrequency.com.au.

ALOHA AT THE TREEHOUSE

Ever felt like a trip to Hawaii but just can't afford the flights? This Friday **Aloha Baby**, the brand new Hawaiian trio, will be presenting two luscious sets of silky steel-guitar instrumentals and kitsch Hapa Haole classics from 7pm at the **Treehouse** on Belongil this **Friday** - and you can afford it 'cause it's FREE!

DOLPHINS AT THE RSL

The **2016 NCEIA Dolphin Music Awards** celebrate 15 years at the **Ballina RSL Club** this **Tuesday**. There will be special guests including Kirk Pengilly from INXS and seven-times world surfing champion Layne Beachley. Ten acts will perform on this night of celebration where the drum will roll and the winners will be announced. Tickets are on sale now on the Ballina RSL website - \$35 /\$25 members. Doors open at 6.30pm.

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LIGHTBODY COMMUNITY DANCE CELEBRATIONS AT DURRUMBUL HALL ON SATURDAY



THE TEMPORARY LABYRINTH AT CLARKES BEACH, CLOSING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY

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TO THE YAC AND BACK

If you haven't been to the YAC at the heart of Byron town, then find yourself at the **YAC is Back FUNdraiser** to see the beautification of this well-loved community resource.

Students from the Certificate II in Hospitality and Events Management course with staff of the Byron Youth Service have put their studies to practice into conceptualising, organising, catering and running this fundraising event. Although a youth-focused centre, the YAC is available for lease by the wider community. The building, youth-purpose built in 1987, houses BYS offices, boasts a computer lab, commercial kitchen, smaller multi-purpose kitchen, conference facility, music room and the iconic Big Space, and is set within lush grounds in the heart of the Bay, minutes from the beach and situated on Crown reserve.

With music by East Atlantic, Fergo, Mercy Mercy and DJ Torosphere, face painting, fire twirling, soul surf trampoline (a new inflatable surf fun), gourmet barbecue, Pizza Loca, juice bar, massive raffle including two tickets to Bluesfest 2017, Crystal Castle vouchers, skateboards and more... YAC is Back FUNdraiser – **Saturday, 4–pm.**

Read more about YAC is Back in the feature on pages 18–19.

TURNING ON YOUR LIGHTBODY

Lightbody Community Dance Celebration lights up the dance floor for its ninth time at Durrumbul Hall this **Saturday.** This event is a co-creation of multi-talented and renowned artists in sound, visual art and movement. The celebration of dance and mesmerising visual art surrounds create a new world where you can lose yourself and find yourself at the same time. Choose between two dance floors including a mega indoor stage and

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outdoor tipi under the stars. DJs include: Niki Colmer, Short Circuit, Daniel Fagan, POB and Jason Lewis. Move your body to trance, funky breakbeats, psychotropic grooves and uplifting melodic soundscapes. Visual effects and art installations by Crystal Grid Production, Zakay Glass and special guest artists. Nourishing and delicious food by Luscious Catering from Byron Bay. Amongst the wood-fired pizza you'll find chai and other bites that cater for gluten-free, vegos and vegans. Gather your tribe and experience the full night by arriving at 6pm for the setting of the sun and the start of the uplifting community celebration of music, movement and art. Durrumbul Hall closes at 12 so best to arrive early. Don't miss out on the end-of-year dance celebration. This will be an extra-special edition of Lightbody. Bonfire, multiple stages, amazing visual art and good vibes. See you soon! \$30 contribution – Tickets available at the door 6pm till Midnight. **Durrumbul Hall**, Coopers Lane, Main Arm. 6pm–12am.

ANGEL AND JACK

Angel Olsen's only show outside capital cities on her upcoming national tour will be at Lismore City Hall this Thursday. Her performances at the Sydney Opera House, Melbourne and Perth have sold out but lucky for us in the northern rivers, there are still tickets left for her performance in Lismore. Her disarming, timeless voice is even more front-and-centre than before, and the overall production is lighter. Yet the strange, raw power and slowly unspooling incantations of her previous efforts remain, so anyone who might attempt to pigeonhole Olsen as either an elliptical outsider or a pop personality is going to be wrong whichever way they choose; Olsen continues to reign over the land between the two with a haunting obliqueness and sophisticated grace. Joining Angel on the road will be



ANGEL OLSEN AT LISMORE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY



RENÉE GEYER AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY

Sydney's own baritone balladeer Jack Ladder. A run of four sold-out shows on the Sydney Opera House Forecourt last year in support of Florence & The Machine were followed by Ladder's sold-out performance at the Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent – an acclaimed highlight of the 2016 Sydney Festival. With four albums to his name – two of which have been shortlisted for the Australian Music Prize – it will be a special moment witnessing Jack's crooning narratives open the stage for Angel.

Thursday at Lismore City Hall at 7.30pm. \$35. Bookings lismorecityhall.com.au or 1300 066 772.

50 SHADES OF GEYER

Renée Geyer's past is Australian music history. Her career has spanned four decades and is still going strong. A precocious jazz, blues and soul singer in her late teens; Countdown royalty in her 20s; a string of pop, soul

and reggae hits spanning the 70s and 80s; her LA years in the studio with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Sting, Joe Cocker and Chaka Kahn; her 90s renaissance with Paul Kelly. She is a singer, a songwriter, producer, and author. Sometimes words aren't enough. All the things that have and will be said about Renée Geyer – one of the world's finest singers, Australian music legend – are true and undeniable, but saying that about her still doesn't say enough. Renée Geyer is Renée Geyer, a unique talent, not a singer whose career is dependant on yesterday or tomorrow's hit song, but someone who lives for her next performance, on stage or on record, someone who refuses to rest on her laurels. The voice was always there. From the first time she opened her mouth those who heard turned their heads, but that wasn't enough for Renée Geyer, still isn't enough for Renée Geyer. She's much more now than she ever was. **Friday** at the **Ballina RSL** at 7.30pm. Tickets \$30.



NEW HOUSIE TENT COMMITTEE FOR BRUNSWICK HEADS

CLOSING THE LABYRINTH

The Clarkes Beach labyrinth created in collaboration between storyteller Jenni Cargill-Strong and artist Jacqueline Wills comes to a close with a tealight labyrinth walk on Thursday from 7pm. This will be in honour of family and there will be an opportunity to walk for healing relationships, prayers of gratitude and to remember those who have passed.

Steve Davies from Earth Sound Meditations will be playing didge, crystal bowls and harp. If you haven't made it yet to the labyrinth, it will be maintained until this Saturday 3 December, when there will be a Closing Ceremony from 4pm.

Check out the web page, FB page and Calendar of Events found at <http://www.storiesonfoot.com/labyrinth>. Support is needed to fund a sumptuous Closing Ceremony, so please support this via Chuffed 'Temporary Labyrinth Byron Bay' at chuffed.org/project/temporary-labyrinth-byron-bay.

