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Mediation fails over bypass

Hans Lovejoy

A legal challenge by residents who will be affected by Council's Byron Bay Butler Street bypass looks set to be heard in court after a recent mediation conference failed to come to any compromise.

Council is planning to divert the Jonson Street main road to a bypass that would run past the Butler Street Recreation Reserve and markets, through a heritage conservation area of homes, through protected wetland habitat. The bypass would emerge at Mitre 10 at the end of Jonson Street.

Commissioner Maston from the Land and Environment Court attended a site inspection on Friday December 2 to hear the concerns from Butler Street residents as well as market stallholders association representative Gyan Purno.

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Puppy love eternal



Looking for lasting pooch memories? Bring your dog along for a selfie with Santa at the Brunswick Picture House, between 11am and 1pm this Saturday and Sunday. It will cost \$5, with all proceeds going to CAWI (Companion Animals Welfare Inc). Pictured are Oliver, Lola and Grace. Photo Jeff Dawson

Murdoch gets go-ahead to buy local media

The Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) has approved the sale of the Australian Regional Media (ARM) newspaper titles on the grounds that a News Corp takeover would not 'substantially lessen competition' in the regional media market.

ARM, APN's media stable, comprises regional NSW and QLD titles including *Northern Star*, *Tweed Daily News*, *Byron Shire News*, *Ballina Advocate* and the *Lismore Echo*.

News Corp executive chairman Michael Miller, a former head of APN, unsurprisingly welcomed the decision.

ACCC chairman Rod Sims pointed out that reduced choice would occur in areas where ARM papers were currently in competition with existing Murdoch publications, such as *Tweed Heads*, where the *Tweed Daily News* competes with News Corp's *Gold Coast Bulletin*.

'Few concerns'

Mr Sims said that feedback from readers raised 'few concerns' and suggested there was 'not close competition between the paid daily QLD papers published by News and ARM.'

'The ACCC concluded that, overall, a sufficient range of local news choices and advertising options would remain available in these areas, with Fairfax and independent local newspapers in some local areas, competing online options, as well as local radio news,' Mr Sims said.

■ *The Byron Shire Echo* is 100 per cent locally owned and run.

Conduct complaint upheld by GM

While National Party-aligned councillor Alan Hunter seeks permanency for a large self-storage facility on his Myocum farm at this week's Council meeting, it's emerged that the former mayoral candidate has been found to have breached Council's code of conduct while also having an unapproved building on his property.

Former Council planner Ray Darney has submitted the DA pro-

posal on Cr Hunter's behalf, which would see 30 shipping containers combined into three sheds and associated parking.

Staff have recommended approval, much to the disgust of neighbours, who have a long history of rejecting Cr Hunter's expanding business interests.

They have claimed staff have ignored investigating evidence they

provided regarding breaches to the number of traffic movements allowed on the short Pinegroves Road.

So far, staff have declined to respond to *The Echo* on that matter, and remarkably those complaints are not included in the staff report.




But traffic concerns have been hosed down by staff, who claim, 'Based on accepted standards for self-storage facilities, the proposed devel-

opment... is likely to generate a maximum of eight vehicle trips per day.'

And with all the other dwellings on the road, staff say, 'The proposed development will result in a total of 80 vehicle trips per day on Pinegroves Road, well within its design capacity.'

Meanwhile, Council's general manager Ken Gainger has told Pinegroves resident Rebecca Chaffer on continued on page 2 >

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Carols sung in Byron and Mullum



Mullum showgrounds, last Sunday: Grace, Myles and Lewis with mum Jasmine (great grandma Margaret pictured back right). Photo Jeff Dawson



Imani Hannaford sang *What A Wonderful World* accompanied by her muso dad Dan at the Byron Carols by the Sea on Friday night. Photo Jeff Dawson

Councillor slapped with code breach, riles neighbours again

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October 7 that he found Cr Hunter had breached Council's code of conduct policy.
The breach occurred after Cr Hunter invited himself to a site inspection of Mr and Mrs Chaffer's home without permission – when they were away – to discuss with staff their secondary dwelling development application.
Mr Gainger told Mrs Chaffer that Cr Hunter will be required to 'attend an informal discussion' with him and require the councillor to undertake further conduct training.

ally benefit me by attending the site meeting.

'I accepted the decision and the determination.'

The Echo asked staff why the word 'confidential' was watermarked on Mrs Chaffer's letter, considering there is no legislative requirement and it is in the public interest.

Council's legal services co-ordinator, Ralph James, replied, 'Information about code-of-conduct complaints, and the management and investigation of code-of-conduct complaints is required to be treated as confidential and is not to be publicly disclosed except as may be specifically required or permitted under the code, ie reporting outcomes to complainants,' he noted.

And lastly, staff have told *The Echo* Cr Hunter's unapproved building is part of a 'property compliance investigation.'

Cr Hunter told *The Echo* the need for approval for his relocatable cabin 'hasn't been established,' but he was 'continuing discussions with Council staff about how we meet any further legal requirements.'

■ Cr Hunter's full reply is online – www.echo.net.au.

Clear conscience

Cr Hunter told *The Echo*, 'My conscience is clear.'

'I declared a conflict of interest and didn't vote on it. My concern was for residents in the proposed new dwelling planned to be set back only three metres from trucks, machinery and other vehicles traversing the hill in a rural environment. However, Council determined that a conflict of interest existed, that a reasonable and informed person could perceive that I was influencing councillors to make a decision that would person-

parties involved.'

The NBN Co consultation report for the project is available at www.rfnsa.com.au/2479008 and says the area was always 'intended to receive a fixed-wireless service.'

It also predictably plays down concerns of electromagnetic energy (EME) health and safety.

■ *The Echo* is yet to receive a reply from local Greens MP Tamara Smith regarding the matter.

NBN Co rolls on with tower despite concerns

A dispute over adequate consultation for a proposed fixed-wireless tower in Coorabell is just one of many issues residents face as NBN Co and Visionstream forge ahead in constructing the tower.

An NBN Co spokesperson told *The Echo* there was adequate public consultation for the proposed tower at 308 Coorabell Road.

Residents say otherwise.

Meanwhile, a motion by Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens)

will be tabled at this Thursday's Council meeting, and asks NBN Co, Visionstream and the minister responsible to halt construction until 'It is proven with certainty that NBN has fully complied with all applicable provisions' of the industry code.

Cr Ndiaye told *The Echo* that the NSW Department of Education mandates 'a 500-metre buffer between towers and schools.'

'It's interesting that that

same principle does not apply to residents, as it almost validates the idea that they are aware there is some risk associated with the presence of a tower. Apparently construction has started.'

In the Council agenda, Cr Ndiaye says given numerous wireless and phone towers are planned throughout the Shire, this objection highlights 'a possible lack of understanding relating to the legal obligations of those

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.

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Santos Organics takes on not-for-profit role

Aslan Shand

From its beginnings operating out of a panel van in the early 70s through to its transformation into a community-owned enterprise in 1983, Santos has strived to meet the needs of the local community through the supply of organic, bio-dynamic and locally sourced produce.

It hit a rocky patch about five years ago after the organisation became insolvent, but it's managed to work its way through this difficult period, implementing a range of changes that have brought the business back into profitability.

Following this successful turnaround, they have now decided to take things one step further and make Santos Organics a not-for-profit business.

'We haven't paid out dividends for around seven or eight years,' said general manager and newly elected Greens councillor Michael Lyon. 'Three years ago, we became a defacto not-for-profit business when we decided to reinvest in the business and community projects rather than pay out dividends.'

He says becoming a not-for-profit company has been an ongoing process that has engaged shareholders, staff, the board and management,



Manager of Santos Organics and Greens councillor Michael Lyon. Photo Jeff Dawson

and became the confirmed direction of the company in June at the AGM.

As part of this process, the company had to develop a charitable purpose to which they are required to commit a significant percentage of their profits.

'Enhancing our natural environment is our charitable purpose,' said Cr Lyon. 'We want to ensure that we give more than we take from our environment. We have done a lot of work to tidy up our governance structures.'

Pulling themselves out of bankruptcy involved putting

in place a strong board, who are able to provide regular and clear direction to the management team of Santos Organics.

\$150,000 for projects

Cr Lyon sees this as a positive aspect of the business as he now fulfils the dual role of Santos Organics general manager and Byron Shire councillor.

'There are very clear policies regarding any possible conflicts of interest that may emerge.'

Over the next financial year Cr Lyon anticipates

that they will have around \$100,000 to \$150,000 to distribute and are aiming to have the structure for distribution finalised for the launch of their not-for-profit status in February 2017.

Acknowledging the claim that some people feel Santos is an expensive place to shop, Cr Lyon pointed out that by removing the profit motive people know the business isn't just about profit for profit's sake; rather, 'by shopping here, people can know they are really giving back to community and the environment.'

Teenager charged over drug supply

A Byron Bay teenager appeared in court last week charged with 13 counts of supplying prohibited drugs, including ice, cocaine, MDMA, cannabis and heroin-laced pills.

Flynn Brown, 18, was arrested on Wednesday as a result of police operation that

began in August.

During a search at his home on Paterson Street, police allegedly located cannabis; methamphetamine and Viagra in the 18-year-old's bedroom.

A vehicle was also seized from the property, which police say was used in the distri-

bution of illegal drugs.

Taskforce set up

The court heard that police were so concerned about his alleged activities they set up taskforce Strike Force ARBDO nearly four months ago to target the 18-year-old, with officers engaging in several

undercover drug purchases and intercepting 7,700 phone calls and text messages.

Police allege that Mr Brown had been selling drugs to fellow Byron Bay High School students, to locals and tourists in licensed premises, and to revellers at music festivals.

Council and residents off to court over bypass

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Hackett and Paul Spooner were also present, along with legal representatives and Council staff.

Dismissed

While the market stallholders association are not litigants against Council, Gyan told the commissioner that they felt their concerns were dismissed by staff regarding traffic impacts and safety.

Head of the Butler Street Community Network, Paul Jones, told *The Echo* that the legal case was brought against

Council owing to unsatisfactory mitigation of the effects of increased noise and decreased amenity.

Furthermore, he says the process leading up to the project was flawed and inadequate and its arrogant implementation simply reckless.

The mediation that followed the site inspection failed to reach any agreement – a hearing date is yet to be announced.

■ Council staff have previously told *The Echo* they won't comment as the case is before the courts.

Happy graduation!



Artists completing the Certificate III Visual Arts course at Byron Community College held their graduation exhibition recently at the Laneway Studio in Mullum. Tutor/mentor Virginia Reid said, 'this year's students have been both inspired and inspiring'. Photo Jeff Dawson

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After 12 months of consultation, design and production the Hinterland Way Information sign has been unveiled on Coolamon Scenic Drive. There to celebrate on Monday were from left, Cr Jeanette Martin, Ballina mayor David Wright, Tamara Smith MP, Macadamia Castle owner Tony Gilding and the sign's designers, Rebecca Kocass and Carolyn Adams. Photo Jeff Dawson

Proposed coastal law 'vague'

An adjunct professor at the University of Technology (UTS) and acting Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court has told *The Echo* the public should be aware of slated changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Prof John Sheehan says that, if approved, the proposal by the NSW planning department to change section 117(2) would give the minister 'ex-

tensive powers'. He's also expressed concern over changes slated for the *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)*. Both proposals are on public submission until December 23.

He said, "The wording in the last part of the Coastal Reform s117 direction [within the EPA Act] is vague."

The changes are part of the creation of a new coastal management framework, called the *Coastal Management Act*

2016, replacing the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) told *The Echo* they are reviewing the changes. "[T]he issue is not that this is out of the ordinary, but more that this type of discretion offends, and can undermine, strategic and consistent planning."

■ For more visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/CoastalReform.

Echo drudge returns

Aslan Shand, daughter of the late founding *Echo* editor Nicholas Shand, has returned to the Shire with her family and has immediately bunkered down into *The Echo* editorial HQ.

She's been away for six years in the UK, and returned 'because of grandparents and family and the opportunity for the kids to know them.'

She last worked with *The Echo* from 1997 to 2000, in sales and journalism roles.

In the last decade, Aslan has primarily been looking after her three kids with her merry wench, Ewan, who is a naturist/games programmer.

She studied professional writing at RMIT and has a business degree from SCU



Aslan Shand is back home after six years abroad. Photo Jeff Dawson

as well as an Arts degree from University of Western Sydney.

Echo editor Hans Lovejoy says he is delighted to have such a talented writer back on board with deep local

knowledge of the *Echo* ethos.

He said, 'The gruelling workload, the unrelenting pressure to be somewhat accurate while not pleasing everyone... the modest pay... welcome back!'

Shark Watch volleys signed up

A sign-up and fundraiser for volunteers wanting to become part of Australia's first Shark Watch crew held at Byron Bay's Belongil Beach on Saturday had a buzz of excitement about it.

The event, which signed

up around 30 people on the day, including licensed drone operators and keen young drone buffs, comes as Shark Watch prepares to start its trial shark-spotting program for Byron Shire Council over the summer school holidays.

Shark Watch spokesman Andrew Nieuwenhof said the team, 'have a couple of marine scientists on board.'

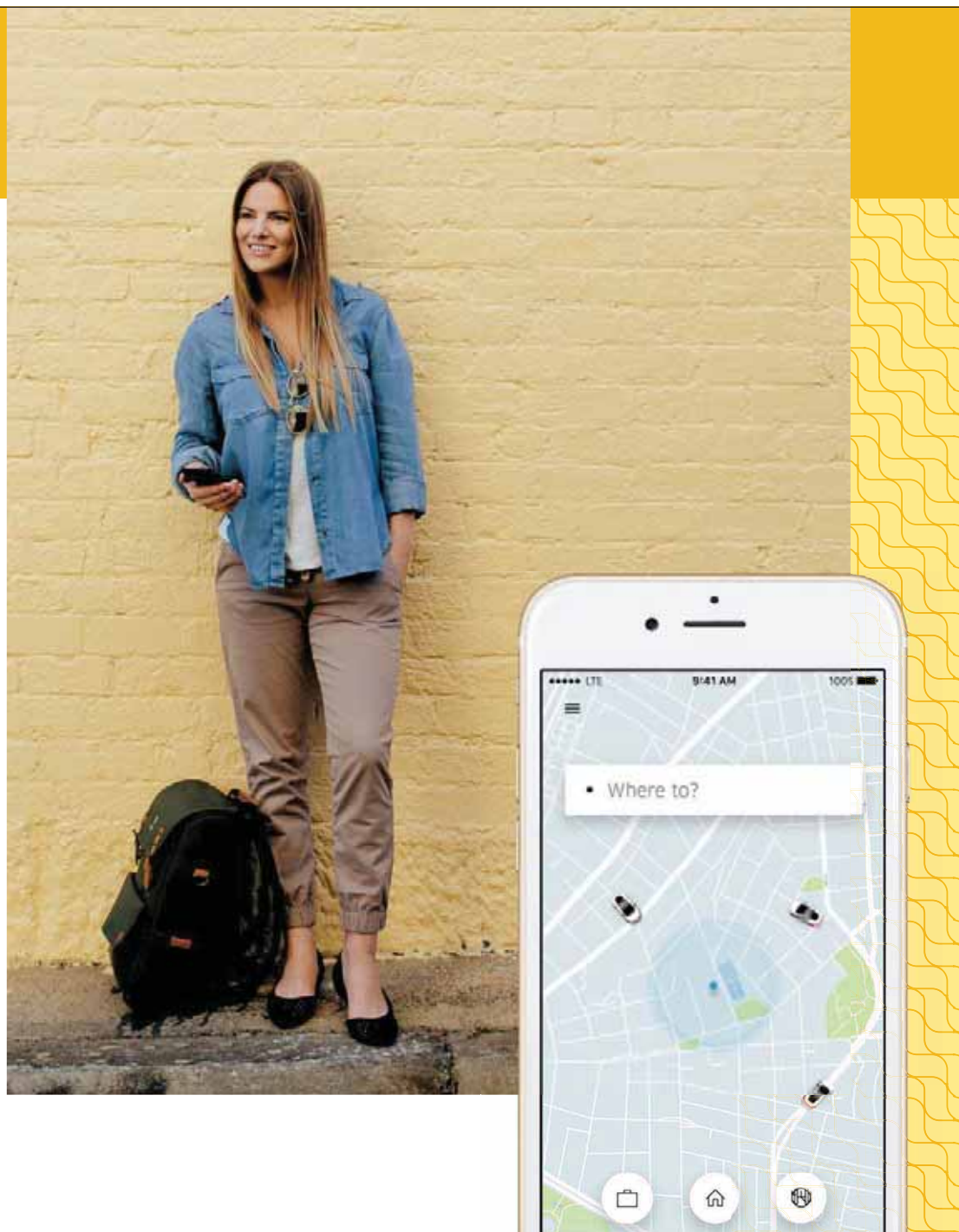
'We have funding for one crew over the summer so we'll go where the surfers are,' he said.

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The Echo started in 1986, and door-to-door distribution commenced in Byron in 1987.

For the Serones – like *The Echo* – it's been in the family.

Alan and Margaret took over deliveries after their daughter Frances stopped doing the run in 1997, and the couple have kept it going all that time.

The Serones often got up at 2am to fold papers and to ensure that they dodged the morning traffic on Shirley Street, which Margaret says



Alan and Margaret Serone will deliver their final *Echo's* this week. Photo Jeff Dawson

has got a lot worse in the last 25 years.

'There will be a few people who'll miss us,' Margaret says.

'We've been spoiling some more elderly people by de-

livering the paper right onto their doorstep.' We'll miss you here at *The Echo* too, Margaret and Alan. Thanks for your dedication to the job of getting *The Echo* out there!

Longest wait times? Lismore Hospital

An independent report released last week has revealed that Lismore had the longest waits in emergency department for patients in a rural and regional hospital – with 36.5 per cent of patients waiting longer than four hours.

Lismore Hospital also has some of the longest waits in the state for elective surgery, according to the independent *Bureau of Health Information* (BHI) data for July–September 2016.

NSW shadow health minister Walt Secord said patients wait at every stage to receive health assistance, whether it be in an ambulance, or outside or inside an emergency department. 'They are [also] discharged too early to make

way for another patient needing the bed,' he said.

In reply, chief executive of Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD), Wayne Jones, told *The Echo* he welcomes the latest BHI quarterly report, 'particularly the improvements at Lismore Base Hospital (LBH) following the opening of the new ED.'

New facility

'The new LBH ED opened in September this year, providing patients with access to the most state-of-the-art health-

care facilities in the region.

'The BHI Report performance indicators show an improvement in waiting times following the transition to the new ED, and we expect further improvements as the new models of care are bedded down.'

Mr Jones says the new facility has helped to improve the number of patients leaving the ED within four hours or less, and noted 'an overall decrease in the time taken for patients to be seen by a doctor, compared with the same quarter last year.'

Eco village holds first team building workshop

More than 120 eager participants converged at Mullumbimby Civic Hall on the weekend for the first of five Village Development Program (VDP) workshops.

The workshops are being run by the Bruns Eco Village, which aims to 'provide affordable homes on a sustain-

able community in the hills above Brunswick Heads... We plan to do this while delivering attractive returns to community investors.'

The proposed location is on a Saddle Road property, near the highway and the Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby interchange.

Event and communication manager Blair Beattie told *The Echo* the team-building exercises culminated in the establishment of interest groups to address the ten areas of renewability that underpin the ethos of Bruns Eco Village.

He said, 'For example, the waste group is calling itself

'It's all good' and the economy and equity group is called 'Skills to pay the bills.'

'The next training session is in March and we will continue to incubate these ideas and develop the concepts.'

■ For further information about the program visit www.brunsecovillage.com.au.

Saddle Ridge residents opposed to urbanisation

Saddle Ridge residents say they are gearing up to resist plans by Council to include them in future urban planning.

The Saddle Ridge Local Area Management Planning Association (SRLAMPA) say they recently made a submission to Byron Council's preliminary draft Byron Residential Strategy.

Its president Matthew O'Reilly says members make up 90 per cent of landowners and residents on Saddle Ridge and are strongly opposed to a change to residential zoning.

'We feel passionately about keeping the Saddle Road rural and are gearing up for a long battle if the Saddle Road is retained in the draft By-

ron Residential Plan, to be released in 2017.'

Key themes

Some key themes for their submission were that 'proper NSW government processes and policies have not been followed' and that the area is 'one of the most ecologically diverse areas in the Shire, with

a wide variety of threatened ecological communities.'

'Saddle Ridge is likely the single most significant Aboriginal site complex in all Byron Shire,' he said, adding the 'regionally significant farmland on Saddle Ridge should be utilised by future food farmers and not converted into more urban sprawl.'

Need a Christmas gift? Go solar...

While the federal government continues down an insane anti-renewable policy path, a group of locals is rolling out solar projects on community-managed halls and buildings.

