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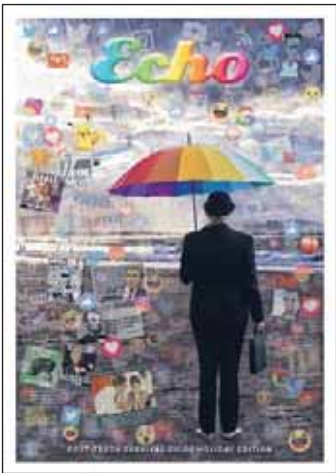
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NBN Co's tower unwelcome

Residents opposed to an NBN tower close to their homes in Coorabell have been given assistance from Byron Shire councillors, who last week voted unanimously to ask that the tower's construction halt until it is proven all requirements surrounding the approval process have been met.

Specifically, NBN's full compliance 'with all applicable provisions in the Industry Code C564: 2011 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment.'

Council are also requesting that meetings be held with neighbours who are 'visually affected by the tower and locations to minimise visual impact within the property explored.'

It comes after residents in



Coorabell residents are saying 'not in my backyard' to NBN Co's tower. Photo Jeff Dawson

the area claimed there was inadequate consultation and that no other location options were provided.

A spokesperson from NBN Co has previously rejected those claims. Residents are also critical of Australian electromagnetic energy

(EME) standards compared to other countries and the potential lack of independence of oversight bodies.

The motion by Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) says that if there is no reply within a week from NBN Co, Visionstream and federal com-

munications minister Mitch Fifield, then Council will 'commence proceedings in the Land & Environment Court for injunctive relief.'

Optic fibre more efficient

Council will also request 'consideration for access and utilisation of an optic fibre located at Coorabell Primary School for the delivery of NBN services to neighbouring properties.'

A review is also requested, 'of the process that determined wireless over the more efficient option of fibre optic cable... [that] will not outdate quickly and does not present any potential health risks.'

North Ocean Shores sportsfield opens

Residents in the north of the Shire have an early Christmas present from Council – a new \$2.3 million sportsfield.

Located on a corner block on Shara Boulevard, it features a premier grade soccer field, home and away changerooms, public toilets, canteen, referees' room and first-aid room.

It's the first NSW sportsfield to be fully lit with LED floodlights, Council says, and one of the first in the country.

Staff also say the onsite building was designed with 'ecologically sustainable design principles.'

'The building has great airflow, natural lighting in the

changerooms, and caters for all-abilities access and amenity.'

Mayor Simon Richardson congratulated everyone involved in the project, including the community, sporting groups, local schools, contractors, councillors and staff.

He said, 'This is a long-awaited and much-needed facility for the north of Byron Shire. We have no doubt that it will be well used by many sporting groups, schools and families.'

organisations for their support in helping to deliver the long-awaited field: Shores United Soccer Club, Ocean Shores Community Association, South Golden Beach Community Association, New Brighton Village Association, and the Ocean Shores, Main Arm and Pocket public schools.

'We're looking forward to watching a new generation of athletes thrive in Ocean Shores, Billinudgel, South Golden Beach and neighbouring towns,' he said.

The seven-hectare site was purchased in 2014 and is centrally located to service a number of local townships including Ocean Shores, Billinudgel, South Golden Beach, New Brighton and Brunswick Heads.

The final step is naming the field, say staff.

Suggestions can be emailed to Council's capital project officer, Nikki Bourke, at Nikki.bourke@byron.nsw.gov.au.

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Recognition

'Today's opening has only been made possible through [hard work and persistence] from residents such as Marc Patten and Ted Kabbout from the Shores United Soccer Club and local community representatives Kathy Norley, Angela Dunlop, Robert Crossley, Jan Mangelson and former councillor Di Woods.'

Byron Shire Council say they would also like to thank the following community or-

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Byron Line
back on track

Mayor Simon Richardson's ambitious plan to bring both Northern Rivers Rail Trail and Trains On Our Tracks to the table over the disused railway was given a boost at last week's Council meeting.

Councillors voted to move ahead 'with the intent to illustrate to the state government a community-wide support for multi-use of the rail corridor within Byron Shire and to prepare for possible funding opportunities.' The motion aims to work toward an 'economic and social feasibility report.'

Crs Spooner and Hunter voted against - Cr Hackett was absent. Northern Rivers Rail Trail's Marie Lawton told *The Echo* it is important to put the issue to rest ASAP owing to 'the possibility of parts of it being sold off as a disused asset.'

Dan's latest work



Is there any piece of wall in Mullumbimby left to decorate? Artist Daniel Hend has completed a huge mural on the outside of the IGA building on Burringbar Street, adding to his other impressive artwork around the town. Also pictured behind Daniel is Mullum IGA store manager Daniel Tiffin, who has just overseen an extensive refurbishment of the store, including new checkouts, fridges and deli. Photo Jeff 'Art In All The Right Places' Dawson

Violence in the Bay drops 60 per cent

Aslan Shand

The Byron Liquor Accord (BLA) has welcomed a 60 per cent drop in alcohol-related incidents (ARIs) since 2012.

Figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) show alcohol-related incidents (ARIs) have dropped from 4,277 in 2012 - above the NSW average - to 1,342 incidents in 2016.

'Everyone has stepped up and had a very positive impact,' said BLA president, Hannah Spalding.

Along with BLA vice-president Loren Nowland, Mrs Spalding joined detec-

tive inspector Brendon Culen (Tweed/Byron LAC) on Wednesday to announce the improved statistics.

It comes after a unified effort on reducing the impact of alcohol-related violence and antisocial behaviour, which peaked in the town around 2011.

Community effort

The BLA formalised its structure in 2012 and worked with the Byron Shire Council, NSW Police, the town's chamber of commerce, the Byron Youth Service and the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing to come up with a range of strategies to tackle the issue.

Called the Bay Alcohol Action Plan, it introduced a range of measures that included 'a 1.30am lockout, a four-drink limit per person per serve after midnight, no double shots/shooters/jugs of alcohol, no energy drinks with alcohol after 2am, ceasing alcohol service 15 minutes before late close, refusing entry to any person wearing the name of an outlawed motorcycle gang and not sell/supply cask wine greater than two litres.'

Mrs Spalding said, 'There were a lot of new owners and licensees had come here by 2012. It took time explaining why they couldn't do things like double shots in Byron Bay.

'People such as Loren Nowland stepped up and came on board [to the accord] and have had a really positive impact.'

BLA members have also supported the Byron Schoolies Hub and the NYE Soul Street, as well as supplying the 'Slow Down Chill-Out' posters for hostels and branded bags to bottleshops to assist in educating the public.

'It is not the [supply] industry alone that can make the difference,' continued Mrs Spalding. 'It has to come from all the community combined with the police, Council and the Liquor and Gaming office as well as people realising they are responsible for themselves.'

Councillor's self-storage development refused

A proposal for a controversial large self-storage facility on a short road in Myocum by councillor Alan Hunter was rejected at last Thursday's Council meeting.

Fellow councillors unanimously voted against the plans, despite it being supported by staff.

Cr Paul Spooner declared

a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, owing to his 'having a close working relationship with Cr Hunter.' Both Crs Hunter and Spooner left the room when the vote was cast.

Cr Jan Hackett was absent.

The grounds for rejection - pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* - included that the

'development is likely to result in adverse environmental and social impacts as a result of increased traffic generation.'

Adverse environmental and social impacts were also listed as reasons for refusal, as was the land use being 'inconsistent with the character and amenity of the locality.'

Additionally, a 'current

trial approval is yet to lapse and a review of compliance with conditions imposed yet to be undertaken.'

■ Another motion by mayor Simon Richardson was unanimously supported that will ask staff to review the inclusion of 'road transport terminal' in the Local Environment Plan (LEP).

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High scores for high schools



Byron Bay High School principal Peter King with students Cameron Nuttall, Tom McMahon, Carl Ashworth and Henry Newton. Photo Supplied

Byron Bay High School

Principal Peter King told *The Echo* he was very proud of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) results by his students.

‘There was a lot of hard work put in by the students and it paid off,’ he said.

Of note, dux of the school was Tom McMahon with 99.1 per cent, while other students performed extremely well – Jessica Buhagiar 98.3 per cent (also second in the state in biology), Carl Ashworth 97.15 per cent, Cameron Nuttall 96.85 per cent and Henry Newton 96.35 per cent.

According to Sven Wright from the NSW education department, Jessica made this year’s ‘all rounders’ list, ie she scored 90 or more in ten or more units. ‘It’s a pretty rare achievement,’ he said.

Mullumbimby High School

Relieving Mullumbimby High School principal Cameron Johnson said, ‘Once again, as a school community, we are very proud of their excellent achievements.’

‘Thirty-two students out of a total of 91 scored above 80 per cent in one or more subjects.

‘Eleven students scored above eighty per cent in three or more subjects.

‘Special congratulations to the following students who received above 80 per cent in all their courses: Azlan Currie, Ellen Carson, Oskar Fletcher, Zane Van Gramberg and Quinn Jones.

‘The following subjects also



Relieving Mullumbimby High School principal Cameron Johnson with HSC high achiever Ellen Carson, who is standing between school captain Paolo Newell and vice-captain Chile Bainbridge. Photo Supplied

deserve special mention and the percentage next to the subjects indicates the percentage of students who scored above 80: history extension 60, visual art 60, entertainment 40, hospitality 33, extension English 75, extension English two 100, maths extension 50, industrial tech 33 and drama 40.’

Cape Byron Steiner School

Meanwhile Cape Byron Steiner School students and staff say they are thrilled with the wonderful results achieved in the 2016 HSC.

Principal Nerrida Johnson said there was an exceptional result of a 50/50 (100 per cent) for English extension 2, which is a ‘perfect testament to a wonderful poetry submission by Jasmine Pierce, our top English student.’

‘In a cohort of 25 students, there were 14 band six results (over 90 per cent) and 61 band five (over 80 per cent) results.

‘Cape Byron students demonstrated outstanding results in drama, with eight out of the 12 students receiving scores of over 90 per cent.

‘This was not surprising, with a group selected for On-Stage for 2016.

‘Visual art results were extremely strong with two band six results on top of three nominations to Art Express earlier this term.

‘Students also received band six results in English extension one and two, D&T and PDHPE.

‘Most satisfying are the very many strong results in band five across all subjects.

‘This demonstrates a strong cohort and excellent teaching and learning throughout the school, from K to 12.’

Shearwater Steiner School Mullumbimby

Results were sought from Shearwater but were unavailable as of going to press.

Planting the future at Falls



More than 1,000 swamp forest trees were planted last week by volunteers, who all scored a ticket to the Falls Festival. North Byron Parklands management said the planting is part of the ongoing ecological restoration works at the Yelgun festival site under the direction of Dave Rawlins and its general manager Mat Morris. Over 3,000 trees have been planted on the site, they say, under the auspices of Falls Festival. Photo Jeff ‘Swampy As Usual’ Dawson



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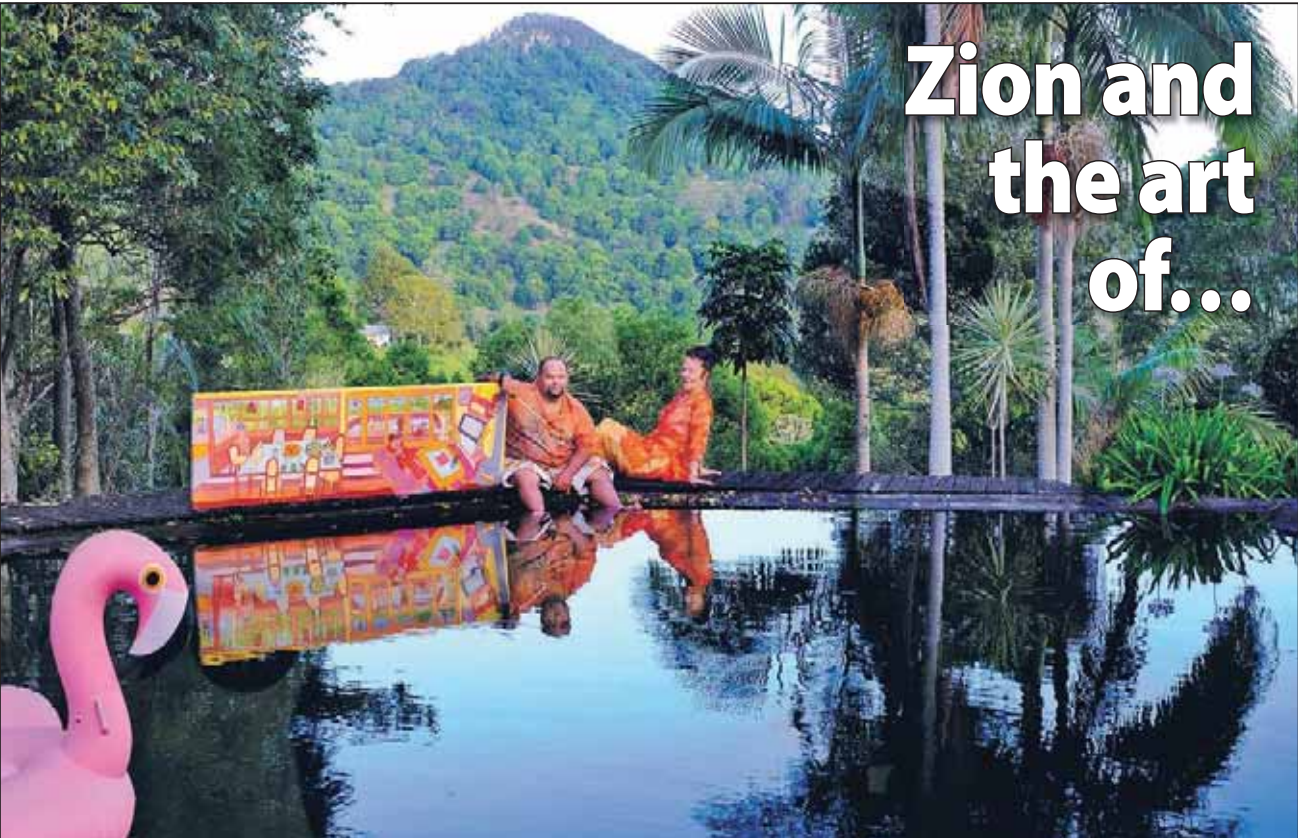
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Zion and the art of...

The star of *The Fine Art Of Being Zion*, Zion Levy Stewart, is pictured with his mother Chrissie and one of his paintings at their Main Arm home. Susie Forster's film featuring Zion and his pottery and paintings will be entered in the Byron All Shorts film comp. There's still time to submit your film; entries close December 23. For more visit www.iq.org.au. Photo Jeff Dawson

Walker selected for Greens NSW seat

North coast local Dawn Walker has replaced Greens MLC and former Byron Shire mayor Jan Barham, who recently retired from NSW parliament. The former federal Richmond candidate said she was chosen by a preselection process across the state, which was 'an internal ballot involving thousands of NSW Greens.' She said she was 'very humbled and excited to have been chosen to represent the NSW Greens,' and 'honoured to be replacing Jan Barham, who has been a tireless campaigner for NSW, especially the north coast.'

Social justice

'I will stand strong against premier Mike Baird's creeping privatisation agenda, defend our community services and push for the greater protection of our environment, as well as advocate for urgent action to address climate change and an end to coal mining



Greens founder Bob Brown with Dawn Walker at the Murwillumbah Regent Cinema recently. Photo Tree Faerie.

and fossil fuels. 'I'm passionate about social-justice issues. 'Campaigning to save local health services, fighting cuts to single parents' payments, opposing privatisation and standing up to protect penalty rates has given me a deep insight into social issues affecting NSW.' Ms Walker says she started her working life as a young graduate recruit in

the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES), which was a forerunner to Centrelink. 'I was based in a heavy manufacturing region and saw firsthand the human tragedy of Christmas layoffs and ten per cent unemployment - poverty, inequality and human struggle.' It is expected that Dawn will take her seat in the NSW upper house in late February 2017.

Balance of power in NSW upper house

There are two houses of parliament in NSW, and for laws to pass, they need to be voted in by both houses. They are the lower house (Legislative Assembly) and the upper house (Legislative Council). Ms Walker will replace Ms Barham in the upper house, where there are 42 parliamentary seats. The political makeup of the upper house is 20 coalition members: 13 from the Liberal Party and seven from the National Party. There are 12 Labor Party members, five members of the Greens, two members of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, two members of the Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) and one Animal Justice Party member.

Spike in police attacks in Tweed/Byron region

Tweed-Byron police say they will adopt a 'zero tolerance' approach to attacks on officers after four people were charged over two separate offences against police in just a few days. On December 15 at Brunswick Heads, police charged two females aged 18 and 40 with assaulting police after it is alleged that officers were

bitten on the shoulder and hit in the face. **Intoxicated** On the morning of December 18, two male offenders involved in separate incidents at Byron Bay were charged with assaulting police after one officer was kicked in the face and another was kicked in the legs. Police say both of these

incidents involved persons who were either intoxicated or suffering the effects of drugs. Police say they will be out in extra numbers patrolling the streets of Byron Bay and surrounding areas during the holiday season, including members of the Public Order and Riot Squad to assist with any antisocial behaviour.

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Youth filmmaking on offer this summer

Those between 12 and 16 can join up with the Byron Youth Service (BYS), where local filmmaker and musician Celestial Serpent will be running a course that covers scriptwriting, acting, prop and set building, directing, audio and camerawork.

Additionally, a range of exciting school-holiday activities are being run by BYS, including street art, sourdough, home beauty treatments and more.

BYS education support officer Dale Shaddick says the filmmaking course will develop the talents and ideas of young people, 'and their ability to express themselves with the tools of film.'

'Participants can choose an area they want to focus on or they can have a go at everything,' said Shaddick.

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Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness

Filmmaker David Bradbury explains his latest project

Last week in *The Echo*, I wrote about my visit to Standing Rock.

The footage I shot there will form part of a bigger new film, called *The Darkest Hour... is just before the Dawn*, which was shot over my three months in America leading up to the presidential elections.

The Darkest Hour will try to make sense of how the Trump phenomenon won the day, but will also give rise to hope and life after Donald.

We all need to live with that hope and have a roadmap pointing the way forward.

Survival revival

Criss-crossing the US, I visited eight major cities and filmed in various rural areas.

I met many traumatised people, including veterans of the Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan military misadventures fought on behalf of oil and corporate America.

They were veterans living on the streets who came home unhinged.

They fought for the America dream. Or as Donald puts it, trying to 'Make America Great... again'.

I spoke to and filmed countless homeless people who had given up on the dream (or it had given up on them) and now struggle daily just to stay alive. For various reasons, they had given up trying to survive in suburbia.

I filmed musicians, philosophers, writers and prostitutes, drug dealers, oil merchants, beer salesmen, conmen and convicts. I was lucky to interview film director and my old friend, Phil



David films Carlos and his dance partner in Havana, Cuba. Photo Treena Lenthall

Frontline Film Foundation

Award-winning independent filmmaker David Bradbury has established a tax-deductible charity, Frontline Film Foundation.

David says, 'Our patrons include Phillip Adams (whose ABC radio LNL show is on the chopping block), Judy Davis, Geoffrey Rush, Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, Tom Keneally, Father Frank Brennan, Peter Garrett, Paul Kelly and more.'

The credo of the Frontline Film Foundation, David says, is: 'Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.'

'I need your help now to keep going,' says David.

'Four hundred people donating \$10 a week (the cost of two cups of coffee) is enough to provide me with a budget to make one important film a year. Please consider signing up online now... and help to light one more candle.'

For more visit frontlinefilms.com.au/foundation.

Noyce, who is living in LA. (He directed *Patriot Games*, *The Quiet American*, *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Newsfront*.)

We then went to Standing Rock to see it all rush together on election day.

By the end of our trip, my shoulder and back joints ached from carrying my camera gear on and off planes, buses, trains, Ubers, dodging check-in staff because I could not afford to pay excess baggage.

I gave it everything I had to make this film, as I always do. I hope to finish the film in the coming months while it's still fresh in my head, so I can have screenings here and back in the US.

To do so, I need your help.

Decline in public broadcasting

The ABC and SBS are no longer interested in funding these so-called 'radical' films.

Our public broadcasters have been white-anted and taken over by Howard/Abbott appointees. The ABC and SBS are now run by economic rationalists and executives (failed hacks) who have migrated from commercial TV in Britain, NZ and Oz com-

mercial TV. ABC management is awash with business admin and marketing degree types, all at the expense of actual program makers.

Legal and hard-headed accounting types negotiate with outsiders such as myself now.

They have little regard for the traditions and culture of 'Our ABC' that trained me and countless other good journalists and program makers.

This is the dumbing-down effect.

Today, it's all about ratings and appealing to the lowest common denominator so the managers can justify to Canberra their highly paid jobs and perks based on viewing numbers, rather than fulfilling the ABC's charter to show what mainstream media will never dare show.

Films I've had rejected by ABC and SBS are gathering dust in my edit room in Wilsons Creek, eating away at my conscience because I am not able to give a voice to the voiceless. These are people who have trusted me with their stories in Aboriginal Australia, India and Iraq.

And there's my own son's struggle with mental illness and drug addiction that we filmed, hoping to help others

in the same boat.

Then there's footage shot at Roxby, BHPBilliton's uranium mine and the Lizard's Revenge protest. It aims to inform and highlight the folly of building a nuclear waste dump in SA.

Opening up more uranium mines to export to countries like India is just insane – they refuse to sign the nuclear-non proliferation treaty.

Pre-ISIS footage

I shot a whole film in Iraq in 2013 just before ISIS took over. This is rare footage captured before these cities fell into chaos and bloodshed.

ABC (*Four Corners* and *Foreign Correspondent*) rejected it.

My footage clearly showed why the US-installed government in Baghdad was hated and would fall. It showed why ISIS was coming.

The footage also shows the continuing horrible birth defects on newborn babies in Fallujah and Basra where depleted uranium was used.

Family operation

Filmmaking is costly – airfares, accommodation, food, hire cars, camera equipment hire, professional technicians in post production.

I keep my overheads down by being a one-man cameraman, shooting my own video and sound.

My partner Treena Lenthall comes with me with our seven-year-old son Omar, and we work together as a family team.

We bring the many hours of footage back to the edit room in Wilsons Creek where I then spend three to four months sifting through it all with an editor.

That is both enjoyable and angst ridden, getting it down to around an hour in length, finding the final structure of a very complex jigsaw puzzle of visuals, interviews, music, entertaining moments and even light humour relief.

After more months' work the process is then finished by highly skilled technicians: sound mixers, film graders and graphic artists.

These professionals, like the rest of us, have mortgages and kids, the need to put food on the table each week.

■ For more visit frontlinefilms.com.au/foundation.

Special rates variation steams ahead

Byron Shire Council all voted to forge ahead with a Special Rates Variation (SRV) at Thursday's Council meeting. While the SRV is primarily aimed at fixing the Shire's failing roads and infrastructure, it comes with a warning from staff of amalgamation if assets are left to deteriorate.

Equitable

Following comments from the public – who were against the rise – councillors took around an hour discussing how the burden could be more equitable with tourist operators sharing more of that cost. Staff told councillors that the initial application for the rise to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) does not need to have a rate amount specified. Councillors have asked for a staff report, which will include 'revenue-raising options external to a special rate variation.' This includes implications of a 'tourism levy, tariff or something similar' and its relationship to a Special Rate Variation.

Live and friendly for 35 years

Mandy Nolan

The Rails has been a cultural mainstay in a town where businesses can change quicker than Melbourne weather. The Rails Hotel in Byron Bay, aka The Railway Friendly Bar, has just celebrated 35 years under the ownership of licensee Tom and Cath Mooney. Live music, seven nights a week, has been a big part of the pub's appeal, with legendary touring bands playing one night and locals the next. Tom believes that in the face of ongoing affluence, we need to remember the town's working class origins. 'If you look at Jimmy Willing's backdrop, it was of an era when it was a more working class place. I miss the 80s when the industry closed down, and the surfers and alternatives came in... but they didn't want to change anything too much; the modern charge of newcomers want to change everything... I think you should hold onto the heart of good things.' The key word in the business name is *Friendly*.

The Rails has long been the bar that locals frequent; they are appreciative that their quirky gathering place has changed little over the last three decades. For people returning to Byron Bay lamenting how much the place has changed or developed, it's grounding to grab a beer at the Rails, and eventually someone you once knew will wander in. It's a little bit like the bar out of TV's *Cheers*, except instead of Ted Danson we've got Tom Mooney! A professional rugby league footballer in the 1970s, Tom played as winger for Manly-Warringah and South Sydney clubs. When that chapter closed, he was ready to tackle a new adventure, so he and his wife Cath made the move to sleepy Byron Bay in 1981 before the term *sea change* was even coined. In 1988, with two small children, Cath and Tom Mooney took charge of the Rails and the little pub found its feet. 'We wanted the kids growing up in the country.





Staff, a couple of occasional visitors and hotelier Tom Mooney, centre front. Photo Jeff Dawson

This place is like the town I grew up in; back then it was a hard-working industrial town,' says Tom. **Industrial town** 'Most people don't realise how industrial the town was back then. We had the meatworks, sandmining, the place was full of hard people, and it was like where I grew up in Wauchope.' Tom and Cath's connection and understanding of

the importance of small-town communities that has seen the Rails get involved in some key projects. 'We started the rugby club back in 1982, and we've sponsored soccer, hockey... that's the sort of things pubs do in small country towns... but alas we're not a country town...' 'It's still very much a family thing from our side,' he says. 'My son and daughter, (the babes in arms on arrival)

Luke and Hannah, both work there and it's a family pub for the town. Lots of people used to bring their babies along to listen to the music; now those kids are 30 years old!' The Railway Bar is one of Byron's most significant historical locations, with the first stationmaster being appointed in 1904, and the refreshment room being opened in 1908. And while the trains are yet to return, the music and the beer continue.






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Busking brothers clean up

Vivienne Pearson

Brothers Nathaniel and Matt Wareing are literally brothers-in-arms for a two-man busking show they are performing at PARK&FLY, at Denning Park Byron Bay, on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Their show, called *Squeaky Clean*, starts with the two of them cleaning up the detritus 'left behind' by another act.

The 'cleaners' become inadvertent performers, a chance for the brothers to display their talent for acrobatics, juggling and comedy.

Nathaniel, 21, is a coach at Circus Arts. Matt, 15, has just completed Year 9 at Mullumbimby High School and started coaching circus this year also. Both are members of the Circus Arts performance troupe, who regularly perform at events and festivals around the Shire.

Being brothers helps with their routine and not just because there are few other relationships that would tolerate one person spitting a mouthful of water into the other's face, all in the name of entertainment.

'I more instinctively know



Nathaniel and Matt Wareing are just two of the talented performers taking to the trapeze in Denning Park over the holiday break. Photo Vivienne Pearson

the sort of stuff he'll do,' says Nathaniel about his brother.

'If he goes off on a tangent or does something we haven't rehearsed, it's easy to keep up with him.'

Dozen shows

Squeaky Clean is only one of the performances on offer at PARK&FLY.

A dozen different circus busking shows, featuring local performers as well as those from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, will be dotted throughout summer.

Shows include acrobats, jugglers and aerial feats that

will leave you gasping.

All this happens in the shadow of the ten-metre-high flying trapeze rig, which is open to classes and one-off swings for everyone.

Busking shows, as well as flying trapeze shows, are all free to watch – though feel free to reach into your pocket to support the performers as the hat (or garbage bin in the case of *Squeaky Clean*) is passed around at the end.

PARK&FLY is at Denning Park, Byron Bay (at the end of Bay Street).

■ For more info visit www.circusarts.com.au/parkandfly.

Planning dept yet to explain how *Echo* story is 'inaccurate'

The NSW planning department has described last week's *Echo* story, *Planning dept at risk of conflict of interest*: AG, as inaccurate, yet has not explained exactly how.

The Echo ran the story on the NSW Auditor-General's recent report regarding conflict-of-interest declarations within that department.

But the department's cluster chief financial and operating officer, Simon Officer, told *The Echo* the headline was 'misleading because the department of planning and all agencies in the planning portfolio are 100 per cent compliant with conflicts of interest and secondary employment monitoring.'

The Echo stands by its headline, and quoted a passage

from NSW Auditor-General's report to Mr Officer. It reads, 'Conflict-of-interest declarations and monitoring of conflicts need to be extended to contractors and secondary employment arrangements.'

'Insufficient controls to identify and manage conflicts of interest could cause serious financial and reputational damage to an agency.'

Conflict of interest management

So how does the planning department manage potential conflicts of interest?

Mr Officer explained in his correspondence, 'The department requires all staff, including contractors, to declare any conflicts of interest and

secondary employment as a condition of employment.

'These declarations are monitored as part of the department's disclosing interests and managing conflicts of interest policy, which provides a clear and transparent outline for identifying, assessing, declaring and managing conflicts of interest.'

'The Auditor-General's report analysed the results of financial statement audits of the 28 agencies in the planning and environment cluster for the year ended June 30, 2016.'

'The report findings recognise the need for smaller agencies in the cluster to adopt measures used by the department to ensure consistency of processes across the cluster.'

Ballina High School proposal on display

Public feedback on the proposed \$40 million new high school in Ballina is now being sought by the NSW Department of Education.

It aims to cater for 1,000 students on the existing Ballina High School site and will combine students from Ballina High years 7 to 12 and students from K-12 Southern Cross School.