THE BENTLEY EFFECT

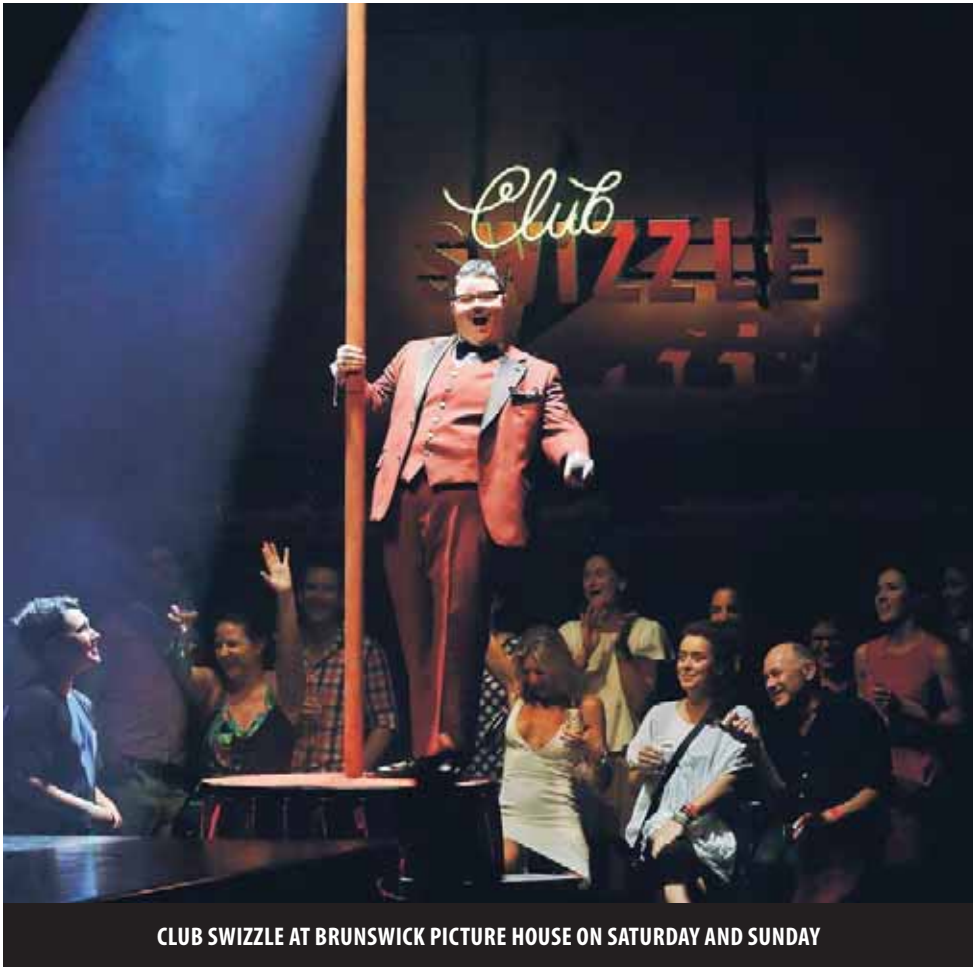
COREM and *The Bentley Effect* are teaming up to bring Mullumbimby a celebration to remember. A movie screening of the acclaimed documentary *The Bentley Effect* will be shown at the **Mullum Civic Hall** on **Saturday.**

Commencing at 6pm with a fundraising dinner being catered by the organic COREM

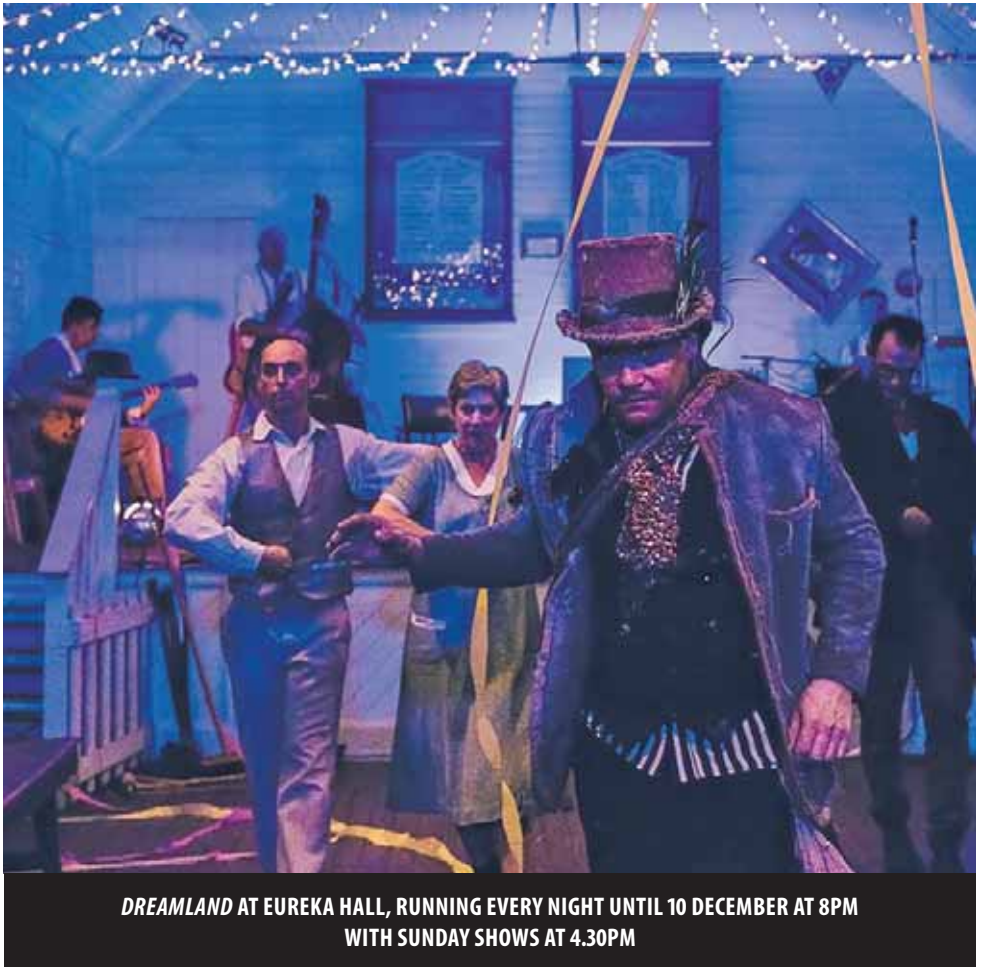
Café, the documentary will then screen, followed by dessert. A stellar lineup of renowned musicians who performed at Bentley will join in to celebrate making the northern rivers Gas Field Free. Tickets are \$25 waged, \$15 unwaged/concession, and kids younger than 12 are free. Dinner will be available from \$10 a plate and a \$50 Gold Supporter ticket is available that includes dinner and raffle tickets.

HOUSIE FOR BRUNS

The Housie Tent is as much a part of Brunswick Heads as eating fish and chips by the river or grabbing a vintage bargain during Old and Gold. Thanks to community support and the efforts of a somewhat odd couple, the tent has been given the green light to open again this summer. The two groups responsible for saving the much-loved Housie tent are the Ocean Shores Preschool and the Guilty Pleasures Cabaret and Burlesque Festival – an unlikely, but successful pairing. Together, the two organisations have successfully mobilised the community to save the Brunswick Housie Tent. Volunteers responded enthusiastically to their calls for help to staff the housie over the summer holidays. Community members will take on the roles of callers, bat sellers, bankers and lucky-prize ticket sellers. The Housie Tent opens on Tuesday 13 December and runs till 15 January, 7–10pm. A Housie Tent Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BrunswickHousie) has been set up where the timetable for each week will be posted.