Community-Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) claims more than \$30,000 was raised in 2016 to place solar panels on the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullum Showgrounds and the Brunswick Valley Volunteer Rescue Association's HQ, providing 27 kW of energy.

The next project is to raise a further \$75,000 to install solar on the Mullumbimby Museum and the Federal Hall.

COREM vice-president Dave Rawlins says their new carbon-offset cards are a great Christmas present that will



Susan Tsicalas and Stephen Hall from the Mullum Museum with Dave Rawlins from COREM. Photo Jeff Dawson

help pay for the installation of solar panels and provide future savings from electricity bills at these community sites.

'We have been really heartened by the support from our

community and these projects demonstrate we can flick fossil fuels and run Mullum by the sun.'

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Council's financial hardship assistance policy takes shape

It's been seven years since Council last reviewed its policies aimed at providing assistance to ratepayers who are pensioners or are in need of financial hardship assistance.

And a review now appears a good time. Councillors will discuss this Thursday whether to raise rates considerably over four years. The draft *Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Assistance* policy will be debated Thursday, along with *Rates and Charges Administrative Guide-*

lines Management Procedures.

Staff have defined financial hardship as 'When a ratepayer is willing but unable to pay their rates and charges on time because of unexpected events (eg injury or medical condition, natural disasters, expenses not budgeted for) or unforeseen changes (eg unemployment or income variations, family separation) that impacts cash flow.'

Staff propose to assess applications using 'similar

eligibility criteria [to those] that Centrelink utilises in assessing pensioner concession card eligibility.'

Centrelink criteria

The report reads, 'Supporting documentation confirming genuine financial hardship from a recognised financial counsellor or financial planner would be considered favourably.'

Former Labor minister withdraws his Uki water-extraction plan

Luis Felieu

A controversial plan by a former state agriculture minister to extract millions of litres of water a year from a licensed bore on his Uki property and truck it for bottling has been withdrawn.

Word spread fast around the tight-knit village last week after Tweed Shire Council confirmed the withdrawal in its weekly newsletter.

Scores of residents voiced their concerns over the plan, involving up to six semi-trailer truck movements a day, six days a week, from 7am till 6pm, at a public meeting near the property last week.

Jack Hallam, who was agriculture minister under the Wran Labor government in the 1980s, retired to his ten-acre property a few kilometres from Uki more than a decade ago.

He has since transformed

the land by creating attractive gardens.

25-megalitres pa

In October Mr Hallam's consultant lodged a plan to use the existing 25-megalitre a year licence from the NSW Office of Water on the property for 'bulk loading and delivery of extracted water'.

Mr Hallam is yet to respond to an offer to comment on the withdrawal.

A walk in silence for the discarded

Have we lost our humanity?

It's a question Peter Walker was asking as he set off on a walk from Byron Bay's Railway Park to raise awareness for those left languishing in Australia's detention camps.

Mr Walker aims to reach King George Square in Brisbane on December 23.

He said, 'Walk with me - #walkinsilence - asks you to address our collective silence while children are mistreated on our watch. There are still well over 100 children in Australian concentration camps on Nauru, let alone the many adults also facing endless incarceration for seeking refuge on our shores. This must not continue to be tolerated!'

Visit walkingourworld.org for more information.



Peter Walker with supporters. Peter has started a walk to Brisbane to raise awareness of Australia's appalling human rights abuses. Photo Jeff Dawson

Planning dept at risk of conflict of interest: AG

The state's peak body overseeing government departments, the NSW auditor-general's department, has highlighted a lack of monitoring surrounding NSW planning agencies and the conflict of interest that can arise.

The new report on planning and environment says both staff and government

agencies are often not required to declare a conflict of interest that can affect the broader community.

Less than half of the government agencies overseen by the department 'require contractors to declare conflicts of interest prior to engagement, and just over half require staff to declare secondary employ-

ment arrangements,' stated the report. Recommendations include implementing specific measurement guidelines for the program aimed at reducing large-scale illegal dumping, which is run by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

For more information visit www.audit.nsw.gov.au.

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Firsthand account of Standing Rock

David Bradbury

The gas-guzzling V8 towing a fishing boat picked us up at Bismarck airport, North Dakota, USA.

My 22-year-old son Bibi and I were making the pilgrimage to Standing Rock where history was being made. The chill of the November afternoon fading light hit us after the warmth of California, where we'd spent the last month of our travels. It was two days before a presidential election which was to rock the world.

Brent, the local Bismarck postie whom I'd never met before, eyed us up and down cautiously as we stood at Arrivals, suitcase in hand, camera and tripod, tent and sub-zero thermal sleeping bags.

As we drove the streets, there were only posters supporting Trump in front yards. None for the former first lady.

'Whatcha want to go to Standing Rock for?' Brent asked. 'They're burnin' cars and turning them over! The police have blocked the roads. We probably can't get through even if I did want to take you!'

I wanted to go and film at Standing Rock to witness with 'our mob', a struggle that transcends national boundaries, perhaps the defining battle that speaks to the age we live in: clean water and life versus oil and dinosaur-fossil-fuel technology dependence.

I wanted to see for myself the courage of the 'Earth protectors' confronting the multi-billion-dollar mad-dash pipeline linkup from north to south before the January 1 contract date expires.

Fracked oil from North Dakota, transported thousands of miles south to North Carolina, was to be shipped offshore.

And I wanted to be there for election day and the aftermath. The oil project sat stalled on the northern side of the mighty Missouri River, a water supply for tens of millions downstream and the rich agricultural heartland of America.

Brent is 'mad' (his words not mine); Aunt Judy had given us his number when I'd met her the day before in San Diego while making a film among America's homeless.

In all of the eight US cities we visited in our three-month trip, I saw them everywhere: camped under bridges, sleeping on concrete sidewalks, huddled up under blue tarps or tents and doorways.



The planned oil pipeline at Standing Rock, North Dakota, has temporarily been suspended by outgoing president Obama. Photo Louis Fisher/Fish Makes Photos

The human flotsam of the failed economic policies (except for the mega-rich one per cent) of economist Milton Friedman and his infamous Chicago Boys. There's no trickle-down here for these tens of thousands of sons and daughters of America.

Instead, it's a daily mix of mental illness, drug addiction, sexual violation of women, police harassment and traumatised war veterans.

Highway 1806

Pink Floyd's *The Wall* echoed off the Dakota hills as Brent's pickup took us further south on highway 1806.

After 45 minutes' driving we saw flashing red and blue police lights ahead. We had to turn back and take another long route around as the road was blocked up ahead.

Burnt military trucks and razor-wire spread jack-knifed across the concrete bridge over the Missouri. A surveillance helicopter circled constantly over the sprawling Standing Rock camp in the valley below. Tipis and tents, pop-up camper vans and smoking fires with warm coffee in huge vats waited to greet us.

Bibi and I set up our tent as a line of Sioux Indian security guards meandered in on horseback, silhouetted against a flaming pink skyline.

Friendly neighbours helped us. A spirit of common purpose and co-operation was to feature in the coming days at Standing Rock as we all blended into one tribe.

Even though we came prepared, the temperatures inside our tent were below zero.

And we froze in our tent that first night, despite layer upon layer of blankets and clothes over us.

It felt like being in a war zone again. Was it a modern-day version of the American

Civil War? A line was drawn in the muddy sands of the Missouri River where two ideologically opposed forces faced each other. Neither was prepared to give an inch.

At Standing Rock, only one side was prepared to use violence. On one side were the National Guard: police dressed in black Orwellian uniforms, complete with batons and helmets, gasmasks.

Private security forces, some reputedly from an offshoot of war mercenaries Blackwater Security, with Alsatian attack dogs, had set upon protesters, kids and a pregnant woman.

A boy on horseback had his horse shot from underneath him. A young woman had her arm severed by a rubber bullet shot at close range. Uniformed thugs delighted in spraying mace into the faces of people from a metre away.

Water cannons doused people in the freezing cold of night.

US paramilitary vehicles were used on American soil against their own people.

They were backed by helicopters and light aircraft circling day and night, in constant surveillance of the camp. Was this a vision of the America we would see under president Trump?

Daily prayer

Every morning, the elders of the Lakota people and one hundred other native American tribes who had come in solidarity would gather to lead a circle of 'earth protectors' in mindful prayer.

Calling out to the great creator. Around the sacred fire, always burning in the middle of the circle that one was not allowed to film out of respect. The prayers of the elders would set the course for the day, be it for protection or

going down to the river with the native American women to dip a special urn into the water and drink from it to empower or purify oneself. Or going over the river to confront Power.

I was excited to see a lot of young people in their 20s and 30s. I'd waited a long time to see generations X and Y, the millennials take up the challenge of trying to solve some of the major problems on Mother Earth that my generation of the 1940s and 50s has created.

Here they were, building insulated shelters for the winter to withstand snow drops of over one metre on the ground. They were digging in for what looked like the battle for Stalingrad.

A kitchen and mess hall, a preschool. Lawyers filled out forms for those about to go off into the direct action front lines to confront police and attack dogs.

Recently arrived recruits from all over America, Canada, France, Sweden, Denmark and Mexico were being instructed by a young indigenous woman in her 20s how to link arms and move forward towards police lines proclaiming the mantra, 'Water is life!'

At Standing Rock we woke on election morning to the shock reality. Donald was to be president. Around the campsite women shared a silent tear. On Facebook Hill, the only place to get a wi-fi signal, disbelief.

With reluctance, on November 11, Bibi and I left our tent and sleeping bags, our blankets for others to use who would come in after us.

■ Update: President Obama last week ordered the pipeline be stopped from going under the Missouri River at Standing Rock. For now.

Growing up in a transient Shire

Mandy Nolan

It's been almost a year since former TAFE teacher Teeya Blatt took on the role as manager of the Byron Youth Service (BYS), a service she believes is perfectly positioned to provide programs for young people across the community.

'BYS has been around since 1987,' says Teeya, 'and the purpose is to provide services to young people throughout the Byron Shire, which includes entertainment and responding to their needs. The idea is to provide programs that come directly from young people. We have ten staff working directly with young people, so who better to address their needs?'

Currently most of the government grants are to maintain young people in school or to put them on employment pathways.

Ms Blatt identified a real need for the service to be able to respond to what she describes as 'the particular needs of Byron Shire youth with their home town being a festival or party destination.'

Tourism issues

She believes that funding bodies are unaware of the tourism-related issues that affect local youth.

'I don't know if funding bodies would know, for instance, that the Byron Shire hinterland is the go-to destination for doof parties. There are particular stresses and distresses that come from living in a party-town destination.'

'Young people here get the message of transience - not about how to build and maintain strong relationships. A lot of what we do here is about communication, relationship skills, respect; all of those things are what get sacrificed

or diminished in a transient society. If you are not going to see this person next week why do you need to respect them?'

'All the stresses, high tourism, lack of housing, increased cost of living on family, those stressors get passed on from adults to kids.'

Ms Blatt believes that this underpins a lot of the issues facing local youth, and referenced in particular an event where local youth became aggressive towards visiting schoolies.

She believes that it's hard to ascertain where that group actually came from, but the broader question is, 'What is happening for them where they are expressing themselves in an aggressive way?'

'If I had to guess I would think we are animals; we are territorial. Their sense of belonging is being threatened, and they are seeing our community put so much money and resources into out-of-towners and nothing for them.'

Youth-initiated programs needed

There is a real need Ms Blatt believes for youth-initiated programs and forums to be running across the Shire.

'The idea shouldn't come from a funding body,' she says, 'it should come from young people.'

'We have lots of ideas; we've applied for lots of grants. The programs we want to get funded include the screening of regular outdoor movies, monthly alcohol-free dance parties, doof angels programs where young people are trained in first aid and how to identify crises so they can support young people in party situations.'

'We have an idea for a first-offence referral where

young people get a warning for drug use from police and are immediately referred to a drug program at the BYS.

'We also need activities in Mullumbimby and north of the Shire... barbecues, basketball games, movie nights.'

'I did a survey of young people (years nine and ten) and they said they wanted to go on adventures.'

Ms Blatt believes our community has the resources to provide incredible opportunities for our young people.

'Imagine if the dive schools donated a dive, even a snorkelling session a week, or the trapeze places gave us vouchers for kids to fly every week, or even a martial-arts school came here and gave a free lesson every fortnight.'

'Community members don't have to give money; there are so many skills and services they could offer,' says Ms Blatt.

BYS benefits

'The benefit of coming through BYS is the young people have access to a youth worker so that if there are any issues in their lives they will have the support...'

Currently the service requires \$120,000 each year just to keep operational.

'That's admin, project running costs, manager's wage, insurances, accountant, part of the frontline office person's wage,' says Teeya.

There are currently many businesses and individuals contributing to make programs, like Street Cruise that runs every Friday night, possible. 'That is a harm-minimisa-



It was another successful flea market for local kids at the BYS last Sunday. Pictured are Rainer Drescher, Elli Coleman, Berri Drum with friends. Photo Jeff Dawson

tion outreach that stays in Byron but does a cruise around.

'We provide food (pizza from Earth 'n' Sea) and water (from Captured Water) and advocacy where necessary.'

The Street Cruise will take local kids home as far as Mullumbimby or Ocean Shores.

'We operate 8pm till 12pm Friday nights and we want to expand this north of the Shire.'

In order to fund new programs or to expand existing services, BYS requires donations.

■ BYS have a school holiday program running throughout January which includes resume making, filming, crafting, street art, wood carving, cheese making and of course movie watching! Get in touch via email info@bys.org.au or call 6685 7777 for more information.

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Operational efficiencies

Councillors at this Thursday's meeting will decide on how to move forward with staff's proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV).

It's a tough and complex decision; without a SRV, staff say Council 'will have some difficult decisions to make concerning reductions in services, maintenance and facilities programs.'

This will include 'how to address increases to the annually reported infrastructure backlog,' which are essentially roads.

If not addressed, Council could be considered as a possible amalgamation target, they say, if the government's 'fit for the future' benchmark is not met.

Staff claim that, as a guide, it costs around \$750,000 per kilometre to re-construct a section of road. Currently staff say the Shire's sealed road network is around 600 kilometres in length and 43 per cent of those roads are in need of reconstruction.

It's worth noting staff and the general manager (GM) came under fire for not providing the public with a consistent fourth 'no rate rise option' across all feedback surveys, be that online or printed. But the GM says that decision reflects Council's commitment to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and the local government minister that 'Council would submit a SRV to increase its rates yield.'

In other words, the government forced this council and others to raise rates, or risk amalgamation.

But providing the fourth 'no rate rise option' across all surveys gives confidence the whole exercise is transparent.

And this is an exercise in confidence. To their credit, staff have been willing to patiently explain and debate the reasoning.

There are many angles to this. For example, IPART's initial recommendations into a current review of how rates are applied by councils may see unimproved land values replaced with capital improved value (ie rates would be applied to the total worth of a property, not just the land value). This has support from the NSW local government peak body, though its approval and implementation are unknown. The potential result, says the GM, is that 'million-dollar mansions will pay more and modest residences will pay less, bringing more equity to the system.'

As a ratepayer on a very modest income who does not own a holiday-let property, I cannot afford any dramatic rate rise.

I suspect many others in the Shire wouldn't be able to either. Many suggestions canvassed publicly that appeared worthy of investigation have been rejected by the GM, be it bed tax, tourism levies or an investment arm.

So before rates are jacked up to pay for roads, I would like to see Council's long-term independent auditor replaced and a new public forensic audit undertaken, with emphasis on roadworks.

Council should also first complete all their key strategies within their Council Improvement Program (CIP), which includes 'asset realisation', or the sale and development of land under Council control. This audit is still ongoing, say staff.

Let's also not forget 'efficiencies and strategic procurement savings,' which are also an ongoing component of the CIP.

In October 2015, neighbouring Tweed, Kyogle and Clarence Valley councils were deemed unfit for the state government's 'fit for the future' benchmark. But last month, the National Party - ie the NSW government - were flogged in the Orange electorate because they lied about forced amalgamations, among other issues. The urgency may be bubbling away, but it appears all avenues are yet to be exhausted. This has the whiff of austerity about it.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Negative growth mirrors negative policies

The constant refrain of economists who get it wrong is that we should never rely on just one set of figures.

And so when the September accounts emerged far worse than even the most pessimistic practitioners of the dismal science predicted, they hastened to assure us that once the entrails of next quarter's chooks had been assessed, things would be better.

And they'd want to be: the GDP collapsed from rising by 0.6 per cent in June to falling by 0.5 just 12 weeks later - a drop of over a full percentage point, the worst result since the Global Financial Crisis.

Various excuses were proffered: the weather, the timing of the arrival of some helicopters, and perhaps it was really all Western Australia's fault. And then there was the election itself, which had apparently engendered uncertainty and confusion rather than the jobs and growth promised. So we have negative growth; now for this week's news on jobs, or the lack of them.

Malcolm Turnbull managed to ignore the first three months of his narrow escape; this was no more than a bump in the road; he had other things to shuffle aside. But his treasurer, Scott Morrison, could not avoid comment, which he did initially by blaming Bill Shorten and the Labor Party for everything.

And his own solution?

A demand to get behind the government's program, a plea for a partnership with someone (presumably the crossbench) to join him in legislating company tax cuts.

Given that Treasury's own forecasts would add just one per cent, less than the drop in the last quarter, over the next twenty years, this was not the most enticing prospect.

But it appears to be the only one he can think of - tear a

giant hole in revenue in the hope of a derisory return long after he and his colleagues are snug in their well-funded retirement homes.

So perhaps fortunately the caravan moved on, to watch Turnbull in his customary position - denying his own previous promises and convictions, ignoring physics, economics and common sense in yet another futile grovel to assuage the insatiable lunar right of his party room.

Treasurer Scott Morrison initially blamed Bill Shorten and the Labor Party for everything.

by Mungo MacCallum

In the process he threw the hapless Josh Frydenberg under a bus, forcing him to perjure himself in supplication for daring to hint what all the experts had told him - that it might be worth considering - only considering, mind - an emissions intensity fund in the electricity industry would actually provide a cheaper and more reliable method of dealing with the mounting problems of the sector than doing nothing - which is, apparently, the government's preferred option.

Even in the right's own terms this does not make sense: it is true that the wingnuts have their share of climate denialists, but the unpalatable fact is that the government, however reluctantly, is forced to do something about the international consensus that global warming cannot be ignored. Turnbull, Frydenberg and even such outliers as Barnaby Joyce have agreed that the Paris accords to limit emissions must be met.

So that being the case, it would surely make sense to do so in the cheapest and least painful way possible - the way all the

economists, the environmentalists, the government's own chief scientist Alan Finkel and even those within the industry concur. But not the coalition party rooms. Carbon tax, of course, cannot even be mentioned, as Turnbull trumpets.

But nor, the prime minister now insists, can the merest suggestion of emissions trading. This is not rational - it is not even ideology. It is simple bloody-mindedness.

And in the end it is utterly counterproductive: electricity prices will go up, more than they need to, and supply will be threatened. And while Australia will probably meet its emission-reduction target in 2020, the prospect of making the Paris figure in 2030 is wildly impractical - unless, of course, this government, and incoming ones, are forced either to spend vast amounts of public money to overfund the manifestly inefficient mechanism of what is misleadingly called 'Direct Action', or more probably to see reason and return to market solutions like emissions trading. Hush my mouth.

And on this matter at least, it appears that our plastic prime minister is implacable. When the premiers met at COAG last week with a plea for a national agenda to end the state-based confusion on climate policy, Turnbull simply reiterated his - or Tony Abbott's, or Cory Bernardi's - current policy: no carbon pricing, no emissions trading. No nothing. We will bumble along as usual.

But he has not been entirely

idle. Yet another leak tells us that the government is set to ditch Abbott's signature Green Army - the bunch of youthful conscripts dragooned into an expensive make-work program to mask the real extent of youth unemployment.

The real Greens' Richard Di Natale said it was about time - the Green Army was never an environmental initiative, which seems a bit harsh; some trees were planted, some weeds pulled.

But it led to few if any real jobs and will not be missed - any more than the rest of Abbott's absurd Direct Action plan would be if Turnbull ever had the ticker to pull the plug.

Once again it was a slap at Abbott which merely enraged the increasingly feisty pretender when what was needed was a killer blow.

And the other news on the environment front is that Turnbull is still considering a billion-dollar loan to the multinational mogul miner Adani on mate's rates, although the company has already admitted that it doesn't really need it in order to dig up a large part of the QLD landscape and further endanger the Great Barrier Reef in the process.

Still, it would be a friendly gesture, so why not?

The hell with GDP.

In spite of all this Turnbull remains determinedly upbeat: innovation (although not, obviously, on environment policy) is still the key to everything, we must keep on keeping on, and sooner or later. Something will come out right.

It must, mustn't it? The law of averages says so, and that is one scientific truth Turnbull is still willing to espouse.