The proposal includes the demolition of the majority of the existing Ballina High School buildings but retention of the existing Marine Discovery Centre, aquaculture building and existing sports courts. An existing 32-space sealed car park is earmarked for removal.

Details can be found at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition.



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For more information contact Betty on 6680 1511.

Post-fact survival kit

If you don't read news media you're uninformed. If you do read news media you're misinformed

Hans Lovejoy

You can't escape that new term *post-fact*, so let's grab it in the crotch like Trump and run this topic into the ground as surely he will do with the US of A.

Notice how that opening statement denigrates Trump?

It's called cognitive bias.

Having been born into different tribes with varying degrees of geographical luck, health, genetics, wealth, education and technical advances, we all adopt and create a perspective of fact, or bias.

It's in this context that we fight for fact, truth, reality – or whatever you want to call it.

Underlying perception is the desire – by some of us – for domination over others.

Regardless of who you are, some tyrant is always trying to gain more power over you.

Post-fact exists because of power struggles and tyrants.

Easily led

And as a herd of humans, we are easily led.

The late comedian George Carlin said he loved individuals but loathed groups of people.

'Especially people with a common purpose,' he said.

'Because pretty soon they have little hats. And arm bands. And fight songs. And a list of people they are going to visit at 3am.'

Through finely tuned perception management, humans are led and exploited more easily when the reptilian part of the brain is engaged.

Fight or flight has no rationality to it. No nuance. No reflection. No empathy. Exploiting the reptilian response 24/7 is now a fine art.

As such, collective insanity is getting worse. If not worse, it's certainly becoming more amplified.

Should we take a pacifist, do-nothing position in a fact-free world run by insane tyrants?

No. It's time to fight back



A post-fact world is only possible where monolithic corporate tech companies are not held accountable and pursue monetary rewards at the expense of truth and/or sanity. Incidentally, Google dropped its famous motto 'Don't Be Evil,' after the company restructured as Alphabet in October 2015. Image Google search page screenshot

Knowledge nuts and bolts

Like a crucifix to a vampire, post facts and lies are combated by knowledge.

This includes being familiar with the legal system and understanding legislation (statutory interpretation). The creation of laws and policies at local, state and federal government levels is a cornerstone of

how this society functions.

Then there are the courts: the hierarchies and the concept of precedence, deciphering court cases (case law). On top of all that there's decoding political agendas and propaganda – assisting in this mass illusionary exercise is an army of staff and advisers.

In a world without facts or sanity

■ Trust body language.

Notice how US whistleblower Edward Snowden looks and acts incredibly relaxed? That's because he's got nothing to lose and is comfortable in his skin.

He wants to share knowledge, not hide it. All those politicians who vilify him simply want to maintain their power illusion. They look uncomfortable in their skin because they lack legitimacy and know it.

■ Be aware of the cognitive bias in all news outlets.

For example, Russia Today (RT) is a state-sponsored media network that produces good content about the US and UK, yet doesn't touch any of its own seedy mafia underbelly. Likewise the BBC (UK state-sponsored media) was accused in February 2016 by an inquiry of failing to act upon disgraced television personality Jimmy Savile.

Savile was well known within that organisation as a sexual predator yet no BBC journalist exposed him.

It's worth repeating that any organisation or individual will always protect their self-interest.

■ Be aware of doubt merchants. Destabilising reality is called 'gaslighting', after the 1938 play *Gaslight*.

It explores the theme of psychological abuse, where a victim is told false information with the intent of making them doubt their own memory and perception.

■ Stop being click bait and be more factually vigilant.

There are browser extensions that flag misleading and fake news websites. If in doubt, Google the name of the story with the word 'fake' or similar.

(Reasonably) trusted (US) sources for debunking fake news include snopes.com, factcheck.org and politifact.com. The ABC did have a fact-checking department, but that was axed in May 2016.

■ Subscribe to as many feeds on social media as possible that are repugnant to your point of view.

For example, what do the [Andrew] Bolt Report Supporters Group, the United Patriots Front, Cory Bernardi and One Nation really say?

Once you get past the vomitous attacks on anything that isn't like themselves, is there a coherent and factually supported argument?

It's amazing how aggressive online debate has become.

The more aggressive, the more it lacks self reflection. It's okay to learn from mistakes and share the process.

■ *Think like a lawyer, don't act like one* is a useful book by Aernoud Bourdrez, which aims to empower those dealing with 'conflict seekers'.

■ Lastly – be fearless.

Ask questions of those in power no matter who they are. Be aware of everyone's opinion and 'facts'.



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– US senator and satirist Al Franken

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Elysium dreams big in Bay laneway

Revamping Byron Bay's Lawson Lane from an unloved service lane full of rubbish bins into the world's first 'curated' laneway will give women from the SHIFT project, who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, the chance to extend their art skills and knowledge to a new level.

Jackie and Anj are women who have been developing their skills under the guidance of local artist, and owner of Exchange Design Gallery in Bangalow, Paula Bannan.

Paula says, 'Anj and Jackie have shown commitment and dedication both to their art practice and the SHIFT project program.'

Likewise, Jackie praises her mentor's encouragement.

Jackie said, 'Paula has been an inspiration and her support has allowed me to re-establish my art portfolio. She has encouraged me to pursue more formal study.'

'I am looking forward to participating in the Elysium project, which will give me an opportunity to meet and work with local artists and designers.'

Providing skills is just one aspect of the Elysium project, which is close to reaching its



A concept rendering for ELYSIUM on Lawson Lane by artists Sonia van de Haar (road designer), Harley Graham and Max Beaur (walls and light sculpture). Photo supplied

\$100,000 target; currently it is \$20,000 short.

While the artworks are currently being finalised, the art installation aims to incorporate a range of art media, from sculpture and lighting to painting.

The installation will take place between March 1 and 15 next year.

Recording the process will be renowned Brisbane documentary filmmaker Selina Miles. Over the two weeks

that the project runs, Selina will be on hand to record the transformation. Rebecca says, 'She is really creative in the way she approaches her work. Selina is internationally recognised for her work recording street art around the world.'

With the Elysium project close to reaching its funding goal, donations from philanthropists are now being sought to raise the final \$20,000. Rebecca says, 'We are looking for private

patrons who would be willing to donate \$1,000.' If you are interested in becoming a sponsor contact Rebecca Townsend 0404 087 443.

■ The principal sponsor is BASE (formerly Nomads), and other major contributors so far are Stone & Wood Brewing, Resene Paints (who are donating all the paint), *The Byron Shire Echo*, Shogun Signs, Feros Arcade, PM3, Harley Graham Architects, Creative Road and Fullerton Creative.

Young waste warriors



Byron Community Primary School's senior class (The Whales) have won the waste-wise challenge set by Byron Shire Council this year.

Students were challenged to audit the school waste and recycling bins and come up

with ideas for how to improve our wasteful ways.

The students used the new Dirty Dozen recycling rules to ensure the school didn't throw items that are able to be recycled into the waste bin.

Developer and quarry fined

A Tweed developer and a quarry owner at Mooball have each been fined \$15,000 for breaching approval conditions.

Compliance officers from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment levied the fines after finding breaches during inspections recently.

Ramtech, the owner of Dunloe Sand Quarry at Mooball, was fined after fail-

ing to handle quarry waste products according to the requirements in its approval.

Fraser Drive Investments was fined after failing to obtain a construction certificate before commencing subdivision works in South Tweed Heads. The fine follows two \$6,000 penalties and an initial fine of \$15,000 issued to the same company for a separate breach.



Funding our future

Have your say by 18 January

Byron Shire Council has resolved to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of our intent to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) in 2017. The increase amount will not be decided until February 2017.

As part of the process, Council's revised Integrated Planning and Reporting documents are now on public exhibition until 18 January. They include:

- Revised Draft Delivery Program 2014-2017
- Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan (General Fund)
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2016-2026

The above documents bring together Council's various strategies, plans and budgets to provide services, infrastructure and ensure future sustainability.

A SRV is part of our *Fit for the Future, Council Improvement Program*. Without a SRV, Council's 'Base Case', as detailed within the *Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan* and the *Draft Long Term Financial Plan*, demonstrates that Council will not be financially sustainable and the condition of assets will continue to significantly decline and fail.

Base Case - Rate peg only (no additional rate increase)

- No increase above the rate peg (in early December 2016, IPART set the rate peg at 1.5%).
- Required expenditure will significantly exceed the current budget allocation.
- Increased significant failure of high risk assets that will not be fixed immediately; this will include potential bridges, roads and building closures.
- Based on the rate peg of 1.5% for 2017/18, plus an estimated rate peg of 2.5% each year for three years; the **cumulative rate increase is 9.3%** on general rates (ordinary land rate) - excludes water, waste and sewer.

Proposed Options

Three proposed SRV options were presented to the Byron Shire community during October and November 2016. The feedback on the options was collated and presented at the 15 December, Council meeting.

Option 1 - 7.5% Deteriorate (including rate peg)

- Additional \$10.78million over four years.
- Combined with proposed loan borrowings of \$6million over three years, Council will have a total funding pool of \$16.78million over four years to allocate towards asset renewal and maintenance.
- Over 4 year period, this reflects a **33.5% cumulative rate increase** on general rates (ordinary land rate) - excludes water, waste and sewer.

Option 2 - 10% Maintain (including rate peg)

- Additional \$16.47million over four years.
- Combined with proposed loan borrowings of \$6million over three years, Council will have a total funding pool of \$22.47million over four years to allocate towards asset renewal and maintenance.
- Over 4 year period, this reflects a **46.4% cumulative rate increase** on general rates (ordinary land rate) - excludes water, waste and sewer.

Option 3 - 12.5% Improve (including rate peg)

- Additional \$22.45million over four years.
- Combined with proposed loan borrowings of \$6million over three years, Council will have a total funding pool of \$28.45million over four years to allocate towards asset renewal and maintenance.
- Over 4 year period, this reflects a **60.2% cumulative rate increase** on general rates (ordinary land rate) - excludes water, waste and sewer.

What have we been doing to improve our financial sustainability?

Through our *Financial Sustainability Plan*, we have:

1. Reviewed expenditure and revenue.
2. Implemented pay parking in Byron Bay town centre.
3. Reviewed assets surplus to requirements.
4. Undertaken an organisation restructure.
5. Developed a Strategic Procurement Roadmap.
6. Refinanced and early repayment of loans.

As at 30 June 2016, the cumulative outcomes of the Financial Sustainability Plan have yielded \$4.366million in current and future savings. The outcomes of the *Financial Sustainability Plan* are included in the 'Base Case' of Council's *Draft Long Term Financial Plan*.

What happens next?

You have until Wednesday, 18 January to provide your feedback. Feedback from the community will be reported to Council in early February 2017 and help determine what Special Rate Variation option will be submitted to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for approval. If successful, the increased general rate will come into effect from 1 July, 2017.

You can find out more at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/funding-our-future. Feedback on the amended IP&R documents, and the inclusion of the Special Rate Variation options, can be emailed to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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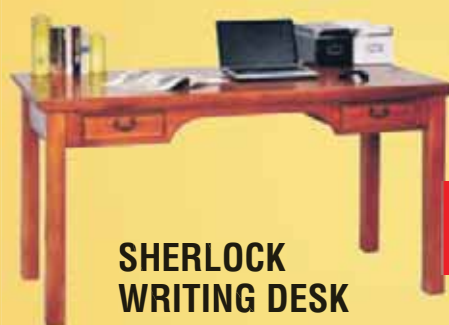


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Stwike him, centuwion. Stwike him vevy wuffly

There was an unprovoked attack last week upon those who don't participate in Christmas by a man who looks like a potato. Minister Peter Dutton was outraged that the pupils of a state school – with no ties to any religion – had not sung Christian carols at their end-of-term function.

He called for an uprising of right-minded citizens to reclaim their sacred ascendancy.

It's worth pointing out we do not have mandatory religious observances in this country, unlike say, Saudi Arabia.

Apart from taking cues from shock jocks and the worst of the right-wing US Murdoch media empire, Dutton is obviously an empty vessel who appears to follow a script written by Satan himself.

What would Jesus do with Dutton?

Dutton's department was happy to direct that a dying refugee receive no saving medical transfer.

Dutton and his government want as much secrecy around the camps as possible.

This is called 'setting an example' and 'keeping borders safe', yet such acts do not appear very Christian-like.

Other 'Christians' who appear to be working for anything but Christian principles include fellow loony low flyer, treasurer Scott Morrison. Then there are Cory Bernardi, Kevin Andrews, Mike Baird...

There are too many religiously afflicted politicians to mention here who act contrary to the teachings of Jesus.

And almost all these politicians embody the seven deadly sins: envy, gluttony, greed or avarice, lust, pride, sloth and wrath. Hey! That reads like an assessment of Trump's personality.

So instead, let's recognise those who actually take the teachings of a 2,000-year-old humble tradie refugee from the Middle East with honesty and heart.

It's those brave Christian souls – including Church leaders – from Love Makes A Way (lovemakesaway.org.au) who use non-violent action to draw attention to the appalling treatment of people seeking asylum.

They have sat in the offices of Malcolm Turnbull, Tony Abbott, Scott Morrison and Julie Bishop, among others.

While some have been arrested, they sit in peace and remind us of what real Christian values are. They remind us that it is not illegal to seek asylum.

May everyone have a happy and peaceful Pagan/Christian/Jewish holiday. (Sorry Muslims, you have to wait until the Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha for your celebrations.)

Hans Lovejoy

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Talentless ministry edges towards cliff

Malcolm Turnbull has ended the year in a morass of negatives, and we're not just talking about economic growth, consumer confidence and employment statistics, dire as they are.

Perhaps the more worrying downer is that of the polls – not only is his government failing to make any headway against what is universally regarded as a pretty lacklustre opposition, but his own negative popularity is continuing to plummet.

So what is to be done in the way of draining the swamp, as his new best chum likes to call it? Well, that piece of serious infrastructure has already been ruled out – too expensive, too difficult, like almost anything else.

But it may, just may, be possible to get rid of some of the more primitive and incompetent life forms that inhabit the cesspool. It would be tempting to start with the leader himself, whose devolution has descended almost into fossil form: no policies, no ideas, no convictions, no courage. Charles Darwin would almost certainly have marked him as unfit to survive, doomed to extinction.

However, that epochal breakthrough is clearly not going to happen, even if he is even more saurian rival, Tony Abbott, may still dream of return to the land. So we will have to make do with some lesser organisms, and there are at least some signs that they are finally passing their use-by date.

Chief among them, of course, is the amphibian George Brandis, totally out of depth even in the shallows of the senate.

Only his puffed-up vanity has kept him afloat – that, and Turnbull's reluctance to disturb what is left of the po-

litical ecology. But surely his time has finally run out: the Bell Resources conspiracy or stuff-up, call it what you will, has at last rung the bell.

And it is also rumoured that his upper house colleague, Nigel Scullion, is also for the heave-ho. Scullion's blindness, whether wilful or negligent, over the atrocities in the Don Dale Detention Centre is now being dragged through a Royal Commission which Turnbull, having instigated himself, can hardly ignore. And we are also told that Marise Payne's invalidity may become permanent at the hands of the ever voluble Christopher Pyne.

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by Mungo MacCallum

But there, it appears, is where it will stop – if, indeed, it ever starts, and given Turnbull's reluctance to do anything that might offend anybody, friend or foe, business (or the lack of it) may still prevail. Our prime minister may prefer to keep wallowing, assuring us that he has a really terrific ministry, many of whom can be trusted to tie their own shoelaces, and they all have his fullest confidence.

But the sad reality is that even his current heroes have, on examination, not all that much in the way of useful action.

Take Scott Morrison – please, take him. Apart from blaming the Labor Party for everything in the past, present and presumably future, he has actually achieved very little. A nibble around the deficit, only to promise that it will get much worse before it gets better. A refusal to countenance spend-

ing even on the brink of recession, a total aversion to raising revenue, a determination to reject any suggestions that come from anyone else, even those within his own bureaucracy.

Julie Bishop, of course, is not going anywhere. Not now, not ever. Then there is Michaelia Cash, who has replaced the failing Kelly O'Dwyer as Turnbull's current Wonder Woman. Cash gained much political kudos after negotiating the industrial changes through the senate, but very few people cared apart from the ideologues, and then they turned on her when she gave away so many concessions that very little of their

the kind of one-dimensional thug who used to give the QLD Drug Squad a bad name. And along with Pyne, who talks a lot and does very little, few of the others have struggled to achieve even cursory recognition.

These are thy ministers, oh Malcolm; a true prophet would cast them down, but then a true prophet would never have elevated them in the first place. And short of a convenient asteroid, there is no prospect of swift obliteration; they will have to be naturally selected for removal individually, shunted off to the kind of cosy sinecures that are currently being prepared for George Brandis.

The problem is that there is something of a shortage of well-padded asylums for them all to go to. Alexander Downer is shortly to vacate his comfy chair in the Court of St James, but that, we are told, is already reserved for Brandis.

And in these straitened times the government cannot simply invent new diplomatic posts, as was the traditional method of ejection.

There are plenty of lobbyist positions available (the assumption of Labor's Stephen Conroy as a gambling czar is the most recent and egregious example) but the true grandees see hanging on to the public teat as their entitlement – and of course, would probably not survive in private enterprise anyway.

So it may well be that even if Turnbull has the will and nerve to try to move his ministry a few steps up the evolutionary ladder (a highly dubious proposition in itself) finding convenient places to accommodate them without serious disruption will prove impossible.

Just another prime ministerial dilemma: so much swamp, so little refuge.



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Love life.

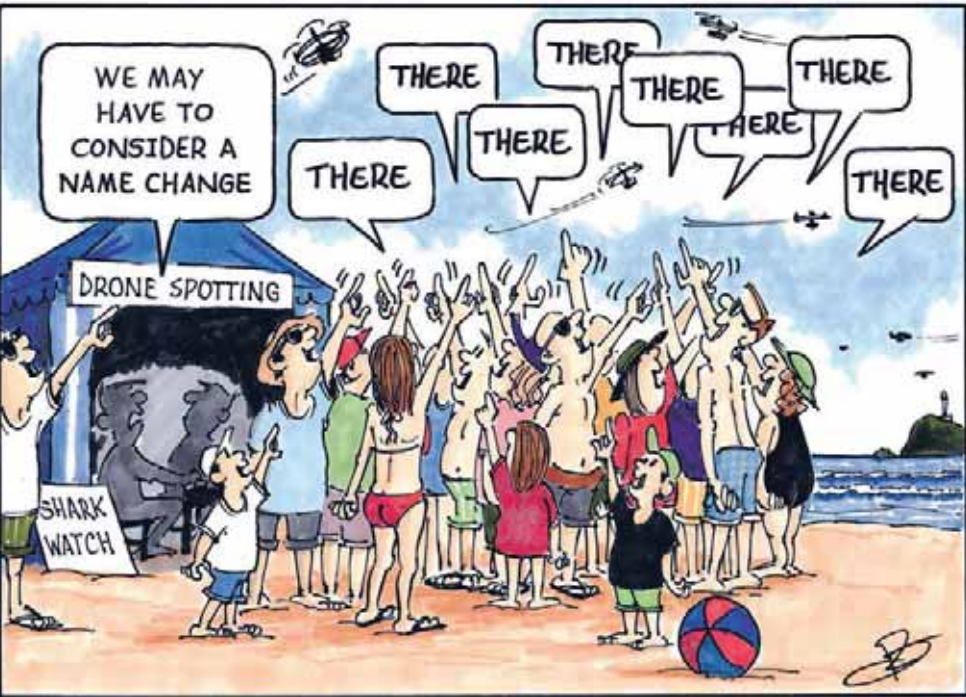
Do you excite yourself with sex-thought? It overstimulates you. It makes you dishonest in love, so you just take, but you should ask and learn to give right love. We are influenced as a child... take a drug, get used to sex, be sexy, show off, be greedy, give your attention to the newest invention, get excited... nothing will be good enough for long and such greediness supports the sex business. Worldwide he manipulates young women to play sexy for him, to be his sex object and if she makes sex with such a selfish demanding ungiving man it makes her like him. Infected and made discontent, both feel dependent on stimulation, for in truth they have not made love and so they say 'let's have some fun with a drug...' Hey man, give up, you can't just take what you want, you can't just take love! You have to give to a woman. Life's love is her gift to you, if you have earned it.

A woman today can be honest to man. If he is not honest, do not give to him, wait until he demonstrates true love. If you are honest, moment to moment and give to what is good and right, you simply feel well from the inside. With such a woman of love, you will listen to her carefully. Love is easily broken, it has to be made fresh, new, no other body belongs to you. Each of us has to stand up for love. Life felt inside is reflected in beautiful earth, universe – I belong to you.

From a Woman.



Are you a responsible, peaceful, joyful, simple and supportive man who is willing to serve in the restoration of love on earth? I have seen the Light so very bright. Honesty and Love make us grow and glow in consciousness.



Council rates

Byron Shire general manager Ken Gainger announces 75 per cent of ratepayers will get a reduction of \$100 for water rates in the 2017/18 rate year because of operational efficiencies and revised strategic planning targets owing to better asset management planning. Well done, Council, so why not apply this to our general rates and avoid another rate rise?

With \$1.2 million raised in parking fines and millions raised in parking permits for Shire ratepayers and residents, we could spread paid parking to other towns in the Shire and at least maintain the rates at their present level. Try finding a parking space in Bangalow, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. Here is another few million that could be made.

On another issue: As a

surfer I'm a supporter of drum lines. My children and grandchildren all surf, so why should a shark have the right to eat them?

Fair dinkum, how many cows, pigs, chickens, etc are killed every day, including fish? People's safety should always come first.

Paul McCarthy
Byron Bay

Amazing art

I was so disappointed when the Popular cafe closed down, not only for the loss of wholesome, cheap food, but also because of the destruction of the iconic mural of Mullumbimby and surrounds, including a man on the thunderbox, by Len Hend. His wonderful art popped up again on the True Wheel Cycles shop, which we appreciate every time we drive by.

I am thrilled to see the big,

local-scape mural tradition living on with his son, Daniel Hend. Now the Mullumbimby Co-Op is a work of art at which I notice something new every time I go.

It's like a groovy, arty virus springing to life colourfully on the town's alleyways, making walking around Mullumbimby like being in an art gallery. One day they are dingy, daggy, dusty laneways, next they're vibrant visuals of what makes this area so beautiful to live in.

I hope eventually every alleyway is affected. Thank you to Daniel. What an amazing artist you are. And to those who must be sponsoring him in these public displays of fabulousness. Mullumbimby is certainly becoming a town to visit, just to wander around wondering at the amazing art, as well as the natural beauty of Mount Chincogan

overlooking this little town. Oh, and everything else, of course.

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

Train pro and con

It appears there have been more ads and letters in the papers complaining about the Elements of Byron train. They appear to repeat much the same thing, like how terrible the use of diesel is while ignoring the fact that all the trucks, buses and SUVs on Ewingsdale Road are running on diesel. I know whatever I say will not stop the constant flow of letters from the same small group of people but I write this to the rest of the community.

Ex-Nationals leader and patron of Rail Trails for NSW, Tim Fischer, writes in his book, *Trains Unlimited in the 21st Century*, 'Rail as a mode of transport versus all others requires less fuel per passenger and tonne-kilometre and less space on the ground than cars, coaches and trucks. It generates less greenhouse

gases than all other modes. Overall only rail can deliver the energy efficiencies and transport capacities required in this century.

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Thank you, Tim, I think you've said it all. We need more trains. Hopefully this lit-

tle train is just the beginning.
Beth Shelley
Boorie Creek

■ This week has revealed both locally and internationally the rise of growing community resistance to unmitigated air pollution and the ongoing use of diesel fuels.

Locally, the NSW Baird government waxed lyrical about the final approval of the development of the proposed Badger's Creek Airport in Sydney. This development has been resisted for decades by community members. Notably,

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Brickbats and bouquets for the reptiles of the press

■ So that joke of a rag, the *Daily Telegraph*, is supporting stopping the mine in the Hunter. (I am all for stopping it as well, don't get me wrong on that.)

They say, 'It would also have jeopardised the health of dozens of families who live and work at the farms.' So any locals living near this coal mine who are unemployed, are they feral dole bludgers? Not so, according to the *Daily Telegraph*.

But when a grandmother

living 3km from the Bentley site and others living near the site protest against a gas well, she along with all the other protesters who wish to protect the area are called feral dole bludgers by the *Daily Telegraph*.

So, *Daily Telegraph*, would we have been feral dole bludgers if the Bentley valley had million-dollar horse studs and vineyards? What's that old saying, money talks and bullshit walks?

Given the big money in

horses and the money the *Telegraph* makes from the cruel sport, no wonder they have a different view for those people over their view of the rest of the people in country areas.

Daniel Jones
Fernside

■ My only NY resolution for 2017 will be to organise some kind of internet medium for commenting on journalists' efforts. I'm constantly affronted by the often paltry, questionable output of those who give us our only real window on the outside world, and I'd like to embarrass them.

Let's start modestly by remarking that *The Echo's* editor continues to refer to Cr Alan Hunter as 'National Party affiliated'. Thirty seconds in journalism school – or just commonsense – would and should have told Hans that this is prejudicial, ie he is asking readers to judge the antics of Cr Hunter (and of the Council staff who are so sympathetic towards him) not on the basis of the facts and issues but on political affiliation.

Perhaps if Hans had lived through the era of witchhunts or commie-baiting he would see it differently. Perhaps if

Hans had more ability to bring out the salient points he wouldn't need to resort to props.

I refer now to this year's 4 *Corners* beatup re the Don Dale kids' jail in the Northern Territory. The entire program was dedicated to the (unstated, of course) proposition that white mongrel prison officers routinely torture young Aboriginal offenders who, even if guilty, should be forgiven because of the way Whitey has treated Aboriginal people since forever. So we had lots of footage of this teenager grabbing anything he could get his hands on to try and smash his way out of the room – poor kid, eh. Look how upset he was!

Now if this kid is put in a 'spit hood' because he is spitting on prison officers, then that tells me that he's not fundamentally afraid of them, that he's perhaps a wilful brat who was showing off to his mates.

Look, in 1968, for one month I attended the lovely Pentridge Prison in Melbourne, the direct result of an excess of enthusiasm during an anti-Vietnam demonstration; indeed I celebrated my 21st birthday there.

Prior to that I was a leftie bleeding heart of the very kind who made that documentary, but by the time I walked out the gates I realised that there are some animals who will be animals regardless of the social system, and who need to be locked up and controlled.

I don't know whether the Don Dale lads were that bad, but they did commit their offences against Aboriginal communities and they did comprise the worst of the uncontrollable kids.

This documentary will win prizes for sure, if for no better reason than it will help assuage our collective guilt re the marginalisation of Aboriginal society. But for some reason I expect a documentary to document rather than to merely advance the careers of its makers. Or to pose more questions than it actually answers.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

■ It is with pleasure, and not a little relief, that I read on your front page that Rupert Murdoch has recently purchased most of the country's east coast newspapers, from Cairns to Coffs Harbour.

His stewardship now in-

cludes our local titles, the *Byron News*, the *Northern Star* and the *Ballina Advocate*, and it cannot be long before we see them attaining the same level of truth and accuracy as his standard-bearers, *The Australian* and the *Daily Telegraph*.

With this welcome development, your readers should be ready to admit that *The Echo* experiment has now run its course. It's all very well to print crude and tasteless attacks on respectable people, to fling four-letter words around, to yap at the heels of your betters in business and government, but these undergraduate tricks do not bring us jobs and growth.

Unity is one of the most valuable aspects of society, and Mr Murdoch will no doubt harmonise the views of our coastal communities, creating a single voice for the advancement of commerce and the redeployment of our natural resources to the benefit of productive members of the public.

I for one look forward to a new era in north coast media, and especially a naked lady on page three of *The Star*.

Ronald Bentock
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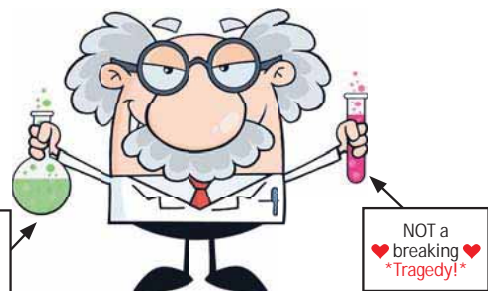
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Written by Tim Barritt. Sheep farmer, Barossa Valley, S.A.

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Baird boldly stated that the EIS (Environmental Impact Study) had successfully been completed. Wrong!

At a time when the Byron community is dealing with the political dictates surrounding rate rises, the confused status of a proposed solar train plus the current regional develop-

ment demands by the Baird government, one can clearly identify a clear dereliction of duty of care by this government when addressing the public interest.

Communities must not be oppressed by such tactics when we are dealing with the real effects of climate change and intergenerational debt.

Independent and principled legal documents must govern all future development and all forms of government must learn to move with the rapidly changing times.

On the international stage the issue of diesel emissions and the effects of same on health have manifested in the United Kingdom. Lawyers

from Client Earth are challenging the fact that the VW car manufacturer has not conformed with remedy details to address diesel emissions. A large community movement Doctors against Diesel has also manifested, aiming to be rid of diesel by 2030.

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2016: the year we didn't need

David Lovejoy

It was a shitty year. An *anus horribilis* if you like. 2016 started off with the death of David Bowie and got steadily worse. To make an arbitrary pick, we lost Umberto Eco, Marvin Minsky, Prince, Bob Ellis, Muhammed Ali, Bill Mollison, Fidel Castro and Leonard Cohen.