CLUB SWIZZLE AT BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY



DREAMLAND AT EUREKA HALL, RUNNING EVERY NIGHT UNTIL 10 DECEMBER AT 8PM WITH SUNDAY SHOWS AT 4.30PM

Expect some cabaret in the Housie as well!
Call the Housie Hotline to volunteer: 0409 059 118 (for Preschool) or 0401 567 540 (for Guilty Pleasures).

FINDING YOUR PLACE

What is home to you? In these tumultuous times millions of people are displaced with no security. While here, many are forced to move home year after year and a humble house is beyond the means of many. Are you fortunate enough to have a strong sense of home and belonging? Does your place of birth and upbringing hold a special place in your heart? Maybe you were born here, followed your heart to leave and decided to return? Maybe you were just passing through but stayed? Perhaps you find your place in your relationships, your passion, work or artistic expression. What gives you a sense of place?

Join **Playback Theatre** in the sharing stories of searching for or finding your place. Watch as the Playback actors bring them to life on stage in drama, movement and music.

Saturday at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby from 7.30pm. Entry by donation

PUT A SWIZZLE IN YOUR STEP!

Swizzle your senses with a mixed-up cabaret that will leave you giddy with delight. The charismatic, impeccable all-star cast of **Club Swizzle** serve up outrageous cabaret, gravity-defying acrobatics and infectious musical revelry with ample flair – and they do it on, around and over a cocktail bar. The cheekiest souls in show business gather on, in and around the *Club Swizzle* bar where legends are made and hilarity abounds. It's a melee of outrageous cabaret, air-defying acrobatics and infectious revelry, all backed by a band with a repertoire as big as its bar tab. Come along for one hell of a night – there's no place quite like it.

Hanging onto the reigns of the chaos is Murray Hill, the hardest-working middle-aged man in show business! Direct from New York, he's the man who 'puts the 'king' back in f#*king funny'. Shaking things up behind (and on top of) the bar are the deftly dextrous Swizzle Boys, who show off their testosterone-fuelled acrobatic skills.

Providing the soundtrack for the night is a band with a repertoire as big as its bar tab. Mikey and the

Nightcaps will slosh their way through the tunes until the last punter staggers out into the morning sun. So long as the booze keeps flowing, so will the tunes. They're all joined by a shining lineup of cabaret sweethearts hand-picked from around the world.

Brunswick Picture House on **Saturday** at 7pm and **Sunday** at 4pm. Tickets at brunswickpicturehouse.com.

IT'S A DREAMLAND

Dreamland is a dreamscape of local life. Transporting us through different waves of settlement, from the traditional to hippy-dippy to tree-changers, *Dreamland* explores how communities adapt to change and renew themselves. Part shamanic ritual, part long night of the soul, *Dreamland* questions what it is to live in a community today – and answers with laughter.

Told through physical theatre, song, dance and humour, it is a celebration of the dance of life in all its mystery and is full of the all the adventurous, innovative and entertaining hallmarks of NORPA's original works. Jerry's Smokehouse from Federal village will be serving delicious slow-smoked locally sourced meats, burgers, tasting

plates and finger foods, and NORPA's bar will be serving deliciously cool drinks.

Join us under the stars of Eureka for live music and local eats from 6.30pm. Don't miss out on what promises to be a magical theatrical adventure! Running every night until **10 December** at 8pm with **Sunday** shows at 4.30pm. *Dreamland* at **Eureka Hall**.

All-weather event with more seats now so tickets available for all shows!

Tix at norpa.org.au.

FALLING FOR BRUNSWICK HEADS

For the second year running, The Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre has partnered with The Falls Music & Arts Festival to provide a large team of volunteers working around the town so that locals and visitors alike can enjoy the delights of Brunswick Heads during the busy New Year period (30 Dec till 2 Jan).

The volunteers who help out around Brunswick Heads during the Falls Festival will do a daily three-hour shift sometime between 8am and 4pm and will receive a free three-day festival pass.

Applications to volunteer close on **Friday 9 December** at 5pm. For more information

about the project or volunteering please call Ollie Heathwood on 0428 284 030.

Application forms are

available at **The Visitor Centre** in Park Street Brunswick Heads.

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BRACKETS & JAM OPEN MIC NIGHT CHRISTMAS MUSICIAN COMPETITION

Auditions for Bangalow Christmas Eve Carnival Buskers

at the **Bangalow Hotel**

December 13 starting 7pm finishing 8pm

CASH & PRIZES to winners on the night

BANGALOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Must hold Byron Shire busking permit. Bring along your instruments ready to go. Songs to be Christmas themed. Must enrol by noon December 1. For more details contact Rhydian Lewis on rhydianlewis@aol.com. Please upload a song of you singing onto YouTube and email link to rhydianlewis@aol.com.

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Stars with Lilith

With a trio of planets in don't-fence-me-in Sagittarius, this week's routines get a salutary shakeup towards fresher and less predictable...

♈ ARIES: If you've absolutely had it with something, step back, detach, get some fresh air. Count to ten, take a deep breath and some Rescue Remedy. Don't allow emotional riptides to influence decisions during this week's volatile moon wobble. Wisdom says wait – at least till next week when you can assess and evaluate more objectively.

♉ TAURUS: If mobilising Mars and impatient Uranus are driving you to a choice point, this isn't the week to take things on faith. Your natural caution warns against it. Ask questions, investigate agendas, calculate cost factors, review risk-to-reward ratios and don't neglect your personal internal crystal ball before making an informed decision.

♊ GEMINI: Cast your net of curiosity wide, then filter findings through the expanded understanding that's become available through all that self-examination you've been doing lately. Haven't? Then good luck with this week anyway. Private time, restorative relaxation, even cat-napping are all readily available ways of inviting insights when clarity seems lacking...

♋ CANCER: No shortage of vivid interactions for the Crab clan this week, with some surprising, even unsettling, information coming to light that could flick your equanimity into a tailspin. Along with the silver lining of inspiring self-enquiry leading to a breakthrough, followed by the reward of late-week's restored harmonic resonance.

♌ LEO: Want things different? Start with yourself. Be the change you'd like to see, because there's currently plenty of celestial support for attaining that in stress-free ways. Though it won't just be handed out on a gilded platter, majesties – you're expected to do the internal work of deleting old stories and ditching outdated behaviours.

♍ VIRGO: As astrological peristalsis expands from deep thought to verbal extroversion, big-picture Sagittarian energies just can't be fussed with the small stuff, so attention to detail won't interest this week's overriding she'll-be-right-mate style. Naturally this needn't affect your signature careful planning at all, because that's precisely what's needed.

♎ LIBRA: This week keeps you busy with local activities, complicated by social/financial turbulence. But you Venusians understand that conflict is where the greatest possibilities for peace lie, and automatically adjust to cruise control for defusing power plays and moving beyond disputes. Because whatever we love loves us back: badabing badaboom!