Of course in the meantime he risks being exposed as an unprincipled coward, a fraud and a poltroon. But that will be just another poll. And you should never rely on just one set of figures...



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Smoke and sewers

In reference to Alan Dickens's letter 'Test for councillors' in your last issue. I was a councillor and a member of the water and recycling committee at the time of the smoke testing and reports mentioned – what Alan states is correct.

With an organisation with the responsibilities and budget of Byron Council most would assume that there is a system of checks and balances which would monitor current proposals in the context of past works and reports.

Unfortunately this aspect of governance either does not exist, is faulty or, I suspect, is suppressed. This allows old work to be recycled whenever it is convenient and there has been enough turnover of personnel to dim the corporate memory.

The problems of infiltration from the Mullumbimby sewerage system, the consequent overloading of the BVSTP and the mysterious quality problems and disposal of treated effluent have been canvassed many times to no avail. Some have an interest in non-disclosure, others simply do not want to know. Proposing to redo old works is an illusion of activity and a cover for poor management. And it doesn't come cheap.

The financial and operational record of this department should be the subject of an internal audit or an independent investigation – but I won't hold my breath.

This is not the only ticking toilet (sorry) in this area and I can see another sewerage moratorium looming as West Byron, the hospital and more tourists take up the reduced capacity. With a new council and a new committee per-

haps the problems will finally be addressed.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

Game on

We have an interesting example of potential conflicts which can arise as the former Byron Shire director of planning Ray Darney (now a freshly minted planning consultant) saddles up again at this Thursday's Council meeting to present Cr Alan Hunter's latest DA for his ever-expanding (but still not approved) mini-storage operations.

While the writer does not suggest any impropriety on the part of the former director or, indeed, the councillor himself, Mr Darney was the director of planning with oversight and ultimate responsibility for Mr and Mrs Hunter's numerous previous applications to Council, was involved in the Land & Environment Court proceedings which helped drain Council's legal budget and convened at least one onsite meeting of concerned residents. It is worth noting in this regard that the planning department under the current director Shannon Burt appears to have recommended approval of the latest application so, on Thursday, it's 'game on'!

Graham Mathews
Byron Bay

Care for trees

Oh to live in New York City. 'We know the species, the location, of every one of our trees in Manhattan. All 600,000 street trees; all two million trees in our parks,' says NYC parks commissioner.

In Mullumbimby there's no tree census; if it's in the way, chop it down. Even Sydney does better than our

supposedly green shire.

Last Wednesday I had the misfortune to be home for the day, the day when the great tree massacre occurred, lovely mature trees that had offered shade and sustenance to our wildlife for many years on the block of land between the council car park and Dinosaur preschool. The only reason the grand old fig was spared is that enough people took action to educate councillors about the important role it plays in the ecology and heritage of our town.

This scenario has been played out again and again over the last two years as trees make way for secondary dwellings. We need more housing, of course we do, but we also need to protect our environment. It's not an either/or situation. If we ignore this, we risk becoming a town of parking spaces and construction.

Time to follow the lead of NYC and create a tree census. Time to throw out the current token tree policy that fails to preserve and replant.

If you'd like to join us in lobbying Council on this, get in touch with Mullumbimby Residents Association at mullumra@gmail.com.

Christine McNeil
Mullumbimby Residents Association

Rental agreements

One of the problems I came across when living below the poverty line, looking for accommodation in this area, was that most homeowners didn't want to sign the rental agreement form so I could receive rent assistance. They were happy to welcome me into their home, but not when it meant letting Centrelink know they were getting help paying their mortgage.

But, what if the taxman gave homeowners a financial incentive to house those of us on a low income? We would have fewer homeless, fewer people living below the poverty line, more honesty, care and kindness within our community.

I was a homeowner once. I mortgaged my house four times to raise my kids above the poverty line. I know what it's like. The stress of a financial debt can be debilitating.

Ginette Flamia
South Golden Beach

Not listening

From most of what I hear and read (in *The Echo* as well) it seems that people don't really want to listen to (research) the likes of Julian Assange (WikiLeaks) and John Pilger and what they're trying to tell us. Most are still buying whatever the mainstreams of the left and right media are peddling. Are we too scared that if we change the channel (do some research) our world mightn't be the way they told us?

Paul Hamill
Bangalow

Common wealth

Cheers to Phillip Frazer for bringing the concept of Universal Basic Income or as he prefers SWAG (Social Wage All Guaranteed? if I may be permitted to complete his acronym) to the discourse of where we go from here (*Echo* articles, November 30).

As he says, it's not a new idea but it is an idea whose time is rapidly arriving. It is, if you will pardon the pun, beginning to gain a certain currency in Europe and North America.

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Countries where the effects of austerity, social policies and neoliberal economic policies have hit particularly sharply with devastating consequences over many years. Of course it has been austerity for the many and huge prosperity for the few.

We are seeing the political discontent fostered by these policies as people seek alternatives to the old norms. Policies also pursued to a greater or lesser degree by various governments over the last years in Australia with devastating effects in many areas. Witness the closure of the car industry, for example, the effects of which are yet to be felt.

Pilot programs have also been run or proposed in countries such as Kenya, Uganda and parts of India. A form of the idea was even proposed by Tom Paine during the American Revolution as he developed the notion of common wealth or agrarian justice.

In other words, the right of all citizens to have access to land or access to the products of the land as a natural right of humans to have the means to a reasonable subsistence. This translates in a contemporary context into the products of all technological advances in production both in agriculture and industry for the benefit of all.

The so-called 'commonwealth' has become 'private-wealth'. It needs to be returned to the commons if society is to survive at any level of decency and justice for all.

We all contribute to and create the monetary wealth one way or another via consumption taxes or income taxes. And equally importantly social wealth is created by the vast amount of unpaid work that is carried out in homes and communities.

Wealth needs to be distributed to all.

As traditional work patterns and access to the product of labour changes and slowly disappears, as outlined by Phillip Frazer, Universal Basic Income is a simple and elegant mechanism for achieving this.

Call it utopian but time will tell if it becomes an absolute necessity and we are to avoid a dystopia – a dystopia that has already arrived for many.

Roy Drew
Mullumbimby

■ **Letters about the proposed rates hike on page 21**

Waterlily Playscape gets a hand

Waterlily Community Playscape team are working towards creating a playscape in Waterlily Park, Ocean Shores for all ages and abilities. We would like to thank our local community for supporting our raffle to raise funds for Playscape pieces.

The raffle went well and we couldn't have done that without you and the generous, supportive businesses in this Shire.

A big thankyou to the Splendour in the Grass team, Food Culture O/S, Billinudgel Church Farm, Earth Bottles, Susi Sweeney, Sabi Sushi O/S, Sol Ghee Byron Bay, Bunnings Byron, Honey Flow, Milk Bar Café Bruns, Brookfarm and Paul from Pure Comfort for their love-



The new basket swing at the Playscape.

ly gifts and well wishes for a successful and fun project. We can't forget the hardworking Waterlily Playscape crew too. Well done, all!

Keep abreast of our progress on facebook.com/waterlilycommunity, or offer a helping hand at waterlilyplayscape.org. We'd love to have

you all on board to finally achieve the resurrection of this beautiful, natural, community space for all to enjoy.

Together we can achieve anything!

Tina Petroff
Waterlily Community
Playscape Inc
Ocean Shores

Precious water lost to leak

We moved into a new house six years ago and I'm proud of the fact that since then we have only used 247 kilolitres of water. Growing up in the desert and then living on a boat for some years has made me totally resources-aware.

A few weeks ago a local plumber knocked on my door and said he thought we may have a leak in our water service. Our service runs from the street to an easement along a driveway through a neighbour's property until it meets our property and then into our house.

After a bit of digging the leak was found and the piece of poly pipe with a small hole (see picture) was replaced. We still have no idea what created the puncture but the plumber speculated that it may have been a sharp rock underground.

The plumber suggested that I contact the council and ask for a variation on our water bill due to leakage. Imagine my chagrin when a letter arrived from the council stating that the amount of water lost was 253 kilolitres or 2.811 kilolitres per day at a cost of \$1,092.96. We had lost more



water than we had actually used in the past six years!

As the meter only gets read every three months, it's possible that water had been leaking for a very long time without our knowledge. What's more, I was pretty surprised to hear from the person at the council that we were not the only ones who would be getting a bill for water leaks and that ours was not even large in comparison.

As a conservationist, it hurts me to think that so much treated water is being lost without some kind of red flag alert going up. It is simply left to the customer to make these discoveries themselves.

I think the community

should be demanding there be some better system for alerts. Just because the owner has to pay for the lost water doesn't mean that the council or the water supplier shouldn't be concerned.

Treated water is too precious a commodity to just be allowed to run down the drain. From now on, I'll be turning off all the taps at my house and checking the meter at least once every couple of weeks. And unless you don't care if you receive a water bill for extra thousands of dollars from out of the blue, I would suggest you do too!

Merry Christmas!

Larry Larstead
Ocean Shores

Doctor home visits 'a central plank of Medicare'

The national body representing after-hours home doctors has released results of a new Galaxy survey which shows 79 per cent of Australians regard after-hours doctor home visits as a very important or extremely important part of Australia's Medicare system. The results come as the National Association for Medical Deputising (NAMDS) is

ramping up the campaign to protect home visits ahead of a government-sponsored Medicare Review consultation paper expected to target the service in December.

In a submission to the federal government's MBS review the Association says after-hours visits are a 'central plank' of Medicare and any cut to the service would be

fiercely resisted by the community.

NAMDS president Dr Spiro Doukakis said, 'We have the crazy situation where people are pushing to cut Round the Clock Medicare because service use has expanded into most Australian towns and cities, which means obviously more people are using the service.'

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Adani and the zombie jobs that just won't die

Eve Sinton

Australia is a nation on the move: 10,000 people are trudging towards the zombie jobs promised them in Queensland by Indian company Adani at its proposed Carmichael mine.

That job figure has our leaders falling over themselves to expedite approvals and throw one billion taxpayer dollars at Adani.

On December 6 Queensland premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, in the lead-up to a media gig in Townsville with boss Gautam Adani, was so excited she multiplied the promised jobs to 'tens of thousands' on ABC News 24.

There is a big, farting elephant in Ms Palaszczuk's office.

The 10,000 jobs are zombie jobs. They lurk year after year in Adani-generated publicity despite the true figure being 1,464. That's right, under 1,500 jobs according to Adani's own economic consultant, Jerome Fahrer of ACIL Allen Consulting, testifying in the Land Court of Queensland in January 2015.

The truth does not deter Adani, its acolytes and main-



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stream media from continuous repetition of the zombie figure 10,000.

'In dispute'

In the lead-up to the Tuesday Townsville announcement, a preview by the ABC's Leonie Mellor reported 10,000 jobs.

Having followed the issue for years, I was alarmed to see the fake figure emerge and emailed Ms Mellor, saying

the true figure is contained in the expert witness testimony of The Australia Institute, which can view here: <http://bit.ly/adanifig>.

I don't know if she read my email, but Mellor went to air that night saying 'the exact number of jobs is in dispute, but ranges between 1,500 and 4,000'.

Next day I almost choked as the 10,000 jobs were thrown up continuously by

the ABC as well as the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Huffington Post*, Murdoch mouthpieces like the *Courier Mail* and pretty much the entire mainstream media.

Quality of advice

The zombie jobs were heavily promoted by Queensland resources minister Anthony Lynham, LNP opposition leader Tim Nicholls, federal resources minister Matt Canavan, former federal mining minister and now Queensland Resources Council chief Ian Macfarlane, Townsville mayor Jenny Hill along with local port and business organisations, PM Malcolm Turnbull, deputy PM Barnaby Joyce, and of course, Adani Australia head Jeyakumar Janakaraj.

I was left wondering at the quality of advice politicians receive.

Surely someone has informed Ms Palaszczuk of the Land Court case and the actual figure of 1,464? Don't Turnbull, Joyce and co have

a team of public servants delivering frank and fearless advice?

The zombie jobs look even more shonky alongside the \$1 billion concessional loan being offered to subsidise Adani's proposed railway line from the mine to Abbot Point.

Independent Australia's mining correspondent Lachlan Barker told me the loan translates out as \$683,060 per job. 'Outrageous,' he said. 'If Adani and Palaszczuk are so concerned about jobs, they could employ 1,464 people to work on farms or on reef conservation at the minimum wage in Queensland for a fraction of that cost.'

Solar jobs

Meanwhile, freelance journalist Michael West points out: 'If that same \$1 billion of taxpayers' subsidy was to finance a solar project it would create 9,000 construction jobs.'

Stack the zombie jobs up against real jobs associated with the nearby Great Barrier Reef, estimated at around 70,000. Jobs already threatened by this year's death of a third of the reef owing to global warming.

Emissions from what will be the world's largest coal mine will markedly accelerate climate change. Dredging for the Abbot Point port and heavy shipping through the reef will create further pollution.

As the elephant in Palaszczuk's office farts again and turns white, keep in mind Adani's railway line is of incompatible gauge with Queensland's rail network, making it useless for any-

thing other than hauling coal wagons.

Adani has many problems between its coal dreaming and its hole in the ground.

Banks are steering clear of funding the \$22b project, which looks commercially unviable owing to structural decline in world coal prices.

India, destination of the coal and most of the profits, has large coal reserves of its own. India's PM wants coal imports phased out, and a future focus on renewables.

The Carmichael mine faces further legal challenges, including one from traditional owners determined to go to the High Court.

Farmers object to the government's gratuitous grant of unlimited free water to the miners, likely to deplete the Great Artesian Basin with colossal water extraction.

Blockades

Community groups such as Coast and Country and Lock the Gate have pledged to battle Adani on every front, including blockades on the ground if necessary.

What do our politicians, pushing so hard for Adani and Carmichael, expect to get for their efforts? The royalties and taxes are vastly overstated. There may be more junkets to India, fat political donations and cushy boardroom positions.

All on the back of the taxpayer dollar, environmental havoc and 10,000 zombie jobs.

■ Eve Sinton is a retired journalist and a Knitting Nanna Against Gas who wants to save the land, air and water for her four grandchildren and all the kiddies of the world.

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Top ten priorities for those experiencing DV

An Australian-first study led by the University of Western Australia has surveyed those who have experienced family and domestic violence to identify the top ten priorities for future research into one of the nation's most serious problems.

Professor Colleen Fisher, Head of UWA's School of Population Health, said family and domestic violence was defined as conduct that was violent, threatening, coercive, controlling or intended to cause the family or household member to be fearful.

It can include physical, verbal, emotional, sexual or psychological abuse, as well

as neglect or financial abuse.

'In 2015 there were almost 60,000 reported cases of assault relating to family and domestic violence in Australia,' Professor Fisher said.

The top ten priorities as detailed in the project report were law, courts and violence restraining orders; police; non-physical abuse; prevention and early intervention; impact on children; mental health issues/outcomes; service delivery; financial issues; intergenerational impact and outcomes in family and domestic violence; and perpetrators.

The Family and Domestic Violence Priority Setting

Partnership Project, involving researchers from UWA, Telethon Kids Institute, the WA Health Translation Network, Anglicare WA as well as two community members, aimed to help focus future research on the issues

The project recruited 150 people from around the state to complete an online survey to voice their concerns, issues and areas of importance for future research.

The themes identified were discussed and prioritised by 19 community members and service providers who attended a consensus workshop.

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Strange turns in flights of fancy

Story & image S Sorrensen

Larnook. Monday, 4.03pm

I'm flying over verdant fields where neat fences separate the millet from the corn, the cannabis from the sunflowers. I like neat. Neat is nice. The corn and sunflowers wave in my slipstream like a chorus line in a musical. Food and medicine for all. Nature is nice.

Tucking my left hand close to my chest, I bank left, my shadow flitting across a lush paddock where four cows look up, their tails flicking contentedly. My forelock doesn't flick, despite my speed.

The shadow distorts as it porpoises through the canopy of a dense forest adjacent to the cows and sunflowers. Wild things and blackbirds live there - yeah - in harmony with the neighbouring agriculture, preserving biodiversity. Oh, how deliciously sensible to nurture the complex system that produced us.

I raise two fingers to my forehead and give a heartfelt salute. What a wonderful world. Nature will always care for you.

Still smiling, I gain height (two arms extended) to crest a flat-topped mountain. Here and there, at the base of the cliffs that encircle the mountain, are small clearings with simple but elegant homes, built from local lumber and Bunnings bits, glinting solar panels. Cool. The yellow sun gives us life.

Children run out from a school next to a creek where no carp are and wave at me.



Hello S, they shout. I wave back. And then I point to the school, directing them back to their learning, because they will learn to use the native wit of their species to create a better world for all living things.

Go on, back to school, you young'uns, I say, expertly maintaining height and direction while gesticulating with one arm towards the school. And remember, I shout, stay away from social media.

I tuck my right arm to my chest, effecting a tight turn over the Cawongla Shoppe where old men sip layered lattes in glasses with low handles, and young women do line yoga in the sun.

The world is a gentle caring mother, looking after us, providing for us.

But... I hear a rumble. A disturbing sound, like danger. It's a growl. (Can't be nature; nature is nice.) It seems to be coming from Kyogle.

(Oh, that'd be right...)

I look under my left arm - the yogis and drinkers seem unperturbed. It was probably just wind (under my cape).

As I turn towards my Porches of Solitude under the nearby cliffs, a blinding flash of light to my left (definitely Kyogle) and a consequent boom sucks the air from around me, making me falter in my flight. Another flash, another boom, more faltering.

Suddenly, I'm freefalling through the crazy flashing and banging, spiralling down into a devil's disco of flash, flash! FLASH! bang, bang! BANG! Cows trample the fences, wild things trample the cows. The forest shakes, sending wave after wave of screeching blackbirds towards the school where the children run screaming into the creek, texting as they go.

I'm dropping like a meteor from Krypton, my cape a fu-

neral cloth around me. Gosh damn!

The ground is matted and moist. My cape clings to me like a wet sheet.

Wait... it is a wet sheet.

The room blinks, winks and flickers, sodden comic books lighting briefly and often. The floor vibrates with clapping thunder. The angry wind chucks bits of cordyline and ficus through the open window. And buckets of rain.

I shut the window. The shack shudders in the blinking storm like a drunken dancer in strobe-light. There's a crashing noise so close the hairs on my neck stand up and demand to check out. Fear frizzles up my spine.

Nature is a mean mother. It's not neat and nice.

It's a nightmare.

(I want to wake up.)

■ See more of S's work at Echonetdaily.net.au echo.net.au/here-and-now

Media team plans local focus for global film

Under The Sun Media, a team which says it has dozens of documentary films and 'literally hundreds' of live large-footprint high-population shows and broadcasts to their credit, plan to base operations locally. A documentary-drama film titled *Occupy Groundswell* as the feature of a touring show is due to commence production in early 2017.

'The film is based on studio and location footage captured throughout the global search by three diverse but intrinsically connected key characters who together progressively create a compelling and positive image for the future of humanity,' says Under the Sun Media.

'The outcomes of their adventures become the pages of this story and will form a



clear image for everyone of where our world is headed, and more so, what is truly possible for us. There will be the usual cast of hero, guides, experts, mentors, protagonists, and of course the proverbial antagonists.

'Once ready to hit the road, the film, live performance staging and multi-camera outside-broadcast forum-series production will kick off on a worldwide

tour here at the most easterly point of Australia's coastline in a format usually seen in a big-top circus tent with a circular centre main-stage, powerful sound and lighting rigs, satellite entertainment stages, and a multiple-big-screen projection system.

'In addition to the touring show the team has long-term plans to continue providing news and current affairs, drama and entertainment, and

an ongoing forum series via broadcast television and will also use the worldwide web as a delivery mechanism.

'The Under The Sun project will showcase what has been going on locally with sustainable business, encourage its growth, and bring this to the world stage. A lot of interest has already been generated around local media and creative hub development and there is plenty of scope for facilities to be developed.'

The *Occupy Groundswell* project has turned to crowd-funding. 'Traditional sources of development funding have shrunk, even for established filmmakers,' says the team, and '[we want] to involve the community in the process of making the film.'

Find out more at www.OccupyGroundswell.com.

Coastal Management Act 2016 FLAWED LAWS

Fisheries Management Amendment (Shark Management Trials) Act 2016

Five nets are currently being installed on local beaches: at Sharpes, Shelly and Lighthouse beaches near Ballina, Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head and Main Beach at Evans Head.

According to local NSW MP Tamara Smith, this law overrides *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

It was just rushed through by a former merchant banker turned premier, who is eager to use populism to deflect from his sociopathic community-destroying agenda.

Over there, Sharks!

Nets are the antithesis of a science-based approach and are unsupported by marine experts. Nets will no doubt catch sharks, just as they will other marine life. The Department of Primary Industries, in its own desktop-study Cardo review, found that shark spotting was the best method for shark mitigation. Yet this strategy is yet to have full government support and funding.