We have entered the death zone of twentieth-century achievers and must become accustomed to seeing a constant stream of checkouts. Alan Rickman, George Martin, Ronnie Corbett, Gene Wilder.

We might have expected to see Clive James, Jimmy Carter and Sean Connery go too, but thankfully they didn't. On the other hand Henry Kissinger got through the year unscathed; even Hell baulks at opening its gates for him.

The death of famous people is a cause for melancholy, where it doesn't engender a little *schadenfreude*. But 2016 was also a year of huge political upheavals and realignments.

Brexiting

In June Britons decided not to be part of Europe, tugging their island away from the mainland with an engine fuelled by xenophobia and supercharged by the gutter press and far-right politics. The latter even solemnised the ceremony of Brexit with the blood of murdered MP Jo Cox. The braying windbag Nigel Farage took credit for the vote and sought further fame by crossing the Atlantic to kneel before the Flim-Flam Man.

In this year we have finally understood how the lizard brains have outflanked and outmanoeuvred humanity. Rich and powerful politicians and businesspeople rail against 'elites' who are



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oppressing their freedom, white males who have never experienced racial prejudice for one second of their lives are claiming they are victims of intolerance, while tolerance itself is sneered at as 'political correctness' and civil rights are suddenly 'identity politics.'

Science derailed

The enlightenment project begun two hundred and fifty years ago seems to have been derailed. Science is no longer shared and tested knowledge, it is just a question of opinion. Truth is not a matter of rational discovery, it is a matter of who shouts loudest. Extreme views grow within internet echo chambers and are never subject to examination. False news is manufactured to serve an agenda of hatred. The modern concept of universal human rights is withering under the attack of an ancient and fearful nationalism that cannot abide human diversity.

And the Flim-Flam Man. Who could have foreseen before this year began that they would witness a fantasy screenplay unfolding before their eyes in the most powerful nation on Earth? The

show-business chancer, full of chutzpah and glibness, the snake-oil salesman, with his guile and falsehoods, the consummate liar without a shred of conscience, alternately threatening and ingratiating – the Flim-Flam Man who emerges from reality TV and finds himself spinning the biggest scam of all time, a scam so vast and unlikely that he himself can hardly believe he's pulled it off.

Flim-Flam Man

Imagine, hypnotising a nation, persuading a great military power, the great military power, to open itself up to a greedy sociopath and his gang of orcs. The Flim-Flam Man himself may be in it for the money, but those around him intend to rip out the nation's heart, its decency and what's left of its institutional stability. Already the coming government is being stacked with Wall Street crooks, racist psychopaths, climate-change deniers, misogynist Christians, environmental vandals, homophobic bigots and other creatures that make Henry Kissinger look like Nelson Mandela.

Yes, of course it's true that

this would never have happened if the American working class had not been cheated, scorned and then ignored by the globalising corporations and their compliant political parties.

Demonisation

The system of tax cuts for the rich, privatisation of state services and demonisation of welfare spending, which has been embraced by most western industrial countries since Reagan and Thatcher, has concentrated wealth at the top of the social pyramid while destroying the employment and prospects of those at the bottom. In America, particularly since the crash of 2008, that destruction has begun to affect the middle class too, so there is any amount of anger and despair waiting to be harnessed by the right political operator. Just like Germany in the thirties.

This survey of 2016 must now stop before it Godwins itself. The year could hardly have been worse (we haven't even mentioned wars and natural disasters), so by a hopeful interpretation of the law of averages, 2017 is bound to be better.

How the news services saw some of that year

New York City [AAP]

After 18 months of bitter, bizarre and sometimes barely believable campaigning, the race for the White House reached its climax in November with Donald Trump triumphing over Hillary Clinton in the US presidential election.

The UK provided the world with another WTF moment with a vote to leave the EU on June 23. The shock

result that saw 52 per cent of the public support Brexit was a victory for then Ukip leader Nigel Farage and a humiliating defeat for then prime minister David Cameron.

Cameron resigned on the spot and Theresa May took over after a bitter selection battle.

The main theatre of war was in Syria, where rebels in December reached a ceasefire deal to evacuate from eastern Aleppo in an effective

surrender after nearly six years of brutal conflict produced a catastrophic humanitarian crisis. Islamic State found itself on the retreat in its Iraq stronghold of Mosul, but snuck in to recapture the ancient Syrian city of Palmyra while the focus was on Aleppo.

The mosquito-borne Zika virus, linked to the rare birth defect microcephaly, was the global medical emergency of the year. The World Health

Organisation announced an international public health emergency in February and declared the emergency over in November after the virus had spread to more than 60 countries and territories.

And on a happier note, the Refugee Olympic Team won a standing ovation and hearts around the world when they marched in the opening ceremony of the Rio Olympics in Brazil as independent participants.



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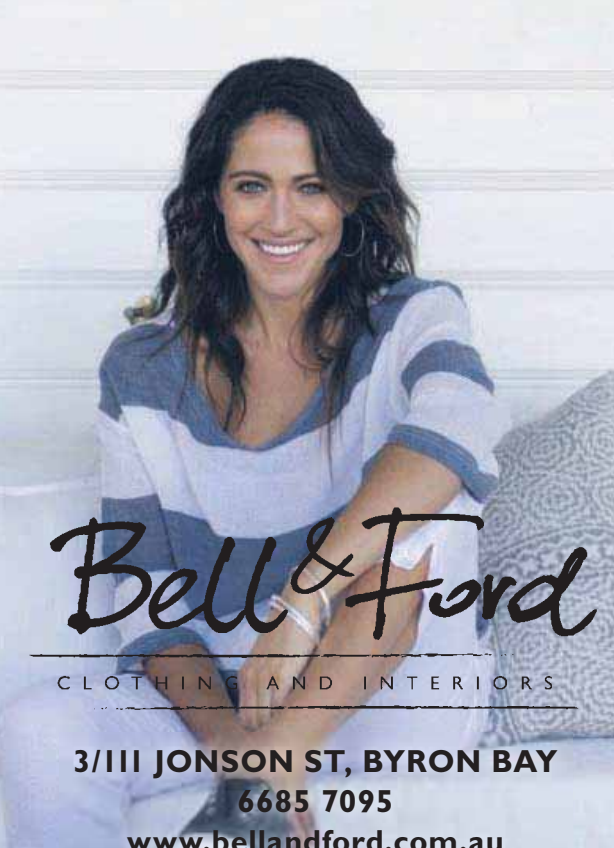
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Miraculous signs of life in 42 BC (Before Cyberspace)

John Campbell

I had a minor meltdown that threatened to erupt as a major tanny when I was in Japan last October.

The Tokyo Airbnb that I'd booked was much better than I expected. Stylish and spacious – especially compared with the shoebox in Kyoto, where I needed to slop through the shower recess to get to the toilet. It also had the added advantage of being located in Shimotakazawa, that mega-city's newest hipster district (Harajuku is SO yesterday).

Disaster struck, however, when I attempted to go online. I couldn't. Bafflingly, the modem refused to com-

municate with my laptop. No network could be found. I was without wi-fi – in Tokyo, of all places. OMG + wailing emoji!

Over a tall can of Kirin beer and a packet of avocado and wasabi flavoured chips (can't wait to see them on the shelves at Woolies), I wondered how I had descended into this fretful state of helplessness.

Somehow I've managed to travel up and down the Nile, cross India from Darjeeling in the East to Jaisalmer in distant Rajasthan, from the holy waters of Rishikesh to the grunge of Chennai without the net holding my hand. I've even driven from Bondi to Cabramatta sans satnav. It

doesn't seem possible now.

Currently I'm planning another trip to India, with my little mate Rapid Eye Movement. We hope to attend the Australian cricketers' second test against Virat Kohli's XI at Bangalore in March. Being part of Gen-Y, iMoo will probably arrange accommodation and transport for us overnight.

'How else can you do it, mate?'

'Well, back when dinosaurs still roamed the earth ...'

'Dinosaurs like you?'

Harsh but fair, I thought. Contrary to paleontologists' assertions, we are not entirely extinct.

I poured iMoo another glass of decanted De Bortoli and, inspired by the bargain-basement Cab Merlot, I reminisced about the 1974 grape harvest at Saint-Émilion.

'Where's that?'

'Just outside of Bordeaux.'

'How did you know where to go?'

'I didn't. But that's the point ... not knowing. Not having everything down pat beforehand is not necessarily a bad thing.'

I'd been hanging around Biarritz with a bunch of Australian surfers and a guy from Alabama called Dwayne who was making money hand over fist selling Moroccan hashish and LSD from the States to the waxheads and backpackers who were camped in the area. It was a high old time for us all, but my money was running out.

Somebody suggested heading north to pick grapes. Next day the train dropped me at Gare Bordeaux-Saint-Jean, where I bumped into a couple of blokes from Wollongong, who also were there for the 'vendange' and who happened to have encountered the same source of Moroccan hashish as Alabama Dwayne.



Gypsy kids at Chateau Ausone, 1974, with secateurs, not phones, in their hands.

From Bordeaux a local bus took me to Saint-Émilion.

'And you hadn't planned to go there?'

'Nuh. Just jumped on the first bus that was leaving the depot.' Whatever happened to serendipity?

'Then what? Did you have a contact?'

As the bus wove through the hills striped with ancient vineyards, I spotted the grand Chateau Ausone. I got off the bus, hiked up to it and was greeted by its bemused owner, Madame Dubois. In my memory she looks like Cate Blanchett in a Coco Chanel black dress. She told me that the work would commence in a week, but 'bien sur', if I wanted the job all I had to do was turn up.

I returned to Bordeaux and checked for any mail at the Poste Restante.

'Poste Restante?'

'People could write letters for you to collect at the post office of whatever town you happened to be in.'

'Letters?'

How exciting it was to see one of those par avion enve-

lopes – the ones with the red and blue piping around the edges. They could be weeks, months old, depending on how long you'd been on the road, and the news was not invariably good ('Souths are having a shit season, mate'), but they were treasured in a way that instantaneous emails can never be. Because you were not crippled by today's FoMO syndrome ('Fear of Missing Out' – I've only just heard of the term myself. It's a beauty, isn't it?), they added to the mystique and romance of the journey.

'How was the gig at the chateau?'

Up at sparrow's fart for breakfast in a vast cavern hewn out of a cliff-face in Roman times, drinking the house wine at smoko, lunch and dinner (I was fed my first *boudin noir* – blood sausage), working with a Romanyspeaking gypsy family that had been cutting Ausone's grapes for time out of mind. Smoking Gitanes.

'The one in the middle's cute.'

I'd shown iMoo the pic of

some of the gypsy kids.

'Torute. I think she was sweet on me.'

'Did you ... you know, do the no-pants dance?'

'The patriarch of the family never went anywhere without his knife.'

'Discretion the better part of valour?'

'Exactement.'

I was paid a lump sum at the end of the fortnight's labour. Not a lot, but enough to get me to Morocco ...

My twenty-four hours of anguish in Tokyo ended when Cheiko, the Airbnb hostess, dropped by to see that everything was okay.

'It's the modem,' I moaned. 'Are you sure it's turned on?'

It wasn't.

What a relief! I logged on to Facebook. One of my friends had that minute posted a pic of her dinner. She hadn't even started eating it yet.

■ John Campbell is *The Echo's* film critic and a sports tragic. He also operates an homunculus on Facebook.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Adelaide Young Masters this year was a triumph for visitors Liu Xiangyi of Singapore and Yeoh Li Tian of Malaysia who tied for first place with both securing International Master 'norms'.

The most impressive local performance came from WA's Patrick Gong, the tournament's bottom seed, who finished just half a point behind the winners and picked up his FIDE Master title along the way.

Immediately after the AYM concluded, the Australian Masters began in Melbourne, featuring three visiting Grandmasters and six Australian International Master and Grandmaster title aspirants.

The Masters was hoped to be the tournament where 15-year-old Anton Smirnov (pictured right) would secure his final Grandmaster result to become Australia's youngest-ever GM, but unfortunately although he won the tournament Smirnov fell just short of his goal.

The action hardly stops in January, with the Australian Open being hosted in Brisbane, after

which many of the top players will move on to Auckland for the Oceania World Championship Zonal tournament, offering a qualifying place in the next World Cup.

Looking forward to 2017, the appearance of Anton Smirnov on Channel 9's new reality show *This Time Next Year* will be a highlight. When the first part of the show was filmed in early 2016, Smirnov gave himself just 12 months to earn the Grandmaster title but although he is now one good performance away from success, he probably has only the Australian Open to fulfil the onerous technical requirements for the title. Smirnov's rise and rise has been a wonder to behold, but a GM title in 12 months may have been an ambition too far.



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Enjoying grape harvest rituals in France

Chelsea Frischknecht

Every September the entire French nation goes mad for grapes. September is the month of harvest – the Vendanges is a yearly ritual that every Frenchman is invested in, whether vintner, farmer, or not. Nearly every region in France produces wine, with some of the world's most famed wines coming from otherwise unassuming valleys scattered throughout the French countryside. Wine is

so vital that many families have a small plot of vines that they harvest each year. The grapes go to a communal neighborhood 'cave cooperative', where it is made into wine and redistributed according to the amount of grapes invested.

Spending September at my childhood home in Languedoc-Roussillon, my husband Jacob and I were bound for a crash course in winemaking. It was inescapable. We passed by the ripe vineyards every day, the fields lush and fra-

grant, stretching in neat rows up the hillsides.

Ancient stone huts dot the fields, remnants from an earlier time, now used to house rusty farm equipment. We passed countless vineyards in the midst of harvest, often seeing the husband operating an automated harvesting machine while the wife sat on a folding chair among the vines, smoking a cigarette.

Every dinner party, every conversation, revolved around the famed Vendanges. People

swapped experiences like merit badges, puffing with pride to share their stories of years past.

While most contemporary vineyards harvest their grapes with machines, the best wine, the really, truly expensive bottles, are made from hand-harvested grapes. A strange world, a world where helicopters are hired to fly low over the grapes and whisk away the humidity in the night air.

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The over-popular art of kissing

Robert Dessaix

'Bésame,' she croons with swelling passion, 'bésame mucho ...' Kiss me a lot. And I think she means it. She sounds lushly Cuban. I'm at breakfast in a hotel in the middle of Java, but even here there's no escape. In recent years, kissing has got completely out of hand.

When I was a child, the rules were straightforward: on a special occasion, carefully adopting the A-frame position, you might lightly plant a kiss on the cheek of a close relative of the opposite sex. That was it. You didn't lock lips with whoever opened the front door to you when you went visiting and you didn't feel obliged to give your wife's ex-husband a three-cheek chmok-chmok-chmok to wish him a happy birthday.

Free-for-all

Once upon a time you thrust your tongue down somebody's throat only as a gesture of the warmest goodwill. Nowadays it's a total free-for-all and even worse at Christmas. The other day while disembarking somewhere sultry, I found myself momentarily wondering if I was supposed to kiss the flight attendant goodbye as I left the aircraft. It wasn't lust, I was just confused about what was expected. Steaminess always makes me think it's Christmas.

I'm not against kissing as such. After all, we've been doing it for a long time. Are we at root indulging in a mastication ritual when we osculate? Grooming each other? Eating those we desire? Who knows? The point is that it needs to be reined in.

The Indians started it, apparently, as a cultural practice, with Alexander the Great



One version of *Le Baiser* (The Kiss) by Auguste Rodin (1840–1917) in the Jardin des Tuileries. Photo Vassil/Wikimedia Commons

rather taking to it, as you might expect, after observing it at close quarters, popularising it further west where it caught on quickly. In 1896 we started kissing in movies, except, paradoxically, in India. Now everyone kisses everyone everywhere all the time.

In general, for centuries, you kissed equals on the lips, merely pouting cheekwards where there was some doubt about who was precisely who in the relationship. A knight might kiss a knight on the lips, but you would be foolhardy to follow suit.

These days, of course, nobody knows who is who in any sense of the phrase whatsoever. Terms such as 'equal', 'friend' and 'blood relative' have all been rendered meaningless, while 'intimacy'

sounds like a line in women's lingerie.

I am just who I identify as being. Consequently, the kissing situation is in total disarray. Pop stars blow kisses and shout 'I love you all!' at the audience they cannot even see, acquaintances of any sex at all pucker up and plant a smacker on your face if you so much as drop in for afternoon tea.

At Christmas any pretence of restraint is thrown aside: second-cousins will kiss you, mothers at your children's school will kiss you, your hairdresser will kiss you, your dental hygienist will kiss you, the man you've just bonded with on the plane from Singapore will grapple you tightly to his bosom and kiss you – SPLAT! – right on your

bearded mouth. It's bedlam. It has to stop. We need to bring back guidelines.

The French, who really know what they're doing in the mouth department, have rules about kissing. It's called *faire la bise*. Basically, it's right cheek to right cheek, then left cheek to left cheek, in total silence – no loud MWAH! MWAH! noises; even the internet warns against this particular faux pas.

A third kiss is mandatory around Nîmes and Montpellier. In Paris go for either two or four bises, never three. At the far end of Brittany one will do nicely.

A kiss on the lips implies intimacy of some variety. A thorough ravishing of the oral cavity (often known as 'a French kiss') implies a truly exceptional level of physical intimacy with exciting prospects.

Slobbering

In Australia every encounter is a grab-bag of possibilities. At Christmas, all it takes is one carol and a sip of something festive for someone you've only just met, someone who's just called you *dude* or *darling* or *gramps*, to start slobbering all over your face.

As a rule of thumb, I'd suggest two bises for someone you feel a certain affection for, lips to cheek for someone you love and lips to anything else according to passion or prior arrangement. Otherwise, stand clear.

From the way she's belting out the final, frantic lines of *Bésame mucho*, I don't think la Cubana would agree with me.

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The science behind the smooching

Emer Maguire

Kissing is wonderful – so wonderful that most of us can recall 90 per cent of the details of our first kiss.

Human beings have been preoccupied with kissing for years. It features as the climax of all great Hollywood love stories, and is celebrated by singers and poets alike.

In reality, kissing is nothing more than two people putting their faces together and exchanging spit. How on Earth did something so gross

become so appealing? The act of kissing has developed to become advantageous to humans: if it didn't serve an evolutionary purpose, we simply would not do it.

So what's in a kiss? The scientific jury is still out on whether it is a learned or instinctual behaviour. Approximately 90 per cent of cultures kiss, making a strong case for the act being a basic human instinct. I know what you're thinking... what about the other ten per cent? If kissing were a natural behaviour,

surely all cultures would do it? While this small minority doesn't 'kiss' like the rest of us (due to superstitions and cultural beliefs), they may still engage in kissing-like behaviours, such as rubbing noses together.

If kissing is a natural instinct, why don't animals kiss? Many animals actually do engage in kissing-like behaviours to show affection. These behaviours are so diverse, from dogs sniffing and licking potential mates, to elephants putting their trunks

in each other's mouths.

However, one animal kisses just like we do: the bonobo ape. This isn't too surprising, considering we share 98.7 per cent of our DNA with this hairy cousin. Bonobos kiss for comfort and to socialise. Sometimes after a fight they even kiss and make up. We humans kiss for the exact same reasons, indicating that kissing might be ingrained deep in our DNA.

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Flawed govt dept - Joint Regional Planning Panel

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For developments that are too big for councils to determine (according to the state government), there's the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP).

What is it? Directed by the NSW planning department, there are six panels across the state that assess and generally approve big-ticket items, 'independently'.

These may include hospitals, bypasses and mega-festivals.

Here's a fun fact: this panel has an almost 100 per cent approval rate across all panels over the last few years. It's all on their website.

The 'independently' appointed positions generally make up former bureaucrats and MPs.

The one for this region is chaired by Garry West, a former National Party MP.

So how is appointing a former politician an independent post? And given its 100 per cent approval record, is there any oversight or committee that reports on their conduct?

Good luck asking the planning department or its minister regarding these issues; *The Echo* is yet to receive a reply.

Mr West was reappointed to the chair, the department announced on July 12. For more visit www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au.

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The shopping hurdle

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I've made a Christmas resolution.

Yes, I know, you're supposed to make a resolution on New Years Eve, but I gave that up years ago. It was always the same. By the time the midnight countdown had hit liftoff and I'm kissing a woman whom I've never met and then hugging a hairy man pressing his body a little too hard into my mine, the fast disappearing euphoria of drinking so much red wine always created the same resolution: I'm giving up drinking. This new year, I'd promise myself, I'll be slimmer, superior, and will wake up in places I recognise.

The next day though, after a cleansing morning of orange juice and Panadol, I'd be offered a cold luncheon ale fresh from the bathtub. Inevitably my year's resolution would have a lifespan of about eight hours.

So, I gave up New Year resolutions.

But this is Christmas.

Here, in Lismore Shopping Square, with a Christmas gift list in one hand and a hemp shopping bag in the other, I'm stalled in an eddy of shoppers outside the homewares shop. Where do I start? When do I stop?

If I buy a present for my grandchildren, should I buy a present for their parents (my son and his wife)? If I buy for my grandchildren, what about the children of my son's half-sister?

It's not that I hate shopping. I find it quite rewarding sometimes. I can spend an hour in a health food store pondering if the organic cheese covered in plantation wood ash would be better than the one marbled with Tasmanian ginkgo. And are gluten-free toasted bagel



crisps the right accompaniment for such cheese?

After an hour I can happily walk out with my wallet \$150 emptier and my hemp shopping bag almost a third full.

But that's shopping I choose to do. I'm not being pressured to buy a lot of stuff just because Santa was born in a war-zone manger the day after the last shopping day. I get anxious. My heart races and I pop too many Valium. Then I have to lie down.

So, I have just made a resolution: no Christmas presents this year.

Already I feel a sense of relief. I reckon I'll wander over to the food court for something Japanese – and then get the hell out of here.

But it won't be easy. Between me and the tempura vegetable nori, there is a jam of shopping trolleys. Some are laden with carefully wrapped presents. One carries a huge cardboard box with a picture of a curved flatscreen TV on it. One carries children with antlers pointing and crying, pushed by a woman who would gladly swap her screaming cargo for the curved flatscreen telly. Men, happier shoppers, push trolleys full of booze.

Ah, but not for me the

gross consumerism of a fabricated festivity.

But wait... What about my mum? Sure, she always says not to buy her a present, but that's a trap. If I don't, she'll give me that look.

And the girlfriend. She's already given me a gift. (She's so organised.)

Maybe I can give something that helps the planet. But, on Christmas morning, opening her envelope, will the nine-year-old granddaughter appreciate that she has helped save the last orangutan in Borneo?

I'm stuck. What to do? Like a polar bear treading warming water, time is not on my side.

An item catches my eye. Outside the homewares shop, there's a cooking thingy designed by an ex-boxer.

Sure, my mum can't cook much any more and my girlfriend doesn't want to, but the damn thing is right there.

I can give up Christmas presents next year. (I'll go overseas.)

Maybe granddaughter would really appreciate fat-free grilling...

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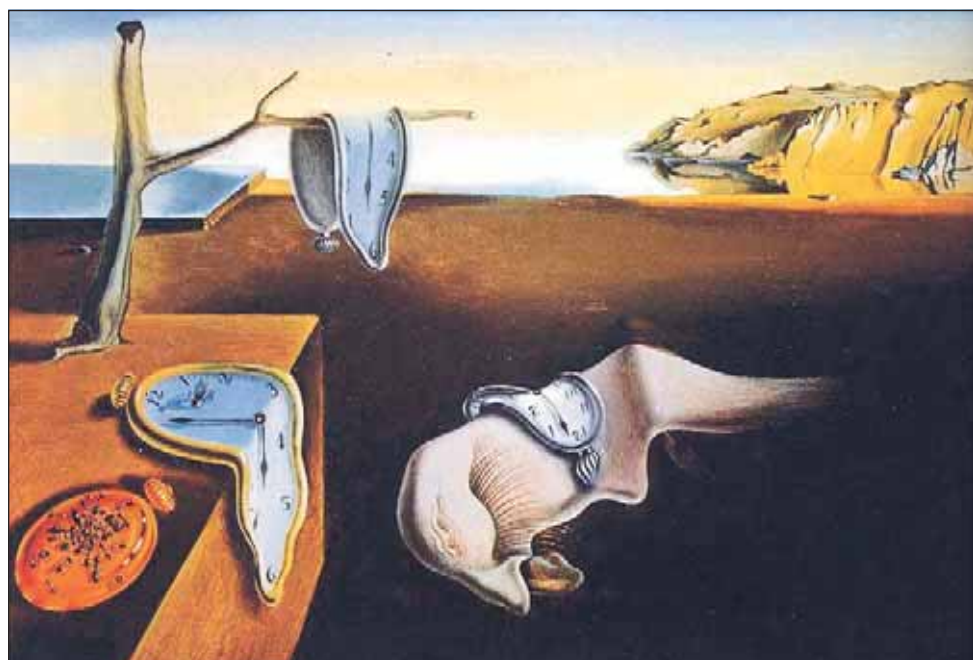
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Stuck in a drought of time



Mandy Nolan

Salvador Dali's 1931 painting, *Persistence of Memory*.

Remember when you had this thing called 'time'? I used to have heaps of it. So much so that there'd always be time left over.

I used to drop around at a friend's house in the morning for a cup of tea and not leave until after lunch, and then still have some time left in the afternoon to go visit someone else.

If you drop around to see someone now they just look at you confused. Like you're on the run. Like your house burnt down in the night and you've popped around to borrow spare clothes. You notice them watching the clock. It's clear they don't have time for this either. If they were honest they'd say, 'Look, I love you, but can you leave?'

Middle-aged women don't have any time. I am not interested in getting Botox, but I'd certainly consider a time injection. Time is the resource of the young. This was when I laid down most of my key friendships. We used to 'hang out'. 'Hang out' is a non-specific way of getting together for no reason. Imagine that! People would visit me unannounced and leave two days later.

And I wouldn't even resent them! I will admit at this point in my life there was always a mull bowl on the table, and while pot is renowned for its amazing time-melting abilities, I do remember still having quite a stash of time left when I stopped smoking weed.

I used to have time to go to the beach. On a Thursday. At 11am. Guilt free. To go to the beach on a weekday now I'd have to set the alarm for 4am and steal an hour before everyone got up. I used to not only have time to have an

extensive network of friends that required regular visiting and getting drunk with I also had time to have a hobby. (Which was usually getting drunk with my friends.)

I actually went out socially. Sometimes I'd go out and not know where I was going. That is unheard of now. All outings are scheduled and have a specific planned agenda.

When I had time, I actually spent my time thinking of ways to use this excess of time I had. You see, at the time I didn't know that time was precious. I thought I would always have these lofty deposits in my time bank. But now I'm overdrawn on something that apparently doesn't even exist.

Every second of my day is diarised. There are no lovely fat rolls of time bulging out on my weekdays that allow even a small respite. Sundays used to be sacred. It was supposed to be the 'nothing' day. But now Sunday is the day I use to pick up all the balls I dropped during the week. Like washing the bin, or scrubbing the back deck or folding a mountain of clothes bigger than me, or standing naked in my laundry screaming 'where am I?'

I used to get bored. I would actually wake up with nothing to do. No feeling of pending doom. When I woke up I rolled over and went back to sleep. Now I wake in terror. What fresh hell awaits me today?

I never understood that stupid book *50 Shades of Grey*. Women don't fantasise about being tied up or performing acts of domination. That's just a whole other to-do list that has to be dealt with and includes challenging items like 'gimp mask', 'cable ties' and 'stocks'. Okay, so I already

have the cable ties, but who has time to turn their garage into a sex dungeon?

I fantasise about being bored. About actually having this long arc of time with absolutely nothing to do. No-one ringing or pinging me, asking for shit. Asking me to send something, write something, answer something, drive someone somewhere, pay something. Just nothing. Just me sitting on a chair staring at the wall. It's quite a turn-on.

What a luxury boredom is. I don't think I've been bored since 1992 when I enrolled in an 'Understanding Windows' course and passed out on the desk.

I actually think that was the beginning of the end. Time-saving devices like the computer have created a false economy by offering the illusion of efficiency but creating cyber dependence. We're all techno junkies, who've indentured our time as payment for our virtual privileges, like being able to drop in on friends on Facebook instead of at their actual front door.

When I started looking through Windows full of work instead of Windows full of wonder my time budget just seemed to get tighter. My life became obese. Allocating time is like me fighting my way into a pair of size 10 jeans. I can still do it, but it's not pretty. Cramming in the full lives of five children, maintaining a house, a relationship, I can still just get the zip up. Just.

So with Christmas on the doorstep you want to know what to get someone like me who has everything? Get them nothing. And lots and lots of it.

(Written at 5am.)