♏ SCORPIO: With this week's citizens bafflingly erratic, breathtakingly abrupt and vigorously uninhibited, so much enthusiastic effusion and indulgent ranting could grate on reserved Scorpio nerves. On the bright side, being a good listener is definitely advantageous when others are unedited and unplugged – although you may hear altogether more than expected.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: This week's trifecta of sun, Mercury and Saturn in Sagittarius signal your annual power transit. Tech-savvy Mercury supports methodical Saturn to reboot your money mojo, and prevent your heading off on attractive but distracting tangents. Let go of the need to be right during this week's moon wobble, because goalposts are shifting...

♑ CAPRICORN: If this week finds you pondering a weighty private decision about pressing the restart button on your life, Pluto in Capricorn may not bring what you thought you wanted. But it's a reliable tour guide through the underworld, to where your soul's saying let go of control, so that real power can move in.

♒ AQUARIUS: Present astral electricity suggests a blast from the past may make its presence felt via the dramatic reappearance of an unexpected visitor or some persistent memory thread agitating to be integrated. Either way, there's a redemptive dynamic at work and joyous discoveries await, along with happy invitations and much warm support.

♓ PISCES: This week's powerful internal dialogue features existential questions that won't be satisfied with trite, band-aid answers. Or content with any attempt to impose simple certainties on complex mysteries, so nice try but no cigar. These koans need deep reflection, fearless investigation and reality checks from trusted mentors before they'll reveal their treasure.

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CRACKERS FOR XMAS!

What better way to celebrate the end of the year than with a bit of comedy! Join us for our **Comedy Xmas Party** at the **Court House** when new and emerging comedians strut their stuff.

Witness jokes being made right before your eyes. Egos pumped, some deflated, all for your enjoyment! Pushing the zeitgeist expect a plethora of jokes on Trump, the man who is bad for the world but good for comedy! It's Christmas so it's your turn to win a prize... best audience joke goes home with something special from the



CHECK OUT THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CAMPUS AT SAE OPEN NIGHT ON THURSDAY

MC, the (not so) grand dame of local comedy Mandy Nolan. **Thursday 8pm.** Free! Come for a beer, have some delicious food and stay for the laughs!

SAE: LIVE YOUR DREAM!

Calling all aspiring filmmakers, animators, designers, web developers, audio engineers and other creators!

SAE Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay is opening the doors to their state-of-the-art campus and hosting an **Info Night** on **Thursday** from 6 till 9pm.

This is the perfect chance for high school students, career changers and anyone contemplating a creative career to take a guided tour of the campus, sit in on an information session, check out students' work, meet the lecturers and chat to SAE staff about study and career options.

If you're considering studying creative media next year, now is the time to pursue your passion in the creative industries. As the world's leading global specialist in creative media education, SAE has 53 campuses in 27 countries. With a 40-year history of delivering work-ready creators, your future is set with an SAE qualification. Go to sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/ to register to attend the SAE Info Night on Thursday from 6pm till 9pm.



ONE OF THE NEW UP-AND-COMING COMICS, MARCUS O'MULLANE, AT THE COURT HOUSE FOR OPEN MIC COMEDY ON THURSDAY

pieces, vintage wears from Vikki's Closet and students' own chosen pieces, produced in La' Studio over the last 12 months.

La' Studio's inaugural fashion event is being held on **10 December** and is open to the public, with doors opening at 6 for a 6.30pm start. It will be held in the studio itself, which is located in Byron's Arts & Industry Estate. Tickets are \$15 for adults; children \$10; family \$40; children younger than seven are free. Tickets are limited so get in quickly.

For bookings and tickets call 0405 451 184.

VIRGINS ON STANDBY

Mandy Nolan's latest crop of standup comedy virgins are only two weeks away from popping their comedy cherries.

The finishing touches are being added to their routines, gags polished, and nerve re-installed.

For the biggest night on the community comedy calendar, put **Wednesday 14 December** aside! 8pm.

Hosted by Mandy Nolan. \$10/15. Tix on the door or online by going to mandynolan.com.au.



JACKIE LOEB AT THE OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB WITH GRETIL KILLEEN FOR THEIR SHOW *WE DON'T LIKE YOUNG PEOPLE* ON SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

PARIS TO BYRON

La' Studio 3/52 is the creative vision of fashion designer Simone Ellis.

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THE FOUNDER

Michael Keating does a brilliant thing in his portrayal of Ray Kroc, the fellow whose unfettered ambition made McDonald's the multinational billion-dollar fast-food chain that it is today. You want to despise him, it goes without saying (hey, this is Byron Shire – we are so above such crassness), and there are no punches pulled in showing how Kroc never once deviated from the path of self-interest. But in John Lee Hancock's provocative, insightful and non-judgmental movie

you can't help but be just a tiny bit on Ray's side, without ever being able to dispel the thought that, at the bottom line, he represents the devouring underbelly of go get 'em capitalism – of the 'American dream' itself.

Kroc was a career salesman, driving around Louisiana flogging milkshake-makers and barely keeping his head above water. When told of an unusually big order from the upright, unambitious McDonald brothers' hamburger joint in California, his curiosity was pricked. The McDonalds' revolutionary approach was to have the meal ordered and served in half a minute, while at the same time discouraging unwelcome clientele by having no juke box or waitresses on rollerskates. Kroc's visionary understanding of the speed of delivery concept was to turn his life around and, ultimately, it went hand in glove with the instant gratification demanded of the West's post-WWII tastes.

So who is Kroc? A man ahead of his time? A true believer in the uplifting, moral rightness of catering to the needs of the masses? Or just a greed-merchant blinkered by his drive to succeed and to prove himself better than all those who had doubted him, who had looked down on him?

It is a fascinating observation of a man of contradictions whose conviction that maximising his profit margin was linked as a matter of faith to the Flag, the family and middle-American wholesomeness – his homage to the very name 'McDonalds' is profoundly simple but true. The period (1950s) is beautifully created, the performances outstanding and the story more nuanced than you might expect.



BAD SANTA 2

'Let sleeping dogs lie' might have been the appropriate adage for producers to have kept in mind before proceeding with this crock. The original *Bad Santa* (2003) was a good idea that led to a mildly amusing movie, but its belated sequel is really awful.

It starts promisingly – on his uppers and drunk as a skunk, Willie (Billy Bob Thornton, looking younger now than he did 13 years ago – we'll call it the Cher Syndrome) decides to end it all. He turns on the cooker and puts his head in the oven. The camera gets in tight with him and we watch his face as the bars of the oven heat up – it is an electric stove, not gas. It was a good sight gag, but sadly there was nothing remotely funny for the next 90 minutes. In fact, almost straight after this we witness the less than charming act of Willie punching his mother (Kathy Bates) in the face – domestic violence, who would have thought it could be so hilarious? At which point it is only right and proper that we name and shame the writers responsible for this horrible dross – Johnny Rosenthal and Shauna Cross. May their credits be few. But then again, with the sickness that is at large in the world now, their knuckle-dragging brand of comedy is more than likely to earn them squillions. Don't you just love the apotheosis of the low-brow? (Thanks Donald.)

Every sentence uttered by Willie, his mum and the little black bloke, Marcus (Tony Cox, who was also in BS1), is laced with 'fuck', and let me assure you, it is not every day that a man as prone to 'colourful' language as I am is offended by such rubbish. Only the creepy fat kid (Brett Kelly) is free of profanities, but his overdone dumbness is almost as irritating. Even the sex is nasty. Then again, a 'joke' about the tightness of a deceased woman's vagina might work for some of you – it didn't for me.