Shark nets give the illusion the water is safe rather than it actually being safe. Shark spotting has worked successfully in South Africa for years. The proven result of nets is marine collateral. Collateral for an ugly political point-scoring premier.

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Don't slug the residents – seek other revenue sources

■ While the state government continues to impose large, inappropriate, mega developments on our Shire via their Joint Regional Planning Panel, it's a bit rich to ask 14,000 ratepayers to pay further rate hikes to pay for the infrastructure and maintenance needed for two million visitors to the Shire.

Apart from spending many millions promoting tourism in the northern rivers, and Byron in particular, our state government contributes little financially for the infrastructure and maintenance needed for these hordes. The state government needs to urgently allocate some of the \$16 billion windfall from the sale of our electricity poles and wires to provide the services needed.

Instead of asking ratepayers to continue paying more, our council, and councillors, need to be giving a clear message to Sydney that unlimited growth in the Shire is unsustainable and we demand they make a decent financial contribution toward providing the services and infrastructure needed for the growth they have imposed on us.

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

■ I find it difficult to believe comments from the Byron GM in last week's paper when he stated 'the decision not to feature no special rate variation as an "option" reflects the commitment given to IPART and the Minister in Council's Improvement Plan (CIP) that Council would submit a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to increase its rates yield.'

If what he has stated is correct, why bother calling the no-rates increase an option on page 3 of the printed community survey and in the on-line survey if they had already given an undertaking to the government to increase the rates regardless of the result of the misleading community survey? How much did this sham community survey cost the ratepayers?

Might I ask the councillors why did the council not follow the conclusions and recommendations of the 2013 NSW government Treasury Corporation Sustainability Report on Byron Council which states unequivocally: 'Council has significant cash and investment reserves. The expenditure of part of these reserves would better enable asset renewal and maintenance.' I also note that T Corp

conclusions were based on the assumption that beyond 2013 rates and annual charges would only increase by between three per cent and 5.2 per cent per annum.

Jim Mangleson
Ocean Shores

■ Of course Ken Gainger is right, the status quo is not an option. Council needs more money to service the Shire's crumbling infrastructure but a small correction is needed. Contrary to attempts by Council to label them 'customers', ratepayers are Council's employers and Council's job is to work in their interests.

The easy way to raise more money is to hit the people whose only other alternative is to sell up and leave. To suggest there is no other way is untrue, downright lazy and certainly not in the interests of ratepayers.

There are a myriad ways those benefitting from the huge tourist trade, which uses and abuses our facilities, could fill the gap. For instance, an adjustment of the resident/business rate difference to something similar to everywhere else would help.

Also, when we look at the massive fees our local mega-festivals charge their traders, there's plenty of meat on that particular bone. However, Gainger is conveniently ignoring that, along with many other sensible suggestions, in favour of the easy way out.

Maybe someone should remind our employee he should devote a little more time to his actual job of working in the interests of ratepayers.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

■ We already pay some of the highest rates in the state! For Council to acquire these 'necessary' funds from home owners only, leaving the tourism sector untouched, is a bitter pill to swallow.

Here's an idea. Council's top proposed rate increase should yield \$28 million over four years; that's \$7 million per year. It says on Council's website there are approx 900 (!) holiday lets in our Shire; add in all the Airbnbs and let's say that makes 1,000. Divide the \$7m by the 1,000 and that's \$7,000 per year. Impose this as a new tourism levy. Problem solved.

I recently came across a local holiday rental home 'income schedule'. It makes for interesting reading. They pay rates like everyone else,

as well as cleaning fees, advertising, insurance, garden maintenance and a booking agent's commission. The booking agent's commission was \$7,000 a year. After all these overheads, the holiday rental property's nett profit was almost \$50,000pa, and that was at only 50 per cent occupancy.

If they can pay \$7K a year to the booking agent, surely \$7K to Council is a fair tax for operating a business that benefits only them, destroys our neighbourhoods, increases property prices and kills the rental market!

If holiday-let owners decide not to pay the levy, then they could rent to locals on regular leases (6-12mths) and bingo, Byron's critical shortage of rental properties is also solved. Either way it's a win-win!

Samuel Pring
Byron Bay

■ Thanks to the valuer-general's increased valuations, rates have increased substantially across the Shire.

Eight years ago the mayor and deputy mayor assured us that the finances were sound. They both expressed confidence in the management of the finances. The current GM tells us that the position has improved since then, so where is the problem?

The survey on rate hikes hides the fourth choice – no rate hikes.

If a business is failing, would you invest more money in the same mismanagement? Why should we?

To be sustainable, Council must learn to live within its

means, just like everyone else. Too many highly paid managers, not enough road workers on Council staff.

Ephraim Sella
Byron Bay

■ Over the last few weeks Byron Labor has called for residents across the shire to let our local councillors know that we do not support a 60 per cent increase to our rates.

It was strange to read in *The Echo* this week a response to that call from Council's general manager. Given the importance of this issue to local residents and the political nature of the conversation, I would have thought it more appropriate for our recently re-elected mayor to respond from Council's perspective, rather than a staff member.

The general manager's response has demonstrated the narrow and lazy policy response to our crumbling infrastructure.

We acknowledge that, as argued by the general manager, there is a difference between a 'special rate variation' and a 'special rate' for businesses. But why not do both, as Byron Labor has proposed? Increase the overall pool of rate income through a 'special rate variation' but then ensure that the burden of increased rates falls onto businesses who benefit from tourism, rather than residents, through an increased 'special rate'.

Also, increasing the number of business ratepayers by including holiday lets, AirBnB and other short-term rentals would increase our revenue, a de facto bed tax. Additional

revenue could be gained from increasing parking fees at popular tourist locations like Main Beach and Wategos.

For those concerned about local businesses being squeezed, Council could consider a local small business rate rebate to protect and encourage locally owned and

run small businesses. Let's get smart about how to fix our infrastructure problems, not jump to a short-term, simplistic answer that will hit low-income residents the hardest.

Asren Pugh
Acting Secretary,
Byron Labor

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Only days after Magnus Carlsen retained his World Championship title in New York, on the other side of the US an even more amazing feat was being achieved. In Las Vegas, Uzbek/US Grandmaster Timur Gareyev broke the toughest world record in chess by completing 48 games simultaneously blindfolded and scoring above 80 per cent.

Playing multiple games without sight of the pieces is a facility most top players possess, though the skill is usually regarded as a party trick and in Australia used mostly at schools and shopping centre exhibitions.

However, the battle for the record number of boards was the subject of fierce competition in the first part of the 20th century, particularly between World Champion Alexander Alekhine and Belgium's George Koltanowski, who established a record of 34 in 1937.

Ten years later, Miguel Najdorf, stranded in Argentina by World War II, tried to get word to his family back in Poland that he was alive by playing 45 boards simultaneously, news which he hoped would go around the world. (The plan failed; his entire family had been killed in the Holocaust.)

Najdorf's record seemed impossible to challenge but in 2011 a little-known German FIDE Master Marc Lang capped years of preparation by playing 46 games simultaneously blindfolded, with new techniques such as using the opponents' voices as board identifiers.

In the meantime Gareyev, who had been travelling around the US playing exhibitions, decided that he wanted Lang's record. His exhibition in Vegas was far from obstacle-free, with a fire alarm disrupting the event for half an hour – to no apparent ill-effect in concentration – and an opponent demanding a search after five hours in the belief that Gareyev was cheating. Finally, having started at 8.30am on Saturday morning and finished at 3.40am on Sunday, Gareyev scored 35 wins, seven draws and six losses.

A note was waiting from Lang, now retired from the blindfold game: 'Congratulations on beating my World Record – or better, blowing it up. I'm pretty sure that this time it will last much longer. Best, Marc.'

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Thanks to *The Echo*, we have \$3,000 to give away in vouchers to local shoppers to spend at local participating stores. Last year, we had more than 10,000 entries from local shoppers and this year we anticipate even more. In keeping with the strong values of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, this campaign is about stimulating the local economy, bringing the community together, and building a supportive and sustainable Mullumbimby.

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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- Madeline** – Liberty
- Julie Barnes** – Stewart's Menswear
- Amanda** – Instyle



Vice President Gerard Walker with Shop Local winners

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1. Simply spend \$20 or more at a participating store and you will receive an entry form.
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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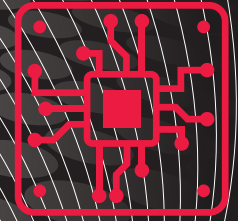
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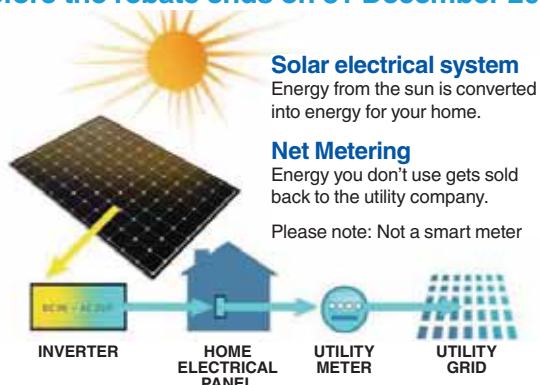
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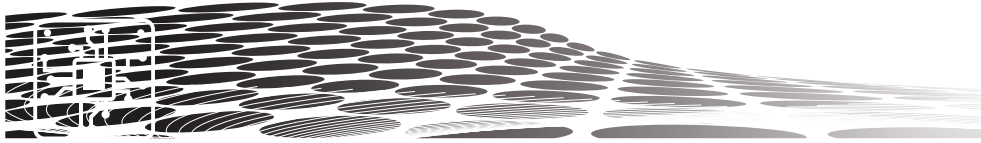
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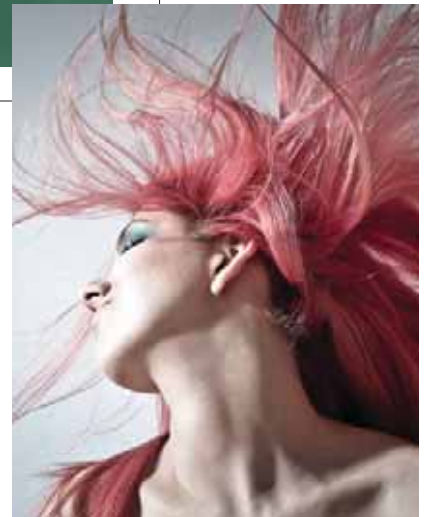
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Torakina Park, Brunswick Head

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Wed 21st Dec | 10am-11:30am
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Fun family experience! All ages welcome!

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Human Mandala
Wed 21st Dec | 6pm-7:15pm
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INVITATION TO FREE YOGA EVENT

Join Rainbow Yoga founders Gopala and Angel Yaffa for social yoga for all ages in the Byron Shire this month. Bring your yoga mat and water for these FREE events:

Friday 16 December 2016. 10am-11.30am Family Yoga.

Come and stretch farther than you can on your own and balance in ways that you can only do together in this fun family experience! Parents, kids, grandparents of all ages welcome!

Torakina Park (Just behind the beach), Brunswick Heads, Wednesday 21 December 10am-11.30am Family Yoga and between 6pm-7.15pm Sunset Human Mandala.

Tantric circles that weave people together! Come off your individual yoga mat and explore your connection to friends and strangers in the yoga circle.

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BOOK: THE PERFECT GIFT

Come and discover **Bookworms & Papermites**, an awesome little bookshop in the heart of Bangalow. Here are a few of our recommendations for Christmas 2016 from the **Bookworms & Papermites** team:

YOU WILL NOT HAVE MY HATE: Antoine Leiris lost his wife in the Paris bombings last year. Three days later, Antoine wrote an open letter on Facebook to his wife's killers. He refused to be cowed or to let his 17-month-old son's life be defined by their acts. 'For as long as he lives, this little boy will insult you with his happiness and freedom'. That short post caught fire instantly and was shared thousands of times around the world.

THE BEST OF ADAM SHARP: Graeme Simsion (*The Rosie Project*) once again amuses us with his quirky

relationships. Adam and Angelina meet in their twenties when Adam, an IT consultant, is completing a contract in Melbourne. After a euphoric three months the relationship ends, rather inconclusively! Two decades later Adam, loyal partner, music trivia expert and part-time piano player gets an email from Angelina: Hi!

THE DRY: An Australian murder mystery by Jane Harper. 'One of the most stunning debuts I've ever read. I could feel the searing heat of the Australian setting. Every word is near perfect. The story builds like a wave seeking the purchase of earth before it crashes down and wipes out everything you might have thought about this enthralling tale' (David Baldacci).

LUIGI'S FREEDOM RIDE: written by a Byron Shire local, Alan Murray, this is a story about love, hope and bicycles. A young Englishman passing through a village in Tuscany gives Luigi his first bicycle in the 1920s. When WWII descends on Italy he enlists with the Italian Army Cycling Corps and finds himself fighting with the Partisans. Despite much sorrow his zest for life is undiminished and, travelling the world post-war on his bicycle brings him to a new home – Australia. A thoroughly enjoyable read!

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LUIGI'S FREEDOM RIDE

Alan Murray

A wholly charming, sweetly funny story of one young good-hearted Italian man. It's about life, bicycles, the joy of the journey and the simple beauty of a life well-lived.

YOU WILL NOT HAVE MY HATE

Antoine Leiris

This is the rare and unforgettable testimony of a survivor, and a universal message of hope and resilience.

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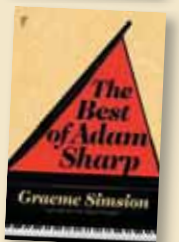
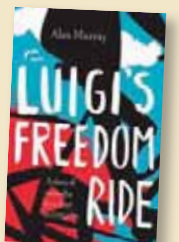
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Come in and visit the Polli girls: Sharon, Tanya and Rose Poles – they offer exceptional service and friendly advice. They love helping their customers find the perfect outfit or that special gift – especially at Christmas!

The store has a wonderful Wish List – a gift register of sorts that allows your loved ones to find you the perfect Christmas gift – and you still get a surprise.

Gift vouchers are also available for those who can be tricky to buy for. They've got it all covered at Little Polli & the Blackbird.

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NOEL HART

Long-time resident and international artist Noel Hart will have new opening hours in his gallery and studio over the holiday season.

Located in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate at the entrance to town, the gallery shows his most recent glass sculpture.

Looking at his current work, it's pretty clear that Noel is passionate about two things: biodiversity and extinction... and using the colour sequences that occur in the plumage of parrot species as a symbol in his abstracted blown-glass works.

'I have studied the range of colours in the way that parrots see them, which is mostly in the ultraviolet spectrum – unlike our own sight which is mostly in the infrared spectrum,' he explains. 'I also have an interest in the way the parrots' colours are reproduced in magazines and books, and how they are often quite different from how they look to our eyes in our reality.'

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Maria Malta came to Australia in 1989 from a retailing family in Brazil and built a thriving business. She will give away the store and all its fixtures, worth more than \$100,000, including lighting and two air-conditioners, FREE to anyone willing to take over her lease at the end of January. Maria is grateful to the many thousands of customers and wonderful staff who supported her through these decades. They will be missed!

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BRUNSWICK HEADS CREATIVES AT THE HALL

This is THE not-to-be-missed indoor artisan market for 2016 – just one week before Christmas on Saturday 17 December, from 8.30am until 4pm, Creatives at the Hall is a great opportunity for a browse of artisans' work in a relaxed environment in beautiful Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall in Fingal St.

Expect a great vibe, with an extensive and unique range of high-end products to choose from, including unusual jewellery, screenprinted homewares and t-shirts, men's clothing and organic grooming products, silk and linen clothing, lighting, paper goods, skincare products, homewares, incredible ceramics, glass beads, handcrafted glass Christmas ornaments, recycled baskets, records, handbags and toys...

Healthy and yummy food is on the menu too, with several of our local foodie types whipping up some delicious treats for you to eat and drink. Henna Harem will be there too, as well as Sarah and Lucy providing amazing Tarot readings. Live music too. See you there!

No matter what the weather, mark this indoor event in your diary now for Saturday 17 December 8.30-4pm

THE NEW BRIGHTON & MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKETS

The New Brighton and Mullumbimby Farmers Markets have everything you need for a feast of local food this Christmas. For the conscious carnivore, there are ethically and sustainably raised local meats, including free-range pork and nitrate-free ham, and free-range pasture-raised chicken (Mullum only), as well as fresh local seafood and oysters. For Christmas nibbles, try delicious local cheeses, raw crackers, olives, and tasty dips. There are plenty of super-fresh and tasty seasonal vegetables for your Christmas salads, and sweet and juicy summer fruits including apricots, blueberries, passionfruit, bananas, peaches, papaya, and melons. Put together a hamper of local gourmet goodies for your foodie friends, and instead of sticking lollies in the kids' stockings, how about one of Rainbow Fruit Flats' 100 per cent dried fruit rainbows? We'll also have a visit from Santa at the markets next week – so bring the kids and join in the festivities.

New Brighton Farmers Christmas market, Tuesday 20 December, 8am-11am. Mullumbimby Farmers Christmas market, Friday 23 December, 7am-11am.

NEWRYBAR MAKERS MARKET

The elves have been busy and are bringing you a tasty selection of handcrafted goodies direct from the creative hub that is the north coast.

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SOULIFE

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If you haven't yet discovered this eclectic jewel on Jonson St, get down to the Woolies Plaza and be amazed. Owner Clinton Hart has been curating a sophisticated range of esoteric books at Soulife for the last 25 years and believes it to be now one of the best collections in Australia, including rare and out-of-print titles.

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BYRON FESTIVAL OF DESIGN

The creative community of Byron Bay will be heading to the Byron YAC this Saturday 17th – celebrating the launch of The Byron Bay Festival of Design.

This exciting new festival celebrates the best of upcoming local designer brands, musicians and food creatives. The full-day free event will greet festival-goers with an 8am kick-off, introducing local designers, live music to jam along to, not to mention various food trucks. Fill the hungry tummies with goodness, peruse and enjoy Byron's creative talent until 7pm.

The organisers say, 'We had a vision to create a nurturing space to encourage young, emerging designers to not only sell their work but to connect with their community in a fun, exciting and inspiring environment. There will also be live music, delicious food and activities such as festival makeup and hair. Come and join our festival!'

More info: byronbayfestivalofdesign.com.au

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So from all at Byron Community College, a very happy and safe festive season full of love, laughter and fun.

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Kamon's eyebrow shaping is famous locally and abroad; her attention to detail leaves you looking and feeling your absolute best. Kamon also provides the ultimate treatment in manicures and pedicures, and her application of Shellac and Bio Sculpture is of an outstanding quality. Kamon's gentle touch and serene nature will have you floating until your next visit.

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Browse the amazing art, explore gorgeous ornaments and trinkets, search for beautiful homewares and pot-plants. Be dazzled by lamps and lights – flowing dresses – and more! Special gift packs are arriving every day.

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Champagne Lane is the exclusive stockist of the stylish, but super comfortable, Talia Benson range of ready-to-wear linen fashions – perfect for a Christmas goddess.

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MULLUM'S FIRST HAPPY HOUR NOW AT THE EMPIRE!

Are you fed up with driving to Byron to enjoy a decent happy hour? We've got your back! From Friday 9 December we will bring the Happiest Hour to Mullum! Every Friday and Saturday 5-6pm you can enjoy great drinks - Frozen Margaritas or our Cocktail of the Week for \$10, Stone & Wood beers and selected wines for \$6 - and selected burgers, nachos and poutine for just \$10!

More Mexican bites will be added to the menu soon to provide a perfect match to our weekly cocktails (think Ink Gin etc).

Bring your friends and/or family and enjoy the cozy atmosphere at Mullum's iconic Café & Deluxe Burger Bar - so hot right now!

The Empire, 20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby, 6684 2306

Mon, Tue closed / Wed, Thu 10-4 / Friday 10-9 / Sat 9-9, Sun 9-3. We are closed for holidays over 25/12/16-3/1/7. CLOSED FROM 3PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE! Merry Christmas to you all!



PEGASUS PARK

Time to giddy up! Join the experienced team at Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre for a ride along isolated Seven Mile Beach. Live the dream in this breathtaking and pristine setting, riding a beautiful horse while watching eagles soar and dolphins play. Or you might choose a trail ride along Byron Creek where platypus live then up onto a hill with wonderful views. Or, why not both? We can offer you a great package deal. Gift vouchers are also available. What a wonderful experience to give as a Christmas gift. Pegasus Park offers private or group beach ride / trail ride lessons and more. Why not stay - 1-bedroom self-contained cabin also available? (Children from 2yrs up catered for by appointment only.)