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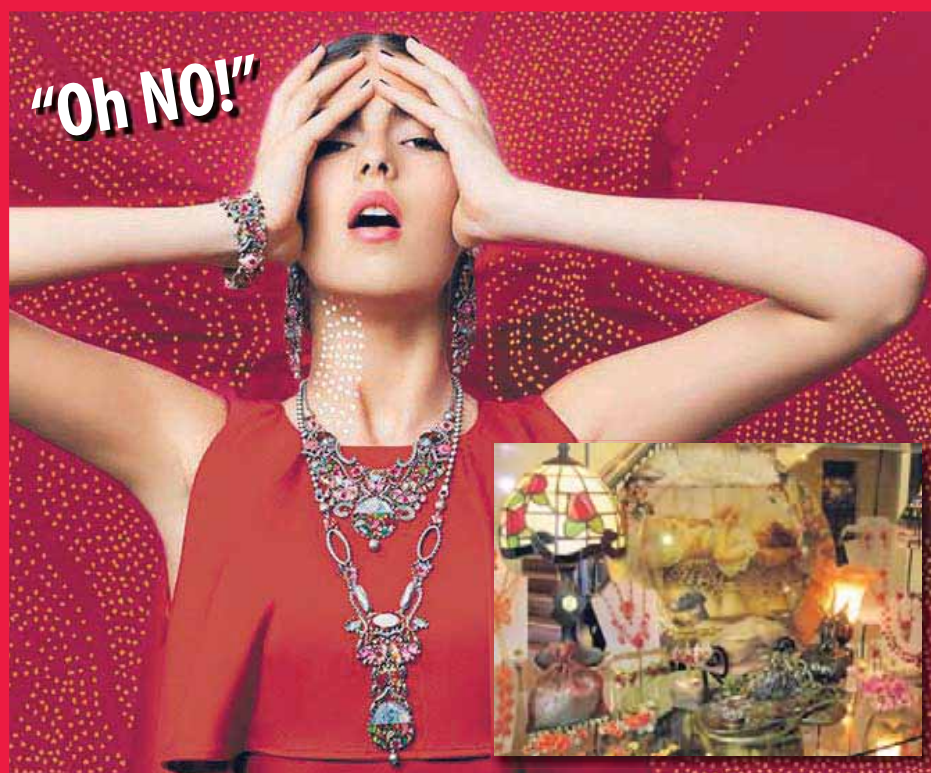
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This December is our 61st consecutive Christmas Carnival. Noel and Betty McGregor came to Brunswick Heads with their rides in 1956; the carnival is now run by the next generation of McGregors, Leann & Mick Allan and Leann's brother Glen, and Andrea McGregor.

McGregor's Family Carnival want to thank the Housie Tent coordinators and The Festival of the Fish & Chips for their ongoing support at this wonderful festival.

Brunswick Heads Carnival, December-January Banner Park, Brunswick Heads

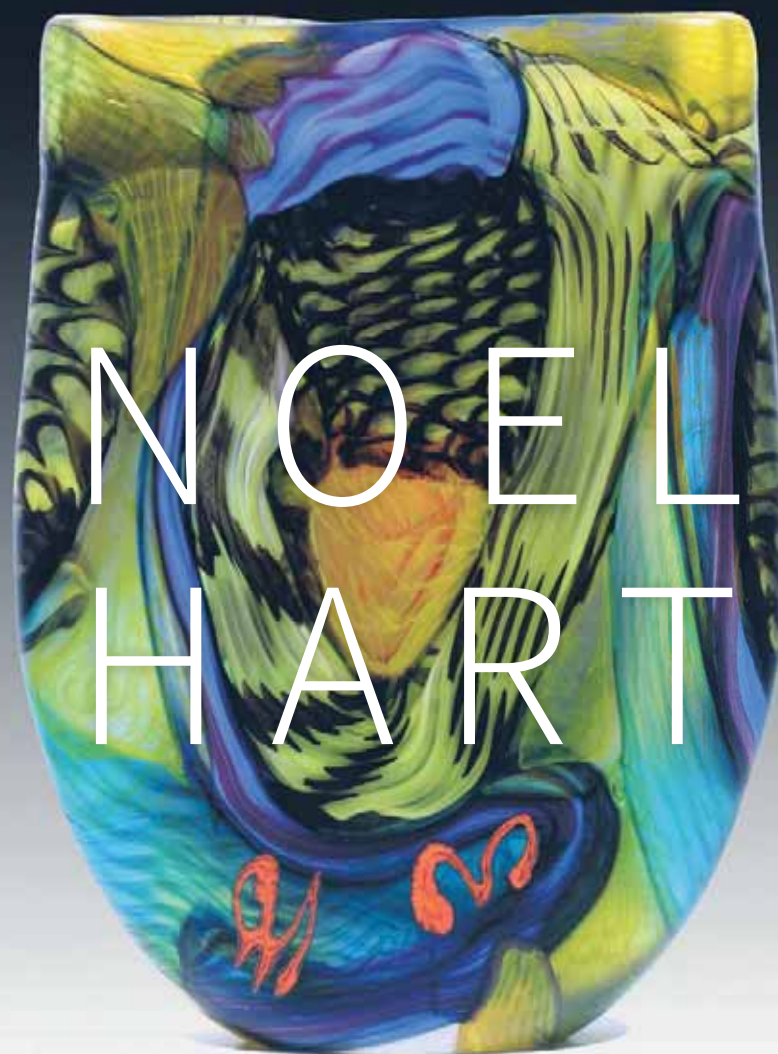
NOEL HART

Noel Hart's gallery is located in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate, surrounded by motor mechanics. Jokingly Noel says, 'It's very handy here if I have a car problem!' but then more seriously, 'I love being here though, it's a great community,' which makes a visit to this studio/gallery more interesting and worthwhile, as it's a visual treat.

Noel Hart's glass artwork has a painterly appearance, and has taken years of experimentation to achieve what you see today. The process of creation requires Noel and a team of five assistants to make each piece, when he works from the private hot-glass studio on the Sunshine Coast. The cold-finishing of the glass occurs here.

Longtime resident and international artist, Noel Hart has been creating glass sculpture for years. With gallery representation in Europe, the USA, and Australia, and right here in Mullumbimby, Noel Hart's artworks are in collections worldwide.

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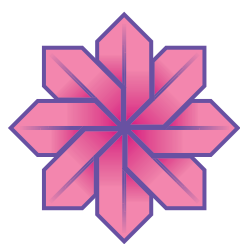
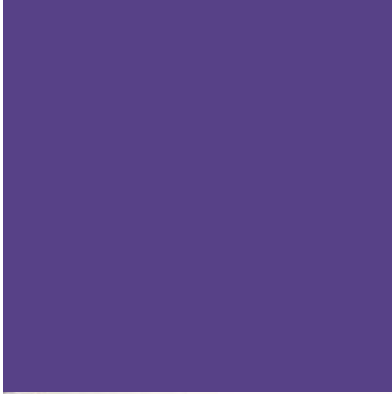


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Chief pilot Thomas Dattler is a former Australian hot-air balloon champion and has been flying over this area for more than twenty years now, first in aeroplanes and gliders and, for the past ten years, in hot-air balloons. Along with his fellow pilots and the just-as-important ground crew, they invite you to join them on an adventure of a lifetime.

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Their collection includes: Trelise Cooper, Kuwaii, Kuwaii Resort, Kowtow, Lazybones and Prima Donna Swim, with ready-made and custom clothing for women of all shapes and sizes. Accessories by Crochetta, Ace of Something, Nancybird, Sag & Sal, Basil Bangs.

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



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a new depth to their bond while also addressing the physical, emotional and psychological changes happening in their boy's life in a safe and structured way. Dr Arne Rubinstein is the author of the 2013 bestseller *The Making of Men*. He has become the go-to person in Australia for advice on how to support boys to successfully make a safe, healthy transition to young men. The next Making of Men Camp will take place between 18 and 22 January 2017 in the Byron Bay hinterland.

For more information please contact
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Byron Bay Longboards

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Round Towels with great designs or towelling ponchos make great gifts. Another great idea is Sin Sunglasses. These have a lifetime guarantee – break them? Bring 'em back and they can replace immediately (obviously reasonable use).

Boogie boards, soft tops and surf mats are great fun for the kids. They have Bluetooth speakers for the beach (only \$15), GoPro and accessories and more.

Come in and say hi.

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The Laneway

If you are looking for somewhere unique with a cool creative vibe, where you can shop, eat, drink good coffee and get pampered, wander off Mullum's main street into The Laneway, at 55 Burringbar Street. The Rock & Roll Coffee Company serves up funky music with tasty fresh Asian food. The baristas are skilled, the chef is always on his game, and the coffee is delicious. When you are sated, wander this funky laneway and check out the unique stores. Sunshine Alley houses contemporary jewellery, art and design, you will often see the artists at work, soldering and hammering at the bench, creating unique handmade jewellery in the store for you. Tinker Tailor Dancer Trader offers a beautiful collection of carefully curated goodies from near and far. From luxe leather jackets to Japanese ceramics, gift buying couldn't be made easier! Brown Paper Packages Vintage Store is full of surprises! You'll find gorgeous authentic vintage clothing next to bright and sparkly mermaid tails. It's eclectic and colourful. Now if you need a fabulous do for the festive season, slip into Frankie God of Hair for a little pampering. Frankie and Koko will give you a super hairstyle while you listen to some sweet tunes!

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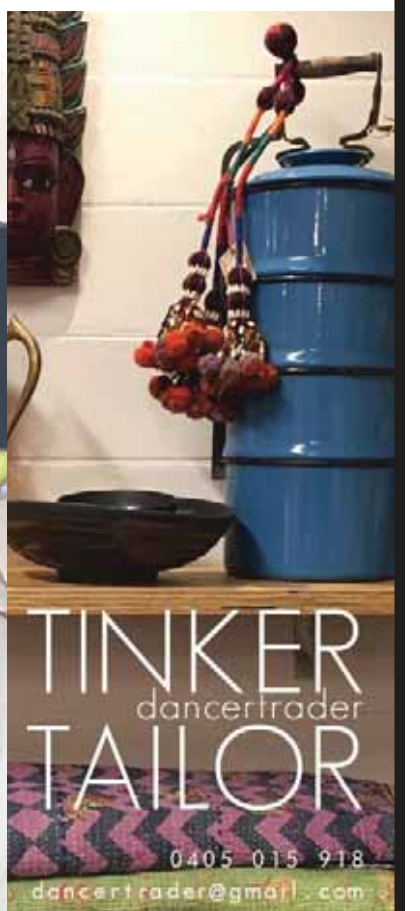
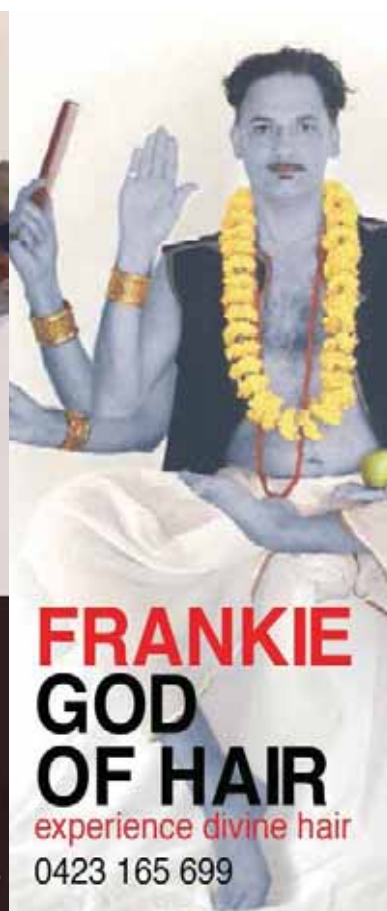
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Toy Kingdom

For children, toy stores are magic places. For adults, toy stores always bring up sweet memories of their own childhood. That is the case of Toy Kingdom, located opposite Woolies on the corner of Jonson and Carlyle Streets.

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There are so many different pockets of action in the Byron Shire. But where is there a garden of trees, palms, herbs and fragrant flowers laden with organic vegan food, wine, delicious cocktails and cold beer on tap? With global musicians tickling their instruments in harmony with the natural space and gifting the families with inspiration. The children have an area of their own. Lit up brightly at night with an octopus arm as a slide and ropes to swing off. Every time you come through there will be another word on the menu that you have never seen before. They pride themselves on creating spaces for functions and events as well as your daily coffee and email session in the breezy elevated office or a snug cosy booth for a kiss. This is a unique space and worth every moment. Explore six senses, seven days from eight. OPEN Nights Thu, Fri, Sat. Love Mullum.

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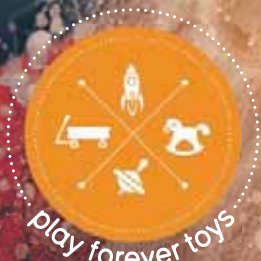


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Soulife

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Go there for Byron's biggest range of crystals, now with more than 500 varieties, and at prices that won't cost you a king's ransom!

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Find Soulife open late (past 8pm) every day in the Woolies Plaza, 90 Jonson St. Call 6680 8090.

The Sun

The Sun celebrates two years. It's refreshing these days to find a venue where you can truly unwind. Where the food is terrific yet affordable and all ages feel welcome. At the Sun Bistro on Bayshore Drive, locals come first. There's live music every Friday and Sunday from 5pm till 8pm and a free courtesy shuttle daily. The calendar of events also includes Backgammon Buddies every second Monday at 6pm, Trivia with Stewy on Tuesdays from 6.30pm, Surf & Turf for lunch and dinner on Wednesdays and Members' Draw and raffles on Thursdays from 6pm. The new drinks menu includes 11 different wines by the glass priced from \$5.50 to \$8.00. And head chef Joel Phyland's new summer dining menu is a cracker. He's only recently joined The Sun so try to say hello. There is still a range of \$12 mains on the menu.

Celebrating two years this month!

They thank their wonderful customers for your support and company.

There is so much that's new – outdoor seating, chef, menu... still terrific food at great prices. Come unwind at The Sun.

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6685 6500 THE SUN BISTRO.COM**

Festive Season

Byron Community College

Byron Designworks

Christmas is almost here but it is not too late to get those finishing touches and last-minute gifts from Byron Designworks. Lovely decorations, Christmas trees, strings of lights and much more have been selling fast but there are still plenty to choose from.

If you need that last-minute daybed for relaxing over the holiday season, or that extra chair or two for unexpected guests, they will be open right up to Christmas Eve. After Christmas they will reopen on Wednesday 28th to help you prepare for New Years Eve and into 2017. Their latest supply of daybeds is already diminished but there are still lovely ones to choose from. A new range of furniture made from recycled Indian teak has just landed and is both functional and different.

A very Happy Christmas to their customers and may 2017 bring joy and peace to all.

6685 5714 www.byrondesignworks.com.au

Want to get that special person in your life the perfect gift? Well now you can. The gift of learning is something that opens doors to new opportunities and will stay with them forever. With courses available to cover a range of tastes, there is something for everyone. They have gift vouchers available for any amount and they can be purchased online or through their office.

Byron Community College would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thankyou to all their students, tutors and staff for an amazing 2016. They've run more than 400 courses to more than 2,500 students, who are walking away with new skills and/or qualifications. Each year they are inspired by their students' eagerness to learn, make new friends and share life-changing experiences. It's encouraging to see how many people are expressing interest and enrolling in new courses for next year. So from all at Byron Community College, a very happy and safe festive season full of love, laughter and fun.

www.byroncollege.org.au, 6684 3374

Champagne Lane is an absolute treasure-trove of gifts

Once you find them – they're new and tucked away off the main street – you may want to keep them a secret! There is something perfect for everyone – even the most difficult person on your shopping list! Nicole will help you find gifts that will make this Christmas a special memory for all your loved ones.

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.

Explore a range of beautiful cushions to add colour and texture to your home! They might come in handy for a Christmas Day snooze!

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. They also stock beautiful Papinelle sleepwear. Check out their newly arrived exquisite gift packs.

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Talk to Julz about bulk discounts, free delivery on large orders or your specialty requests. If he doesn't have it, he will find it for you. Receive a 20 per cent discount on any six bottles of wine, excluding those already discounted. 'Rosé is the perfect accompaniment to sun and seafood' said Julz. 'Try the Vin de Provence AIX Rosé, as it has a tremendously vibrant and summery taste. There is a delicious balance of crisp acidity and soft ripe summer fruit' On special now at \$23.99 (save \$7.00).

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Women Like US would like to thank Women and Men Like You for supporting Us this Year.

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Festive Season

Rites of Passage expanding across Australia

2017 is set to be a big year in the reach and impact of Rites of Passage on the greater community and, in particular, the education sector. At its core will be the training of leaders in Transformational Facilitation to assist in this expansion of demand in schools and organisations around the country.

'This is about training the trainers,' says Dr Arne Rubinstein, CEO of The Making of Men and a leading spokesperson for Rites of Passage work here in Australia. 'It's about building on the leadership skills many already have, to a level where they can run and operate their own workshops providing much needed transformational work through Rites of Passage for people at all stages in their lives.'

With Rites of Passage programs now running around Australia and in a number of countries around the world, Dr Arne and his team are seeking expressions of interest and applications for a new groundbreaking course starting right here in the Byron Bay hinterland next June and finishing in April 2018.

For more information and to apply visit
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The Present

Times change and they have adapted and grown. GoByron has, they feel, the most comprehensive transport-service-booking app, regionally and possibly nationally. And it is 100 per cent homegrown. Download it now! They have embraced ride-share services with open arms and married it within their traditional taxi and charter services. The result is many service options that are efficient, safe and accountable, also protecting driver workplace conditions. They are not just here for you sometimes, they are here for you all the time!

The Future

What an exciting future awaits. You can expect to see this local company and all their support personnel continue to grow and adapt to your needs and wishes well into the next 25 years. Their service commitment to community and visitors is in their DNA. Their faces may change, but their service grows.

6620 9200 www.gobyron.com.au
Merry Christmas to one and 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? They 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.)

Go to www.pegasuspark.com.au or call 6687 1446 for more info and booking.



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Festive Season

Bernardis Gelato & Espresso Bar

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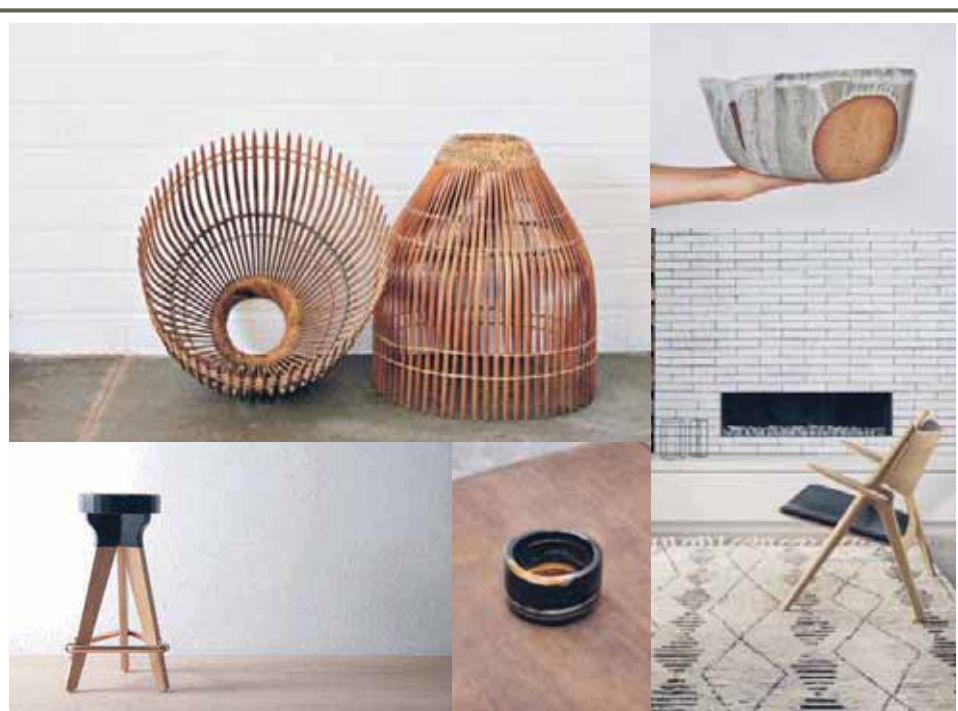
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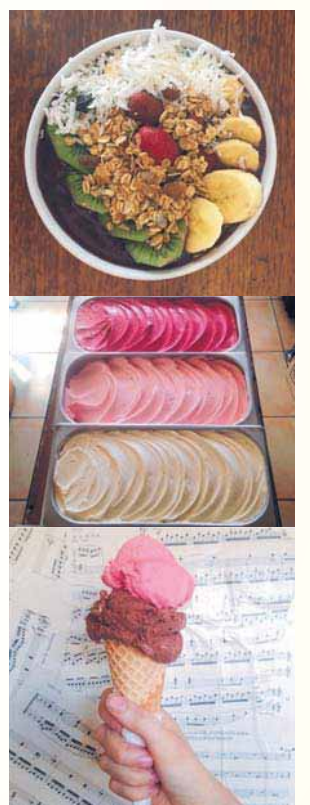
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Anglican Parish of Bangalow

Glory Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, born in a humble stable, out of the way, a birth announced by the angels, with a star shining brightly, and recognised by shepherds and magi (wise men) who travel from afar. From this beginning the 'Saviour of the world' gives new life to the blind, the sick, the marginalised, rejected women and those who least expect it. This new life changes us and we grow more fully into who we are. This new life is good news. St Irenaeus in the second century said, 'The glory of God is the human being fully alive'. As the 'glory of the Lord' (Luke 2:9) shone around the shepherds when Jesus was born and the angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest heaven' (Luke 2:14), so God's glory continues to shine in us when we are 'fully alive'.

Fr Matthew Smedley Rector, Anglican Parish of Bangalow souls_all@yahoo.com.au
They welcome all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.
1 Ashton Street, Bangalow NSW PH 6687 1046 (BH) Parish Mobile 0488 561 539
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Christmas at St Martin's in Mullumbimby

begins with a Children's Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm. This service explores the true meaning of Christmas. Children will have time to make a decoration and place it on the tree as they participate in the service, as well as sing some traditional carols.

For those who want a traditional Christmas Eve Service with carols played by their organist, they will hold a celebration of Holy Communion at 9pm on Christmas Eve.

During the four weeks of Advent they have travelled to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary. Christmas Day at 9am is a time of joyful celebration as the journey through Advent reaches its climax celebrating the birth of our Lord.

At St Thomas' Brunswick Heads there will be an early Christmas service commencing at 7.30am. There will be a time during this service for children to participate in the celebration.

The Anglican Parish of Mullumbimby

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

St Martin's Mullumbimby

38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby

December 20th

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols with Christmas supper afterwards

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Children's Christmas Service

9.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9.00am Holy Communion

St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

21 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads

Christmas Day

7.30am Holy Communion



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Christmas Services 2016

Sunday 18 December

7pm The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

• All Souls' Bangalow

Wednesday 21 December

3.30pm Kids Prepare for Christmas

All Souls' Bangalow

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

7pm St Aidan's Eureka

9pm All Souls' Bangalow

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

9am All Souls' Bangalow

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Festive Season

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Their vibes are high and you will feel it in their food. ALL are welcome in their vibrant, chilled and joyful little shop of smiles. Why do they do it? Because they think YOU ARE AWESOME!

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To discuss your project with Jim please contact IRONART at 0418 968 233.
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Diners can expect a menu founded on Italian principles and sensibilities – food that relies on simplicity and respect for good produce; comprising a few simple ingredients, carefully selected and served at their best. The perfect meeting place to celebrate with friends and family this festive season.

Clarkes Beach Park, Byron Bay. 1300 583 766

Red Lane Shoes

Red Lane Shoes is a must-stop destination for local shoppers, as well as interstate visitors. If you haven't had a look at Red Lane, call in and see what it's all about.

Red Lane Shoes offers boutique shopping in Ballina, which is a great alternative to the department or chain stores.

The business was established 18 years ago and stocks exclusive brands, with Australian and European labels from Italy, France, Spain, Germany and Austria.

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Red Lane are stockists of Olga Berg and there's also a range of handbags from Willow & Zac.

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Festive Season



Blush & Bloo


Blush & Bloo is the new cool go-to spot to hang out and buy a real sassy collection of women's clothing. Their range is a mix of exclusive Italian and Spanish designs, coupled with an ever-growing portfolio of amazing Australian designs. They pride themselves on making you feel amazing regardless of age or size. Their head girl is Jenny Jazz who also owns the labels Jenny Jazz Designs and Gypset by Jenny Jazz. All labels are available instore. Based in Jonson St, Byron Bay, Blush & Bloo awaits you!

Shop 4 Jonson St, Byron Bay
www.jennyjazzdesigns.com

Rock of Ages

The northern rivers' most renowned tattoo studio, Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour, has been in operation since 2009. It has earned the reputation of providing the highest-quality work in a professional, relaxed environment. Rock of Ages has six house artists proficient in all styles of custom tattooing including Japanese, realism, black and grey, fine art, and traditional artwork. Summer will see the arrival of world-travelling guest artists as well as facilities for walk-in appointments owing to overwhelming demand. Gift vouchers are available for the perfect Christmas present that is sure to please. Rock of Ages would like to extend their thanks to all of their valued clients for their continued support in 2016 and are looking forward to the creative prospects 2017.


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Blush and Bloo

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Their staff have been fantastic contributors to Amore also. Thanks, girls!

They are listening, learning and growing and, as a business try to meet the needs of their customers.

They stock, clothing, homewares, gifts, a little bit of pre-loved and collectables to keep it interesting, and much more... a fantastic range of cards from local artists, a growing range of incense too. If they havent got it, ask and they will try to get it for you.

Their plan is to grow the online store in the new year, and they will keep you posted.

Every month they donate to charities including Greenpeace, Surf Life Saving, Lifeline etc.

7 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby 6684 6603
www.amoremullumbimby.com.au

The Mez Club

thanks all the wonderful Byron Bay locals for their kind words and support since opening in September!

They love sharing special times and look forward to a crazy but fun peak season in the Bay.

Come join them for their exciting New Years Eve White Party, or a more sedate lunch perhaps?

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Happy hour daily 5-6pm (public holiday surcharges apply).

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Mez team! xx

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Festive Season

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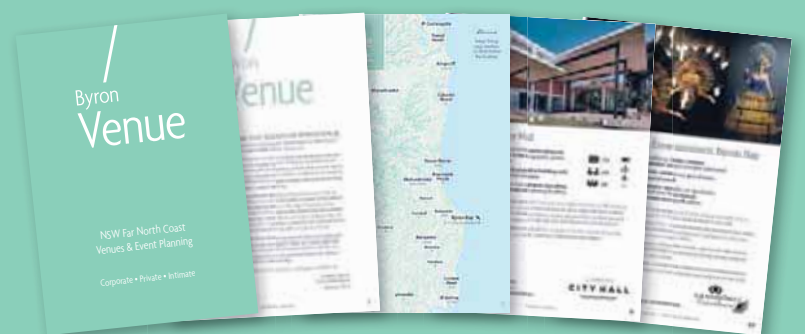
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THIS NEW YEARS EVE BYRON BAY COMES ALIVE WITH SOUL STREET, A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT THAT FEATURES MUSIC FROM ILONA HARKER, KYLE LIONHART AND BAND, DJ RENEE SIMONE, SHELLY BROWN, AND PERFORMANCES BY TOMMY FRANKLIN, THE CASSETTES, MOBSTERS, DANDYMAN AND MORE.



Headlining on the night is Lake Street Drive. Founded in 2004 in Boston, this multi-genre band knows how to fire up the fun machine. *The Echo* drilled down for some Lake Street Dive juice...

What was the original concept for the band?

The original concept was basically McDuck saying he'd been writing some songs and asking the three of us to play them and that we be called Lake Street Dive and that it would slightly avant garde. So, I think, essentially, the concept was just to play songs, which was seemingly radical being that we were all in a jazz program that favoured free improvisation over playing 3-minute narrative pop songs.

What is your songwriting process? How do you work a song up for studio or stage?

Everybody writes, individually, and then we arrange the songs together. We don't ever

consider a song done until it's been thoroughly road-tested, which generally means playing it live for a little while to feel how it breathes on stage. That will inform how we then record the song, although once in the studio we often change it up a bit.

How does your music translate to a live set?

Well, essentially, almost everything we do musically is about the live set. Putting on a dynamic, energetic show is where we've put most of our energy.

How hard is it to juggle your personal commitments and the band commitments; how do you all manage to make it happen?

Well, it's hard. Striking a balance between being a full-time touring musician and a human being with family and friends and such is something that takes diligence and dedication. We

make it happen because we're all great friends who work hard to communicate our needs to each other and because we know the importance of living a life so you can write about it.

How important is touring? Where are the places you love going most?

In the current musical climate, touring is sort of everything. It's most definitely our bread and butter. More essentially though, playing live shows is how we figure out how to play the songs best. Getting that direct feedback from an audience is the greatest way to know if a song has impact or not.

What should we expect for your Byron show?

To dance and groove and hug your best friend during a slow song.