WOMEN LIKE US: MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN BRIGGS BRING IT ON AT THE BYRON THEATRE ON FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER.

A NIGHT IN HEATH LEDGER

Women Like Us blew them apart in Perth last week. 'It was my dream,' says Mandy Nolan, 'to spend a night in Heath Ledger.' And she did. Although it was the Heath Ledger Theatre in Perth. Things got exciting when Mandy and Ellen noted that their fabulous theatre show was about to be interrupted by a live outdoor band just outside the theatre. None other than Regurgitator. Nolan heckled, 'I like your quiet stuff better than your loud stuff,' and the Gurge boys kindly turned their old man punk anthems down a tad. That's the power of cranky

middle-aged women! Don't miss this sellout show – **Friday 9 December** at the **Byron Theatre**.

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HIP-HOP POET

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- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **ANGEL OLSEN & JACK LADDER**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM **THE BENTLEY EFFECT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **MICAH REMEIRS**

FRIDAY 2

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BORNEO, FEELING DAVE, SEXDRIVE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **HAMISH & ANDY, TOM & JARRY, DJ LONGTIME**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 1.30PM **PARK&FLY**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **BREWER'S CIRCUS**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM

ALOHA BABY

- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **JAMES ROSS & PARISSA BOUAS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
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- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **TIM STOKES**
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- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH DAVID PEACE, CARL & ROB, MOOKX**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **GARRETT KATO**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **MARSHALL O'KELL DUO**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 5.30PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM **THE 100FT JOURNEY**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- CURRUMBIN TAVERN 8PM **GRAMECY, STONE WITCHES, STRAAYS, TEMPERANCE**

SATURDAY 3

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FEAR OF MUSIC, MELTING COLOURS, SEASIDE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOSSY BIG HEART**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 2.30PM **THE RUBENS 9PM DJ FONZAIUS**
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CHRISTMAS FAIR WITH GOODRICH BAND

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- DENNING PARK, BYRON 1.30PM **PARK&FLY**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **BLACK RABBIT GEORGE 7PM MISS RENEE SIMONE BAND**
- CLARKES BEACH, BYRON 4PM **LABRYINTH CLOSING EVENT**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM TOM BAILEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **MAJA**
- INSIDE AFRICA, BYRON A&I, 12PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADOR JASON BURNS**
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- BANGALOW BOWLO 2PM **BAY FM'S KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO 6PM BOOGIE FEVER**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE RUBENS**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CLUB SWIZZLE**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **BOOK BURNING EVENT: ONE NATION MEMBERS TO INCINERATE ALL KNOWN KNOWLEDGE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **HOUSE OF BLISS ALL DAY CHANTING FESTIVAL**
- DURRUMBUL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **LIGHTBODY 9 COMMUNITY DANCE WITH DJS NIKI COLMER, SHORT CIRCUIT, DANIEL FAGAN, POB, JASON LEWIS**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **THE BENTLEY EFFECT**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **FINDING YOUR PLACE**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- EUREKA HALL 8PM **DREAMLAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **RICHE WILLIAMS**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 8PM **BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 9PM **BRUCE WORRALL**
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- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **BLACKBOI 7PM JESSE MORRIS BAND & ALISTER TURRELL**
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- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **RENEE GEYER**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **STEPHEN WARD**

SUNDAY 4

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 2PM **WRITERS AT THE RAILS WITH DANIEL PEARSON & SCOTT WINGS 7PM PHIL BARLOW & THE WOLF**
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MONDAY 5

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **REGGAE**
- O'SUSHI, BYRON 6PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- EUREKA HALL 8PM **DREAMLAND**

TUESDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- 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**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **TOM DIBB**
- EUREKA HALL 8PM **DREAMLAND**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **NCEIA DOLPHIN MUSIC AWARDS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS KIRK PENGILLY & LAYNE BEACHLEY**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN ENGLAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **THE HIGH ROLLERS**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **KING LEAR**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- PARK LANE THEATRE, LENNOX HEAD 6PM **AKALA**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
- EUREKA HALL 8PM **DREAMLAND**
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Mono in the lineup for second world title

Crystal Cyclinders

Byron Bay's Mark 'Mono' Stewart made history by winning the first ISA World Adaptive Surfing Championship in California in 2015 and plans to defend his crown later this year.

After winning it last year he said: 'I've been waiting 35 years for this event, but I now know that the sky is the limit with Adaptive Surfing. The future is in the hands of all the young people at this event. I can't wait to see what happens next.'

In June this year he competed in the first Australian adaptive surfing titles and took out two divisions to qualify for the 2016 world titles to be held at La Jolla, California, for the second consecutive year.

Stewart, along with the world's best adaptive surfers with physical challenges ranging from vision impairment to spinal cord injuries, will head to La Jolla Shores to represent their countries and compete for individual and team medals over December 8-11.

Mono has a long history of competing in kneeboard events and has represented the Far North Coast region at the Australian Titles competing against able-bodied surfers.

He also recently won the 10th Duke Oceanfest in the Adaptive Surf division held in August at Waikiki in Hawaii.

When 'Mono' was fifteen he was told by doctors he had bone cancer and went through a year and a half of chemotherapy before surgeons removed his right leg above the knee.

Soli v Kennedy

Soli Bailey has moved down six spots into 23rd position on the WSL Qualifying Series ratings ladder after the first of the final two events in Hawaii.

Bailey was unfortunately eliminated in his first heat at the Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa and now only has one more opportunity to post a great result in his bid to make the top ten and qualify for the 'Dream Tour'.

He has drawn Lennox Head's Stuart Kennedy in his first heat at the Vans World Cup at Sunset Beach, the final stop of WSL Qualifying Series.

After doing the maths I estimated Soli needs a fourth place finish or better at Sunset Beach to make the cut while



Mark 'Mono' Stewart on the charge. Photo Luke Marsden

Kennedy will need a second place or win to re-qualify through the QS.

However Kennedy is looking good to qualify on the Championship Tour, currently sitting in eighteenth with the last CT event for the year at Pipeline.

Disabled surfers need a hand

The Disabled Surfers Association is having a gathering at Clarkes Beach in Byron Bay this Saturday December 3, and is looking for volunteers to help on the day.

Saturday is International Disabled Day and volunteers as well as the disabled community are invited to join together for a disabled surf gathering, according to Diana Willis, interim secretary Far North Coast, Disabled Surfers Association.

'We require a lot of volunteers, surfers and non-surfers. We need water people, caterers and sign-on helpers,' Diana said.

Last week at Yamba the DSA had 60 volunteers and hopes to get even more this Saturday at Clarkes, as conditions can be tougher.

The volunteers work with



Plenty of volunteers help a young surfer at last year's Disabled Surfers gathering in Byron. Photo Contributed

experienced DSA staff to keep the surfers safe. Each surfer needs at least four or five helpers. Lunch, water, sunscreen and rash vests are provided. 'Just bring swimmers, a hat and a large smile,' she said. Volunteers and helpers arrive from 9am for sign-on and a run through of how the morning works. Participants and carers from 10am.