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20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby





GINGER NECKTAR

In February next year Ginger Necktar Drink Company celebrates 20 years of making the drinks that you love to drink. From humble beginnings in Lois's kitchen up in the hills at Rosebank, Ginger Necktar is still a handmade live drink that is created from cold-pressed raw ginger juice, freshly squeezed lemons, raw unprocessed honey and Grander energised rainwater.

The team at Ginger Necktar are passionate about offering their customers a range of drinks that have not been subjected to processes that destroy or deplete their nutritional value.

If you have not tried one of their drinks (Ginger Necktar, Ginger Cranberry Necktar or, for the ginger lovers, Ginger BLAST) then go and try one today.

Then you will know why customers LOVE to drink the drink that they LOVE to make!

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BEACH BYRON BAY

Beach Byron Bay celebrates the best of beach dining with a passion for great food, seasonality and a relaxed atmosphere.

Set high on the dunes of Clarkes Beach overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Beach is the only restaurant in Byron Bay that enjoys an absolute beachfront position. The restaurant operates daily for breakfast, lunch and sunset dinners, seven days a week. Also available is a takeaway kiosk designed for food, cold drinks and coffee on the go or beachside picnics.

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In 2017 Byron Bay Bamboo will move to an internet and phone sales business only.

Please visit the website and also check out Facebook for updates on products and plants.

Kaye and Guelfo would like to thank all their customers and suppliers for their support over the last dozen years.

They would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

www.byronbamboo.com.au

BRUNSWICK FISH BAR — CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Brunswick Fish Bar thought they would kick off summer by having some Christmas presents to win.

What better way to enjoy your day: Cool off in the salty ocean then have the chance to win a Hand Shaped Surf Board valued at \$850 from Therapy Surfboards.

They also have personal training sessions from Transform Fitness and gift vouchers from Brunswick Surf.

To enter, all you have to do is call in to The Brunswick Heads Fish Bar and try their magnificent burgers. They have Moroccan Lamb & Tzaki, Pesto Chicken & Brie, and dare to be different: try their Wong Burger. (minimum purchase \$30 to go into the draw).

Straight across the road from the Brunswick River, enjoy the awesome atmosphere and the relaxed feel that is Brunswick Heads.

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MARR-KETT

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The shop is a celebration of global art, craft and colour. New deliveries arrive monthly from Morocco where the team source and store their finds in a riad in Marrakech resulting in an ever-evolving sea of colour and pattern across the famous 'rug wall'.

Marr-Kett offers a friendly service and are happy to help with advice on interiors to gift ideas. There is customer parking to the rear for added convenience. The newly rebuilt website will be live in January.

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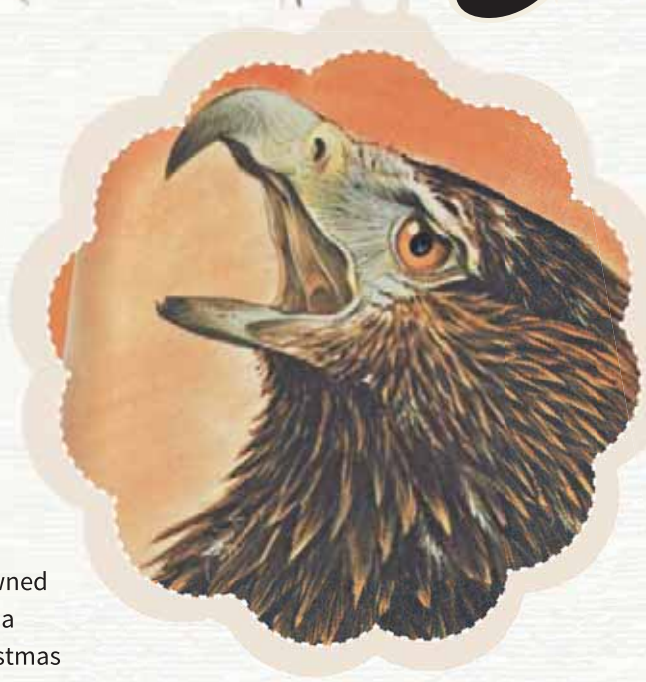


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BYRON BAY BEACH HOTEL

are holding a locals' Christmas party. It will be fun for the whole family with food samples, drink specials and lots of fun for the kids. There will be free face painting, arts and crafts and elves. Stone & Wood have donated a keg, all proceeds from which will go to the YAC! See you there from 3pm!

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DECEMBER HAS ARRIVED

and for many of us this marks the start of Christmas. At Byron Designworks we have a lovely array of decorative items and Christmas trees. LED lighting plays a large part in what we have on offer this season, which mean that lights used for Christmas are also suitable for other events throughout the year. Whatever you require we have a lovely range of different items to sparkle and glitter. There are also lots of gift ideas, whether for someone special or for 'secret Santa'.

We are taking our final deliveries of daybeds over the next few days. Offering some locally made from Australian hardwoods, and teak ones imported from our supplier in Java, there is a diverse range of daybeds for you to choose from. A selection from our vast array of beautiful cushions will finish your daybed off perfectly.

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ADVENT

Christians call the period before Christmas the time of Advent, a season of expectation and preparation, as the church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation and human body, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. We are directed towards Christ's birth and challenged by the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgment. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' - 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16:22). In a warm Australian environment, the natural symbols of darkness and light are important and the tradition of Midnight Mass at Christmas draws many to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the 'light [who] shines in the darkness' (John 1:5).

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Living deliberately

Story and photos by Matthew Michaelis



HEAD CHEF: KAHLIL PARAZZO, CREATING AN INSPIRED MENU. FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE PLATED CREATIVELY. CHEF SEBASTIAN BALTRA IS AN EXPERIENCED AND SENSITIVE COOK.

What do you get when you cross The Poinciana, Harvest, and The Bruns Pub?

Apart from some sniggering, you'll get the usual resistance to change along with those genuine folk who were casualties of teething at the beginning of this new endeavour.

Regardless of how it's panning out, we now have another eccentric and multifaceted experience to enjoy on our doorstep – The Poinciana (3.0).

To understand the vision new owner Monique Emilio has for this space, you'll need to empty your thoughts of old Poinciana Café memories. Now, take a deep breath. Are you sitting calmly?

To some, this is how you have to start a conversation about their old haunt. You'll hear, 'but we tried it and...,' or 'I heard they're getting rid of the tree!' or 'it's so pretentious – I just want to order a hamburger'. Rest easy, nobody is touching the tree; its roots are old, but they're not going anywhere.

Endowed with a legacy from Mon's mother who has died, the tree is adorned with optical fibres 'to bring the tree light', Mon told me. The fairy-lit Poinciana is an icon and now a tribute to Monique's 'free-spirited mother'. Yep, there are no toasties or burgers served here; Mullum has other eateries that already cater to these cravings.

You see, the notion that an iconic place such as the Poinciana is there for the locals is true only in that locals need to like what the place is doing – not what the place isn't doing. After all, new customers don't have history; therefore you either move forward or miss out on new possibilities.

Because nothing is, everything appears to be.

'I live my life deliberately,' Mon tells me.



POINCIANA OWNER MONIQUE EMILIO IS DEVOTED TO LIVING HER LIFE DELIBERATELY. THE CLEVER NEW WATER TANK FENCE IS PRACTICAL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND

'That's to say I'm responsible for everything I initiate and bring into my life. The Poinciana has always felt to me like it has a female energy and now it has a strong woman directing it. I feel comfortable with where the Poinciana will go from here.

I grew up in a large hippy community, so sharing food and entertainment is what I love and know. In keeping with this, we created a sharing menu and a list of what people love,' Mon said. A casual courtyard by day and a beer garden by night – check. A kitchen with experienced chefs – check. No plastic, ethical sourcing, cold beer on tap, organic wine, vegan options, talented musicians, free filtered and spritzig water. 'The list gets longer as suggestions roll in,' Mon added.

It certainly has a lot to offer: family-friendly alfresco dining and, considering the quality, has a well-priced menu that's finding its feet with the punter. There's uplifting entertainment in an airy setting. From 8am, seven days it's a coffee house serving a nice breakfast and lunch menu. The bar opens all day and is a relaxed evening setting in the latter part of the week. Add ex-Harvest head chef Kahlil Palazzos's new menu and the joint should be jumping (like the crickets just before they're served on his slow-cooked pork belly).

Kahlil tells me he was mostly inspired by his 'hippy' parents while travelling extensively

throughout the world. He's truly had a grassroots education provided by some of the best culinary masters in Australia. His time working in the Rockpool, Paramount, Hugo's, Tetsuya's, Jimmy Liks, Balzac, Pier, Quay and Pilu (to name a lot), has put him in very good culinary shape. With roots down in the hinterland, he worked at the reputable Harvest Café in Newrybar. Now passionate about farm to table, Kahlil appears to draw inspiration from locally sourced produce, promoting farmers with ethical and sustainable practices.

Off the menu there's a selection of interesting dishes designed for sharing. Heavier dishes, such as prime slow-cooked rib-eye for a comparatively small \$28 pricing, top the menu. A generous serving of Yacutan roast chicken comes to table for \$24 – I know, right? So, like any good beergarden you'll find a happy hour, beer and drinks and good live local music. The Poinciana is shaping up to be an argument for staying in Mullum or driving back into town when in the past you'd have to hold hands to contact the living past 8pm.

So, co-creating The Poinciana into a destination appears to be a credo rather than a cold-hearted business plan. Could this place be the social hub of Mullum? The jewel in the crown? We'll just have to find out, won't we?

Spacey ice-cream

Story by Vivienne Pearson



How cold do you like your ice-cream? How about -196 degrees Celsius?

The use of liquid nitrogen in food and drink, a growing trend overseas, has inspired Space Bars Ice Creamery to create ice-cream by freezing it before your eyes. That is, if your eyes can see through the spacey and delightfully mesmerising cloud of vapour that results when the liquid nitrogen 'boils' once it is released into the air.

The co-creators of Space Bars are business partners Jahli Eves and Kash Crabbe. They have managed to combine their shared interests (ice-cream and science) into a business that has just ticked over a year in operation after a long development phase. 'We did so many recipe trials!' laughs Jahli.

Space Bars also meets Jahli and Kash's shared philosophy of ethical and sustainable consciousness. This is expressed in several ways: their ice-cream is vegan; they use biodegradable cutlery and packaging; and they donate twenty per cent of all profits to local causes, such as the animal sanctuary Sugarshine Farm.

It turns out that the liquid nitrogen method of cooling is perfect for vegan ice-cream. Coconut milk, the major ingredient in vegan ice-cream, is less naturally 'creamy' than cow milk. Liquid nitrogen cooling produces much smaller ice crystals than traditional freezing, meaning that the final product is smoother and creamier.

How it works is that Jahli and Kash make the ice-cream base the day before. Then, when you order, your selected flavouring is added to the base in a kitchen mixer.

The theatre begins when the liquid nitrogen is poured on top. It is super fun to watch!

But is it dangerous? You would be forgiven for thinking so, given that liquid nitrogen is used for things such as cryogenics and cooling superconductors but, when handled safely, it is not. Momentary contact with small amounts of the liquid does not result in burning, thanks to an insulating layer of gas that instantly forms when the liquid comes into contact with something as warm as skin. 'We do not use gloves or face shields as the nitrogen will only burn when it is trapped,' explains Jahli.

The two have done a lot of research and received training from the company that supplies the liquid. 'We're definitely the only people whom they service for food use,' Jahli says. 'A driver came to an event to try our ice-cream as he was so curious!' she adds.

If you are also curious, despite the above assurances that it is safe, please do not try using liquid nitrogen to make ice-cream at home! Instead, check out one of the markets and events that serve up spacey ice-cream.

Space Bars' next local appearances will be the Mullum Mama and Me Market (17 December), then the Food Truck event at Byron's YAC (23 December). www.spacebars.com.au



The 6 Tastes

Story by Vivienne Pearson

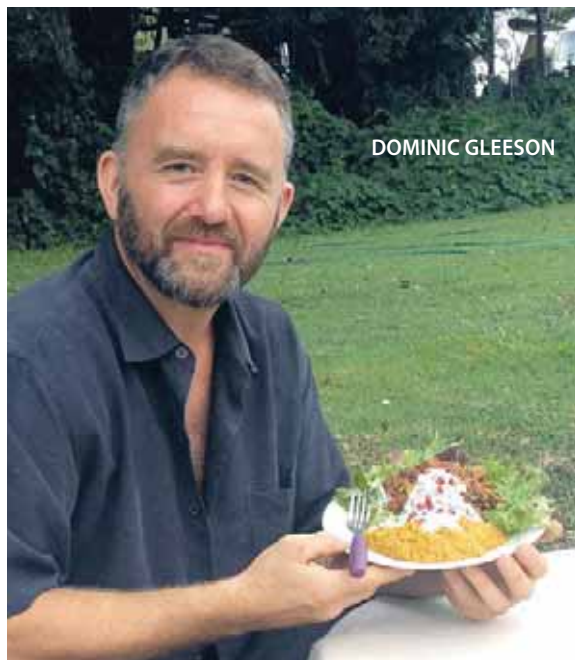


Ayurveda is a hard word to spell, but learning its etymology (the origin of words) has helped me find the right keys to strike. Ayu is from the Sanskrit word for life, and veda loosely translates as knowledge. The two are joined with an r to form Ayurveda – commonly referred to as the ‘science of healthy living’.

My linguistics lesson comes from Dominic Gleeson, a man who lives a peaceful existence in Ewingsdale, complete with a view of the lighthouse from his garden, and studies Ayurveda in Byron Bay.

‘What does this have to do with food?’ I hear you cry. Ayurveda has everything to do with the plate of food I taste as we talk. Over a base of leafy greens, a pakora packed with vegetables and spices shares the plate with a warming dhal, a cooling yogurt with mint and cucumber, all topped with sweet pomegranate seeds. The dish is a delight of tastes, with so many spices that I stop taking notes after cumin, ajwain, turmeric, ginger, garlic, garam masala and chili.

This is the dish that Dominic serves at his market stall that he calls The 6 Tastes. The name comes from the food element of Ayurveda. The first three tastes are those we are perhaps most familiar with: sweet, sour and salty.



DOMINIC GLEESON

The other three are those that western diets tend to dismiss: pungent, bitter and astringent.

For good health, these tastes need to be balanced, a message that Dominic is keen to share. ‘I want to teach people as best I can that the right combination of foods and tastes lead to optimal digestion and absorption, leading to longevity,’ he says. Refreshingly, Ayurveda does not consider longevity just in terms of number of years. ‘It’s about having a long and healthy life,’ Dominic stresses.

Dominic came to Ayurveda via naturopathy after realising that his lifestyle as a successful DJ in the UK was, in his words: ‘not doing me any favours’.

He changed his lifestyle, partly inspired by becoming a father, in order to give himself a better life. ‘My granny died at age 102 and was healthy until she had a fall, so it’s in my genes,’ he says.

Dominic started The 6 Tastes two months ago. ‘I had an idea for a restaurant but didn’t want to run before I could walk,’ he says. The market stall has been a hit with punters. ‘People know what’s good for them,’ he says of his growing loyal following. He has mainly been working Gold Coast markets but sources much of his produce locally near his Ewingsdale home, including salad greens from The Farm.

There is a whole lot more to the food side of Ayurveda than I have mentioned here. If you are interested, feel free to seek out Dominic (while enjoying his English accent) at one of his local events coming up. My knowledge of Ayurveda may still be rudimentary, but my fingers type out the letters with growing ease.

Try a 6 Tastes meal on 23 December (Red Devil Park, Suffolk Park, 3–9pm) and New Years Day (Mullumbimby Leagues Club, 3–9pm). www.bewellhealthy.com



THE NEW CREW. CARMEN AND NEW FATHER FC HAVE TAKEN OVER SUCCULENT CAFE IN BYRON. CHEF JUPIL IS IN THE CENTRE

Fresh new Succulent crew

These days when a restaurant changes hands in Byron, there’s often a crew of PR/social-media managers, interior designers and menu consultants in the background, so it’s refreshing to see Carmen and FC doing all the work themselves after taking over Succulent Café in Byron Street, Byron.

Carmen, who ran a wine and cigar bar in Beijing, met FC while doing her Master of Business at Griffith Uni. The two are schoolmates and business partners; as if starting a restaurant isn’t demanding enough, FC has recently become a father for the first time – luckily for FC and his wife, his family has come to Australia to support them.

Succulent’s location is off the main drag, near Byron Quarter and Centrelink, but it’s built a reputation for daytime trade under previous owner Patrick. While retaining the western breakfast menu, the new direction is to add northeast Asian lunch and dinner. Visiting early in the morning, I tried an Asian twist on Eggs Benedict, a completely satisfying and bread-free alternative made deliciously with Japanese sushi rice.

Western-fused northeast Asian cuisine.

Succulent aims to meet the demand for healthy Asian food in Byron: no MSG, free-range chicken/eggs, organic ingredients. Gluten-free, vegetarian and even vegan options are available.

Experienced chef Jupil, who has come to Byron from the Melbourne Korean restaurant scene, is Korean, but can make the whole range of northeast Asian styles, so expect a ‘change up’ with the menu becoming even more interesting.



Weekdays 11.30am–2.30pm there is a \$10–14 lunch special menu featuring such ‘safe’ dishes as dumpling (made inhouse by chef Jupil and the team), traditional Udon noodle, Donburi (Japanese dish of rice topped with salad) and Teriyaki chicken wrap. But there are more adventurous dishes for dinner such as the Signature sizzling plate (stir-fried vegetables with choice of meat served on an iron plate), and some new fish dishes on the menu! The liquor licence is expected shortly for dinner (Mon–Sun 5.30–9pm; it’s BYO for the moment).

One sure-fire winner is Japanese Karaage Chicken (chef Jupil also makes Korean style), comprising crunchy deep-fried pieces of marinated free-range chicken, a sort of Korean KFC (but better) that tastes particularly good with beer.

Kids may never want to eat takeaway chicken again once they have tried the half-chicken and chips (wouldn’t that be a shame) or the lollypop-shaped crumbed octopus called Takoyaki pops.

Like many who come to the area, Carmen was a regular visitor to Byron before falling in love with the place and making the opportunity to open a business here. If you like northeast Asian cuisine, try the new Succulent Café on these warm summer days and nights. 3/8 Byron St, Byron Bay. Takeaway/private functions available. BYO. Open for breakfast Tue–Sun, lunch and dinner Mon–Sun (see above). Ph 6685 5711.

Comedy picnic in the park

If you like having fun summer picnics with the kids during this ideal summer weather, you might get a few laughs by setting up your blanket in the Railway Park this Saturday night. The Byron Artisan markets are hosting Comedy in the Park from 4–9pm, with the actual comics starting at 6.30pm.

For the truly lazy, like myself, a bonus is that you don’t have to prepare the picnic in advance, you can just buy something from the food stalls, and let the kids play on the playground or in the trees. And, there’s no need to worry whether any ‘adult’ humour will waft over their heads, the comedians are mindful that there will be kids around.

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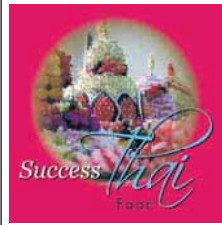
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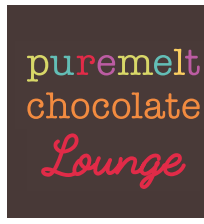


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Property insider

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) says that in the September quarter of 2016, housing affordability in Australia declined marginally.

It also showed that the proportion of the median family income required to meet average monthly loan repayments had increased to 29.5 per cent from 29.4 per cent in the previous quarter.

REIA president Malcolm Gunning said: 'The latest Adelaide Bank/ REIA Housing Affordability Report shows that while the proportion of the median family income required to meet average monthly loan repayments increased by 0.1 percentage points, it is still at the lower end over the last seven years.'

'Unfortunately, historically low interest rates were unable to offset the increasing size of mortgages, resulting in the rise in the proportion of the median family income required to meet average monthly loan repayments. 'Over the September quarter, affordability improved

in Victoria, South Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. 'New South Wales remained the least affordable state or territory for home buyers. Tasmania had the smallest average loan size while the proportion of first-home buyers on the owner-occupier market was the largest in Western Australia.

Bank Bashing is Easy but...

From **Russell Shaw** at **Acceptance Finance**.

Interestingly, you may have seen announcements by a number of Australian banks over the last few days advising they've lifted interest rates on their investment (or interest-only) loans. This comes after many banks increased their fixed home loan rates in the past few weeks. While bank bashing is easy, we know there has been an increase in the cost of fixed-rate funds in the wholesale funding

markets. Have we seen the bottom of the interest-rate cycle (especially fixed rates)? Only time will tell.

If you believe that rates are on their way up, and you want to minimise the possible impact that will have on your cash flow, it's time to review your loans.