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Road closures

Road closures in Byron Bay for New Year's Eve

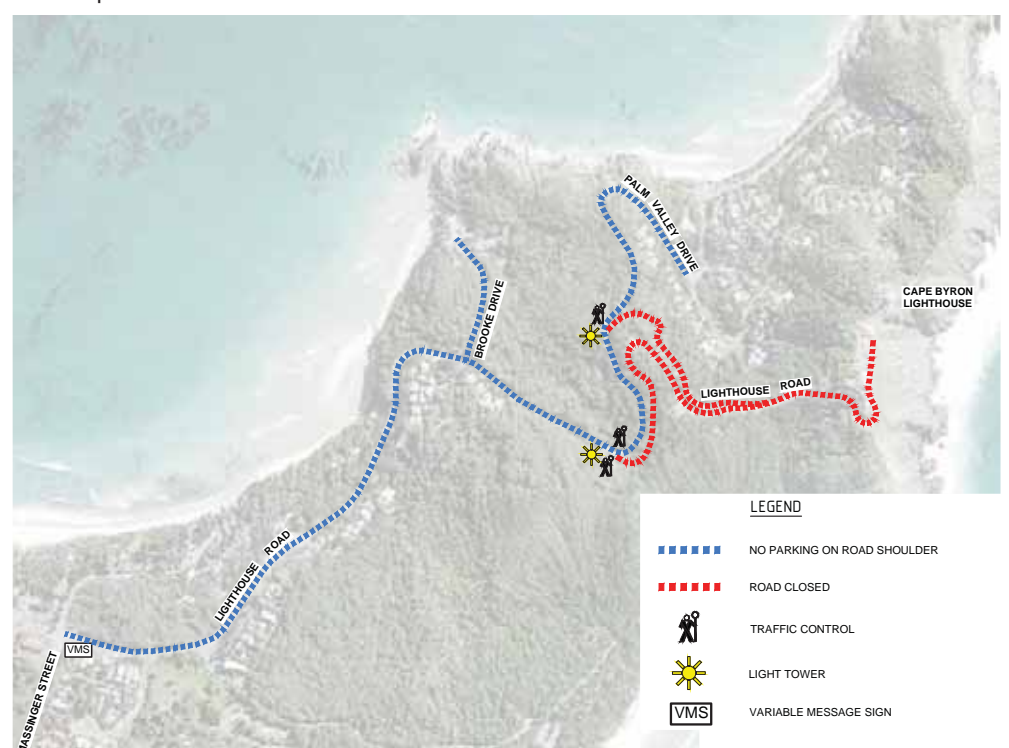
- No parking from Saturday 6am, 31 December 2016 in parts of Jonson St (near the Byron Community Centre), Lawson Street South car park, Main Beach car park and in Bay Street between Jonson and Middleton Streets;
- Jonson Street will be closed in stages between Byron and north of Marvel St from 12 noon and between Lawson and north of Marvel from 1pm, 31 December 2016 to facilitate the market stalls and Soul Street NYE event.

All closures will conclude by 8am, 1 January 2017. Signed detours will be available and delays can be expected. The taxi rank will move, for the duration of the road closure, to the main bus stop - the main bus stop will temporarily be relocated to the taxi rank, just south of the main bus stop (northbound) near Marvel Street. **Phone: 6626 7000**

FREE PARKING in Butler Street Reserve on Saturday, 31 December until 1am Sunday, 1 January. You can also catch the Falls Festival bus from Suffolk Park into the town centre on New Year's Eve. Look out for the Blanch's buses. Or catch the Night Rider Bus from 11pm to 4am for only \$5 per person - from Sunrise to Suffolk Park.

Road closures in Byron Bay for New Year's Day

- Traffic control personnel will be in place from midnight 31/12/16 through to 8am 1/1/17.
- There is no parking on the road shoulders between Clarkes Beach carpark and the Lighthouse - this will be patrolled by Byron Shire Council parking officers.
- The Lighthouse Rd (from the corner of Palm Valley Drive entrance to Wategos Beach) will be closed from midnight 31/12/16, reopening at 8am 1/1/17.
- Shuttle buses will run between Clarkes Beach carpark to the Lighthouse on a loop from 5am to 8am.



* No fireworks * No beachfront events on New Year's Eve
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New years eve

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MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

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CHILDISH GAMBINO

Beneath the slick, talented veneer of Donald Glover lives Childish Gambino. He can only be described as an artist with a knack for infectious hooks and a distinctive self-aware flow. Having just released his third album, *Awaken, My Love*, this is sure to take you on an enthralling trip into the land of funk



LONDON GRAMMAR

It's very hard to describe London Grammar as anything other than a truly special band especially with the weight of evidence in their favour. Showcasing new work from their forthcoming album, which they describe as something between Pocahontas and Fleetwood Mac, London Grammar cannot be missed.



THE AVALANCHES

Sixteen years ago The Avalanches released *Since I Left You*. A decade-and-a-half later, we have *Wildflower* and, really, who cares that it took so long? It's brilliant. With a live show that mixes both albums and some surprise elements too, this will surely be one of the sets of the festival.



VIOLENT SOHO

Screaming 'hell fuck yeah!' across sold-out venues and airwaves everywhere, Violent Soho reads like one convoluted triumph. In 2012, Violent Soho dropped *Hungry Ghost*. The hard work paid off as their 'heavier than a boulder, catchier than Ebola' style captured hearts and circle pits in turn. Returning this year with the triumphant *WACO*, Violent Soho cannot be slowed down.



MATT CORBY

A really special one this one; it feels that Matt Corby has been with us forever. In 2011, when he released *Brother*, Corby shot immediately to the top of the tree. Fast forward to March this year, when we were given *Telluric*. A focused distillation of a major talent which confirmed that Matt Corby is class apart.



GRANDMASTER FLASH

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FAT FREDDY'S DROP

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THE JEZABELS

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BERNARD FANNING

With his solo career now spanning a 10-year period (see: 18 ARIA Awards, seven number-one albums, a nation of devoted followers), Bernard Fanning has firmly cemented his position as one of Australia's finest songwriters and lyricists! Especially with his dual releases this year *Civil Dusk* and *Brutal Dawn*.



MØ

Described as a cross between Siouxsie Sioux and Janet Jackson, MØ is a different kind of cat. You'll know her from Major Lazer's massive single *Lean On* (which she co-wrote). Something of a punk activist, she has been politically active since her teens and has paralleled this ethos with her burgeoning musical career. An electric performer on stage, MØ will be a highlight.

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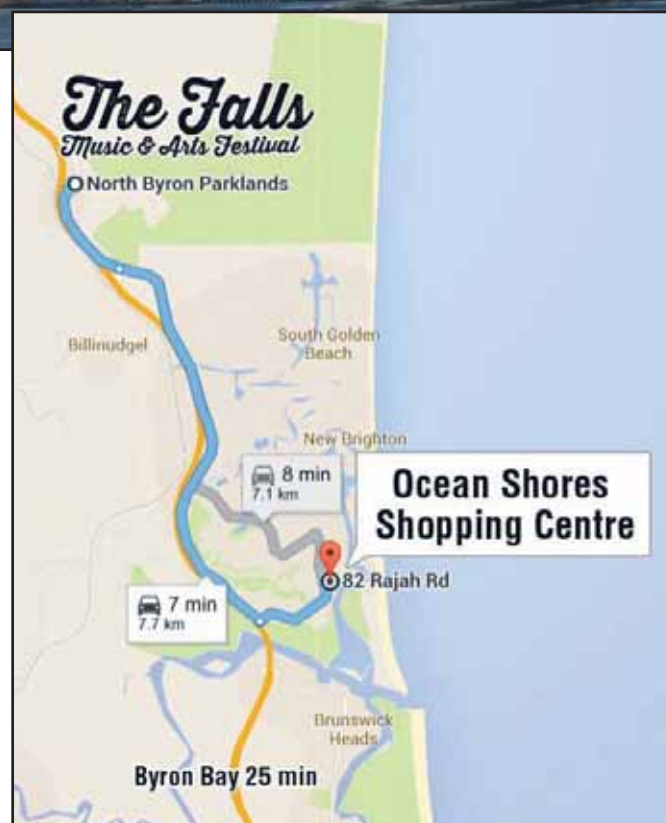
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RULE 2



BROKEN GLASS & CROCKERY OK

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RULE 3



NO STRINGS ATTACHED

String, rope and electrical cable can become tangled around the MRF machinery, hindering the recycling process. Please do not place these items in your recycling bin.

RULE 4



NO NEED TO WASH

Recyclable containers need to be empty and free of food but they don't need to be washed. Save time and elbow grease.

RULE 5



CLEAN POLYSTYRENE

Clean, white polystyrene can now be placed in your recycling bin. Put it in a plastic bag and tie it up. Please no bean bag beans.

RULE 6



LEAVE THE LABEL

The labels on bottles and containers wash off during the recycling process. There is no need to remove them.

RULE 7



KEEP IT LOOSE

Place recyclables into the bin loose not stacked inside one another or in plastic bags. (This excludes polystyrene and soft plastics.)

RULE 8



HARDEN UP

You can place all hard plastics in your recycling bin regardless of whether they display the triangle or not. This includes plastic tableware, toys and plant pots.

RULE 9



GRAB A SACHEL

Grab a Resource Recovery Collection Satchel for household batteries, reading glasses, corks, X-rays, CDs and DVDs, mobile phones and accessories, printer cartridges, small electronics, electrical cords and smoke alarms.

RULE 10



NO FOOD PLEASE

Food and food-spoiled paper and cardboard items such as pizza boxes and paper towel do not belong in your recycling bin. Please put these items in your green organics bin.

RULE 11



PUT A LID ON IT

You can now leave the lids on all your recyclables. Put the lids back on your plastic bottles and containers, glass jars and bottles (including twist tops) and put them in your recycling bin.

RULE 12



EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

Place all small plastics such as bread tags and straws in an empty milk bottle, put the lid on and place in your recycling bin. They are too small for the MRF machinery to remove on their own but are still a valuable resource.



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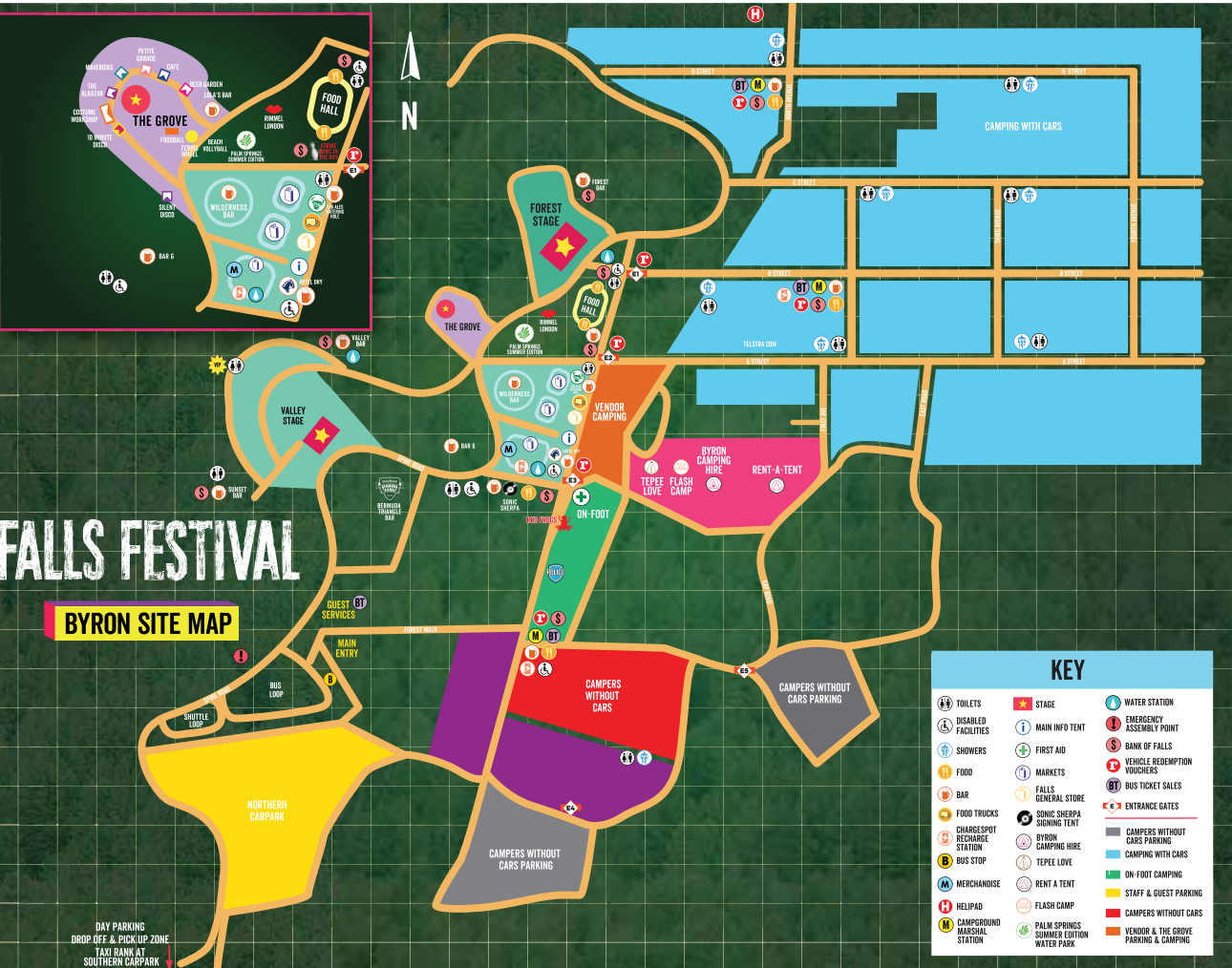


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Gordon is a regular headlining comedian on UK and international circuits, spending several months every year performing in Australia. A highly regarded international act, he's worked in many exotic and challenging places, including Afghanistan, The Falkland Islands, Kosovo and Liverpool. He's even sold out a 700-seat theatre with a solo show in Mumbai, India, and performed a two-hour-long one-man show in Jakarta, Indonesia!

He's headlined the first-ever Serbian comedy festival, and has regularly topped the bill in Singapore, Dubai, Cyprus and New Zealand. Gordon made his Edinburgh debut in the highly respected Comedy Zone in 1997 and has since gone on to take up several successful and acclaimed solo shows, with 2013's *The Kerfuffle* garnering a galaxy of stars; and 2012's *A Brief History of History* receiving award nominations at the New Zealand Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe. He has enjoyed sellout runs at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival from 2011 till 2013.

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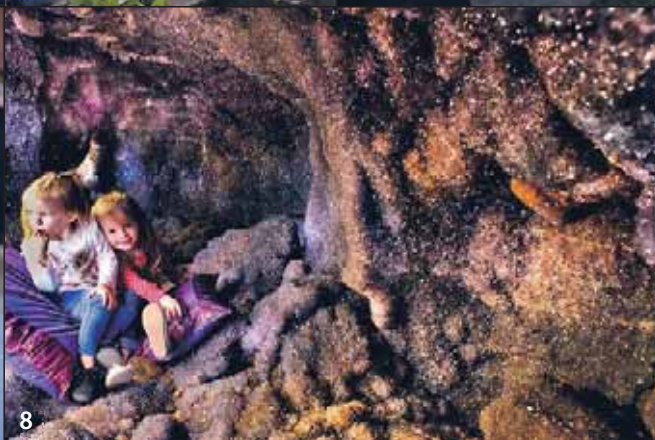
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10. Mungo has plenty to say as he swings his pen like a cutlass across the pages of news media. 11. Pocket-sized reading mentor. 12. Greens got the vote. 13. Heeling Dean celebrates V-Day with a spin on Main Beach. 14. Secret Garden, Byron. 15. The Pigeons of Shit Metal at Bluesfest. 16. Mandy has a Priscilla moment at the Writers Festival. 17. Yes they are watching us – Santos security guard makes home movies in the Pilliga. 18. Echo Award winner Tony Barry: 'When you change yourself, your perception of the world changes.' 19. Dashounds Handicap Dash.

Everyone in this photo voted for the very first time this year

Eve Jeffery

I love the smell of an election in the morning... not!

I don't get politics. I just don't. Okay? I don't understand the mechanics or the machinations, I don't know my senate from my double dissolution, from my hung parliament. I don't understand the greed. I don't understand the dishonesty. It's as simple as that.

My creative partner was born in Canberra. He lives and breathes the stuff. It's like second English to him. His disbelief in my uninterest borders on embarrassment. I think he sees me as a recalcitrant teen who wants to eat off clean crockery, but won't do dishes. Or cook the dinner. Or pay for the food. I frustrate him to the enth.

To me, election day wouldn't suck any less if there were free pizza and bourbon...

I did a drive-by of the polling booths at St Paul's Memorial Hall on Keen Street in Lismore at around 3 o'clock on a sunny Saturday afternoon, July 2 this year.

I was looking for someone. I saw Kudra Falla-Ricketts



Greens candidate Kudra Falla-Ricketts with Eve Jeffery. Photo Tree Faerie treefaeriefotos.com

out the front with a few of her young friends standing in the sunshine waiting for election day 2016 to end.

A special photo

I yelled out my window and asked her if she would still be around at 5.30 when I came back to commit my opinion to paper. (Yes, I was leaving it until the last possible second.) Apart from voting, I also wanted to get a photo, a very special photo, a very special selfie in fact.

I finished my stuff and I went home and had a shower, put on some lipstick and made the trip back into town.

I got photos and interviews with Janelle Saffin and Kudra for *Echo*netdaily but before I headed inside to check my name off the phonebook-sized list of enrollees, there was an important picture I wanted to take.

I stood next to Kudra and we both smiled up at my big lens while I snapped away until I had what I wanted.

Kudra had to come to me weeks earlier wanting some photos for her campaign. Over the next months I saw that same smiling face in the images I captured staring back at me from newspapers and corflutes across the Page electorate.

At that first photo shoot she was fresh and brave and resolute and ready for battle, maybe a tad unsure of herself in front of the camera, but she did really well for a first-timer.

Politics?

We had a great shoot, the photos turned out well and she went her way and I went mine. But politics? Puh-lease.

I have no faith in the political system – I never have and I still don't. But that's not the secret. I also have never, and still haven't, enrolled to vote – of my own accord. That's the secret.

For years, especially in my work as an activist where a lot of time I am fighting government authority, I have nodded and smiled and 'uhuh'd' when the subject of candidates and elections came up. Occasionally I have actually participated in the debate and frowned and added such gems as, 'all politicians are greedy wankers' and 'there is no such thing as altruism' and my personal favourite: 'I'm a communist.' (*The sound of crickets.)

When Kudra decided to run I thought 'what a joke'.

Not so much because she was so young but because it's a bloody business and, actually it was because she was so young.

I am not usually a believer in undervaluing youth; in fact I am the opposite – I really try hard to support young people where I can and give them a chance. My own daughters have done and created and achieved amazing things in this world – I know what kids can do. I always try to give young folk a go.

But when Kudra decided to run, I just thought it was an impossible win.

Then, she ran an absolutely awesome race. Every time I bumped into her in the street, at every event that I went where she spoke, I was very pleasantly surprised. She had courage of her convictions and just plain courage.

Caught!

The AEC finally caught up with me after 34 years and my plan was to just not do it – just not vote and cop the fine as my own little protest, because I don't believe those who sit in the seats are really what the people want. I think politics is evil. Psychopathic.

I think the government found me because I registered a new vehicle in Corn-dale (yes, all the departments seem to be having sex with each other these days). It was not long after that, before the election was even announced, that candidate junkmail began appearing in my letterbox. I had a sneaking suspicion that they busted me but I decided to just ignore it – head-in-the-sand and all that.

When the election rolled around my own personal protest was to simply pay what the government thought I owed it for not turning up on election day, or better still, going to court over it and giving them my very loud personal opinion of why I didn't feel I needed to vote.

But something changed over the weeks leading up to E-day, and I can tell you truly it wasn't my faith being restored in Australia's

parliamentary system.

My faith was restored in myself. In my ability to have faith. To feel faith. To trust that maybe there *was* some sort of future to hope for and it was about bloody time that I started practising what I preached.

That renewed faith wasn't in any party line. It was my faith in youth, the youth of our community, and the youth of the world. My faith that the young people will eventually see the stupidity of their elders' ways and my faith that what I always taught my children from when they were very young was true: it's important to respect your elders, but it's important to remember that they are not always good and they are not always right.

I didn't listen so much to what this young Greens candidate was saying; I listened to the way she was saying it. The way she spoke, the way she treated people, the way she related to those around her, the way she knew the world. The courage of her conviction was that there *is* a better future. This is not a future of my making, but a future of her making. Of their making. That was what I had regained faith in.

Faith

So I decided to put my name behind hers on the ballot paper.

Kudra, seeing your poise, your grace, your integrity (unless I missed some secret politician evil) and your absolute capability amongst a bunch of total bloody goons, changed my mind. I took up a purple pencil for the first time ever and marked the paper Green because of you.

I have every faith in you and your ability, either in 'power' or not, to help set this country aright. You and your generation will save us. Please forgive us our sins. I hope it's not too late.

■ Eve Jeffery is an *Echo* photojournalist, filmmaker and activist. See more of her activism at clouddcatchermedia.com.

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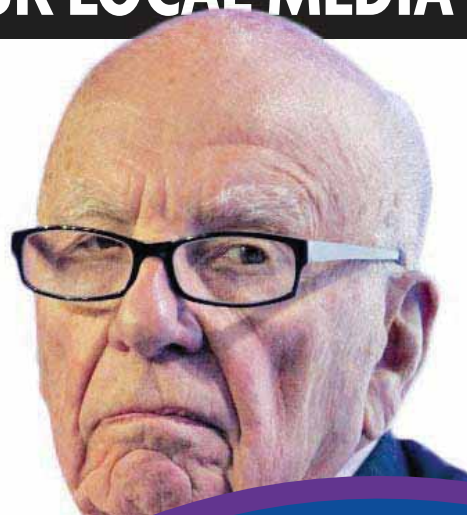
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The Zeitgeist Machine cometh: Online democracy is just a bit away, and not a nanosecond too soon

Phillip Frazer

In 1964, in first-year Politics at Monash Uni, I had to write an essay titled 'Is a direct democracy possible?' Our professors wanted us to prove we'd read Plato, Mill, Marx, Burke, maybe Arendt or Jefferson – or at least skimmed the study guides – and to conclude that giving every citizen equal access to decision making was so impossible that only tiny tinkering were required to make our present system of representative government more perfect.

The future

But, being 19, I took the question seriously. Most of my learning back then took place in the student newspaper office listening to Damien Broderick, one of the editors, who was a voracious reader on the emerging topic of computers. He told me that, soon, we would be able to collect limitless data and compute it every way imaginable, and it occurred to me that if all voters could answer the day's questions, a central computer would be able to spit out an endless series of consensus answers to questions like 'Who should be allowed to marry whom?' or 'Should Australia generate electricity with nukes?'

We could also propose the next day's questions, since asking is as essential as answering. I called the big computer in Canberra 'the Zeitgeist Machine', and suggested we could all have electronic keys to prevent cheating. Small screens with keyboards would be all over the place, like phone booths.

My tutor was wrinkle-



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browed by all this, which I assumed was because she still didn't know if I'd read Burke or Arendt. 'I don't know what to give you so I'm making it a B+', she said with a nervous smile. Her name, I recall, was Michelle Grattan.

The zeitgeist

Today we have all the hardware and software that Damien said we would, and mostly we use it to facebook and twitter – but we also consume and produce massive amounts of political thought, news, and gobbledegook online.

Some believe we could now deploy the Zeitgeist Machine, though they mostly argue for gradual adoption of online voting, campaigning, and policy formation. The Online Direct Democracy Party is already up and running candidates Australia-wide, and like the more nerdy group calling themselves, somewhat unfelicitously, the Flux Party, they aim to be elected to parliament in order to then vote according to decisions reached by their party members online. (Observa-

tion: the leaders and staff of both these Australian parties are almost all men.)

I called my invention the Zeitgeist Machine ironically, to suggest the inherent flaw in my utopia, namely, that while the spirit of the times, or zeitgeist, might be digested by a machine, power would remain with those who own the machine.

Things have changed since 1965, existentially. Now we have Bitcoin, built on blockchain technology, which spreads control and content among so many players that none can usurp the currency, or in the political version, the power. I remain sceptical, but I'm more sceptical about the future of representative democracy.

Since Thatcher and Reagan launched the corporate-sponsored campaign to disempower labour (the workers, not the parties) and all social and economic groups other than profit-driven corporations, western democracies have devolved from being severely flawed arbitrators of power to be-

come enforcers of the will of whichever warlords of capitalism are ascendant.

Parallel govt

So – rather than create new parties to challenge the warlords, how about we build a platform on which our citizens create a parallel government? Start with writing the rules for raising issues and resolving them, then build toward the constant formulation of policies.

And even though this online mob would initially have no power to implement its decisions, it could announce them, challenging the inhabitants of the 'real' power system to take notice, whether the issue be enormous like global warming, pretty big like the Trans Pacific Partnership, or small but fun, such as writing a national anthem that doesn't make everyone cringe.

The point of building a parallel system is to progressively subvert and subsume the present dysfunctional one, and seeds are sprouting in Spain via the Podemos party, in Argentina inspired by Pia Mancini, and by dozens of groups in the USA such as the Personal Democracy Forum, and its blog techPresident.

But I reckon we should get out in front of all these initiatives and start a real, living example of online democracy. Where better than in the Byron Shire? The council is almost all devoted to a people-run democracy, and

thousands of our citizenry love gabbing on about every issue from Trump to pot-holes, so why don't we do it here and now? Actually, local Flux Party nerd James Wright is already working on it, and, for what it's worth so am I. Watch this space for further news...

By the way, if you're thinking this is way-off-in-the-future stuff, consider where Bitcoin is right now: the central bank of Denmark is planning to issue a blockchain-based digital currency called e-krona as its reserve currency – and Ernst & Young (EY), one of the world's Big Four accounting corporations, gives secure digital wallet applications to all its employees at their headquarters, and accepts Bitcoin payments for all of their consulting services, amounting to around \$7.8 billion in 2016. It's happening in finance now – politics tomorrow.

■ Phillip Frazer shares online political chatter on Facebook and at coorabellridge.com.

Time for transparent algorithms in civic tech

Ben Berkowitz

Facebook strengthens our filter bubbles. So does Twitter. So does cable news. This has serious civic consequences. All three of these organisations are civic technologies regardless of whether they put profit or public interest first. The algorithms and business priorities of private institutions have shaped our civic reality.

However, these organisations' algorithmic authority does not have to facilitate authoritarianism. As technologists we have a civic and hu-

man responsibility to assure the algorithms we create place the public interest before personal or corporate financial gain. Not every entrepreneur or technologist has to wear the label of civic technologist or social entrepreneur, but every technologist and entrepreneur who facilitates public debate has a responsibility to put the public before corporate profit.

What could this look like? For Facebook, this might mean solving the heavily debated fake news problem at the expense of getting fewer clicks. For Fox News or the *New York Times*, it might

mean more transparency around their biases or the business goals that drive their reporting decisions.

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Fire ants a flaming threat from the very near north

Aslan Shand

Fire ants are threatening northern NSW and central Queensland and the current eradication program is not up to the job, according to a recent government report. A senate motion by Greens senator Janet Rice forced the federal government to release an independent review of the eradication program revealing that it is failing to contain the fire ant threat.

‘Red fire ants have the potential to do more damage than rabbits, cane toads, foxes, camels, wild dogs and feral cats combined,’ said Senator Rice.

No action

‘The minister has sat on this independent review since at least May of this year and has failed to take proper action. When the benefit will be at least \$25 for every \$1 spent, it’s a no-brainer to take the necessary and cost-effective action to eradicate the red fire ant.’

The South American fire ants were first detected in Brisbane in 2001 and are believed to have been accidentally introduced, possibly via a shipping container from the US. The fire ant is considered a serious threat to the environment, agriculture, tourism and the outdoor Australian lifestyle as they inhabit open grassland area such as agri-



Red fire ant found in Brisbane. AAP Image/Department of Primary Industries, Queensland

cultural fields and sports and picnic grounds.

Known to prey upon local wildlife including frogs, snakes and ground-dwelling birds, the ants will clear the area where they nest of local wildlife and could cause the extinction of some ground-dwelling animals.

‘They are highly aggressive, sting en masse and in high numbers,’ said Andrew Cox of the Invasive Species

Council.

International studies reveal that without an effective eradication strategy the overall impact on Australia’s agricultural industry would ‘result in a reduction in agricultural output of ten per cent for cropping, 20 per cent for livestock and 40 per cent for beef.’

According to the independent review of Australia’s \$330 million fire ants eradication program this

would have immediate effect on Queensland’s Lockyer Valley and scenic rim farming communities where fire ants are already present in low numbers.

Fruit pickers and other agricultural workers would be significantly affected by the ant colonies. They can also cause the death of small livestock animals such as calves and lambs owing to the aggressive swarming and attacking nature of the ants. Where fire ants are located in paddocks farmers would be unable to graze livestock and would have the added costs of eradication of the ants in these areas, noted Cox.

Painful burning

The sting causes painful burning and itching in humans and in rare cases can cause a severe allergic reaction. ‘If not eradicated, by 2030 fire ants will cost our healthcare system about 140,000 medical consultations and 3,000 anaphylactic reactions each year and possible deaths.’

A spokesperson for the minister of agriculture and deputy prime minister, Barnaby Joyce, said, ‘The Agricultural Ministers’ Forum has agreed with the findings of the independent review that eradication remains technically feasible, cost-beneficial and in the national interest.’

However, the deputy prime minister’s office refused to take responsibility for not releasing the report

stating: ‘The decision to release the independent review report is not up to the deputy prime minister and is a decision for Commonwealth, state and territory agricultural ministers.’

The ants have been detected in Port Botany, southeast Queensland and the Gold Coast. ‘This secret government report shows eradication is still possible and in our nation’s interest but the time to act is rapidly diminishing,’ Cox said. The report states that a ten-year treatment and surveillance program with a budget of \$38 million each year is needed to eradicate the invasion.

Headed for NSW

‘The fire ant can be spread through the movement of soil, plants and hay,’ said Cox. ‘Naturally, they move about two kilometres per year. They could get to the border [of NSW] within five years and if they make it that far they will be there forever.’

‘State and federal governments need to stop sitting on their hands while red fire ants threaten Queensland’s precious natural areas,’ said Australian Greens deputy leader and senator for Queensland, Larissa Waters.

‘Get on with eradication already.’