Geoff Colnan wins the day at Teven



Geoff is congratulated by Men's Chairman Greg Fowler after winning the Teven Golf Club Men's Division Chairman's Day last Saturday. In the modified Stableford competition Geoff scored 25 points ahead of runner-up Chris Gee on 23 points. Photo Contributed

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Bruns Heads	6628 4495	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777	4th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC	0431 524 044	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	SATURDAYS	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609	Byron Artisan Market 4-9pm	6685 6807
2nd SUN Alstonville	6628 1568	FARMERS MARKETS	
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Ballina	6687 4328	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
		Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530

☉ First quarter	December 7	20:02
☾ Full moon	December 14	11:05
☽ Third quarter	December 21	12:55
☀ New moon	December 29	17:53

DECEMBER 2016 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	T	0540	1929	0656	2047	1023,1.66; 2224,1.19	0327,0.23; 1645,0.34
2	F	0540	1930	0743	2136	1100,1.65; 2302,1.15	0400,0.25; 1725,0.36
3	S	0540	1931	0834	2222	1137,1.62; 2345,1.12	0437,0.30; 1806,0.38
4	S	0540	1932	0927	2307	1217,1.59	0516,0.36; 1851,0.39
5	M	0540	1932	1022	2349	0031,1.09; 1300,1.54	0602,0.42; 1941,0.40
6	T	0540	1933	1118		0128,1.09; 1350,1.50	0658,0.48; 2035,0.39
7	W	0540	1934	1216	0029	0235,1.11; 1446,1.46	0804,0.53; 2132,0.36
8	T	0540	1934	1315	0109	0347,1.18; 1549,1.43	0920,0.54; 2230,0.31
9	F	0540	1935	1417	0149	0455,1.30; 1654,1.41	1038,0.52; 2323,0.24
10	S	0541	1936	1520	0229	0557,1.45; 1758,1.41	1150,0.45
11	S	0541	1937	1626	0313	0653,1.60; 1858,1.40	0013,0.16; 1257,0.37
12	M	0541	1937	1733	0359	0746,1.74; 1955,1.39	0100,0.10; 1358,0.29
13	T	0542	1938	1841	0450	0837,1.85; 2047,1.36	0147,0.05; 1455,0.22
14	W	0542	1939	1946	0546	0927,1.91; 2139,1.33	0234,0.04; 1549,0.18
15	T	0542	1939	2048	0646	1015,1.94; 2229,1.28	0320,0.06; 1642,0.18
16	F	0543	1940	2143	0748	1103,1.91; 2318,1.24	0407,0.11; 1732,0.20
17	S	0543	1940	2233	0851	1150,1.83	0455,0.19; 1822,0.25
18	S	0544	1941	2318	0952	0009,1.19; 1236,1.72	0545,0.29; 1911,0.31
19	M	0544	1941	2358	1051	0102,1.15; 1321,1.60	0636,0.41; 2000,0.36
20	T	0544	1942		1147	0202,1.13; 1408,1.47	0733,0.52; 2050,0.40
21	W	0541	1943	0034	1242	0310,1.14; 1458,1.36	0840,0.60; 2141,0.42
22	T	0545	1943	0109	1334	0418,1.18; 1553,1.27	0954,0.65; 2232,0.41
23	F	0545	1944	0143	1426	0521,1.26; 1653,1.22	1108,0.65; 2321,0.39
24	S	0546	1944	0218	1518	0613,1.35; 1751,1.19	1214,0.61
25	S	0547	1944	0253	1609	0658,1.44; 1844,1.19	0006,0.35; 1309,0.55
26	M	0547	1945	0330	1700	0738,1.53; 1930,1.19	0045,0.32; 1356,0.49
27	T	0548	1945	0410	1752	0815,1.60; 2011,1.20	0122,0.28; 1438,0.43
28	W	0548	1946	0453	1843	0853,1.65; 2050,1.21	0157,0.25; 1515,0.39
29	T	0549	1946	0540	1932	0930,1.69; 2129,1.22	0231,0.23; 1553,0.36
30	F	0550	1946	0629	2021	1006,1.72; 2207,1.22	0306,0.23; 1629,0.34
31	S	0550	1946	0722	2106	1043,1.72; 2246,1.22	0343,0.23; 1706,0.33

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

Byron junior on target for gold

Ross Kendall

Junior archer Ben Lyon has taken out the gold medal by winning the South Queensland Archery Society 2016 Matchplay Championships.

Ben was part of the 8-person Byron Shire Archery Club team that travelled to Samford in southern Queensland last week for the competition.

Ben won all his matches and had to go into a shoot-off to win the final, after the initial 15-shot round finished with both archers evenly placed.

'It was great, it came down to a one arrow, closest to the centre shoot-off,' club captain Vinnie Bleakley said.

The field was drawn from 11 regional clubs and was very competitive.

'Ben's opponent in the final has state and national titles to his name,' Vinnie said.

'Adding to the pressure the final was streamed live, so



Byron Archery Club junior Ben Lyon on his way to winning the SQSA Matchplay Championships. Photo Matt Willey

there were quite a few watching him,' he said.

The 15-year-old only started archery 12 months ago, but was going very well.

'He recently attended a Queensland training camp

where he was singled out by the regional coach,' Vinnie said.

Among the senior Byron Shire archers Sam Wearne finished best, placing seventh in the Championship.

Futsalroo needs help for US tour

Mullumbimby High School's Krista Ruehe has started a crowdfunding campaign to help her get to the United States to compete in the Australian U/19 futsal team.

In September Krista was named Most Valuable Player at the National futsal tournament in Brisbane, on her way to being selected for the Australia Team.

The national squad will tour the United States in July next year.

'To achieve this from a regional area is an amazing effort and I have given her every assistance with preparation that I can, and she has given every effort to some serious training regimes,' according to the school's soccer



Krista played for the undefeated NSW side at the Nationals in September and was named the MVP. Photo Contributed

coach Brian Hedge.

Being part of the squad is all self-funded and costs \$6,600. Krista is hoping to crowdfund \$4,000.

'Coming from a single-parent family the sum means

we need some help to get this very deserving girl the reward she has earned. Any help would be massively appreciated,' Brian said.

Donate: gofundme.com/kristausa.

Brunswick Valley dancers stage sell-out end of year show



Ballet students Erika, Jemma, Pearl and Indigo danced classical moves to Arcade Fire's No Cars Go at the end of year concert. Photo Eve Jeffery

More than 200 dancers from Brunswick Valley School of Dance put on an end-of-year spectacular at the Murrumbidgee Civic centre over November 19 and 20.

The concert was made up of 50 individual dances and the themes of the concert were The Little Mermaid and The Wizard of Oz, according to school owner Ruby Jeffery.

'The second part of the show was a general showcase of the students, including many dancers who have won awards in local competitions,' she said.

'All the students have spent the year learning their routines at our school in Brunswick Heads. We

were very proud of all the students over the weekend,' she said.

The performances were watched by more than 1,000 siblings, parents and other well-wishers.

Award winners

At the final show the BVSD award winners were also announced.

Senior Award winners for 2016 included: Ash Booth (Dancer of the Year), Ruby Di Costanzo (Jazz), Tiana Lester-Jones (Ballet), Charlotte Dods (Contemporary), Airlia Georgousis (Hip-Hop) and Tiana Carr (Dedication).