Acceptance also offer a review of the finance document if you are buying a car and have organised finance through the dealer. You send it through to their leasing specialist, who can provide a clear breakdown of the actual rates and fees they are charging you. At the same time, they can advise if there are lenders available that have more competitive and suitable options for you.



Russel Shaw



The Remax team

Matt & Lainie Towner of **Re/Max Coastal** – The Real Estate Collective – are very happy to welcome two new business partners. Aaron Johnson is a business development manager and Belle Johnson is a solicitor, and the new team are Andrew Nieuwenhof, Samantha Marshall and Krystal Rees, all of whom are very successful and experienced real estate agents. Graham Matthews Accountants and

Byron Property Solutions are also part of the Real Estate Collective offering everything from real estate sales and rentals to property investment tax advice to any building, renovations and repairs.

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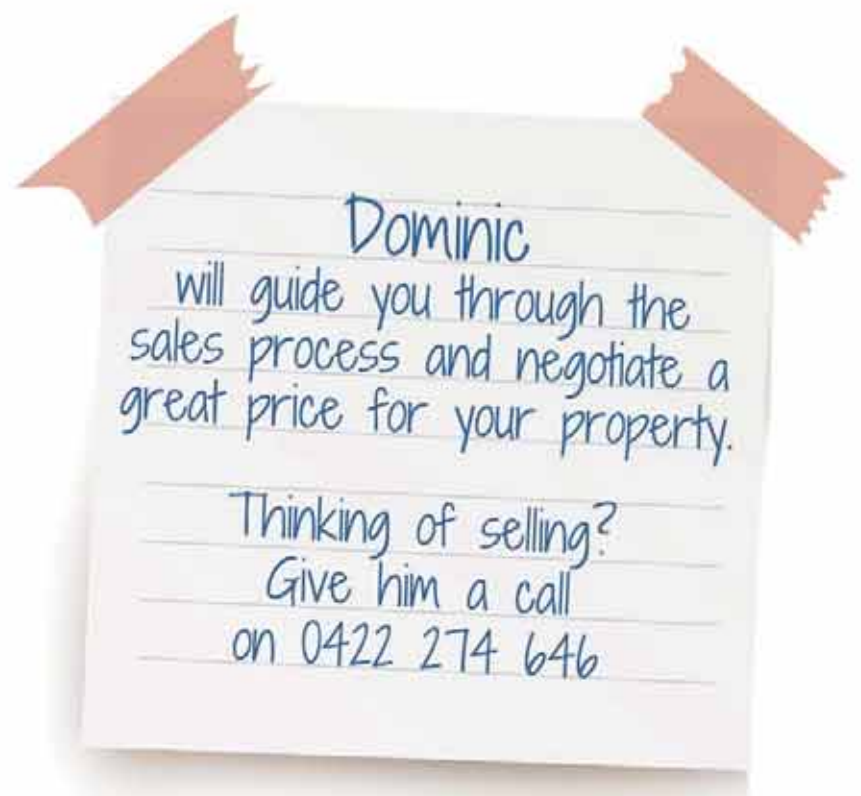
Dom says: Being a 'people person', building authentic relationships is important to me, and it's very important to my work.

They say "**Honesty is the best policy**", and I think that is critical in this business. It's also an important value I teach my kids along with following through and paying attention to detail.

I consider myself a local. I grew up in Byron Bay and have lived in the Mullumbimby area for the past 18 years. In this time, I've built a great appreciation and understanding of the diverse community of the area.

On the weekend, I get to indulge in some awesome Japanese food at Izakaya Yu in Mullum. **My martial arts teaching and training in Hapkido** keeps me in good shape both physically and mentally.

I love working in Mullumbimby there is a great energy here and always something interesting happening in the community. I can't live without good coffee and I really am spoilt for choice in this town.



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All 3 bedrooms have built-in robes and there is internal access to the very large 8.7m x 6.7m double garage. A private saltwater pool is surrounded by a lush tropical rainforest while a large timber deck overlooks the scenic panorama and is a perfect place for entertaining or just relaxing any time of the day. The garden consists of a raised a vege patch and small orchard that includes citrus, lychee, pecan and mango trees. There is also an abundance of birds and other wildlife.

If you are looking for a change of pace and a rural lifestyle without the hard work then this property is a must to inspect.

Inspect: By appointment

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Eureka 1880s Dwelling

181 Goremans Road, Eureka

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\$1,800,000



Located on a quiet country road high on the renowned richly fertile Eureka plateau this 45 acre property offers stunning hinterland views from its 1880 dwelling. From its soaring 12 feet ceilings, bay windows and french doors to its tongue-and-groove walls, you will enjoy the spacious ambience of this impressive home. The main bedroom has a walk-in robe and ensuite and the large kitchen offers American Oak cabinets, a huge oven, granite benchtops and a wonderful butlers pantry. The open fireplace and bay window in the main living area are further special features.

Then there is the adjacent 2 bedroom cottage and attached workshop and garage. The cottage is currently leased and the workshop area provides a great space for artistic pursuits.

Away from these dwellings is a fantastic multi-bay 252 sq metre shed with attached stables. The macadamia and custard apple orchard has the potential to provide an income if managed.

Finally, the property has good fencing throughout and has a long Stoney Creek frontage offering wonderful recreational areas and delightful swimming holes as well as a 42 megalitre irrigation licence. This property offers a great hinterland opportunity. Owners keen to sell.

Open: By appointment

Contact: Sonia Jervis 0409 033 250 / 6688 4328
Scott Harvey Real Estate

Hilltop Spectacular

14 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores

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\$795,000



Position is always a great consideration when buying property; this property offers this, and many other great attributes. The beautiful home sits high on a hill, adjoining a nature reserve. It is a natural leafy setting, offers views

of Mt Chincogan at the rear and wide ocean views to the east and north. The welcoming home is set over 2 levels. It has 3 bedrooms and each has a separate balcony, ideal to relax, enjoy pacific views, whale watch and listen to the native birdsong. The living area offers space and ambience with soaring cathedral ceilings, polished hardwood floors, a wood combustion fire, and sliding doors lead onto the front verandah. The kitchen, finished in exotic solid hardwood timbers, is convenient to both the adjacent dining area and the huge paved outdoor area where you can entertain under the large shingle roof gazebo. You can walk to the beach, close to schools, and it's a short drive to shops and cafes.



Inspect: By appointment

Contact: David Mutkins on 0421 906 460
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First Home Buyers, Investors...

7 Lomandra Avenue, Canaiba

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Price Guide from \$565,000



Located just 15 mins from Clunes... this striking, newly built Del Casa home is a statement in ultra-modern style.

If you prefer a distinctive home which offers relaxed family living and effortless entertaining, this property is certainly worth inspecting. The immaculate facade incorporates clean architectural lines with a central timber feature, while a timber ramp leads you beneath the entrance portico and up to the entrance.



Inside the home, you'll find a range of separate living areas, which have been designed to provide multiple lifestyle options for the family. Your generous, split-level open plan living and dining areas are flooded with natural light thanks to the 13 foot ceilings and wide glass doors which open back to provide seamless indoor outdoor living. Gleaming Spotted Gum flooring features throughout the living area as well. Agent Interest.

Inspect: By appointment
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Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group

Unique architectural home

Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell

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Contact Agent



Expansive Wilsons River Valley views towards iconic Federal township and surrounding countryside form a stunning backdrop to this unique home. The property is a solar-passive rammed-earth home providing ambient



temperature all year. It features a seamless transition to open plan living/dining to outdoor areas with polished concrete floors throughout and soaring ceilings, a chef's gourmet kitchen with granite benchtops and Tasmania Oak cabinetry and an alfresco entertaining area with a full kitchen and breathtaking views across the countryside. There are 3 oversized bedrooms all appointed with deluxe ensuites and walk-in robes. Enjoy working from the turret office which is infused with natural light. The property is situated amongst easy care grounds overlooking long river frontage rainforest. There is a triple automatic garage plus extensive storage throughout. Engineered to provide a luxurious lifestyle retreat, positioned in the Keys Gardens Estate in Byron's hinterland.

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Substantial Home with Views

251 Rosebank Road, Rosebank

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\$925,000



This substantial family home has the best of both worlds combining the original section (approx 100 years old) and a large modern extension (approx 8 years old) producing a wonderful mix of architecture and practical living.

The home consists of two wings, the older having timber lined walls and ceilings, 3 double bedrooms, modern quality bathroom and own living/activity area.

The newer section comprises master bedroom with WIR and ensuite, generous quality open plan kitchen, casual dining and living room with blackbutt timber flooring and 3.4 metre vaulted ceiling, all opening to a huge covered deck perfect for entertaining and enjoying expansive views of local farm land and beyond to Nightcap National Park.

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- 15 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 3/1-5 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 20 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 84 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 64 Terania Creek Road, The Channon. Sat 11.30am–12pm

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WITH 2016 DRAWING TO A CLOSE, BEACH HOTEL GENERAL MANAGER ELKE VAN HAANDEL LOOKS FORWARD TO SUNDAY'S LOCAL XMAS DAY FOR A BIG COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER!

She spoke with *The Echo* about what's in store!

What is the idea of your Locals' Xmas Day?

Pre-Christmas is a relatively quiet time of year in Byron so it's nice to invite the locals and families to come celebrate Christmas on a Sunday afternoon.

This Sunday session looks a little different with a family focus, with face painting, craft tables for making Christmas decorations, and an elf handing out presents to the kiddies. We have food samples and some great drink specials so it's a perfect place to get families together for a Christmas drink.

Who are the bands that are playing on the day?

We will have Late for Woodstock playing.

Can you tell me about the local charity you are raising money for?

All raised funds for the day including the Stone & Wood Karma Keg (punters pay what they like for their beer; the more you pay, the better karma) will go to the YAC in support of their ongoing support of the youth of our area.

What have been the highlights of 2016 for the Beach Hotel?

We're still recovering from the last few weeks with De Las Soul, Boy and Bear, and then Hamish and Andy with Temper Trap all in a matter of weeks.

What's ahead for the rest of 2016?

It's the calm before the storm with our lovely locals day on Sunday then the crazy post-Xmas rush finishing with our Paradise Found NYE event, a mini-festival in the centre of town!

Should people turn up in anything in particular?

A little touch of Christmas would be great, but we are all for comfort at the Beachy.

What is the Beach Hotel's Xmas wish for the community this year?

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MORAL COMPASS?

Once upon a time people had this thing called a 'moral compass'. Once commonplace, in these modern times it has become a relic of the past. Something you'd find on the \$2 table at Vinnies. Or free on Byron Swap and Sell.

The Moral Compass comes from long ago when people were actually quite nice. Not because people are nice naturally. They're not. People are by nature self-invested little narcissists. Me Firsts. It was the moral compass that helped steer us away from complete and utter prickdom.

The good old Moral Compass helped you make challenging decisions. The kind of decisions that grownups have to make every day. It was especially useful when self-interest was so strong it affected your ability to make an appropriate choice. You'd say, 'this isn't what I want to do, but it's the "right" thing to do'. Then you'd do it, and in the process become a slightly less awful person than you really were.

It wasn't always easy. Sometimes the Moral Compass made you do things that caused you discomfort, like offer your seat to an old lady on

the bus or pass up on the last cupcake. The Moral Compass might even stop you having an affair or lying on your tax return. The Moral Compass would make it difficult to walk past a homeless person and not offer them some warm chit-chat, or a cup of tea, or a swig of your whisky. Or a bed.

The Moral Compass meant that when something happened and you saw it you had to do something about it. If you 'accidentally' reversed into someone's parked car you'd leave a business card with your contact details, not a note that says 'I'm writing this note so people think I'm leaving my contact details. So long fucker!'

If you heard a person screaming, instead of hiding behind the couch or turning up the TV you'd offer assistance.

Or call the police. And if a boat full of asylum seekers turned up in your country you'd offer them sanctuary.

I started to wonder what had happened to the Moral Compass. I wondered if having one is actually a disability. I still have mine. It's not only embarrassing, it's so irritating. I would be really successful if I didn't have the stupid thing. I wouldn't work so hard. I'd live off other people.

I'd get to blame other people for my mistakes. I could steal jokes instead of having to live through shit and find the funny side. I could finally get Botox and then tell people I looked this good because of yoga. And green smoothies. I could write a book on green smoothies and say that everyone should drink green smoothies all the time

but have no actual evidence to back that up.

I could join a pyramid-money scheme. No, better than that, I could start one of those women's money circles and use my charisma to elicit cash from the vulnerable. Shit, I could put my house on Airbnb for \$700 a night. Hang on, I could put in a granny flat and sign the bit that says I'm not going to use it for commercial gain and then rent it out.

Life without a Moral Compass is amazing. It's all about Me. Me. Me wanting stuff. Me taking stuff from other people. Me keeping stuff that belongs to other people but pretending it was something I'd always had. Me lying. Me not sharing. Me crushing other people if they don't agree with me. Me, basically being better than

other people. Me taking photos of Me being amazing and then posting myself on Instagram so other people without a Moral Compass decide they want to be me.

Maybe I should have the Moral Compass removed. I could have it embroidered and try to sell it on Etsy. It seems it's more on trend these days not to have one, or at least not one that still works. George Pell got rid of his. Donald Trump never had one and I'm pretty sure Malcolm Turnbull left his at the dry cleaners. I am not sure if the Moral Compass is actually surgically removed or if it just shrivels from lack of use. I guess I'll just have to find out. In the spot where most humans once had a Moral Compass, now there's just dust.

Live Music



MATT STILLERT PLAYS AT THE RAILS ON THURSDAY



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Returning from overseas in November 2016, Matt will be bringing his act back up the east coast of Oz for another full tour; while still performing his solo act, he will be bringing his full band as well, armed with the arsenal of his full repertoire.

Thursday, The Rails.

IN THE WAKE OFF YOUR HEART

In Hearts Wake are wrapping up their *Duality* album tour where it all began in their home of Byron Bay.

Currently preparing themselves to share massive stages across Australia with Slipknot and Lamb of God at the end of the month, frontman Jake Taylor is looking forward to celebrating the incredible success of the *Duality* album cycle: 'The *Duality* cycle has been a dream come true for us. We could have never predicted that 22 tracks, written and recorded in the same session, would bring us to where we are today, touring with the likes of Slipknot and Lamb of God! We can't wait to conclude what has been such a monumental album cycle for the band. Looking forward to the celebration with our friends and family in Byron.'

Saturday, Great Northern Hotel.

A MARKET FOR THE COMMUNITY

A special **Byron Community Market** will be held on Sunday just in time for some Christmas-gift shopping.

Many local artisans and small businesses showcase their wares at the Byron Market. Take an easy walk and get all your Christmas gifts while enjoying the joyful chilled-out ambience of Byron Community Market. While you're there, be sure to relax and enjoy a delicious meal while listening to the James Collective – a local group of musicians performing unique songs with heart and soul.

Join the rest of Byron with your family for a great day out and go home content in the knowledge that all your Christmas shopping has been done!

Byron Bay Community Market, 9am till 3pm **Sunday, Butler Street Reserve.**

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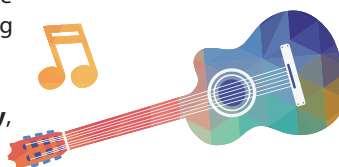
Be sure to pop Thursday 15 December in your diary now so you won't miss The Tinsel Tones – Miss Amber, Kathryn Jones and Misty Henderson – and, what ever you do, don't miss Naughty Santa.

The songbook for the sixth annual **Christmas Uke-Tacular** is ready for download.

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THE ADVENTURES OF WONDERBABE THE TERRIBLE

THE WONDERBABE COLLECTIVE HAVE BEEN ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE AT NORPA FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS DEVELOPING A NEW WORK CALLED *THE ADVENTURES OF WONDERBABE* – A LIVE STORYTELLING PERFORMANCE SET TO A THUMPING DJ SET, MADE FOR MUSIC AND CULTURAL FESTIVALS.



A young woman is disenchanted with her culture and her voice as silent within it. After a brutal test of her social/sexual limits, she takes her politicised fury to its extremity and burns herself alive on New Years Eve in Byron Bay in an act of terrorism. It is a thrilling ride and a picture of young female sexuality in Australia that is so accurate the mirror is possibly too clean; it is hard to stomach even for the most open-minded of men, meanwhile young women often identify the story as the casual truth, one they carry with them always – which is perhaps the most shocking part.

The Echo spoke to writer/performer Kate McDowell.

What was the inspiration for your work?

By the time I'd already tried out a few ideas – I started with terrorism and racism – it was a time when I felt I was cracking because it was dawning on me that I had no political voice, that in every context I stepped into I felt powerless, and as someone with a revolutionary streak – wanting to be able to argue and debate and create change – realising that the culture I lived in had no space for my voice, it was shocking. At the same time I was trying to understand what it means to embrace the new wave of 'slut' feminism – to be entirely sexually liberated as a political act, and as a way of getting out of the loop of being affected by men and society's way of defining me.

How did you craft the narrative?

I began by writing a whole lot – scenes from events that had happened in my and my friend's lives as well as fictional scenes, mythical scenes, anything that came to me that could deal with what was making me angry, that could articulate how I saw the state of my culture. Then I began stitching these scenes together. It went through countless drafts and evolved immensely over the course of a year (the year I studied a postgraduate diploma of writing for performance at NIDA). What I realised as I was working through drafts was

that there was a link for me between the ideas I had around terrorism and the way we demonise terrorists; I see them as people confused, fighting for something, trying to break out of oppression – and the struggle I see for women. So I amalgamated the ideas, and made myself a terrorist, and then I'd found my allegory, the frame from which to tell my story. I also realised through the process that I had been setting the story in everywhere except where I grew up – probably a spill-over of the Australian cultural cringe – anywhere is more interesting than home. My teacher Stephen Sewell encouraged me to write from my specificity; that's when the story really took off, when I was able to set it in the colours and smells of Byron, of this region, of the place that made me.

How difficult is it, do you think, for young people to speak about trauma? Why do you think it is important?

I feel young people don't want to complain. Young men and women want to be cool, and together and strong – and so often they work through their trauma in their own bubble – I certainly did. And when there aren't stories being told around them that relate directly to their experience, that aren't shying away from the truth, I think they can often feel like they are alone. I believe that storytelling has the power to show us the extreme version of our struggles, to see them in the context of the bigger picture, so we don't have to be so attached to the struggle personally, so we can place ourselves within a continuum and make more informed choices about our social and political life.

Why have you chosen epic poetry and allegorical text to express this piece?

Because we have been performing Shakespeare and Greek tragedy since forever – because we love to understand our moral dilemmas through heightened stories and heightened language – we love to be consumed by stories that are epic,

and tragic, and greater than ourselves. So I have written this story using the allegorical form and in heightened language to lift it out of the pedestrian – to make the life we live here, the struggle, the trauma of our small lives – epic. To make our struggle important. And to take us to a place of beauty and grandness, as a way of honouring the scale of the impact small events have on young people's lives, or anyone's lives. It's a form we don't see a lot of in new work for the theatre, especially in Australia, and I miss it here. In a secular world where we are moving away from organised religion and into a plethora of spiritualities, I think epic, grand stories that express something of our current moment in history, are important.

Have we become over sexualised and desensitised; how has this manifested in our young people?

Yes and no. We have become super sexualised and we see sex everywhere but, at the same time, I think many people are seeking something more real, something more connected, something that's harder to get. I know for me, in a world where I could choose polyamory, I feel compelled to try out that life, to be contemporary, to be as liberated as possible; I'm sure many other men and women feel the same way, feel the need to capitalise on the capacity to break out of old ideas about sexuality. But in many ways this is another trap for people who don't necessarily enjoy that life, who don't want to go down the rabbit hole of sexual extremes and who end up finding it hard to find a connection that is genuinely liberating for them, the kind of love that transcends all the politics.

I feel that young people struggle in a world where romance and suspense are harder to get. Where the story is taken out of it, where happiness in love relies so heavily on the physical. I think it manifests negatively when young men and women see love and sex without the care and the compassion. In many ways, we need to become more desensitised; sex education needs to be complete; young men and women need to learn about it from an early age, so that it's understood anatomically, properly, so that sex isn't a taboo anymore, and connection and genuine expression of love and affection can be important, over competitiveness of how far we go in our sex lives. That just drives people to see sex and relationships as a game to be won. And if it's a game, there will always be people who lose.

We see it in the recent pornographic ring run by young boys in high schools trading naked photos of girls, playing a game of shaming the girls they pinned on their lists. The girls in many cases were complicit in being sexually engaged with the boys who were secretly taking their photos and then trading them online. These boys are trying to gain validity and control in their culture; the question is how do we teach these young men about their worth, about how they are loved by their community, outside of their capacity to destroy the reputation of the most desired girl. I think by desensitising them further, by making sex normal, then young men and women will be more liberated to make their own choices, without feeling under pressure to use sex as a social or political act of power.

What does young feminism look like? How has it evolved and changed, do you think?