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What the world needs now is a lot more oysters

Story & photo Mary Gardner

Chugging up the Pumicestone Passage in the tour boat, all of us from the conference watched the bloom of jellyfish go by. The pale blue animals crowded the 35-kilometre waterway between the Sunshine Coast and Bribie Island. Also blooming was Lymba, large clusters of toxic blue-green algae. All these creatures take advantage of the mix of warm water, sunshine, sediments from deforested lands and runoff from urban and canal estates. They also thrive because a critical marine animal, once found in wild millions, is now missing. Oysters.

Back in action

The future of wild oysters brings us researchers, activists and community leaders together. We're dreaming of once more seeing oysters living free for their full lifespan of some forty-odd years. We want to see them back in action. They, along with other bivalves such as mussels and clams, are phenomenal aquatic housekeepers. That's what the coastal marine world needs now more than ever.

Each adult oyster clears particles from a total of 7.5 litres in an hour. That's about 189 litres in a day. Content on less than half a hectare, 750,000 animals living en masse can filter 57-157 million litres of sea water each and every day. Biologists cal-



A host of jellyfish on the move in Pumicestone Passage.

culated such a community extended over 166,000 square kilometres in the Chesapeake Bay would have filtered all the water once every three days.

In the course of filtering, each oyster sorts through every particle in the water. What they don't like, they coat with mucus and spit out. This falls to the seabed. They eat the rest: algae, larvae, eggs and hatchlings of fish and jellyfish.

Group sex

Over the year, oysters have regular group sex, releasing eggs and sperm during several spawning events. Over their lifetimes, they may change sex too. The young drift off and grow a little. Then, as tiny spat, they deliberately settle on shells in the oyster community or another favourite hard surface close by.

For thousands of years,

the Pumicestone Passage held hectares of 'bank' oysters across the shore and 'dredge' oysters in the subtidal depths. Their daily routines cleared the waters. Their existence provided habitat and food for fish, birds, sharks and rays and many other kinds of marine life. Some, like darts, known as 'oystercrusters', munched the adults. Others, like small sharks, cruised through the clouds of spawn gulping the caviar.

What became of these reefs of oysters, this living armoured 'skin' of the coastal sea? Political ecologists say that in Queensland, in New South Wales and all the rest of not only Australia but the whole world, a crazy idea infected humanity. Oysters were considered a commodity. Intensive commercial exploitation led to the collapse of oyster reefs and their communities.

Live oysters were sold by the sack or barrel, shipped all around the world. Shell was pulled up in great chunks to be burned to create lime for construction and agriculture. Without a trace of irony, in Australia this process was called skinning.

Great losses

Over 96 per cent of the reefs, with their habitat, food and water-filtering services, all disappeared in this economic free-for-all. Remember Chesapeake Bay? By the end of the 20th century, the losses of oysters were so great that filtering the entire bay once over took almost eleven months.

But for thousands of years before, people in many cultures held fast to another idea. Among the Joondobarrie, as with the Bundjalung and other groups, the women and children returned shell to the edges of reefs for the

spat to settle. Over time, this task and other related work enhanced and extended oyster reefs. Although the people took and ate plenty, they also put back for the future.

Family income

The oyster commons were also important socially. Families had a universal basic income in the form of daily access to high-quality protein and vitamins.

Always handy for a feed, delicious raw but try covering some with a woven mat which is then set on fire. Oysters on the half-shell, opening exactly when they are perfect to eat.

Some early settlers in Australia appreciated the oyster commons and set aside small public oyster reserves for such outdoor meals. Brunswick Heads had a reserve at least into the 1930s and Ballina up to the 1960s. They're gone without fanfare. But in the USA, oyster wars were fought when such oyster commons were privatised.

We shellfish people see two great steps ahead. The first is to give back. Oysters were once free-living wild animals and can be again. Communities in Victoria and South Australia, in New Zealand, in New York City and Chesapeake Bay, are putting back oysters. Old shells set in gabion baskets, embedded

in concrete forms, into coir sacks or thrown down as a loose carpet in the subtidal zone are being returned to the sea. Sometimes shells are seeded with spat from an oyster farm or hatchery.

Oyster-techure

These projects create important jobs in local communities worldwide. Shocked by superstorms and hurricanes, New York and New Orleans are investing in 'oyster-techure': reefs a kilometre long that double as living shoreline protection.

South Australia is putting more than \$3 million into reefs to repair its natural coastal infrastructure. Bribie Islanders are experimenting with oyster gardens growing off the pontoons in canals.

The second step is open ended. The return of oysters will first benefit seawater and marine life. Then one day, when the bivalve housekeepers get on top of their work, people will have access to good local wild food.

Anticipating that time, we need to wise-up our citizens of the future. Humanity just might get a second chance to care for and share in a sustainable coastal commons.

■ Mary Gardner is a writer, biologist and tutor. See more of her work online at www.echo.net.au/tangle-of-life.

Make your way into the heart of the labyrinth

In this photo by Daniel Cordero of CASJ Photography, commissioned by Byron Shire Council, artist Jacqueline Wills walks the Byron Bay labyrinth in Denning Park at the beachfront with visitors and locals at the Closing Ceremony, December 3.

Though the Byron Bay temporary labyrinth had a closing ceremony, it has been so enthusiastically embraced by locals and visitors alike that Council has allowed it to remain.

Hundreds of people have walked the labyrinth and hugged the tree at the centre. Indeed, though most of the celebrations for the Soul Street New Years celebrations will happen along Jonson Street, the labyrinth will be listed as one of the activities the community can engage with to see the New Year in.

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ing meditation, the labyrinth is the perfect way to let go of the old as you walk to the centre, and then open your-

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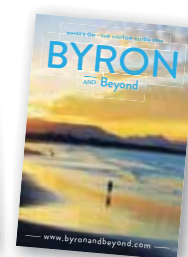
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Thanks to *The Echo*, we have \$3,000 to give away in vouchers to local shoppers to spend at local participating stores. Last year, we had more than 10,000 entries from local shoppers and this year we anticipate even more. In keeping with the strong 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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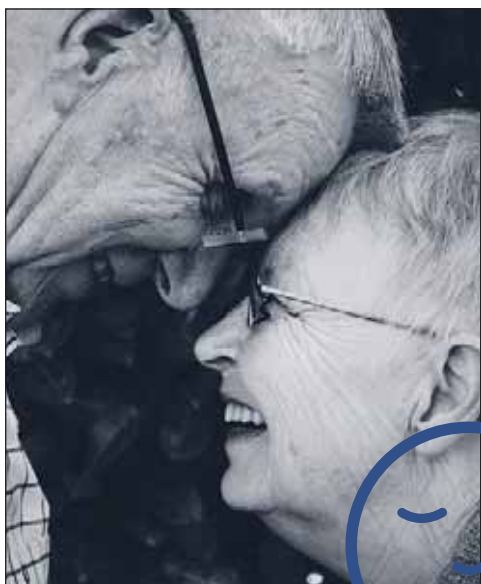
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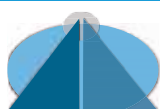


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Ilias The Greek

By: Vivienne Pearson

Food and family are topics that are often strongly linked, especially at this time of year, and even more so within cultures with strong food traditions.

Ilias Katsapouikidis, better known as Ilias the Greek, has seen this link grow further over the past month. Visiting his grandparents, two of whom are in palliative care, has brought many elements of his life into focus.

Ilias's story of connecting food and family is, in some ways, straightforward. He makes traditional Greek sweets and savoury dishes to sell at markets and festivals, as well as a few select stores. In everything he makes, there is a direct connection to his childhood in the far northwest of Greece (near Kastoria). In a village of only 250 people, everyone knew everyone and food was central to life. 'My grandmother would be up from first light thinking about what she was cooking,' recalls Ilias. 'There'd be a pot stewing in the background, always yogurt brewing and filo pastry resting.'

His journey took two unconventional turns. The first was to Coober Pedy (via Adelaide after his whole family emigrated). As a young adult, Ilias followed his paternal grandparents on their quest to become opal miners. Ilias immersed himself in mining and the multicultural community. 'We lived underground and I was a member of the mine-rescue squad,' he says. 'I got to see the dark and light sides of that life.'

Food featured strongly, supplementing the limited range of produce available in the remote desert location with a garden of olives, lemons, figs, capsicum, tomato and kale. 'We had the best underground dinner parties!,' Ilias says, recalling how his grandmother would eagerly await the miners' return in order to serve them tables full of homemade food, including dolmades, yemistes (stuffed peppers) and fassolia (green beans).

The dark side of mining hit Ilias literally when he was injured in a mining accident. 'I was at the bottom of a 25-metre shaft, about to light an explosive fuse, when everything went black,' says Ilias. It seems that a rock

had fallen, knocking him out. 'Luckily I hadn't lit the fuse,' he says in a moment of quiet understatement.

This second unexpected turn brought Ilias to the Byron region. The accident led Ilias to become a yoga teacher and then discover the 'sweet medicine Sundance path', a shamanic practice developed by elders among the first people of northern America. This has altered his approach to life, food, business and family.

How does his traditional Greek family view his shamanic ideas? 'They know I'm loopy,' says Ilias in a typical self-deprecating response, before adding: 'My calmness and solution-seeking is imperative, especially in amongst family drama.' His wry smile indicates just how dramatic Greek families can get, though he adds that there is also a lot of love within the drama.

The recent family drama has been the admission of Ilias's grandfather into palliative care. This is the same grandfather whom he mined with in Coober Pedy and the one who resuscitated him after the mining accident. 'I didn't realise at the time how much my accident affected him,' says Ilias. 'He's a warrior with a big heart and his blood pressure rose upon discovering me lying unconscious in his mine.'

Ilias visited his grandfather, or Papou, in order to fully reconnect with him in this last chapter of his life. 'My intent was to bring love into the space,' he says, speaking of the laughs and stories they were able to share. 'It is a time of loss and grief but also gratitude and acknowledgement.' He reflects further, adding: 'After spending years searching for



ILIAS AND A 'GODDESS' AT SAMPLE FOOD FESTIVAL 2016



elusive rainbow-coloured opal gemstones, I recently discovered that the real gem is within.'

Certainly there would have been lots of hugs. Ilias specialises in hugs, offering them freely at his stall at markets and festivals, which he is at most weekends. The same shamanic

ideals that guided him through visiting his Papou guide him in his interactions with all. 'The reason we do festivals is to connect with the people,' he says.

His customers certainly taste the beauty in his authentic Macedonian-style tahini halva and baklava. 'We make it with love – making awesome halva demands full presence,' says Ilias, giving credit to his production manager Matt O'Brien and others in his team, including the 'goddesses' who join Ilias in dressing in traditional Greek attire.

Ilias is moving towards a focus on savoury options, simply because his customers kept asking. Time was spent developing a way of making spanakopita (traditional spinach-and-cheese in filo pastry) in a way that suits markets and festivals. 'Mum is famous in our family for making the best spanakopita,' he says. The outcome is a 'strifto', a coiled version that is easy to hold and eat in festival environments. Salt-and-feta balls are the other ideal option – great for sharing.

And sharing is what family and food are all about. For Ilias, family has been the flavour of the month, in all meanings of the word.

Get a hug from Ilias at a festival near you or markets in Bangalow/Byron/Bruns. Buy retail from The Farm, Fundies or Mullum IGA. Or drop in for a chat (and a hug!) at 4/18 Bonanza Dve, Billinudgel



POSH NYE

New Years Eve is celebrated in many individual ways. Some ignore it, some welcome the chance for silent reflection, some seek to enhance the moment by going to the top of the mountain or a lighthouse; some like a community celebration; and some won't be satisfied until they've spent two days with celebrities snorting cocaine off each other's naked bodies.

If you've come to Byron from the 'big city' for the holidays, you're probably going to be in the more laidback mode, though there's plenty of stylish entertainment around here to help you to make a night of it. But if you've rented out your Wategos pad to holidaymakers and are looking for some way to (legally) spend all that money, Pier One Sydney Harbour has a deal for you.

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An Everyday Bakery



By: Vivienne Pearson

MATT, CONOR AND DAN. AN EVERYDAY SUNDAY BAKERY

It might have the word *Sunday* in its name but you do not have to save it for once a week. Nor do you have to dress up in your Sunday best.

The Sunday Sustainable Bakery is a bakery you can go to every day, though this doesn't mean it isn't special. Opened a month ago, locals and those from further afield are discovering their breads, pastries and croissants.

'This has been a night area for many years,' says owner-manager Conor Reid, reflecting on how the bakery is on the site of the previous Republik restaurant and is next door to *Abrahebabra*, an evening venue. The new look is definitely all about daytime: the space is light and bright, with breezy and accessible wide doors, outdoor seating and a coffee window open to the street.

The other part of the name is *sustainable* and this part is a huge focus for the business, with ingredients sourced locally to reduce food miles and produce varying with the seasons. The originally planned name included the word *organic*, but even though they strive to be as certified organic as possible, they also take into account food miles. 'A lot of organic ingredients for bakeries can only be sourced from as far away as India or Canada,' says Conor, noting that this is not ideal for either food miles or freshness. He goes on to say that great ingredients are able to be sourced locally.

Breads on offer include spelt, rustic-style and sourdough (made from a 14-year-old culture). Yummies on offer include a passionfruit tart prettily decorated with edible flowers,

brown-butter pecan pies, and the signature spelt blueberry and almond scones.

Pies, sausage rolls, spinach rolls and pork-and-fennel rolls are all made onsite, by baker Matt Carey-Thomas. Breakfast specials include options such as avo-and-fetta smash (on great toast of course!) and 'secret' egg-and-bacon roll (the secret is that nothing is fried).

Coffee is Moonshine, made by a team of baristas including long-time local barista Dan Wright.

Kids are welcome any day at Sunday Sustainable Bakery. Conor is father to two children, aged three and six, who happily test-rode the striking carousel horse that sits in the front window. Parents will be happy to discover that it works with the push of a button (no coins required).

Part of the 'sustainable' ethos is making sure that customers can sustain their bakery-going. Pies and rolls are priced at only \$5 and kid-sized chocolate cupcakes (gluten free) are \$2.50.

The *Sunday* part of the name is yet to be fully realised, with the plan to offer Sunday sessions of live music and a charitable focus. These will kick off once regular business is bedded down.

So for now, every day is the same, but that's no bad thing at Sunday.

95 Jonson Street, immediately across pedestrian crossing from Woolworths Plaza. Open 6am-5.30pm, 7 days. Instagram: @sundaysustainablebakery. Ph: 0449 887 311



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PLENTY OF SPACE TO RELAX AT THE SUN

Twice round the Sun

December 16 marks two years since The Sun on Bayshore Drive opened its doors. Intended as a 'local' for the Sunrise Beach and Byron arts estate communities, the recycled timber-and-glass pavilion-style building is quite deceptive from the street. It's enveloped on the north and west with timber decks that spill down to an outdoor terrace and mounded grass garden, which then backs onto stunning coastal heathland. Tucked into the reserve surrounded by green, it's easy to feel that you are a world away.

This feeling is assisted by large garden artworks – the magnificent yellow *Sun Seat* from Suvira McDonald and Susie Olsen's ethereal *Hands to the Heart* mosaic installation.

This northern end of Byron Bay is alive and kicking. The calibre of shops, galleries and art studios in the arts estate is world class yet the vibe remains laidback. 'We're busy most of the time, which is great,' said The Sun assistant manager Mialii (or Mouse as she's known to the patrons).

'We have our local regulars and quite a lot of our customers come from the outlying towns. I guess it's easy, with free parking, and people like to be outside in nature. It's pretty magical on the deck and the new outdoor terrace area is bringing adults out into the garden. We've installed locally crafted timber seating with shade next to the grassed hills where the kids run and play.'

The Sun offers a rare paradise for children, with the outdoor play area as well as a covered playground on the deck. And the \$8 children's menu includes healthy options that are



JOEL PHYLAND'S PORK BELLY

not fried and don't include potato chips. Hallelujah to that.

New head chef Joel Phyland attributes his passion for Mediterranean flavours to his Croatian heritage. Joel's take on the Niçoise Salad is a sensation – 72-hour house-cured salmon, green beans, soft-boiled egg, baby chat potato, cherry tomatoes and olives for \$22. Or perhaps try the Crispy Skinned Pork Belly slow cooked in cider for eight hours

with roast baby fennel, shaved apple, roast pecan and endive salad, hot apple sauce and gravy for \$25.

Joel's new summer menu includes locally caught fish-of-the-day specials and housemade desserts including his popular ice-creams. And the great thing about The Sun is there are always – always – a range of \$12 main meals.

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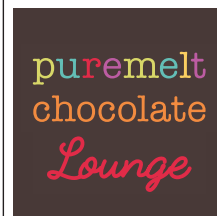
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Property insider

Property Insider asked **Peter Browning** from **LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads** about what makes Brunswick Heads such a great place to live in. Here's what Peter had to say.

Brunswick Heads is that one and only special little coastal town, where families still come to holiday and parents feel safe letting their children ride bikes on the road, in the parks, to the river and the beach, situated in northern New South Wales where the river meets the sea.

The whole town has a beachside resort feel, with boutique fashion and shoe shopping, as well as an array of fine-dining cuisine with some of the best restaurants in the Byron Shire of an evening. Mornings offer a bubbling metropolis of baristas extracting the best of their special blend of coffee beans to give you a



cream silk-like flavoursome coffee to get you going for the day.

After a wake-me-up espresso perhaps you might like brekkie. Making a decision can be confusing and sometime creates food envy if dining with friends. Each cafe has its own special short-order cooks so flavours and menus vary –but we highly doubt disappointment!

Time to grab a towel, sunscreen, an umbrella, that book you wanted to read, or the paper, and head to the river or maybe even take the children or grandkids over to jump off the bridge at high tide. If you're a little more active you might pick up a surfboard, boogie board, kite-surfer... or perhaps you body-surf – head over to the patrolled beach.

For the fishos grab a rod and head to the beach, rock walls or the river and you're almost guaranteed to catch yourself a fish. If you're the deep-sea fisher, launch the boat and head on out through the bar where the fish are bigger and you might see yourself a whale or two. Head over to Julian Rocks and have a snorkel or scuba.

When the day is done, wander down

to the famous Hotel Brunswick for a cold drink and a chat with friends, listen to the some of the local and international bands that play for your entertainment, and do it all again by selecting the next place to dine for dinner or head on home and cook the whopper you caught.

That's the lifestyle you get when living in Brunswick Heads! Oh wait, I forgot – if you are still a little stressed, go and get pampered by the beauticians, salons or masseuses.

Record house price achieved in Ocean Shores

Number 23 Palmer Avenue, North Ocean Shores, has been sold for \$1,250,000 – the highest price achieved for a residential sale in the suburb to date. The sale was negotiated by **Caitlin Hellyar** and **Julie-Ann Manahan** of **Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group/Ocean Shores**.

The property is an eco-friendly, architect-designed home comprising four large bedrooms including a parent retreat, an office, east-facing deck, multiple living areas including a media/music room and room for a home business or in-law



accommodation, nine-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, solar power, 10,000-litre water tank and a security system. Beautiful North Beach is a short walk away.

After being on the market with other agents for almost 12 months, the vendors listed their home for sale with Julie-Ann Manahan of Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group/Ocean Shores.

'We were able to generate a greater level of interest in the property owing to our marketing, our strong network and our brand. Our listings get exposure to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and international buyers who are seeking the relaxed coastal lifestyle our area offers. They are often cashed up with a bigger budget,' Ms Manahan said.



'The buyers are relocating from Sydney and were referred to us through the Raine & Horne network. They recently sold their Allambie Heights home at auction with Raine & Horne, and achieved a great result, so they were definitely here to buy,' she said.

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Million Dollar Bangalow Views

7 Barby Crescent, Bangalow

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\$785,000 – \$825,000



Offering fabulous views across Bangalow is this single level, immaculately presented home. It has a solid brick construction featuring high ceilings and timber floors throughout and loads of windows to capture the stunning view.



The simple, functional floor plan includes a larger than normal single garage with internal access. This space could easily be converted into a 4th bedroom or a home office.

The home has ducted air conditioning and heating throughout, with ceiling fans in the bedrooms and another split system in the main bedroom. Large open plan living/dining/kitchen area opens onto the north-east facing verandah which is a great place to enjoy the morning sun or watch the weekend activity at the Showgrounds. On an easy to maintain 680sqm block, there are mature gardens and elevated veggie gardens should you want to grow your own!

Inspect: By appointment
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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.

Other features include gym, games/rumpus room with wet bar and double lock-up garage with internal access. The 8 fully fenced clean, gentle acres encompass established gardens, and level useable lawns as well as access to Yankee Creek.

Situated less than 20 minutes to Bangalow and Lismore with school bus pick up at front gate lifestyle properties rarely get any better than this.

Inspect: By appointment
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SOLD – More Needed!



Brunswick Heads
14 Short Street

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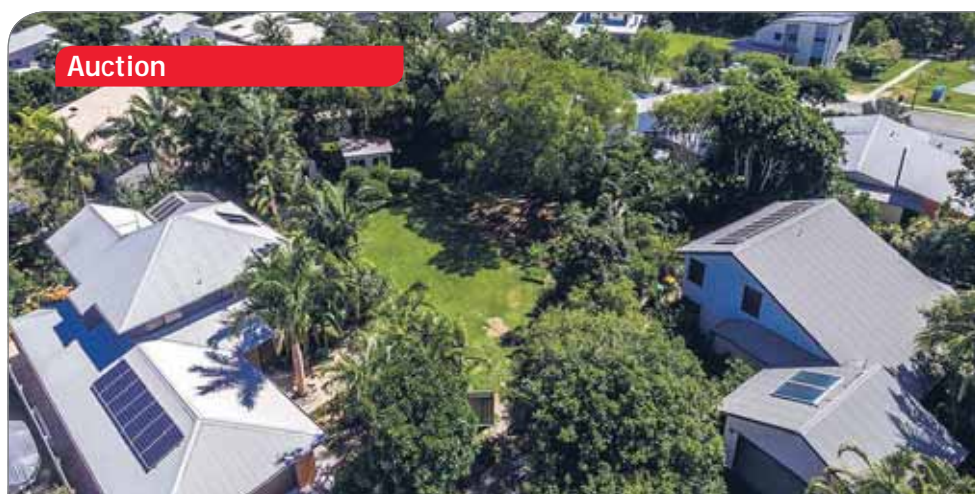
OPPORTUNITY, LIFESTYLE & LOCATION

Brunswick Heads is possibly the most sought after property location in Australia at the moment and property is selling quickly. Let alone a opportunity like this big 2 storey, 2 x 2 bedrooms, a huge block with room at rear lane for another build. SCTA!

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Central Eastside Brunswick

19 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads

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What can we say? Location! Location! Location! Brunswick Heads is now one of the most sought after seaside villages in Australia with its boutique shopping, fine dining restaurants, cafes and coffee. The famous Hotel Brunswick which has been voted 2nd best beer garden in New South Wales but we believe it to be #1 on the streets. A safe, family oriented community with parks and play areas for the entire family, with the majority overlooking the amazing Brunswick River which runs through the town. This in itself hosts so much fun for everyone! Not to mention the town has its own boating access to the ocean, a patrolled swimming beach and a great wave break for the surfer. With all these features it's no surprise people are queuing for property! So don't miss your opportunity. 19 Mullumbimbi Street is centrally located on a big block 981m2 with street to lane access. The house has 2 bedrooms and a flat below.

Inspect: By appointment
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A Truly Unique Opportunity

471 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek

6 4 23 \$3.1 – \$3.4 million



Located just 15 minutes from the beaches of Byron Bay and seven minutes to beautiful Bangalow, on a leafy country road, in the sought after hamlet of Possum Creek, this wonderful property oozes character and charm. A rare opportunity now exists to acquire a piece of local history. The main house, built by the current owners, sits perched on a leafy ridge overlooking Possum Creek below. It features four bedrooms (or three plus study) and a large, yet cosy, lounge with separate kitchen/dining area opening onto shaded verandas that make for seamless indoor/outdoor entertaining and of course relaxing. The Old Possum Creek School would have to be one of the most beautifully presented properties in the area and is now ideal as a holiday home or primary residence. This property awaits your inspection and is looking for an owner ready to put their own touch on the place whilst adding to its long and colourful history.

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Tranquility in the Tropics

82 Santacatterina Road, Finlayvale, QLD

4 6 10 \$3.25 million



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Hilltop Spectacular

14 Banool Circuit, North Ocean Shores

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Position is greatly considered when buying real estate, this home offers this and many other attributes.

Perfect north aspect includes wide ocean views, mountain vistas at the rear, and leafy surrounds of adjoining national park. 3 bedrooms each have a separate verandah + 4th bedroom/study. Beautiful living area has cathedral ceilings, hardwood timber floors, and a wood fire. Solid timber kitchen adjoins the great outdoor living.

You can walk to beach, and it is handy to schools. Arrange an inspection call David Mutkins on 0421 906 460.



Inspect: By appointment
Contact: David Mutkins 0421 906 460
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- simpler process for dealing with disputes
- broadening tenant participation in meetings
- limiting proxies held by one owner
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- renaming the "executive committee" to the "strata committee" and the "sinking fund" to the "capital works fund"

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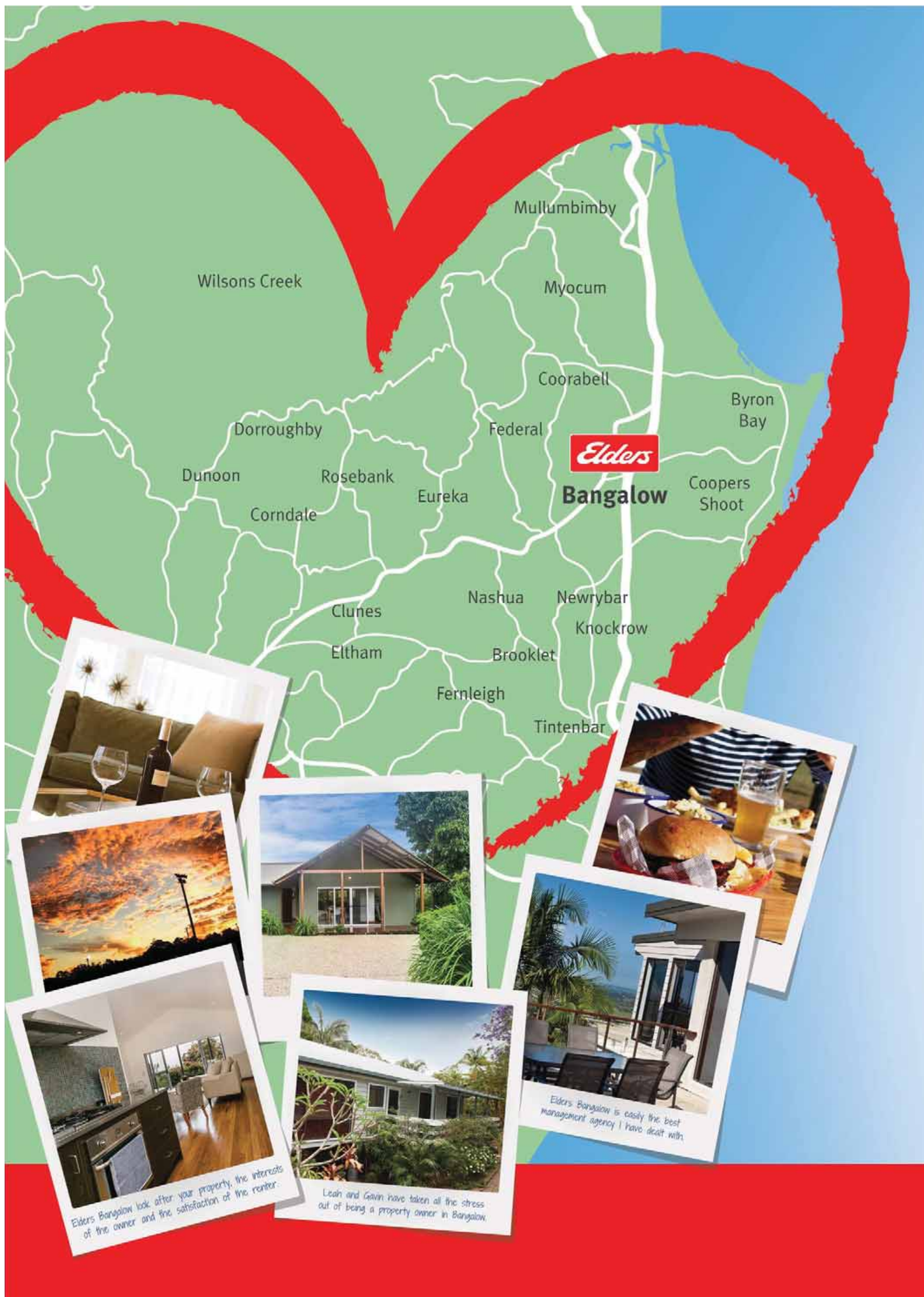
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With an **eye for detail**, she can spot cobwebs at 50 paces and she takes great pride in ensuring properties are well cared for by her tenants. Leah is known and loved for her infectious smile and her **'can do' attitude**.

If **Jason Betts** had a motto it would be: **Keep Calm and Carry On**. Known in the Elders office for his unflappable personality, he expertly handles any challenge that comes his way.

Jason is dedicated to finding **high quality tenants** for the properties he manages. He is also genuinely interested in people and their stories, so getting to know new landlords and tenants is one of the perks of the job.