Intermediate Award winners were: Bimini Pless-

er (Contemporary), Lola Hutchinson (Hip-Hop), Ruby Foster (Jazz), Charlotte Archibald (Ballet), Jolina Wilbur (Tap), Nakeita Bradbury (Tap) and Taya Cioffi (Dedication).

Junior Award winners were: Wil Grosser (Hip-Hop), Daisy Burke (Contemporary), Evie Porter (Tap), Sarah Lorkin (Ballet), Amy Sharman (Jazz), and Tyler-Rose Holdsworth (Dedication).

Encouragement Award winners included: Keala McCauley, Freya Valerio, Alysia Anderson, Kiara Dixon, Clare Fisher, Amber Reid, Serena Bliss, Saskia Horstmann, with a Special Award for Elsa Frazier.

Byron XI beaten by table leaders

Byron Bay couldn't back up last week's form and failed to chase down a solid total set by competition leaders Tintenbar-East Ballina in the Coastal League cricket competition last weekend.

Playing at home on Kingsford Smith Oval (south) the Tintenbar-East Ballina side picked up more advantage when they won the toss and elected to bat.

They side scored 5/202 off their 40 overs, including good knocks from Mick Warbuton (64 no), Mark Newstead (46) and James Macdonald (46).

The Byron side bowled pretty well but let itself down with dropped catches and misfields, according to captain Toby Schott.

Oliver Cronin, Caelan Maladay and Chris Zygmunt all did well with the ball.

In reply the Byron started confidently and openers Joe Beckers and Owen Delian moved to 68 after 18 overs, before Joe was out for 40.

Then the team's season high-scorer Matt Irwin went for a second-ball duck.

The middle order didn't give up and Owen went on to survive 30 overs for 36 runs.

Ryan Marriot made a good contribution to the total, and when Chris Zygmunt went out to bat the team needed more than eight runs an over to win.

In the end the side got to 7/194 off their 40 overs, just nine runs short of a win.

'It was a pretty good batting pitch, and it is always hard to chase runs at Kingsford Smith,' Toby said.

'It was a pity the side couldn't follow up last week's win against Ballina,' he said. 'We have had a few close losses. We just have to close out games.'

The side has three wins and four losses from eight starts and is in fifth spot on the competition ladder.

Importantly the side still has confidence and the belief it can make the finals, Toby said.

Tintenbar-East Ballina confirmed their top-of-the-table status with the win. They have six wins and a draw from their eight games.

All even after Byron tackled Rovers

Dogwhistle

Byron's young Wildcats and Rams put in some gutsy performances in Friday's penultimate round of the Football Far North Coast Summer Youth League to come away with one hard-won point apiece.

The Byron girls dominated the match and, but for a couple of momentary lapses, would have deservedly claimed the three points.

Eva Salmon and Maddie Batson were the Cats' goal-scorers in a 2-2 draw.

Down several key players, the Byron boys had their hands full with Lismore's all-conquering Richmond Rovers in their battle to stay in contention.

True to form, Rovers came out firing and the pressure was on the Byron midfield



Zac Sezer held the midfield for the Rams. Photo Dogwhistle

and backs from the opening.

The match was soon a high-speed end-to-end battle, with relentless pressure from Rovers and a series of dangerous counterattacks from the Rams. A smooth buildup from the Byron midfield put striker Aaron Walker on the spot in the 27th minute and Byron took a 1-0 lead.

The goal inspired another five minutes of Rovers' extraordinary intensity and the

Lismore boys took a superb equaliser before the break.

The second half was a dogged but fiery contest of endurance as both sides worked hard to break the deadlock.

The final 1-1 scoreline delivered one vital point and the Championship title to Rovers. The Byron boys were the only team to take points from the Champions this year and came close to a major upset.



On The Horizon

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Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga group starting Mondays 10-10.45am in Mullumbimby. Free and uplifting fun. Phone Magenta 0447 844 215.

Village Talks

All welcome for a free coffee, cake and a

chat about disability support, inclusion and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, rolling out here next July. Hosted by Anna and Damien, your local linkers with the Ability Links program. Main Arm Store Cafe Wed 14 December 10-11.30am. Info 0438 622 752.

U3a Ballina/Byron

Bring your favourite poem from school-days to Elva's poetry session at 10am on 6/12/16 in the meeting room of the RSL, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Suffolk Park Dune Care

Suffolk Park Dune Care on Saturday 3 December at 8.30am, meeting at the beach entrance at Wareham Street followed by morning tea. Info: Helen 6685 4964.

Book sale

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are calling for donations of books for our annual book sale to be held 10-11 June 2017. All funds raised go to our libraries. Please call 0449 680 665 or 6685 5022, or email byronbayfol@gmail.com to arrange for collection.

U3a Brunswick Valley

U3a Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 13 December 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. 'A Salamagundi of Sight and Sound', Des Wann's final presentation in his music talks. Visitors welcome. Phone 6685 1732.

VIEW Club

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club Christmas Lunch with entertainment at the

Mullumbimby RSL Club on Thursday 8 December at 10.30am. Apologies to Rae on 0427 103 072 by Monday 5th.

Land cookery comp

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA Land Cookery Competition Monday 12 December. There are also two junior sections, one for young people 18 and under on 31 March 2017 and one for those 12 and under on 31 March 2017. Recipes and rules at <https://cwaofnsw.org.au/cookery.html> or phone the land cookery officer Sue 6684 1675.

Salad Book change of venue

Change of venue. Friends of Libraries Byron Shire will host the official launch of Belinda Jeffery's new book *The Salad Book*. Belinda will be in conversation with

another local foodie, Victoria Cosford. 5.30 for a 6pm start Friday 2 December - now to be held at the Moller Pavilion at the Bangalow Showgrounds. Cost \$10 and any profits go to our libraries. Bookings essential at Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396.

Who's the winner?

Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby Melbourne Cup Trifecta winning horse numbers are 17, 13 and 6, so check your tickets and phone the number on the back of the ticket to receive your prize. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.

Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting 10am Tuesday 6 December at the Ocean

Shores Country Club. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 6680 3316.

Lamington Drive

St Paul's Anglican Church annual Lamington Drive. To place orders please contact Sue 6685 3680.

Powerful Moments

Interactive forum about reviving the heart of intimate relationships at Mullumbimby Civic Hall Saturday 3 December, 9am-12pm. Tickets \$15, all proceeds to Interrelate.

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Lloyd Rees Lithographs till 6 December. Thirty lithographs by renowned Australian artist Lloyd Rees, all printed by master lithographer Fred Genis.

Regular As Clockwork

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Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Neighbourhood Centre

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

#StartupByron

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

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fund-raiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

Junior chess club

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 professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

Bridge club

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

ESL classes

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

Meditation

Bay Insight Meditation with Radha Nicholson and friends Tuesdays at Suffolk Park Hall, 7.30-9pm. All welcome. Please bring a cushion. Evening supported by dana (donation). **Buddhist meditation** teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **Mindfulness Meditation** with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15-9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron.com). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com. **Healing Meditation** 7.30pm Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Dean 0414 364 415 or www.wuniversityhousebyron.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 meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Library fun

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

No-interest loans

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

Budgeting Support

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

Bush School

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

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

Drug support groups

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

U3a discussion group

Brunswick Valley U3a audiovisual discussion group, Thursdays 10am Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Info 0432 165 006.