It is completely eclectic. Everything from young girls posting almost naked photos on social media regularly as choice to make their sexualisation empowering, to the 'free the nipple' movement to enable female bodies to be not sexualised, to women fighting hard to be allowed to be significant and heard aside from their sexuality, following on from the work of second-wave feminists – trying to take that to its end, to equality; and then there are men and women fighting for emotional and motherly power to be recognised in a world where we still have a political system that shuts down any expression of emotion.

All the prongs are valid for the individual women, but ultimately we are still fighting against a culture that wants us to be quiet, and to be available, to be polite and sweet – while that's not all people in our culture who require this of women, it is certainly still the way it is in mainstream media.

Why do you think there is so much rage? Where does it come from?

The rage comes from being silenced and from being ignored.

What is the 'casual truth' that women carry with them?

That most women have been raped or assaulted. That most women feel that they are battling to find their voice and their place every day. That most women are constantly struggling culturally, politically, sexually, to find stillness and peace in who they are and how they are received and heard.

What is your background in theatre and performance?

I grew up training in performing locally in Lismore with Theatre Theatre Productions, then I went to study Writing for Performance at the University of Wollongong, and then at NIDA. I also grew up as a dancer and have trained in puppetry and physical theatre. I am primarily a writer, but like working collaboratively, crossing roles.

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THE SENSIBLE ART OF FALLING FOR REMI



MELBOURNE ARTIST REMI AND MUSICAL COLLABORATOR SENSIBLE J ARE ONE OF THE FASTEST-RISING HIP-HOP ACTS IN AUSTRALIA AND ARE QUICKLY GAINING THE ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL TASTEMAKERS.

Able to whip crowds into a frenzy, at just 23 Remi Kolawole found his way to hip-hop and everything changed.

'I used to play piano,' says Remi, 'and it was classical and never appealed to me and then I met Sensible J; that was when things changed. I was at university at the time and was studying nursing.

'I had only been rapping for six months before I met J. The more I am in the hip-hop scene the more I realise I have found a producer as knowledgeable and as talented; with the perspective he has on hip-hop and in music in general, it's a gift, I didn't really know any other way at that point; with time and age I realise how lucky I was.'

And that's no understatement, with the young rapper being touted as one of Australia's hottest properties by Billboard US. Perhaps it's his cultural heritage that gives Remi the edge. Australian born with Nigerian parents: 'I have a strange voice,' he notes. 'You can't understand when that is going to be useful. As a rapper it's an advantage and also something that you can't really learn. It definitely took me a while to be comfortable. When you hear your own voice back it's hard to hear it! The more I am in the Australian music scene I see how important our uniqueness is in our own struggles and our own fight.'

Remi has something fresh to throw into the mix, a lot of it based on his unique perspective of home.

'I think that is something that is also very new to Australia - to have so many second-generation migrant children here who have these different rhythms and patterns in the voice around them; it adds a uniqueness. You have your Aussie-ness but you have your vocal tones from before.'

While his mum was totally on board with his career shift from nursing to hip-hop, Remi tells how it took his father to understand that something like that could actually be a career here.

'My mum was happy I just found something I love - she has always been my biggest fan. My pop's originally from Nigeria; education was his way out of poverty.

It's a huge thing and it comes from not only success but a lot of pride, like most African communities, and that's where the butting heads began! He has now definitely come around though!

Remi believes it's the role of hip-hop to be edgy. He believes it's a little like comedy.

'The two have always been hand in hand,' he says. 'You have to break down the serious issues people need to talk about.'

'It goes as far back as Bob Marley; you have people who represent causes, who fight against things that you feel are wrong in your community, and only in rap you can break it down. In rap verse you can pretty well write a thesis on what you are feeling. You can't really do that in other artforms. I love that.'

Remi and musical collaborator Sensible J, at Falls Festival in Byron, 30 December till 2 January.

Locals' tickets still available for 2 January only (when Remi plays).

www.fallsfestival.com/byron-bay/tickets/local-tickets

How did you become involved with NORPA's artist-in-residence program?

I spend a lot of time hanging around. I knocked on Julian Louis's door again and again until he listened to me. And then I came in and read some of my work to him and Emily Berry, who was producer at the time. They were excited by the ideas, the language, and the potential of the work to reach young audiences. I was also awarded an Arts NSW grant, which enabled me to bring up my team from Sydney to develop it here, with NORPA's help.

What should we expect for the work-in-progress showing?

You should expect to be shocked, but you should also expect to be warmed, by the generosity of the story. It opens up the audience to understand something deeper about young people and the complexity of the sexualised world they are being brought up in and, also, the locality of Byron Bay and its nightlife, its many quirks and intricacies.

A work-in-progress showing of *The Adventures of Wonderbabe* is on **Thursday 15 December, 6.30pm** in the NORPA studio at **Lismore City Hall**. Recommended for ages 18+ - explicit and confronting material. Tickets \$10 by donation on the door. Feedback after the showing is welcomed and encouraged.



THE MUSIC THAT MUSIC LOVERS LOVE: JAKE SHIMBUKURO

UKULELE VIRTUOSO AND COMPOSER JAKE SHIMABUKURO IS KNOWN FOR HIS FAST AND COMPLEX FINGER WORK.

His music is a melting pot of jazz, blues, funk, rock, bluegrass, classical, folk and flamenco. Adventurous and dazzling, he lets his fingers do more than the talking! Performing at Bluesfest for 2017, Jake is one act on the must-see list.

What is the one song that reminds you of growing up and why?

Probably *My Way* by Frank Sinatra. I was pretty stubborn as a kid.

What is/are the song/s that get you on the dancefloor every time?

I would have to say *The Electric Slide* because that's the only song I know all the moves to.

What is/are the song/s always busted out when no-one is around? Why?

Don't really have one.

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

I've been listening to *Hallelujah* by Jeff Buckley.

What was your wedding song (or what would it be)?

I actually wrote a song for my wife and sang it to her at the reception. It was horrible, though. I can't sing.

Your favourite song/s to cover at the moment?

Bohemian Rhapsody.

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

Neil Diamond - *Sweet Caroline*.

Your all-time blues hero is... Why?

Gary Moore - nobody plays the blues like that guy.

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This week's full supermoon in socialising Gemini aligns delightfully to support generous, genial Jupiter's giving and forgiving influence...

♈ ARIES: This week of pre-yuletide stress and strain favours practical compassion over sentimental empathy, and won't be helped by an over-emotional approach. In a climate of urgency and pressure, attend to details and take time to think things through, so that when you make split-second decisions, they're the right ones.

♉ TAURUS: While general energetics are in the mood to party hearty in the boudoir, bank account and banqueting board, midweek full moon highlights the fiscal reality of more outings than incomings and resource management kicks in. Get this sorted while the astral force is with you, before next week's planetary slowdown.

♊ GEMINI: This week's festive-season Gemini full moon stimulates the annual networking extravaganza, with a potent boost of charming camaraderie and end of year cheer for your twinkling Twinship. But in the background, your ruler Mercury in the sign of taking care of business is busily weighing up relationship pros, cons and alliances.

♋ CANCER: May as well face it, serenity's not the name of this week's game. For you lunar creatures, a full supermoon moving towards your sign pulls emotional tides here, there and every which where. But lo! End-of-week fun-loving Leo moon banishes grinchiness and grumpitude in a flourish of comedic relief...

♌ LEO: There's a cornucopia of alluring possibilities in group projects at the moment, so if this week presents you with an eye-opening surprise proposal, it's worth considering – although loyalties are likely to be tested. If it doesn't, don't wait for creative inspiration; just knuckling down to work will enable a change to happen.

♍ VIRGO: This week's orgy of retail frenzy can be a fractious and frazzling time, during which it's worthwhile remembering people don't usually do better from being criticised. So look for the love. Maintain healthy boundaries. Don't get over-involved with other folk's complications and frustrations. Get things done – but make it fun.

♎ LIBRA: As celestial symmetry hits the play button on some challenging dynamics and festive plans clash with reality, an attitude of curiosity and generosity is this week's best outfit. Midweek supermoon's undeniably a loquacious lunation of chatty socialising, but stick to ticking off the to-do list, because next week doesn't get any easier...

♏ SCORPIO: As this week's moons serve up an emotional menu of mixed messages, euphoria and disappointment, it's a potent power period for your personal expansion. A little kindness goes a long way right now: as in a generous gesture, helping hand, compassionate ear or soft touch during a rough moment.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Emotional poise scores major points in the season of unreason. The intrusions and rudeness of this week's hustlers and bustlers are mostly over-worked nerves; handle them graciously and others will be extremely grateful. Yes, too many people are saying way too much, but perceptive listening will work better than forceful debate.

♑ CAPRICORN: With fewer and fewer sleeps to the Big Event, the need to be proactive is pervasive. Mercury in Capricorn's persuasive and engaging, and your knack for forethought and planning ahead's legendary. Just don't push it, take shortcuts or careless risks. Pace yourself. As you know, maintaining equanimity's an inside job.

♒ AQUARIUS: Aesthetic Venus in Aquarius always likes a bit of extra attention to your looks and presentation, so make space in this week's hectic schedule for some numero uno beautifying time. And try not to let Mars agitate your interactions with others, or you mightn't receive all the genial appreciation you deserve.

♓ PISCES: A certain amount of denial, wishful thinking and self-deception's driving this week, but with enough comfortable congeniality to balance the inevitable dummy spits of those on full throttle overload. By late week's empathetic moon, you'll be in tune with festive hilarity and trying on a full wardrobe of holiday options.

CULTURE

HOME CRAFTED

Refreshed and re-energised to the stylish New Byron Bay

Brewery is Mandy Nolan's **Home Crafted Comedy Night** – a regular night of open-mic standup comedy. Mandy, the consummate

home-crafted comedy brew-stress, brings her talented local comedy brewers to

the Byron Bay Brewery for a fair dinkum comedy piss-up.

This free event features Mandy and her home-crafted, hand-selected local comic talent. 8pm **Thursday** at the **Byron Bay Brewery**.

A MULTIFARIOUS CLIQUE OF CIRCUS SUPERSTARS

Our famous house production is back for two special summer editions.

Loosen your collar, hold onto your heels and spend a night with this multifarious clique of circus superstars, tricksters, daredevils and cabaret queens as they travel from far and wide to present a risqué weekend of jaw-dropping, laugh-out-loud, good old-fashioned entertainment. Bring Grandma but leave the little ones at home.

Friday at **Brunswick Picture House**.

COMEDY IN THE PARK

Local comedians bring the laughs outdoors for a special Comedy in the Park performance at the **Byron Artisan Markets**. Hosted by standup comedian of 30 years, Mandy Nolan, a pioneer of regional comedy, who believes that we have one of the strongest comedy scenes outside the capital cities anywhere in Australia.

'Our local comedians have made it to the national finals for Melbourne International Comedy's Raw competition twice. I think that shows how much we love comedy here. We're up for anything!'

The night is being run as a special event for the Byron Artisan Markets. Byron

Markets manager Karen Pieper said, 'We run a great little market in the centre of town every Saturday night during summer. We want to invite our Byron Shire locals – who often get forgotten in the rush of tourist events – down to our little oasis in Railway Park.'

Comedy in the Park is an exciting new initiative from the Byron Artisan Market. Patrons are invited to bring a rug or a cushion and join us for a night of laughs and, like the best things in life, Artisan Market entertainment is totally free!

Saturday at **Railway Park**, Jonson St, Byron Bay. 4–9pm (comics start at 6.30pm).

INTERNATIONAL COMEDIAN HEADS BIG BLING

This year's New Years Eve **Big Gig Comedy Show** at the RSL features international comedy star Gordon Southern. MC and Bling Queen Mandy Nolan is thrilled to be hosting what she says is 'the most iconic comedy gig on the coast'.

She believes that moving to a more intimate location at the Ballina RSL Bowling Club is going to make the night even more exclusive, so it's a better reason to get those tickets quickly!

Joining Mandy Nolan and Gordon Southern is Big Gig favourite, Greg Sullivan, one of the most in-demand acts on the increasingly popular comedy cruises. Laidback, insightful and impossible not to love, Greg Sullivan never fails to bring home the comedy bacon.

So make the night something special: wear your finest blingiest bling, and be part of the comedy sparkle this New Years Eve!

The best show in town at the **Ballina RSL Bowling Club** on **Saturday 31 December**. Show tickets \$30. 18+ show. Tickets available at the club or online at ballinarsl.com.au.

FESTIVAL OF DESIGN



The creative community of Byron Bay are proud to announce their first ever major collaboration with the launch of **The Byron Bay Festival of Design**.

Celebrating the best and most artistic local designer brands, musicians and food creatives, this free event will connect Byron's upcoming creative talent by offering them the exposure and support that they deserve.

The full-day event will kick off at 8.30am, introducing local designers – A Beautiful Weirdo, Salia Jac, Wilderness Road Art and Pastel Designs to name just a few. The event will also spoil the crowd's earholes all day long with live talent to jam along to, such as Cousin Jack, The Firetree, Matthew Turner and many others – not to mention various food trucks, such as the Grassy Bowl and Brazza BBQ, which will fill the hungry tummies with goodness, while perusing around, enjoying Byron's local, live and creative talent.

The two young talented Byron designers Nisha Abey, director of LIAR swimwear label, and Carolin Materna, proud owner of the travel-inspired womenswear label ROVE, are the business-savvy brains behind of what was once a blank canvas. They saw a gap in the market that needed to be filled. Their joint passion for creating The Byron Bay Festival of Design grew out of their love for local talents combining design, music and food.

Nisha says as small creative start-ups, they depend on each other's support and collaborations to grow their businesses. 'We are all facing the same challenges,' says Nisha. 'The festival will give us the opportunity to showcase independent, local brands.'

Nisha believes that a lot of local, unique talent is hidden and failing to get the public recognition that it deserves.

The aim for the festival was simple, to create a supportive environment for like-minded independent, local designers, artists and musicians to promote and sell their brand – as well as network!

This will be the first plastic-free event, as the Byron Bay Festival of Design team encourage the use of sustainable, compostable or re-usable packaging. They have made a conscious effort in highlighting what the community values within Byron Bay – leave nothing but footprints.

This exciting new festival will be hosted on **Saturday 17 December** at the **Byron YAC**, 1 Gilmore Cres, Byron Bay.

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Rachel Ayland

ARTIST IN FOCUS

has been running her business Bangalow Shoemaking for the past 17 years at her peaceful workshop in the Bangalow Industrial Estate.

Rachel is an experienced shoemaker and shoe repairer who also takes on commissions for a wide range of accessories as well as doing upholstery and saddlery repairs. Her customers include the disabled, elderly and a wide range of other people with specific needs. Much of her equipment came from the closure of the footwear manufacturers Lois Lane who used to be in the Byron Bay industrial estate until they closed 12 years ago owing to the expanded imports of cheap overseas products.

In recent years 95% of Australian footwear manufacturers have gone, leaving only a few shoemakers who specialise in niche markets.

Rachel welcomes visitors to her workshop even if they don't want to order, to look at her display and ask questions. It is advisable to text to make sure she is around (0403 721 840).

She also offers classes in shoemaking and bag making. Check out her website and Facebook page for more information. www.bangalowshoemaking.com



The Potters of Mafeking Road

Upon discovering they lived just metres apart, potters Suvira McDonald and Anna-Marie Wallace have come together to collaborate on their first Xmas Sale and Open Studios. With a combined 30 years' experience, both Suvira and Anna-Marie achieve unique and inexplicable results via contemporary applications of ancient processes. Informed by the local landscape and inspired by the natural world, they produce innovative, functional tableware for restaurants and stores globally. This is an opportunity to visit their galleries and see their unconventional kilns (Suvira's wood fired Anagama and Anna-Marie's Saggar Firing gas kiln) while stocking up on Xmas gifts.

Open from 10am to 4pm Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 December.

Lismore Regional Gallery

marks the end of an era with its last exhibitions after 63 years in the 'temporary' Trench building in Molesworth St. On entering, René Bolten's masterful and moody Paintings & Drawings give way to Nathan Gooley's pop-culture prints in Superheroes and Monsters. Melbourne artists Madeline Kidd and Masato Takasaka's Playroom is an explosion of colour, while upstairs mesmerising paintings mark the twenty year retrospective Widjabul Dreaming by Bundjalung artist Adrian Cameron.

With a painting workshop, artist talks and the Superhero for a Day! gallery tour and picnic, there's something to suit everyone this summer. This diverse and lively programming will be a hallmark of Lismore Regional Gallery when it reopens at the Lismore Quadrangle in late 2017.

131 Molesworth St, Lismore, 6622 2209. www.lismoregallery.org

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UP FOR LOVE

There are the grand passions that, in the dark, the big screen delivers in a calculated, perfectly sound-tracked tsunami of emotion – love and desire foremost among them. Overlooked, perhaps because it is so subtle and quiet, so everyday, is affection. This cheesy but adorable little movie has tons of that life-sustaining human connection. It's not quite 'beauty and the beast', but the hook that is designed to draw the audience in is that Alexandre (Jean Dujardin) is only four foot five inches tall. The girl he falls in love with – and their meeting, over the phone, is a brilliantly conceived and executed 'one-take' intro – is Diane (Virginie Efira), a tall, gorgeous blonde lawyer.

The film's strongest visual metaphor comes soon after, when the couple, on their first date, do a parachute jump from high above the craggy Provençal coast of France – the camera work is stupendous, the thrill of letting go breathtaking. Most extraordinary, however, is how director Laurent Tirard manages to make it all so believable, for the premise is far-fetched to put it mildly and the CGI at first only underlines the silliness of it. But this is where actors come into their own; Dujardin, who won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Valentin in *The Artist* (2011), leaves you in no doubt that Alexandre is a real bloke, and he does so entirely through facial expressions and dialogue delivery.

Efira's performance is similarly unforced as the young woman who, though she knows better, struggles to cope with the fact of Alexandre's unique physicality. The film is an obvious (and sometimes a tad overstated) reflection on the 'size doesn't matter' line, but it goes beyond that and with the lightest of touches explores the idea of integrity and the value we give it – as well as being true to her feelings for Alexandre, Diane, as a lawyer, must decide if she will defend a shonky client in court. It's a movie that gets better the longer it goes, with an exuberant dance scene. I loved it.



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OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

In these less than optimistic times, it is imperative that we be grateful for tender mercies. Having seen the previews for this, I anticipated with dread another gross-out in the style of *The Hangover* and *Bridesmaids*, so to say that it is not as bad as I feared is probably the highest praise I can muster for it.

There is a fart joke in the first five minutes, courtesy of Kate McKinnon, the 'other' actress who was so grating in the pathetic re-make of *Ghostbusters*, and there is a predictable indulgence in tits and arse – a dick, too, which has become almost ho-hum – but a reasonable story is threaded through the mire and held together by decent performances and a snappy edit.

Set in Chicago (the windy city gets nowhere near the exposure of New York, but it always looks shiny and vibrant – with snow falling, it's beautiful), Clay and Carol (TJ Miller and Jennifer Aniston) are siblings at war over the running of their inherited IT company. Clay has always been the slacker, so to win over a potential client who will save his branch of the business from closure, he organises a Christmas party that would make the Satyricon look like a teddy bears' picnic. The love interest is centred on the brainiac chick who is devising a whole new way of going online (Olivia Munn), and her boss (Jason Bateman, an affable actor who always gives the impression that he has just lost a pound and found a penny).

The gags are topical – the Uber driver (Fortune Feimster) is hilarious – and the language, if in not exactly wholesome, falls short of the execrable boorishness that now passes itself off as witty repartee.

As someone who is only partially addicted to cyberspace, it was a trifle sad to see the exuberance displayed when everybody had their signal restored after going offline, but this is one of those movies in which closing credit bloopers are mandatory – unfortunately, they're not remotely funny.