Gavin Burton loves the fast pace of his work at Elders Bangalow where he is known affectionately as the Quiet Achiever.

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Open: By appointment
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Quality Family Home

45 Urunga Drive, Pottsville
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Set in the popular Seabreeze Estate, this delightful single level home offers you and your family the ideal beachside lifestyle. As this brick and tile home is low maintenance, you can spend your days at the beach! Later, come home to relax with a cool drink or a barbecue in your covered alfresco entertaining area overlooking the fenced rear yard, where there's plenty of room for a pool. Inside this inviting, light-filled home, you'll find spacious open plan lounge, family living and dining areas with high ceilings and a lovely ambience. Your adjoining gourmet kitchen features a new Smeg oven and cooktop, a dishwasher and plenty of storage. All this is only 1km from the local shops and medical centre, and a 5 minute drive or 15 minute walk to the beautiful pristine beaches Pottsville is known for.



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Santorini Villa

5 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay
🏠 3 🌳 3 🚗 2 \$1,595,000



'Santorini Villa' is a lush mediterranean-style beach house within minutes walk to Byron Markets, beaches, shops and restaurants. Offering 3 large bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, beautiful open-plan living zones opening onto multiple courtyards, gardens and lawn areas. Soaring ceilings, funky colourful decor, terracotta flooring and rendered walls make the home a beautiful place to live. Private and secure, this is one of Byron's gorgeous hidden gems. Perfect as a holiday house and currently in high demand as a popular holiday let. Contact agent for inspection times.



Inspect: By appointment
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For Sale

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For Sale

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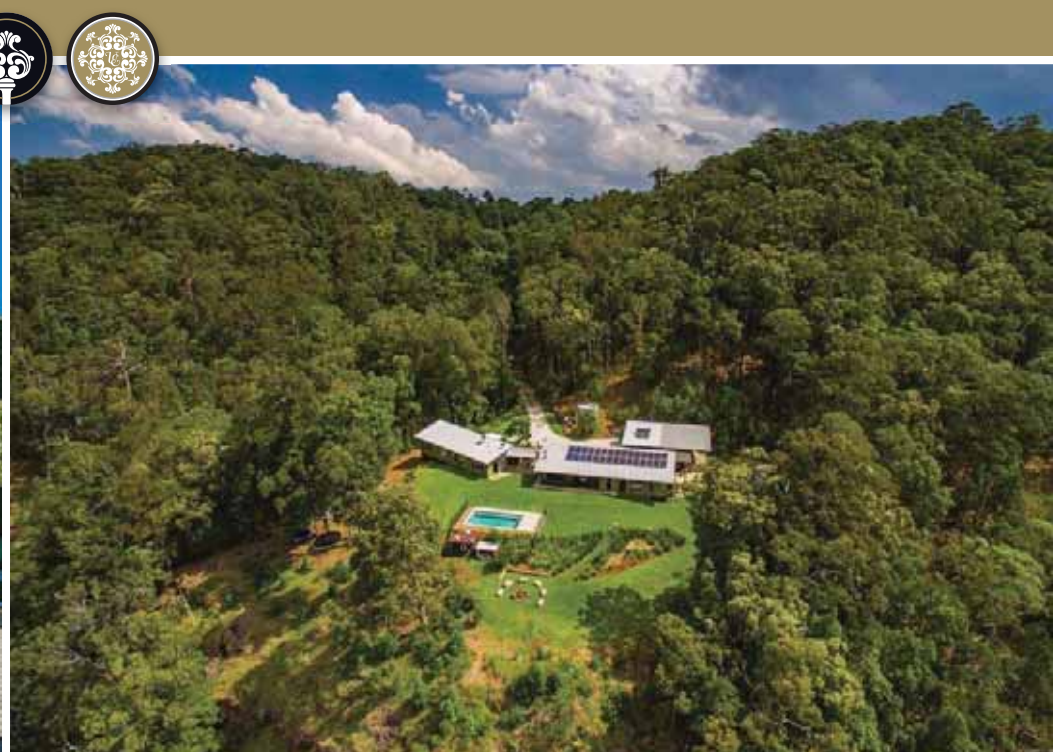
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Land Size: 13.62 ha

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Expressions of interest



Miri Miri

Location: Tallebudgera Valley, QLD
Land Size: 8.49 ha

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Price on application



Friday Sabai

Location: Tintenbar, NSW
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The River House

Location: Coorabell, NSW
Land Size: 43.16 ha

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Dunes On Shelly Beach

Location: East Ballina, NSW
Land Size: 0.82 ha

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\$3.6 million



Mountain Views

Location: Uki, NSW
Land Size: 30 ha

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Property insider extra Report into home ownership

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics recently presented its report on the inquiry into home ownership.

Committee chair Mr David Coleman MP said that a range of views on the challenges facing home buyers were canvassed throughout this inquiry.

'Australia's property market is not homogeneous – it has very different characteristics in different locations,' Mr Coleman said. 'Government policy is best focused on seeking to increase the level of stock in those markets that are under-supplied at present. Increasing rates of tax on property investment would have a negative

impact on the economy, and is not supported by the committee. It's notable that APRA has already acted to reduce the rate of borrowing by investors, and has the tools to take further action if it believes this is in the best interests of the economy.'

The Committee's report also canvasses potential changes to stamp duty and land taxes, and finds that any such change should only be considered as part of an overall review of property taxation.

The report can be accessed from the Committee's website: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Economics/completed_inquiries.

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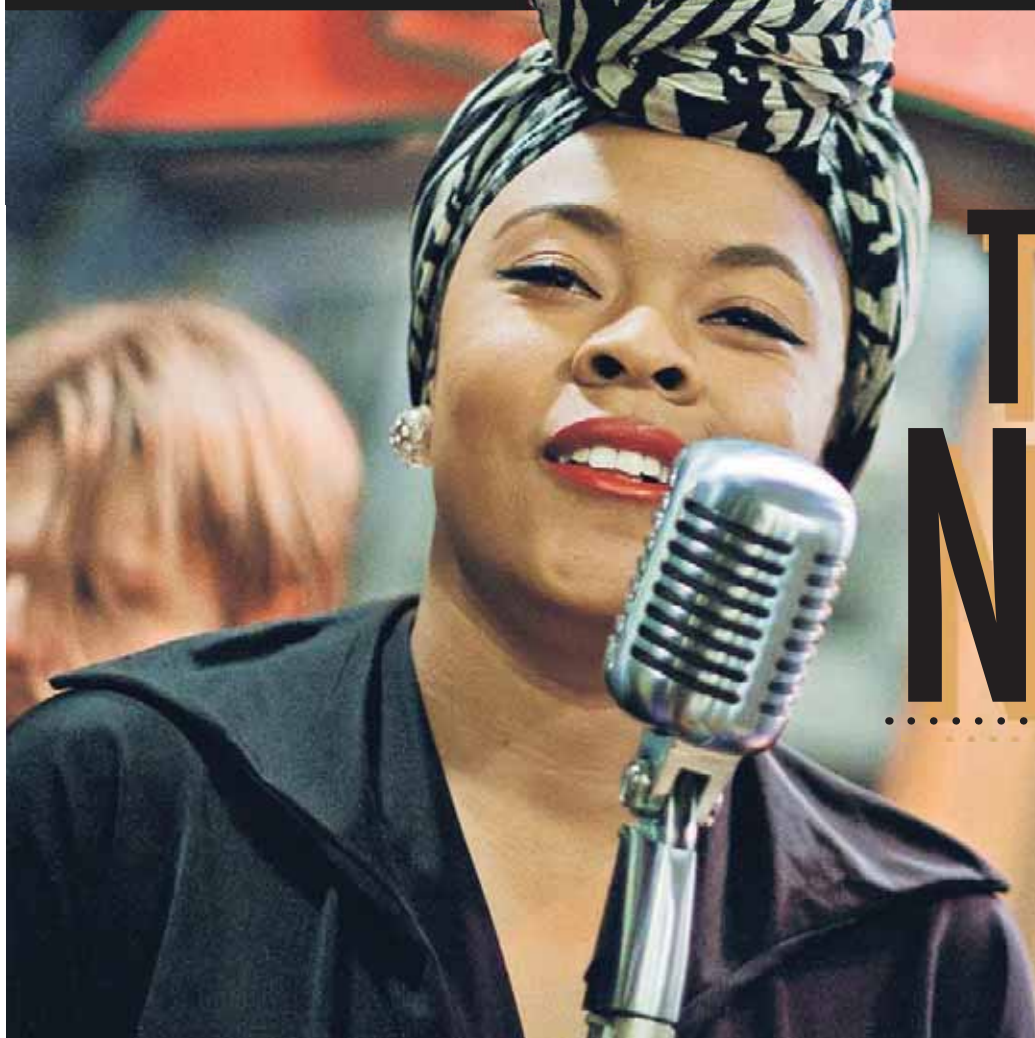
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THE THRILL OF NIKKI HILL

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND TO BLUESFEST FOR 2017 IS QUEEN OF SOUL, NIKKI HILL.

Hailing from North Carolina, and influenced mostly by Little Richard, Nikki comes by her Deep South soul honestly. This blues shouter and growler is a bona fide rock'n'roll diva who has audiences wrapped around her finger. After wowing the crowds at Bluesfest in 2015, Nikki Hill and her band have been touring extensively following the independent *Heavy Hearts, Hard Fists* (October 2015).

Raised in the church choir and steeped in R&B and garage-rock rumble, Nikki Hill is a spitfire with the soul-drenched voice of Etta James and the tattooed, beehived-hair aura of Cramps' guitarist Poison Ivy.

We found out more about her love of music...

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

Little Red Corvette was on a mixtape of a friend of mine in middle school. We hit it off in homeroom, and started going to live shows and getting into trouble together, sneaking out of town, cutting each other's hair in the bathroom at school, and all of that. She had this mixtape that was punk rock and 80s stuff. We would play each other new tapes/CDs of bands we liked, but that mixtape was always the go-to. Driving around with nothing to do but blast this tape and harmonise to the songs together was one of our favourite things. We're still friends and those moments are just as important as a lot of the wild shit we did!

What is the song/s that get you on the dance floor every time?

If Al Jackson Jr or Howard Grimes or Phil Rudd played drums on it, I'm on the dance floor. Plain and simple!

What is the song that's always busted out when no-one is around? Why?

Tom Jones singing *It's Not Unusual*. Although I would play this with people around too. It's a catchy song, Tom Jones is a killer singer, and sexy as hell, and if you grew up in the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air era like I did, that song holds a special place. We all know the *Carlton Dance*!

What are the songs on high rotation in your car at the moment?

Been listening to Lee Moses's *Time and Place* album on repeat. *Adorable One* just tears me up! Iggy Pop and the Stooges' *Search and Destroy*, Amy Winehouse's *Just Friends*, Seratones' *Chandelier*, Gary Clark Jr's *The Healing* and Toots and the Maytals have probably been my go-to for the past, well, forever. I'm really studying Toots's singing style right now. I just saw him live for the first time this summer, and I was so blown away. I'll definitely never forget the impact his sound had on me!

What was your wedding song?

Our wedding song was Otis Redding's *I Love You More Than Words Can Say*.

Your favourite song to cover at the moment?

You Can't Put Your Arms Around a Memory...

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

Let's do alive and dead because this is just killing me, okay? For someone no longer with us, I would have loved to do a duet with Lemmy. I think doing a rock'n'roll version of *No Good Lover* by Mickey and Sylvia would have been so much fun. Alive, from my gigantic list of dreams, I would say Mavis Staples. I would sing whatever the hell she told me to, because I don't really think Mavis could steer me or anyone wrong.

Your all-time rock'n'roll hero is...? Why?

Sister Rosetta Tharpe – she could walk the walk, talk the talk, was incredibly innovative, emotive, and passionate about her music, and looked good while doing it. She's a pioneer as far as I'm concerned.

Nikki Hill, the act to catch at **Bluesfest** this year. If you're lucky she'll do her rendition of AC/DC's *Whole Lotta Rosie*! For tickets and program information go to bluesfest.com.au.



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IT TAKES BALLS

It's official. The world has gone mad. According to a recent media report Australian men are flocking to get a new wrinkle-reducing procedure. Scrotox. Like Botox, the idea is to reduce wrinkles. But not in the face, in your balls. The place where everyone looks.

Because we all know that's something men have always needed. 'Trevor's a nice bloke but his sack is a mess. It really

ages him.' Yep, what man doesn't desire a date with his own big smooth balls? His very own shiny billiards nestling under the pool cue.

I don't get it. I understand penis pumpers, penis enlargers and, in some rare cases, penis reductions, but wrinkle-free nuggets? I guess it would make them easier to shave or rest in egg cups if that's the kind of thing you're into, but I frankly

can't see the point of having the family jewels all perfect and smooth. Whom are you showing anyway? When have gorgeous gonads ever been a prerequisite for anything? For a start, it's a ballsack. Swamp nuts. Cojones. Bollocks. They live in the underpants and lurk behind a piece of anatomy that very naturally attracts a lot more publicity. When it comes to PR it's all about the penis. Come showtime, the ballsack sits backstage, watches the front pocket showpony from the wings. Doesn't matter how much Botox you shoot into your balls, it's never gonna rival the cock.

The penis is a simple structure, but impressive enough to feature on *Grand Designs*. There's a reason that buildings have been modelled after the phallus instead of the nutsack. Nutsacks aren't sexy. Nor are they architecturally sound. It's like highrise versus a hairy yurt

after a hail storm. Like Botox in the face, all expression will be removed. I mean how will we know how the poor ballsack is feeling? Happy Sack? Sad Sack?

It may come as a shock to most men, but women (I can't speak for gay men, but I'm assuming they're not in the ball park either) just aren't that interested in your nuts. In fact in all my years, in my most sexually explicit conversations with girlfriends about the prowess of their new lover, I've never heard a single woman say, 'My god, you should see his ballsack! It's amazing. Not a wrinkle! He has the scrotum of a 10-year-old!'

The poor old nads have never rated a mention. I don't mean to be cruel, but we don't really care about your sack. I've never looked at my partner's ballsack (actually I think I try not to look) and thought, if only I could iron out those wrinkles. 'Darling get some Anusol on those things!'

And, I've never fantasised about a partner with a giant jewel bag. That's the other effect of Scrotox: it makes your balls bigger. I'm not actually sure what purpose Big Balls actually serve other than inspiring the lyrics of an AC/DC song for the amusement of adolescents in the 70s. It didn't take a genius to work out that this wasn't a song about a cocktail ball.

On the upside, Scrotox is purported to reduce sweating. No more sweaty ballsacks. That's not just a selling point, that's an ad campaign. I guess if you have a profusely sweating scrotum that somehow impedes your enjoyment of life, like you slip off bike seats or had some sort of debilitating jock-rotting condition that destroyed furniture, then maybe you might consider Scrotox.

So why Scrotox? And why now? Because Botox is big business

and big business relies on expanding the market. There's a finite supply of women's faces to store cosmetic Botox. That's a market that's been very comfortably exploited.

But testicles. That's a dark and hidden place of shame for men. Scrotox is just more market exploitation of human inadequacies and self-loathing. What man when faced with his sagging prunes wouldn't jump at the chance of a couple of Xmas plums?

Please, blokes. Let the balls swing free. Imagine a world where nutsacks were perfect. Pert and swollen like boiled eggs in a body stocking. Where they didn't slip out on a hot summer's day down the left leg of Uncle Barry's King Gees and emerge like a slowly escaping marsupial? That's a world I just don't want to live in. Buck the system and free-ball.

LIVE MUSIC

ON MY FREQUENCY

From its origins in 2006 as a one-night landcare music event, **Earth Frequency Festival** has grown significantly over the past 10 years and become a highlight of the QLD festival calendar. Now well into its second decade of operation, Earth Frequency continues to evolve and expand. In 2017, Earth Frequency will be returning to its awesome Ivory Rock and expects to reach capacity at 5,000 attendees.

The 2017 music lineup features a huge range of international and domestic talent across a wide spectrum of live and electronic music genres. Highlight bookings include



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OZ LATIN BROTHERS AT CLUB LENNOX ON NYE

Smoke Sign, and US bass-music pioneers Desert Dwellers, Sixis, Digital Rust and Biolumigen. Festival favourites Opiuo, Spoonbill, Kingfisha, Hugo and Treats, Lubdub and Griff top the domestic lineup. More than 100 artists will complete the music lineup,



TAHIR QAWWAL PRESENTS SUFI MUSIC AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6 JANUARY

which spans across four days and three nights.

Music is not the only focus with a massive visionary art lineup including Collin Elder (Canada), Randal Roberts and Morgan Mandala (USA), resident artist Adam Scott Miller and more than a dozen Australian artists showing art in the Osmosis Gallery and performing live painting throughout the festival.

The festival also features a

wide range of roving and stage performances, a full program of inspirational and educational talks and workshops, a huge craft market and food area, a family space with activities for the young ones, and amazing decor and stage design throughout the festival.

Tickets are on sale now and the organisers have announced a limited capacity of 5,000 for the festival this year and beyond, to help preserve the intimate and welcoming vibe that the festival is well known for. Tickets are selling fast and the organisers advise everyone wishing to attend to get in early for their tickets this year as there may not be any gate sales.

For more information: earthfrequency.com.au.

Ivory Rock 17-20 February.

MUSIC OF THE MYSTICS

The intoxicating and rousing music of Qawwali comes to Byron Bay just once a year! Journey on a magic carpet to the Far East and be transported into a realm of ecstatic devotion.

Qawwali music celebrates the great Sufi mystics of old and reminds us of a human longing for divine union that is deeply embedded in Sufi poetry.

Renowned Sufi singer **Tahir Qawwal** is known for

authentically representing this musical tradition with the blessings and guidance of his teachers in India and Pakistan. This last year has proved busy and fruitful for him and his group Fanna-Fi-Allah, with tours in India, Pakistan, Europe, Canada and America. Here in Australia, Tahir tours with a talented group of musicians who are deeply tied to the culture of Qawwali through their ancestry.

Byron Theatre's Music of the Mystics concert on 6 January 2017 will again offer audiences a glimpse inside a rich and vibrant Sufi culture that embodies religious tolerance, devotion and mysticism.

Tahir Qawwal's music continues to mesmerise audiences worldwide, igniting hearts and encouraging people to remember the depth of devotion that music stirs. He is passionate about sharing the colour and beauty of Sufi culture with the world, through his music and via a documentary film that is now in its final stages of editing. He says: 'Devotional music is a path of remembrance, of returning to that original dance of existence that words can't describe.'

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MUSIC IN THE MIDDLE

HERE'S A BAND CLEARLY WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF IDEAS, THE BRAVERY TO STEP BEYOND STANDARD STRUCTURES AND THE CREATIVE ABILITY TO INTERWEAVE A PATHWAY THROUGH.

They're an Aussie trio made up of Hannah and Harry (two classically trained musicians) and Tim. Middle Kids are fresh blood in the indie-pop world; their debut EP was recorded in their house and it's due out soon, with singles *Your Love* and *Edge of Town* already getting music lovers buzzing with anticipation. Hannah Joy spoke with *The Echo*.

As solo artists, what was the impetus to come together as a band?

None of us had any friends so we started a band and now we each have a few friends.

How does it change the way you write songs?

There's a great collaborative dynamic where different ideas come together and create something special OR create tension (which then hopefully resolves and eventually creates something better).

How do you three write together, or work up a song from the get-go to the studio, or the stage?

We have a loose process. Hannah writes songs and starts recording parts, Tim comes in and makes a huge mess, and then we get Harry on the track to finish it off like a fresh coat of paint.

How has the support of stations such as Triple J and FBI Radio helped build your following?

Triple J and FBI are wonderful supporters of local music, and their support is a huge factor in helping get our music out there. We count ourselves very fortunate that these stations exist.

Home recordings used to be called 'demos' but now they're the actual release. What is it about the sound you get in a home studio that you might not get in a fancy high-end recording studio?

The home-studio sound is very immediate and raw, and there is a lot of room for spontaneity. It's easier to sound unique because you just won't be able to pull off sounds that a studio could, so you end up with things that sound new. We like the studio as well though!

What is the music you come home to listen to after a long day?

The gentle hum of the kettle.

What are some of your highlights so far?

We've loved being on the road together! We feel super lucky to have been able to play music in different places along with some really great bands we admire. But in a more real, powerful way, some of the best highlights have been the different burgers we've eaten around the world.

What about the weirdest thing to happen at a gig?

We were playing at a venue where whenever Tim played a note on the bass guitar it would turn the wall light off so throughout the whole set the light was going nutso in response to his massive grooves.

What should we expect for your show at Falls Festival?

Seven songs at four minutes each and two minutes of banter and high kicks to take us to our 30-minute set time.

Middle Kids play Falls Byron, Sunday 1 January.

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CULTURE

WOMEN LIKE US AT THE BALLINA RSL!

After 31 shows around the country, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs bring their smash-hit comedy show *Women Like Us* to the Ballina RSL!

Having performed to packed houses at Brisbane's Sit Down Comedy, to sellout shows at Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe, and Perth Festival, the girls have also taken their comedy stylings off the grid, performing to packed houses in Orange, Bathurst and Katoomba.

Ellen and Mandy talk about housework, chickens, love, big undies, disappointment, resentment, sex when you're drunk, fitbits, yoga farts and, being a menopausal woman dealing with teenage angst; everything just fell into place.

When coming up with a show title, *Women like Us* just turned up. 'They're Women Like Us,' laughs Mandy. 'Our audiences love our shows because our lives are like theirs. We're not rarefied trophy wives. We're capable, overworked, overwhelmed and totally over-it women! And because of sharing stories like that... women like us!' ***Women Like Us* at the Ballina RSL, Friday 6 January** 2017 at 8pm. Doors at 7.30pm. Tix \$30

18+ show.

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SHREK IN BALLINA

Everyone's favourite ogre is back, appearing at Ballina Players Theatre in *Shrek the Musical Jr* based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film *Shrek*.

The ogre (River Fullagar) has journeyed to the kingdom of Duloc to petition the wicked Lord Farquaad (Lachlan McGeary) to rid his swamp home of an infestation of pesky fairytale creatures. He makes a deal with Farquaad, who sends him on a quest to rescue the feisty Princess Fiona from a tower guarded by a fierce dragon. The height-challenged and very unpleasant lord needs a princess bride if he is to become king of Duloc.

Little does Shrek know what will be the outcome of this dangerous journey as he sets off with his outspoken new companion Donkey (Sophie Brazenor). There is an unforeseen outcome for Donkey also as he is pursued by the dragon (Bella Broadley), who has fallen in love with him.

With its memorable

characters, striking costumes, catchy songs and fairytale ending, *Shrek the Musical Jr* will be great holiday entertainment for the whole family.

The production team is very experienced in working in youth theatre. Geoff Marsh is director, with Sarah Jarvis assistant director and choreographer, and Leanne Broadley musical director.

Based on the Dreamworks Animation motion picture and the book by William Steig, *Shrek the Musical Jr* will be staged at the **Players Theatre** over **13-22 January**. Book online at www.ballinaplayers.com.au or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440 (a booking fee applies).

ALL SHORTS DEADLINE EXTENDED

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Stars with Lilith

This week's Mercury retrograde brings a welcome slowing of hectic end-of-year energies in time to enjoy the ever-fruitful generosity of summer solstice, our year's longest day...



ARIES: Aries' jet-propelled planet master Mars in liquid Pisces can make your energy feel like a bullet fired underwater, so just go with the flow. And if upsets, disappointments or unscrupulous competitors are part of this week's rich Xmas tapestry, don't hesitate to call on your robust support system.



TAURUS: As retrograde energies increase, frustrations escalate, but forget trying to force things. Your mantra for this week is: *Sweet and easy does it*. If the unexpected triggers any challenging blips on your festive radar, channel your calmest, most charming, take-charge persona. And soak up the lush abundance of summer solstice...



GEMINI: It's not called the season of unreason for nothing, and driving while preoccupied isn't advisable this week. You're an air sign, so breathe deeply and get plenty of oxygenation. Twins tend to leave things till the last minute, but post-purchase dissonance skyrockets when Mercury retrogrades, so at least keep all those shopping receipts.



CANCER: If this week seems critical, picky and cranky, remember that people's opinions and behaviour are ultimately their own affair, not yours. And if others are disappointingly unavailable or non-cooperative, perhaps it's because they're on absolute overload. There's a gift in everyone and everything – if you can find it.



LEO: If this week's soundtrack sounds like Leo Mick Jagger singing *Can't Get No Satisfaction*, stop trying. Mercury's retrograde, so just do your best and let go of the rest. Yes, there're rough edges, but also more than enough jazz, pizzazz and happy surprises to delight your majesty's eyes, mind and heart.



VIRGO: This week's irritating avalanche of trivia could obscure the big picture, making it hard to see the forest for the trees. So relax. Don't stress. If others can't step up to your high Virgo standards, then cut them some slack. And yourself as well. It's time to kick back and *laissez les bon temps roulez*...



LIBRA: Been adroitly surfing waves of rogue behaviour with creative aplomb? Juggling a torrid melange of complications and expectations, hitches and glitches, moods and needs, preferences and requirements? This week the realisation finally kicks in that there's no pleasing some people, and now it's time to please yourself.



SCORPIO: This week's best survival strategy is sinking below surface worry and hurry to where the answers are. Which, like the wild things, might surprise you... Mars in Pisces is heavy on emotional complexity, so keep it simple. Stay cool, slow down, do as little as possible. And enjoy as much as you can.



SAGITTARIUS: Nothing screams lead-up to Xmas like everybody talking at once. So keep it real by not projecting your feelings or opinions onto others. And not giving them, or yourself, a hard time for any errors of forgetfulness. This week asks all of us to master the art of the non-guilty space-out.



CAPRICORN: Is it worth taking issue with opinionated individuals this week, when relinquishing micromanaging simply means less work for you? Thought not. So no over-exertion, please. Switch settings to cruise control and put your hooves up with a glass of sparkly as late-week sun comes to wish you happy birthday, Capricorn.



AQUARIUS: With Venus glamourising Aquarians for the festive season you'll want to stay gracefully unfazed, so jettison non-essential activities or inflated expectations this week. If Uranus spices up proceedings with unexpected events or surprise guests, remember even the most trying circumstances have redeeming features. Find these and make them work for you.



PISCES: Take nothing for granted and double-check everything, because while there're plenty of happy accidents on this week's star cards, there're also the other kind which require care and attention. So don't triple-book, keep your mind on what you're doing rather than a dozen other things, and your Xmas spirit – or spirits – high...

rivers, or have produced a film in the northern rivers, or have made a film about the northern rivers, you can enter Byron All Shorts. Byron All Shorts finalists will screen on **28 January** at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall**.

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SWING IT, BABY

Join in for a night of swing, circus and cabaret as the Byron Brewery is transformed into a 1920s speakeasy!

Entertainment includes Karen Minami and the Swing Up Girls, hula-hooping sensation Josie 'Jailbird' Jupiter, juggling superstar Phil 'Fast Hands' Humphreys, fearsome fire performers Buggy Rodwell and Suki Diamonds, roving circus and fire from Puzzle Dust Circus, plus jazz dancing, piano playing and more! Enjoy bassy electroswing beats, big band swing and jazzy tunes throughout the night care of DJ CYP so make sure you wear your dancing shoes, and why not indulge in a little dress-up – go for flappers, dappers, Gatsby, cabaret, burlesque, 1920s–50s, mobsters, anything vintage!

Byron Brewery on Friday... free!

ADDICTED TO THE NIGHTLIFE

Paul Capsis needs little introduction. His voice has been described as 'an act of God'; like Ziggy Stardust on LSD, the mesmerising performer is a gender-bending, gospel-shrieking force of nature. Be prepared to surrender and be seduced by this strong yet deceptively fragile powerhouse.

In a specially curated show for NORPA, Paul Capsis will explore the music of Patti Smith, Skyhooks, Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Judy



PUZZLE DUST CIRCUS AT THE COTTON CLUB AT THE VINTAGE CABARET & SWING NIGHT AT THE BREWERY ON FRIDAY

Garland, Billie Holiday, Ike and Tina Turner, Doris Day, Thelma Houston and many more. Capsis will perform at NORPA on Thursday 29 Dec and Friday 30 Dec. His performance on Dec 29 will be preceded by the Tropical Fruits Festival Street Parade that will finish at Lismore City Hall with the official Festival Opening Soiree from 5pm, including drag shows, a welcome by the mayor, DJs, Coopers bar, stalls and outdoor diner. Paul Capsis in **Addicted to the Nightlife NORPA** at Lismore City Hall **Thursday 29 Dec & Friday 30 Dec**, 8pm \$50. Bookings: **www.norpa.org.au**.

TASTE OF LOVE FESTIVAL

The **Taste of Love Festival** features an international, national and local lineup of presenters on the topics of awakening, love and consciousness, and is scheduled to debut in Byron Bay 20–22 Jan 2017 for the second time after its first successful debut in February 2016. Building on the momentum created by the 2016 Taste of Love Festival, Byron locals Marion Ellyard and her team are joining forces again to create something special and unique for 2017.

They are bringing together the ingredients for an event that aims to appeal to a

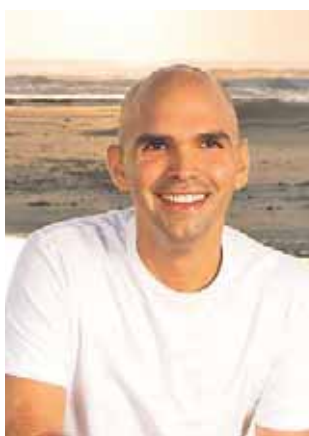
wide cross-section of the community, including a range of presenters from around the world offering sessions exploring various aspects of love, relating, consciousness, sacredness, connection, sensuality, sexuality, yoga, meditation and a diverse range of associated topics.