Quota Club

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

Spanish conversation

A Spanish conversation group meets every Monday evening in Mullumbimby in order to improve language skills and cultural knowledge. Phone Paco 6684 0242.

Men's Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men's groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

Repair Cafe

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

Rainbow Dragons Abreast

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm. **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. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Low-cost food

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

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and

5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7-9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

CoDA

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

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 Berri 0490 026 840.

Bridge Club

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

Byron Girls Group

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

Bay Community Singers

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

ManTime

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

Town Choir

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

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 at the Community Art 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, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

CWA Bangalow

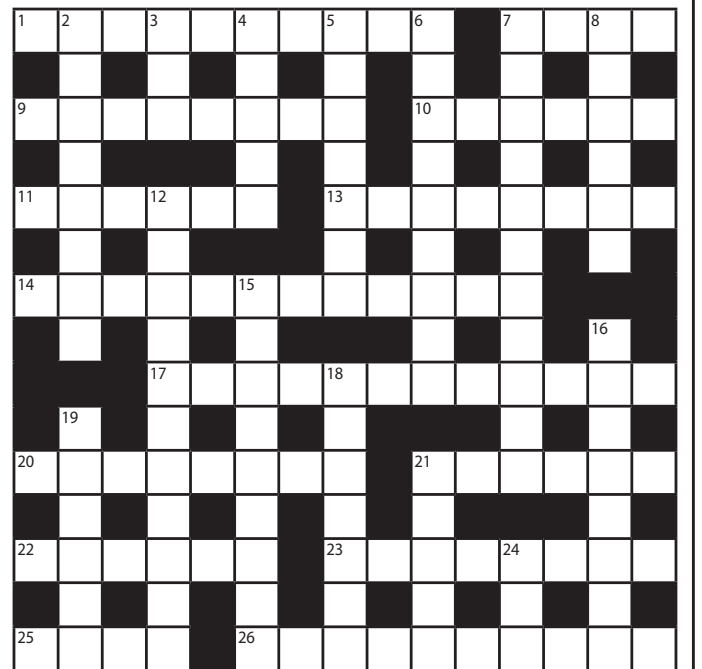
Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5-7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday-Saturday 9am-noon.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch CWA Handicraft Group in the CWA rooms Tincogan Street Mullumbimby each 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month throughout 2016. Classes in knitting, crochet, embroidery and sewing are offered. Enquiries Margaret 6684 2956.

Mungo's Crossword

N154



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Second on a small vehicle - 7 across! (10)
- Knock out back 25 (4)
- Gates not performing (8)
- Venetian ruler holds gratitude - a bit 11 in this! (6)
- Feline in pen - a little 1 across perhaps? (6)
- Man, popular and desperately keen - too much of it and you'll turn into a 17! (8)
- Detection system covers Thaiday, a non-drinking Pom, 26 (3,2,1,6)
- Absurdly vain braggart, totally 21 down (6,6)
- Fiery composition, or cliché? Could turn 14! (8)
- Furious cook follows copper 7 (6)
- You old gents, I am a citizen of Aden (6)
- O Betrayal, O Carnival Town (the musical) (8)
- Pierce back 21 across (4)
- Diver, with variable barrel directions - 21 down! (5,5)

DOWN

- Side with ninety-nine, one a lady - it's authorised (8)
- Negatives numbers? (3)
- Make an effort about English and Australian - how lachrymose! (5)
- Ear hurt badly, but it was another organ altogether! (7)
- Tease a relative - a younger sibling (3,6)
- Orient count - strange, but a long way from 25! (3,8)
- Pulled fishing line up - good journalist below! (6)
- Let real toys rumble - they rumble round offices every morning! (3,8)
- Panic, dial B-R-A-V-E - it's about modifiers! (9)
- Is it used for constructing Lodges? (8)
- Number 99; cool disguise for Machiavelli (7)
- Woman with two cardinals; a queen of the jungle! (6)
- Two axes curve up for 14 (5)
- Zero gold for African political grouping (1,1,1)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Demented (10)
- Demented (4)
- Not performing; in the wings (8)
- Senile dementia (6)
- Demented (6)
- Brand of German beer (8)
- Demented (3,2,1,6)
- Demented (6,6)
- Irascible, prone to anger (8)
- Demented (6)
- Citizen of Aden (6)
- Dramatic choral composition, usually with religious theme (8)
- Demented (4)
- Demented (5,5)

DOWN

- Formally authorised (8)
- Numbers (abbrev) (3)
- Lachrymose, weepy (5)
- Conduit for urine and semen (7)
- Younger female sibling (3,6)
- Completely sane; not prone to emotional disorder (3,8)
- Pulled, dragged (6)
- Carts for taking light refreshments around offices (3,8)
- Relating to words used as grammatical modifiers (9)
- Wood fibre building material used in partitions, etc. (8)
- First name of Italian statesman Machiavelli (7)
- Cartoon Queen of the Jungle (6)
- Demented (5)
- Organisation of African Unity (inits) (1,1,1)

Last week's solution N153

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BYRON FOOD HUB

To further service the expansion and development of Byron Shire food products, Stages 2 & 3 of the Byron Food Hub are coming soon to the Mullumbimby Industrial Area. Each stage comprises multi-unit commercial facilities for food production, distribution and sales. It will provide fully-serviced adaptable work spaces and commercial kitchen infrastructure, allowing customised setups.

FOOD PRODUCTION UNITS FOR LEASE - STAGES 2 & 3



FEATURES

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Local filmmakers Cloudcatcher Media cloudcatchermedia.com have now put their award-winning film *Citizen to Activist* online for all to see at <http://bit.ly/c2acti> or on their Facebook page.

The City of Fremantle has opted out of running the usual Australia Day celebrations on January 26 and instead plans to celebrate a fireworks-free 'culturally inclusive' event on January 28, a Saturday this coming year. This has drawn flak from traditionalists but we don't see why Byron Shire couldn't take up the idea. Are we all that attached to marking the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, and wouldn't it be more culturally sensitive to leave it to the Indigenous community to pass Survival Day in whatever way they please? Our worthy locals could still be honoured with awards on January 28 and the traditional mullet-throwing competition in the north of the Shire could be easily accommodated on a different day. (Note: no real fish are harmed in this event; the Ocean Shores model mullets are made of industrial-grade 12mm thick rubber and come in two sizes: senior 450mm long and junior 300mm.)

We can safely say that Byron Shire's efforts to sell a special



Captures so much about modern times: Byron Bay street art by Fintan Magee. A Sydney-based artist, Magee has works on display around the world. See more at fintanmagee.com.

rate variation haven't met with much favour. Council's online survey closed last Monday. The general feeling of ratepayers and residents seems to be that any burden to be shouldered so that we can have public toilets, artisanal potholes and running water should be borne by those who benefit directly from the visitor influx - check all the online ads for schoolies accommodation, for instance.

Schoolies celebrations officially run in Byron Bay until December 4. If you know any young people, remind them that the Schoolies Hub on Main Beach is there to look

after them. Thanks to the many volunteers who help to keep it running 24/7. And to any schoolies who may be reading this, make sure your

drinks are not tampered with by strangers, and don't accept drinks or drugs from strangers. Other than that, be excellent to each other.

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