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THURSDAY 15

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MATT STILLERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **OPEN MIC COMEDY WITH MANDY NOLAN**
- BYRON SCOUT HALL 7PM **OPEN FLOOR CONSCIOUS DANCE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **BIGGY P**
- THE BALCONY, BYRON **LEELI**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 6.30PM **KANISHK 7.30PM BOBBY ALU**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TOTUM**
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **CHRISTMAS UKE-TACULAR WITH THE TINSEL TONES**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 6.30PM **THE ADVENTURES OF WONDERBABE**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **THE TIN CAN STRING BAND, RUTHIE-MA-TOOTHIE, BLACK TRAIN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BELLA MARIE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **BROADFOOT**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **MARK RIDOUT**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **BAJALY SUSO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **BRETT HEALY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **MOSSY ROCKS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **ROD MURRAY**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **NICKY CONVINE**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- CABARITA BOWLS CLUB 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **MR TROY**
- TUMBULGUM HALL 7.30PM **WATLING & BATES & THE COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM **VAXXED**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **JON STEVENS**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7.30PM **SIDE SPLITTING COMEDY WITH CHRIS WAINHOUSE, AARON PRATT, MANDY NOLAN**

FRIDAY 16

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CASTLECOMER, AYLA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GOODRICH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM NOCTURNAL TAPES & GUESTS**
- YAC, BYRON 8.30PM **MOONFIRE MOONDANCE**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **SEA GYPSIES CABARET**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM ROMI SOUNDS**
- MISS MARGARITA, BYRON 9.30PM **DALE WALKER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**

SATURDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **IN HEARTS WAKE, COLUMBUS, THE BRAVE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DEVILS KIOSK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM

RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE

- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **COMEDY IN THE PARK WITH MANDY NOLAN, GREG SULLIVAN, PAUL MCMAHON & MORE**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS 7PM BLACK RABBIT GEORGE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM & 6PM **THE GRASS IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE BECAUSE IT'S FAKE**
- BYRON YAC 8AM **BYRON FESTIVAL OF DESIGN**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- MISS MARGARITA, BYRON 9.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **AUCKLAND TRIO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL HALL 8.30AM **CREATIVES AT THE HALL DESIGNERS MARKET**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **CATH SIMES BAND**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **ANGRY, OLD AND PRIVILEGED AND WITHOUT EMPATHY, THE ANDREW BOLT SUPPORTERS' ROADSHOW**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKET 9AM **BROADFOOT**
- MULLUMBIMBY LEAGUES CLUB 9AM **MAMA & ME MARKET WITH ROB CSOKAS**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **BELLA MAREE**
- KOHINUR HALL,

MULLUMBIMBY 6PM MAYA SOLSTICE FESTIVAL WITH DJS TAYA, POB, AL ROYALE, PSYPHI

- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **RADIO JUPITER FUNDRAISER WITH WILLIE HONA**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **PAUL MULQUEEN**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **CLARK BLACK DUO**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **THE AUSTRALIAN FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **KIARA JACK & THE JILLS**
- TUMBULGUM HALL 7.30PM **WATLING & BATES & THE COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **AUCKLAND TRIO 7PM MICKA SCENE**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- CABARITA BOWLS CLUB 7PM **SALT & STEEL**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICKY CONVINE**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **SMASHED CRABS**

SUNDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHEYNNE MURPHY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **LOCALS CHRISTMAS**

PARTY 4.30PM LATE FOR WOODSTOCK 8PM SUNDAY SAFARI DJS

- BYRON MARKET 8AM **CHRIS JAMES COLLECTIVE & PAT TIERNEY**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **AUCKLAND TRIO**
- BLUE LOTUS DANCE STUDIO, BYRON 5PM **KIDS DISCO WITH DJS RAMAE, AL ROYAL, SUBLIME TRUTH**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **DJ EVA J & DJ THE SUPERHERO**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **THE NINTH CHAPTER**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BAD SANTA**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 10AM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- CLUB MULLUM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **PHIL BROMMERS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **THE CAMEL TONES**
- NEWRYBAR HALL 9AM **MAKERS MARKET**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **RETRONOMES**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 4PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- UKI MARKET 8AM **LOREN & GABRIELLE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM MONKEY & THE FISH**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
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MONDAY 19

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DEATH NOTICES

RICHES, PAMELA 'FAY'

19.05.1930 ~ 30.11.2016

Passed away peacefully at Byron Central Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Karen & Joe Falzon, Jan & Tony Coyle, Geoff & Kim and Bruce & Billie Jean. Loved by her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Fay will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Privately cremated.

MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS

SNOWDON, Gregory Gordon

Passed away suddenly on December 1, 2016, aged 63 years. Loving husband of Deb. Loved father of Sarah, Jeremy, Christopher and Aurora. Adored Tjumu of Ellie and Caspian. Cherished son of Gordon and Margaret (dec). Loved brother and brother-in-law of Ron and Joan; Owen and Anna; Robert and Julie; Christine and Paul.

A funeral service has been held.

FIELD, JOHN

20.11.1936 ~ 07.12.2016

Passed away peacefully at RSL Life Care, Suffolk Park, formerly of Byron Bay. Dearly loved Husband of Gail (dec). Father of Tony, Mark and their Families.

"Your memory we will always treasure in our hearts you will stay forever"

In accordance with John's wishes a private cremation has taken place.

GUARDIAN FUNERALS BALLINA 6686 7036

Moroney, Heather Jean

Forever close to our hearts.

Passed away peacefully at John Flynn Hospital on 10 December 2016. Aged 92 years.

Beloved wife of Thomas (dec'd). Loved mother and mother-in-law of John (dec'd) & Tess Moroney, Bernadette Pethers & Ted Little, Margaret Perry, Carmel & Richard Pezet, Patricia & John Gadowski, Mary & Bruce Schumacher, Janice & Ray Walsh, Michael & Lisa Moroney.

Adored Nanna to 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Heather's life to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby, on Monday 19 December 2016 commencing at 11am.

A private cremation will take place after the service.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BEVAN, BRIAN WINDSOR

17.01.1934 ~ 07.12.2016



Passed away at home with family at his side. Much loved husband of Judith (Dec). Loved Father of Paul, Warwick and Sandra.

Adored Pa of Charmion, Andrew, Tim & Gemma, Kelsey, Jessica, Wesley, Eddy and Akayla. Brian will be sadly missed by all family and friends. The family would also like to thank Dr Greg Gover & Jane the Community Nurse and the nurses at Silverchain for looking after dad.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at All Soul's Anglican Church, Bangalow on THURSDAY (December 15, 2016) commencing at 10.00am. Followed by refreshments at Heritage House.

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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.



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'Mono' retains world adaptive surfing crown

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay local Mark 'Mono' Stewart has successfully defended his World Title at the 2016 Stance International Surfing Association (ISA) World Adaptive Surfing Championship at San Diego in California over the weekend.

Mono dominated the final with a 15.50 score including an excellent 8.00 ride, up against fellow adaptive surfers from Hawaii, Brazil and France.

'Winning this time means the most to me compared to last year as there has been such a big progression of the sport in 2016,' Mono said.

'Thanks to David Parkes for my kneeboards, which we have worked on for many years; he is a master shaper, and without his skills and efforts to work with me on my boards I wouldn't be in this position today.'

'It's a unique design that works for me and we were



Rolled Gold: Mono on his way to winning his second world title. Photo Sean Evans/ISA

privileged to pass on that design knowledge to some of the other competitors from last year's World Adaptive Surfing Championship and to see them benefit from that, this year, is awesome.

'Thanks to the whole community back home at Byron Bay for their support; they really rallied behind me and raised money to help get me here. It means the world

to me,' Mark said.

Seventy-seven adaptive surfers from 22 countries competed at the second year of the event.

'The passion and energy of these surfers are second to none,' according to ISA president Fernando Aguerre.

'These surfers' determination, dedication and passion for surfing is incredible. The sport of adaptive surfing has

taken a huge step forward and will continue to spread joy around the world.'

Ex-world-tour pro surfer Damien Hobgood went down to La Jolla Shores to show his support for the sport of adaptive surfing.

'These athletes are fearless and full of courage. It's inspirational for me and everyone here watching on the beach,' he said.

Locals dominate the start of summer cycling in Byron Bay



Riders competing on the first race day of the BBCC's Summer Criterium Series. Photo contributed

Kumar Rajaratnam

Sixteen riders spread across three grades and eight clubs from the local region competed in the first race of the Summer Criterium series in Byron Bay on the weekend.

Cyclists from the British Cycling Club and other groups based in Grafton, Gold Coast, Pottsville, Murwillumbah, Ballina, Byron and Mullumbimby were all represented on the day

The B grade averaged a mid-40km/h throughout the race with all riders staying together and taking their fair share of being in front and taking turns.

Andrew Blackmore of Byron Bay Cycle Club (BBCC) eventually won the grade.

Nicole Moerig from British Cycling not only took second place but did a stellar job

of being the strongest rider of the bunch. She was the only female in the race.

Nick Smith (BBCC) took third place.

Riders Damian Chapelle, Jason Revell and Nick Ruane from Byron Bay were the place winners taking out the C Grade.

Cameron Johnston from Lismore and Grame Way from Grafton were first and second place riders in D Grade and kept the pace with the C Grade riders most of the time.

It was a great effort by both of them.

D Grade caters for riders wanting to try out racing for the first time, or is for those who haven't raced in many years.

The BBCC Summer Criterium Series will run until April 2017.

The Bar wins AFL9s



Back-to-back winners The Bar are: Ric, Fiona, Gory, Darren, Mark (back), Kyla, Andy, Charlie, Tom (middle) and Lizzie (front). Sean and Brendon (absent). Photo contributed

Bangalow-based team The Bar has won the 2016 AFL9s spring social competition for the third year in a row.

In the grand final played last week The Bar beat the team from the Byron Bay English Language School.

This team is made up of foreigners who had never before played AFL.

'They were quite unbelievable, hats off to them,' The Bar spokesman Andy Robinson said.

The Bar includes several ex-AFL players.

'We did alright,' Andy said. 'Kyla in particular had an outstanding series.'

Six mixed teams competed across the seven-week competition with all games played at the Cavanbah Centre.

AFL9s is the social, touch version of the game played on a modified field and promot-

ed as a game for everyone, according to competition coordinator Molly Kenwood.

'The competition received overwhelming positive feedback with AFL9s providing huge indirect benefits to assist AFL growth on the northern rivers,' Molly said.

AFL9s competitions have also recently wrapped up in Lismore and Pottsville with a total of 19 teams participating across the three northern rivers venues.

The Bar play the winners of the Lismore and Pottsville competitions in the first ever northern rivers cross competition All Stars game at the Cavanbah Centre on December 14, at 6pm.

The crowned AFL9s Northern Rivers Champion will receive free entry into the October 2017 Byron 9s National Carnival.

Lennox Head cricketers enjoy good form and aim for top four

Alstonville, Byron Bay and Lennox Head are all hoping to press for a position in the top four of the 2016-2017 Coastal Cricket League after taking four wins each in the early part of the season.

With three wins from their last three games, the Lennox Head team is heading into the back half of the year with some form momentum and a real chance of making the finals, according to captain Justin Hooper.

On the weekend they beat Mullumbimby Brunswick who, after winning the toss and batting, were limited to a total of 87 from 30 overs.

Mark Duncan starred with the ball for Lennox taking 3/11 off three overs, with Joel Rudgey (2/12 off seven overs) and John Coppock (2/17 off five overs) also coming away with good figures.

In reply Lennox were 2/23 when they lost their second opener Zac Fren, but Luke Grainger was able to adapt to the conditions and put on 51 runs not out. They won with 4/98 after 21 overs.

The week before they took seven competition points off Tintenbar East Ballina, who are currently sitting in second place in the league.

The game was called off early owing to lightning strikes but not before Lennox Head was able to score 164 all out after 37 overs.

Grainger was again the mainstay of the innings, scoring 61, backed up by Adrian Simpson (30) and Toby de-Jong (15).

But Lennox really did the damage with the ball by reducing Tintenbar East Ballina to 7/97 of 20 overs, when the game was called off.

John Coppock (3/14 off five overs) and Mark Duncan (3/22 off six overs) once again got results with accurate and consistent bowling.

'Our bowlers have done a really good job and were bowling really well, and getting sides out cheaply. Our batters are now starting to chase down those scores,' Justin said.

Lennox sits in seventh place with four wins and six losses. Byron Bay is in sixth place also with four wins, but only five losses.

Byron Bay had a chance to play themselves into the top four on the weekend when they took on Alstonville, and kept the side to 9/138 off 40 overs after winning the toss and sending them into bat.

Chris Zygmunt picked up the openers in his 2/27 off eight overs, and was backed up by Oliver Cronin 3/29 (eight overs) and Matt Irwin 2/17 (eight overs).

But the Byron batsmen couldn't settle against a strong attack and lost wickets early and regularly before being all out for 109 in the 35th over.

Alstonville's R Pearce led with the ball taking 4/26 off eight overs. Alstonville is in fifth place on the table with a game in hand and four wins.

Terranora has a firm grip on first place in the competition with seven wins and two losses.

Swimmers face final 2,000km



Eric and Hunter swim across Lake Hume. Photo contributed

Father and son Eric and Hunter Helmick have swum 600 kilometres down the Murray River as they try to set a record and inspire youth.

The team spent the months before the big swim training in and around Byron Bay.

Earlier this week the team was leaving Barmah on the way to Echuca near the Victorian border.

'Everybody is good, really healthy and swimming hard,'

Eric said. 'We are putting in much longer days as the water warms up.'

'Delays have occurred but they not been completely unexpected and the team can make up the lost time, and is still in with a chance to break the distance record in Australia,' he said.

The team aims to swim more than 2,500km down the Murray River by the end of January.



Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

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Landcare

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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 pre-school children Mullumbimby – Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

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).



Local photographer and artist Peter King captured these unusual clouds above The Pocket. According to *The Cloudspotter's Guide* by Gavin Pretor-Pinney they are described as Mamma or Mammatus, meaning breast-like.

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 Sunday mornings in Myocum. Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

No-interest loans

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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

USA discussion group

Brunswick Valley USA 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, mazzertati2010@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**

Bookings essential on 6684 2992.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market this Saturday 8am–2pm, cnr Stuart and Myocum Streets. Broadfoot playing live. No dogs please.

Ewingsdale Christmas party

Ewingsdale Community Christmas Party Saturday 17 December 5–8pm, wood-fired pizza Volante supper provided by Ewingsdale Community Association, Santa, slip 'n' slide. Residents welcome. Please bring drinks. ewingsdalecommunity@outlook.com

Christmas Day lunch

An invitation to everyone who may be

having Christmas lunch on their own to come and join with other folk at the Uniting Church Hall in Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads, from 12 noon on 25 December. Alcohol-free area, plum pudding, custard and ice-cream, and juices will be provided, but the main meal will be for each person to bring food to share with each other. We hope to see you there. Contact Betty 6680 1511 for more information.

Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop

Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 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 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@raisetherooofsinging.com.

ManTime

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

Town Choir

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

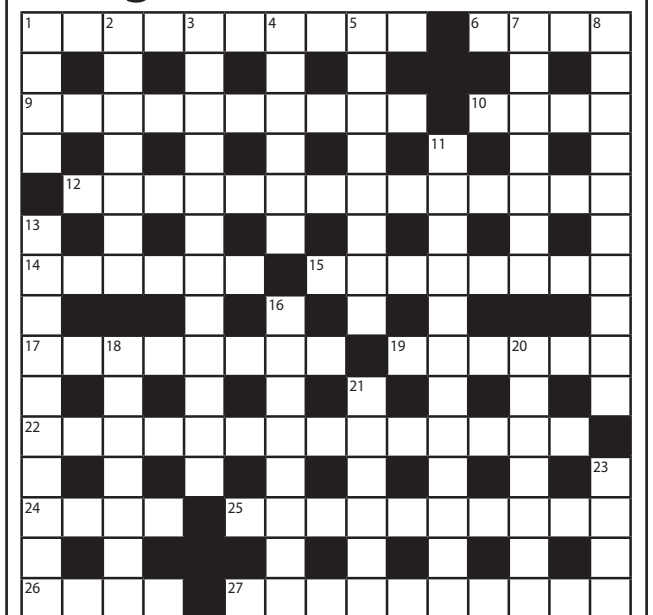
CWA Bangalow

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 N156



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Spread seed over land area 500 – can't be criticised! (6,4)
- Actress discards ring and dress! (4)
- Type of lens needed to make closet epic (10)
- Parrots primates (4)
- Inexperienced Ken trees a surprisingly harmless reptile (5,4,5)
- Very quietly, circle after beer in a Syrian city (6)
- Grieving, first in command enjoys inflicting pain on others (8)
- Some on Right initially among shock-jock Jones's losers (4-4)
- Dead desert plant? (6)
- Once again wets cross section; returning, it's deadly! (8,6)
- Told stories for a song (4)
- The German top shearers are guns! (10)
- Dog's backward walk (4)
- Unsteady, but mumbles – clumsy oaf! (10)

DOWN

- Poses object on board (4)
- About fifty rocks holding one unit of heat (7)
- Pederast area set aside for spring celebration (6,6)
- Outerwear about right for Balkan citizens (8)
- W..wave? (8)
- Snake with resting place on surface of road (7)
- "Place for a coffin," declared Spooner, eyeing a seriously incapacitated man (6,4)
- Ambitious, upwardly-mobile Hal? (12)
- Stuart, anal pervert, gives us the creepy crawlies! (10)
- Popular number with church territory – not sinful (8)
- Type of triangle, a quarter undersize (7)
- Confused Beth embraces a worker – a familiar British broadcaster! (3,4)
- Remains of computer part found in retreat (6)
- Total: about 100. Worthless (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- People or institutions considered to be above criticism (6,4)
 - Clothing, dress (4)
 - Long-distance lens or sight (10)
 - Copies, imitates (4)
 - Harmless Australian serpent (5,4,5)
 - City in Northern Syria (6)
 - Gaining pleasure from causing pain (8)
 - Losers, back in the pack (4-4)
 - Spiny desert plant (6)
 - Poisonous Australian arachnid (8,6)
 - Told porkies (4)
 - American firearms (10)
 - Walk, pace (4)
 - Clumsy or inept person (10)
- #### DOWN
- Poses, takes a chair (4)
 - Basic unit of heat (7)
 - Procession held during Pascal festivities (6,6)
 - Citizens of Zagreb (6)
 - A wave with a broken crest (8)
 - Black bituminous road surface (7)
 - Seriously incapacitated person, often multiple amputee (6,4)
 - Ambitious, upwardly mobile voter (12)
 - South American spiders (10)
 - Not guilty (8)
 - Triangle with three unequal sides (7)
 - Affectionate term for the public British broadcast service (3,4)
 - An Indian retreat, for cleansing and meditation (6)
 - Australian Society for Ultrasound Medicine (inits) (4)

Last week's solution N155



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Byron library fun

Tuesday 20 December at 10.30am – Christmas crafts for children aged three and up. Tuesday 10 January at 10.30am – Scrafitto! Unearth mystery images for children aged five and up. Wednesday 11 January at 10.30am – Build a giant

marble run. For children aged five and up. Friday 13 January at 10.30am – Marble run fun! For children aged three and up. Friday 20 January at 10.30am – Mystery celebrity magician! Bookings required for all activities on 6685 8540.

Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day Sunday 18 December 9am–12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

Puppet show

Mullumbimby Library Wednesday 14 December 4pm, The Adventurers puppet show with Sandra Frain and friends. Puppet making, games and puppet play.

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It's that time of year when we all tend to drink a bit more. Water, that is. After the success of the new drinking fountain in Burringbar Street, Creative Mullumbimby, supported by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, is announcing an exciting new project for the Mullumbimby Sculpture Walk – 'Revive' – revitalising the public drinking fountain. The project has a \$6,000 budget for fabrication and installation. All artists interested in creating a positive statement about public access to life-giving water can learn more about this project and register their interest on mullumsculpture-walk.com.au/revive.

Reporter Samantha Turnbull from ABC North Coast last week compiled advice on how to protect yourself from lightning strikes, which is obviously very useful in this thunderous summer. Read it at <http://bit.ly/lightstrike2>.

How long will it take for the message to get through that parts of Belongil Beach are a sanctuary for migrating birds? The usual problem is careless walkers or people with unrestrained dogs but the other week a posse of motorcyclists saw fit to ride through the area. If you know anything about the riders, please contact Marine Parks on 6630 9305. If you want to help out birds who visit or live locally, or just get more information, pay Byron Bird Buddies a visit at byronbirdbuddies.com.au. You can download *Birds of the Byron Wetlands* while you're there.

Food Tank, the organisation which aims to generate



Ernest Randriarimalala captured this image for WaterAid of a young boy enjoying clean water in Madagascar. You can see more of Ernest Randriarimalala's photos on his Facebook page. WaterAid Australia is staging the Water Challenge in March next year, in which you can elect to Walk for Water by walking or running 10,000 steps a day from March 20 to 24 and/or Drink Just Water by challenging yourself to make just water your only beverage for 14 or 30 days in March 2017. Fundraising from WaterAid's Water Challenge will go towards working with local partners to set up practical and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene solutions in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. To get involved go to waterchallenge.org.au.

positive change in agriculture worldwide, has just revamped its website and it's worth a look at <https://foodtank.com>. Food Tank reports on the recently published 2016 Food Sustainability Index (<http://foodsustainability.eiu.com>), in which Australia gets a ranking of 57.34 for food loss and waste compared to top-ranking country France at 80.25, while even the United States weighs in at 71.97.

If you want to drill down into the projects worldwide which are seeking to fulfil the UN's Sustainable Development Goals visit the SDG Knowledge Hub at <http://sdg.iisd.org> set up by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (iisd.org). It's a positive change from the usual calamities in world politics.

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