The Taste of Love Festival 2017 will feature well-known presenters such as Elaine Young (Ireland), Annetta Luce (US), Destin Gerek (US), Shantam Nityama (US), Elie Prana (Japan) and Eyal Matsliah (Australia) to name just a few. There are local and national presenters kept in balance to support everyone, musicians and artists whose work is highly regarded by peers and attendees alike. The full program is available on the website.

20–27 January 2017. For tickets and program information go to **tasteoflove.com.au**.

STARLIGHT FESTIVAL SHINES

Bring in the new year at the **Starlight Festival**. Experience transformation, wisdom and soul nourishment. The Starlight Festival is for sharing information and gathering as a community of like-minded people. With live music, chanting, shamanic journeys, sound baths, workshops, yoga and more each day. It is the perfect opportunity



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Tickets at the door or online **www.starlightfestival.com.au**.

KING PUNCH ON TRIPLE J UNEARTHED

Local DJ and founder of Mullum Underground, **Inch Every** (Strictly Vinyl BayFM), has just released his latest single *Mullum Underground King Punch* on Triple J Unearthed. The song raises awareness and is dedicated to the victims of unprovoked violence resulting in death.

An astounding 98 people have died since the year 2000 from brain trauma resulting from being king hit and a media campaign was launched to refer to them as coward punches. *King Punch* was written and produced in Mullumbimby and performed by locals Tess Latu (Miss Higgins's music teacher at Shearwater) on vocals, rapper, Celestial Serpent, Dave Sanders on drums, Al Park on keyboards, lyrics by Taplo Johnson (UK) and written, produced and



A STILL FROM KING PUNCH BY MULLUM UNDERGROUND ON TRIPLE J UNEARTHED, VOTE ON WWW.TRIPLEJUNEARTHED.COM.

directed by Inch.

You can check out the song and clip on Mullum Underground YouTube channel, Mullum Underground on Facebook, and vote for King Punch on

Triple J Unearthed: **www.triplejuneearthed.com**.

Mullum Underground will be putting on an event in the upcoming months so stay tuned to the Facebook page for more info and don't forget to vote!

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1. TRUMAN

How do you make a movie about a man in the final stages of cancer, that most insidious of diseases, but manage to keep it upbeat and filled to the brim with warmth and sweet melancholy? Tomás flies from Canada to Madrid to be with Julián, his ailing lifelong friend. Truman is the much-loved dog that Julián is desperate to find a good home for as the end nears for him. Spanish director Cesc Gay, foregoing pathos in favour of reflection and self-discovery, draws superb performances from Ricardo Darin and Javier Cámara.



2. EMBRACE OF THE SERPENT

Shot in luminous black-and-white, the past and the present are intertwined in the Amazon basin as the shaman Karamakate guides a German scientist along a path he'd taken years earlier with another

explorer. Colombian director Ciro Guerra's film is ostensibly about the deleterious impact of Spanish colonialism on indigenous cultures, but its power rests solely with the magnetism of both Nilbio Corres and Antonio Bolívar as the younger and older Karamakate and the dense, quiet beauty of the landscape.



3. RAMS

A festering dispute over a family inheritance has meant that two grizzly old brothers in Iceland have not spoken a word to each other for forty years. All they have – all anybody has in their isolated valley – are their herds of sheep. When the government orders those herds

to be destroyed because of the outbreak of a virulent infection, one of the brothers refuses to comply. An unexpected rapprochement is arrived at in a strange and beautiful movie with an uncertain ending.



4. WIDE OPEN SKY

In this craven world, it doesn't hurt to be reminded of just how selfless some people are. And of how kids who miss out on the accident of being born into families of the wealthy urban elite can benefit so much

by being exposed to music and, more importantly, encouraged by a teacher who sees their potential. Every year, Michelle Leonard drives all over the outback auditioning youngsters for the Australian Children's Choir. What she achieves is contagious joy and spiritual revival. Wonderful.



5. SING STREET

Irish writer/director John Carney has firmly established himself as the go-to man if you're looking for an insightful movie about what it means to play in a rock'n'roll band. This year's release, arguably the best about the subject since his *Begin Again* (2013), is set in Dublin during the Eighties,

with all of that forgotten era's big hair and shoulder pads and Duran Duran. A teenage boy gets a group together to impress a girl. Exuberant and affectionate, with some great songs, too.



BY JOHN CAMPBELL

TOP 10 FILMS OF THE YEAR



6. HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE

It may not have quite the same emotional weight of *Boy* (2010), or be quite as funny as *What We Do In The Shadows* (2014), but Taiku Waititi's third feature is made up of equal parts heart and humour. Bad boy Ricky (Julian Dennison) and Hec (Sam Neill), his foster uncle and old misery-guts, find themselves on the run in the wilds of New Zealand. It's a role that is money for rope for Neill, but the chemistry between him and Dennison is an absolute treat. Brilliant support players and gorgeous cinematography make this the sort of flick you're sorry to see end.



7. SHERPA

Real-life drama, as it happened. Australian filmmaker Jennifer Peedom was on Mount Everest for what might have been just another doco about the world's highest peak and the increasingly boorish ownership taken of it as a bucket-list challenge by cashed-up western 'adventurers'. In 2013, making an ascent by night to prepare for their masters' climb the next day, a number of sherpas were killed by a landslide. They got jack of their lot and a particular NZ tour organiser personified the crassness of the Everest industry. A riveting expose of cultural insensitivity and exploitation.

8. THE JUNGLE BOOK

Mowgli the little jungle boy and his enemy, the stalking tiger Shere Khan, Bagheera the panther and Baloo the bear (voiced by Bill Murray, who gets to do a beautiful rendition of *The Bare Necessities*) – the characters from the pages of Rudyard Kipling's timeless tales out of the Indian forest are still as real with children (and adults) today as they ever were. Gorgeous animation and the perfect casting of Neel Sethi as the kid result in total enchantment.



9. THE BÉLIER FAMILY

What might have been a sickly dollop of double-brie turned out to be one of the most heartfelt and celebratory films of the year. The Béliers are a cheesemaking family in rural France. Both parents, Gigi and Rodolphe (Karin Viard and François Damians), are deaf, meaning that they have come to rely their daughter Paula (Louane Emera) to be their ears and voice. When Paula discovers that she can sing like an angel, she is torn between loyalty to her mum and dad and youthful ambition. Exquisite.



10. FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

A welcome return to the screen by Hugh Grant saw him playing it straight as St Clair, the manager and doting husband of Meryl Streep's wannabe soprano diva. Based on a true story, Florence was a wealthy New York socialite whose unshakeable self-belief led her, in 1944, to booking Carnegie Hall for a concert recital. That she was an awful singer allows for some hilarious moments – and Streep is fabulous at hitting the jarring, wrong note – but it's more about the sincerity of her endeavour and the devotion shown her by St Clair.



cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



THE FENCER

This is a beautiful movie with an unfortunate flaw in its presentation. Spoilers aren't called spoilers for no reason, so it is baffling that the producers chose to inform the viewer through an introductory preamble what the state of play was for many Estonian men during the years of the murderous 'Uncle Joe' Stalin's ascendancy in Moscow.

Endel (Klaus Härö) is a teacher in a frosty small town in Estonia (then part of the USSR). His passion as a younger man had been fencing and the kids in his care, at the instigation of gorgeous little Marta (Liisa Koppel), persuade him to give them lessons in the art. It doesn't go down well with the principal who, toeing the party line, believes that it is an unacceptably bourgeois pursuit. His suspicion of Endel is confirmed by news received from Leningrad – the secret police are looking for him. This might have been the mystery that drove the story, but (no) thanks to the opening credits, we know exactly why Endel is being sought. Not to worry – the film glows with the warmth generated by the relationship that grows between Endel and his pupils and later the love he finds with fellow teacher Kadri (Ursula Ratasepp).

Stories such as these – of devotion to a cause, of bucking the system – necessarily involve a daunting challenge. The children, though ill-equipped novices, have their hearts set on competing in an all-schools fencing tournament that is to be held in Leningrad. For Endel, the journey would be loaded with peril, but he understands that, despite Kadri's plea to stay, it is a moral imperative that he go (and it's a joyous scene when Marta and her friends get their first glimpse of the city from the train).

There are at first a lot of camera shots taken from behind Endel, following him through his poor, icy environment, and Tuomo Hutri's cinematography is finely textured and subtly coloured throughout, as is Tina Kaukanen's costume design (the kids' clothing is so 'real', but not studied). Based on actual events, Endel was a hero without a gun – it's a pity we don't see more of them on screen.

THE JOE COCKERS

Dirty Grandpa
 Gods of Egypt
 Batman V Superman
 The Huntsman: Winter's War
 Bad Santa 2
 Bad Neighbours 2
 The Legend of Tarzan
 Ghostbusters
 Jason Bourne
 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children



ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY

I'm not sure if this is the prequel to the sequel of instalment number four of the neverending story (yawn), or the sequel to the prequel... or am I getting it mixed up with *Star Trek*?

As the jolly explosions, destructions and mass killings went on (and on), recent footage from the carnage at Aleppo came to mind. What I remembered most curiously were all those families fleeing the turmoil looking so downcast – don't they know how much fun this sort of thing is? Or am I overreacting to the disconnect between suffering humanity and the pleasure so many cinema audiences mindlessly take in slaughter? Whatever – good luck to George Lucas, he's laughing all the way to the bank. And at this point I beg an indulgence – a man does his best all year, but with Chrissie activities in full swing and my absolute inability (through lack of interest) to get a handle on what was going on in this, I am forced to revert to the IMDb summary: 'The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow'. Really? What I personally find most fascinating about these sci-fi movies is the art direction. It is always a combination of massive satellites and awesome hi-tech weaponry, talking robots (with an Oxbridge accent) and creatures on the street that are either weird and unnatural or escapees from the big biblical flick being shot on the next lot. And they are all thrown together (in the case of the *Star Wars* saga) in a dusty bustling Jetsons city with golden domes, a souk and towering Mayan pyramids.

It is a world of both holograms and medieval dungeons. As picture books go, it's hypnotic and dreamily childlike. Apart from that – well, there are attempts at humour that come off occasionally – the blind Asian 'grasshopper' guy, having his head covered as he is led away by baddies, says 'are you kidding? I'm blind!' Otherwise, the baby meerkats on Facebook are much more fun.

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Thursday Dec 22 - NEW
 I, Daniel Blake 11:00am
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 The Family Fang 3:30pm
 Fantastic Beasts AWTFT 5:30pm
 Arrival 8:00pm

Friday Dec 23 - Encore
 Light Between Oceans 11:00am
 The Family Fang 1:30pm
 I, Daniel Blake 3:30pm
 Captain Fantastic 5:30pm
 Fantastic Beasts AWTFT 8:00pm

Saturday Dec 24
 Closed Happy Holidays!

Sunday Dec 25
 Closed Happy Holidays!

Monday Dec 26 Tix \$11
 Allied (NEW) 11:00am
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 Arrival 8:00pm

Tuesday Dec 27 - Final
 The Family Fang 11:00am
 Allied 1:00pm
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Light Between Oceans 5:30pm
 Allied 8:00pm

Wednesday Dec 28 - Final
 Allied 11:00am
 Fantastic Beasts AWTFT 1:15pm
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 Arrival 8:00pm

Movie Lineup:
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THURSDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **MERRYN JEAN**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **MAT STOKES DUO** 7.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 2PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**

- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WE PLAY MACHINES**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **OOZ**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **THE HOMBRES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SUPERCHEESE DUO**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **IT'S PROBABLY US**

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **RAGGA JUMP 11.30PM DJ KOBY BRADLEY & CREW**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **PUSH**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **NEIL MCCANN**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE **MERCY-MERCY**
- RAPPVILLE PUB 7PM **WATLING & BATES**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **GREGG PETERSEN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE DUO**

FRIDAY 23

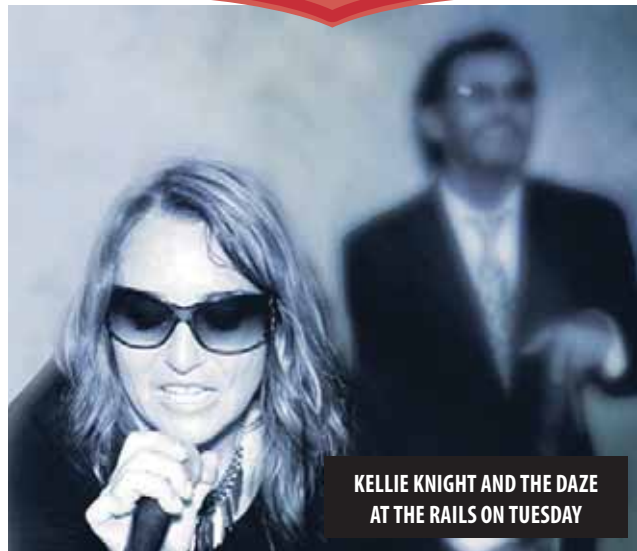
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **DU'EAST DUO 9PM PLTS & GUESTS**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 6.30PM **PARK&FLY**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **VINTAGE CABARET & SWING**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 4PM **PARTY SHIRT PEOPLE PARTY WITH KYLE LIONHART, CHRIS CAPSTONE, SQUEAK LEMAIRE, M JACK BEE, JOCK BARNES & SARAH GRANT, MARK RIDOUT, PAUL ADAMS**

- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **PUSH**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **NEIL MCCANN**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE **MERCY-MERCY**
- RAPPVILLE PUB 7PM **WATLING & BATES**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **GREGG PETERSEN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE DUO**

SATURDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **HUNTER & SMOKE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **THE HIGH ROLLERS**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 1.30PM **PARK&FLY**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **PETE HUNT 7PM RAGGA JUMP**

- FRESH, BYRON 4PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- MISS MARGARITA, BYRON 9.30PM **SALI B**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 10PM ROMI SOUNDS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BIGGY P**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **PUSH**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **NUTS AND BOLTS: CONVICTED RACIST ANDREW BOLT PREMIERES HIS NEW VILE BROADCAST AT A RIVERSIDE PARK TO AN AUDIENCE OF UNSUSPECTING PELICANS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **DAN CLARK**



KELLIE KNIGHT AND THE DAZE
AT THE RAILS ON TUESDAY

SUNDAY 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK BAND**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ANDY JANS BROWN**
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- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS 9AM **BOXING DAY MARKET 10AM THE ROMANIACS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 6PM **KHANAGE**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **BUGGY BROTHERS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **TOM DIBB**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 2PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**

TUESDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **BAG RAIDERS & GUESTS**
- FRESH, BYRON 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **OOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- ST JOHN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **BEN SALTER**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **JUZZIE SMITH**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **HIGH TIDE DUO**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **TOM DIBB**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 2PM **RAKU O'GAIA**

WEDNESDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DOPE LEMON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **RUMBLEFISH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 6PM **PINK ZINC DUO 8PM RYAN CROWE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **BIGGY P**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **MAT STOKES**

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

DECEMBER 2016
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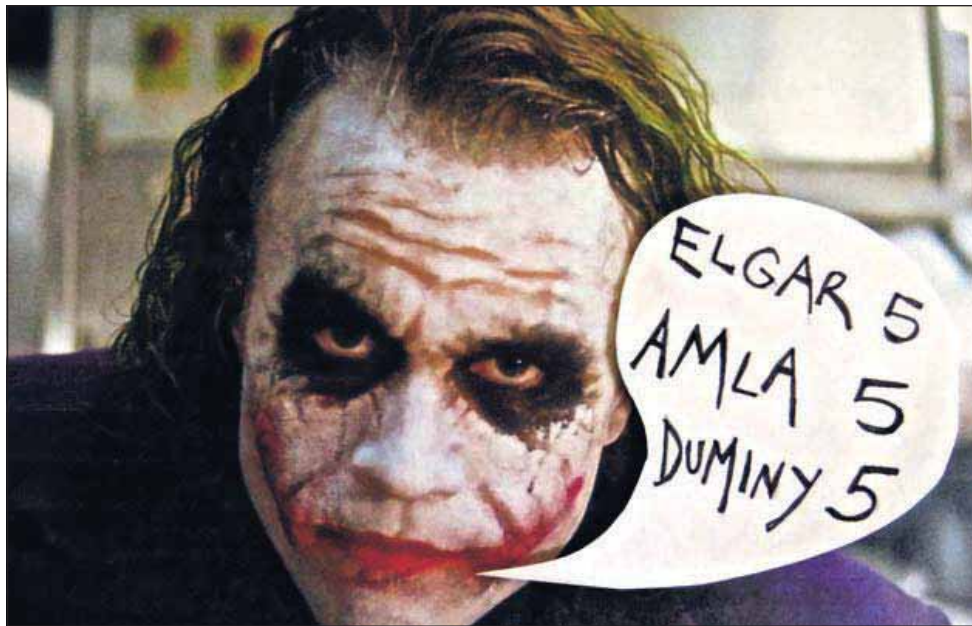
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2	F 0540	1930	0743	2136	1100,1.65; 2302,1.15	0400,0.25; 1725,0.36
3	S 0540	1931	0834	2222	1137,1.62; 2345,1.12	0437,0.30; 1806,0.38
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15	T 0542	1939	2048	0646	1015,1.94; 2229,1.28	0320,0.06; 1642,0.18
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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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AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay 131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue..... 6685 1999
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BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL..... 6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads..... 6685 1277
Mullumbimby..... 6684 2144
Byron Bay 6685 9499
Bangalow 6687 1404
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours..... 1800 423 431
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NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line..... 1800 656 463
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WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service..... 6628 1898
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A year of impossible dreams for sporting tragics



Perhaps there is a little joker in every sports tragic.

John Campbell

We were on the back nine at Mullumbimby. Me and my little mate Rapid Eye Movement. I was tossing up whether or not I could get away with telling him that I got a double bogey seven on a wicked par five, when in fact I'd hacked my way to a quadruple bogey nine.

Distracting iMoo from my blatant but beguiling dishonesty, I brought up the subject of cricket.

On our way to the links, both of us had been tuned to ABC Grandstand's coverage from Adelaide of the Third Test against the South Africans. We were keen to talk about a possible Australian victory after the baggy greens had been flogged 3-0 in Sri Lanka during the winter before copping two humiliating canings from the Proteas in Perth and Hobart.

'Hey iMoo, did you know that when the first three South African batsmen (D Elgar, H M Amla and J P Duminy) were dismissed for five today?

'It was the first time in the history of test match cricket that that had happened.'

He'd heard it too, and put it in the vault where tragics like us store such glittering curiosities.

'Amazing, huh?' I said it as though it were the only news of the day worth taking any notice of.

'And that stat about Charles Bannerman was pretty cool, too.'

'Bannerman? The bloke who got a ton at the Oval in 1877 ... ?'

I knew he'd be aware of who Bannerman was.

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It's the sort of trivia that separates the men from the boys when it comes to sport addiction.

For those of us who by nature belong in that higher echelon of ratbagery, the swarthy, sweaty, sexy world of sport offered twenty-four carat gold in 2016.

It was an archivist's wet dream, as droughts were broken and records set left, right and centre. I can't remember anything like it, and believe me, I am THE bona fide tragic (along with iMoo).

In rugby league, the greatest game of all, the Cronulla Sharks finally got Jack Gibson's Harold Holt joke off their back by winning a firstever premiership for their long-suffering fans.

Not that they didn't end up staggering across the line, as the Melbourne Storm were hard on their heels when the full-time siren blew. My own grab in their history came when I was sitting in the M A Noble Stand at the SCG when Manly beat them 16-0 in the 1978 grandfinal replay.

South of the border, down Melbourne way, the Western Bulldogs won the AFL flag, the first time since 1954.

They were known as Footscray back then, which was the same year that Queen Elizabeth and Phil the Greek put up for the night in Lismore's Gollan Hotel and in Queensland the ghastly Pauline Hanson took her first whiney breaths.

On the other side of the world, in the Land of the Overfed and Armed to the Teeth, the Chicago Cubs came back from 1-3 down to beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 and take out their first baseball World Series in 108 years.

Teddy Roosevelt was President and Henry Ford's Model Ts were just beginning to roll off the assembly line.

Across the Atlantic, the Leicester City Foxes unaccountably found themselves at the top of the English Premier League half-way through the season, leading the pack in much the same way that the frontrunner of the Melbourne Cup turns into the straight at Flemington resigned to being swamped by the horses in thunderous pursuit.

But against all the odds, Leicester not only hung on but finished with a flourish to take the glittering prize. It was, by a country mile, the greatest underdog story.

That the Foxes have now every chance of being relegated so soon after their triumph is wonderfully weird.

And Bannerman? As it turns out, he opened the batting for Australia in the test match that started it all way back in nineteenth-century London. He scored an unbeaten 165, which, to this day, has not been bettered by any Australian on debut.

Does it matter? Of course it doesn't, but to anoraks like me and iMoo, such ephemera have an effect similar to what Madeleine had on Proust.

It's a bit like cinephiles knowing that the only two actors to be posthumously awarded Academy Awards were both Australian: Peter Finch and Heath Ledger, except that Peter Finch wasn't born in Oz.

But neither was Charles Bannerman, for that matter. There's no end to it!

'Mate, are you sure that was just a double bogey that you got?'

'Definitely, iMoo.'

Good mates and great sports

Steve Packer

Good friends Harley Kent and Timmy Yeung Packer from Byron Bay Public School have had a great year of sporting effort recognised.

Harley Kent has had a fantastic year in sport for his school and for Country NSW Basketball.

He has received the Premier's Sporting Medal for representing Byron Primary in several sports including soccer, cross country, swimming and rugby 7s, rugby union, cricket, athletics and basketball.

Harley represented the north coast at state level for basketball and also played in the school team, leading them to a win at the NSW championships in Bathurst in September this year.

Harley has also received the North Coast Recognition Award for his excellence in basketball over three years, and has been selected in the Country NSW U/14 basketball team to play against other Australian states and New Zealand at Albury in January 2017.



Timmy Yeung Packer and Harley Kent. Photo contributed

From this tournament there will be an Australian team chosen to tour New Zealand in 2017.

Harley's determination, dedication and great sportsmanship have all played a huge part in his receiving these awards

Good luck, Harley!

For Timmy Yeung Packer it was a big year of tennis.

He received the 2016 Ann Bird Memorial Sports Award from Byron Bay Primary and also received the 2016 North Coast School Sports Association Sports Award.

This was for 'a high level of performance, attitude and fair play' while playing for the North Coast Team which competed at the NSW PSSA Tennis Championships at Tweed Heads in August.

Timmy was also the recipient of the 2016 School Sport Australia Premier's Certificate for an invaluable contribution to the NSW team, winning four of his singles, and a bronze medallion with NSW at the School Sports Australia Championships played on the grass courts at Albury in October.

Well done, Timmy!

Big fleet for final race of 2016



Corsairs, Maricat and Hobie fighting for first. Photo Michelle Oxenford and Toby Poulsen

Alison Blatcher

Sailing on the Tweed River was a tricky affair with sometimes light and always shifting winds and a strong ebbing tide as 17 boats with 38 crew contested the fifth race of the Summer Pointscore Series.

Well done to seven-year-old Darcy Busbridge from Fingal Head, who competed in his first race, taking his older brother's place on NS14 Zazen with Adam Hurt.

Overall pointscore winner on handicap was Malcolm Maiden from Tweed Heads sailing an NS14 *Mantana*.

It was his best result with the club, and well earned after spending time run aground in the very shallow low tide.

Overall time corrected by yardstick winner was Lex Branch from Bilambil on Impulse *Splitter*.

Second place on handicap went to Toby and Anna Poulsen on AquaCat *Wooshka* and third was Geoff Carter, Jo Carter and Tom Busbridge on Corsair *Swallow*.

Seven three-handed Corsairs competed in race two of the Tweed River Corsair Championship.

Taking first place in the Corsairs was *Minnow*, with

skipper Bill Fenelon, and crew Sienna Pullan and Deborah Flannery. Taking advantage of local knowledge to find the fastest way to sail against the tide, *Minnow* was virtually unchallenged, finishing five minutes ahead of the next Corsair.

Second place was a very close race and the next four boats finished within 50 seconds of each other, with second place Corsair; Monique Smith, Matt Andrews and Kate Yeomans beating third-placed all Fingal Head crew Alison Blatcher, Karen Vidler and Marg Walgers by only one second.

Conran takes out Byron Pro-Am

Steven Conran was the professional winner of the Australian Schweppes Asahi Tour Championship 2016 played for the tenth successive year at the Byron Bay Golf Club earlier in December.

'The course is in tremendous condition, and I really enjoyed the challenges it presented throughout the week,' Conran said.

'My strategy all week was just to stay out of trouble and thankfully it paid off.'

Richard Backwell and Brad Burns tied for second place.

'Steven played for many years on the Japanese tour and has only recently been eligible to play the Legends events, so let's consider him a rookie,' BBGC pro Greg Stewart said.

Peter Senior was looking good before he succumbed to the same hip injury that



Steven Conran with his newly won trophy. Photo PGA

caused him to withdraw from the Emirates Australian Open a few weeks ago, and subsequently retire from international golf.

The winner of the three-round amateur event was the GGCG club champion Mat Crandell.

Amateur golfers travelled from as far as the central coast of Sydney to compete in the event.

BBGC Captain Pete Sinclair thanked all the club's volunteers for their help prior and during the event as well as the sponsors who have supported this fantastic event year after year.

'The Byron Bay Golf Club continues to provide one of the best country golf courses in Australia, one that the club members are very proud of,' he said.

Martial artists wrestle home national title



Some of the Byron crew from Extreme MMA with their 1st place trophy. Photo supplied

Local Brazilian Jiu Jitsu academy Extreme MMA has taken out first place in the yearly Australian Open rankings with 518 points.

Scores for the year were finalised after the fourth national competition held at By-

ron Bay's Cavanbah Centre in late November that included more than 200 martial artists.

The local club beat Queensland's South Side BJJ by just 15 points. Coffs Harbour club C4 came in third ahead of Brisbane's Garra BJJ.

Representing Byron Bay were 49 kids, three female adults and 11 male adults.

The majority of the competitors were from Brisbane down to Coffs, with others coming from Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

'Wilko' goes through at Pipeline



Matt Wilkinson charges the lip at the Pipe Masters. Photo WSL/Poullenot

Crystal Cylinders

It was a great start for Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson at the Billabong Pipe Masters in memory of Andy Irons when he narrowly clinched a win in the first round of the event.

The competitors had to deal with pretty ordinary 1-1.5-metre, almost beach-break conditions, at Pipeline after the men's Pipeline Invitational trial was run in better, hollower waves the day before.

'Wilko' is the current world number four on the leaderboard and looked relieved after his close win.

'These are not the conditions you usually expect at Pipe, but I knew I only needed average scores to get through,' he said.

'That last exchange I had priority so I let the others go on the first few and I got the cleanest wave, which I knew I had to finish it off to win, so I'm stoked,' he said.

Wilko moves into round three.

Lennox Head surfers Stu Kennedy and Adam Melling both moved into the sudden-death round two after failing to win their three-man first-round heats. Kennedy suffered an injury after a painful fall that impacted on his hip and ribs.

The Women's Pipe Invitational, a WSL specialty event, took place after the men's first round and was won by six-time WSL Champion Stephanie Gilmore ahead of 2016 WSL Champion Tyler Wright and three-time WSL

Champion Carissa Moore.

Lennox Head super grom Nyxie Ryan won the 14-and-under girls at the Rip Curl GromSearch at Coolum Beach on the Sunshine Coast with a combined two-wave heat total of 14.4 (out of a possible 20 points) in a polished display of surfing.

The win, along with another earlier in the year at Jan Juc in Victoria, has ensured her a berth as top seed in the national final after finishing on top of the GromSearch ladder.

Lennox Head's Mikey McDonagh hasn't surfed in the other events of the series this year as he has been concentrating on bigger events, against older competitors. He scored a runner-up finish in the 16-and-under boys' final.

Grand finish for Summer6s

The Bangalow Summer6s football tournament held the series finals and a presentation last Thursday night at the Bangalow Hotel.

The three-month tournament included 72 teams and more than 800 players.

'A highlight of this year's competition was the growth of the women's divisions that now have more than 40 teams competing,' according to organiser Glenn Hanigan.

In a tight race Yusmel Mustelier was awarded the Men's Player of the Year, while Kendell Brazendale was named as the Women's Player of the Year.



The Riots enjoyed winning. Photo Glenn Hanigan

Men's A to D Grade winners: Goats, Brown Snakes, Bangalona FC and Bunnings Snags.

Women's A to E Grade winners: The Dirty Otters, Abstractkt, Short Cuts, Wing- ing It and The Riots.

Fresh talent for Brunswick SLSC

Guy Knox

After six weeks of fun and physical training Brunswick SLSC is ready to welcome the latest graduates from their recent Bronze Medallion course.

All the graduates are locals from Myocum, Ocean Shores, Brunswick Heads, The Pocket and South Golden Beach, ranging in age from 15 to 43 years.

They have demonstrated competencies in rescue board handling in a range of surf conditions, as well as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, radio operations, tube and board rescue techniques and all factors relating to beach safety.

The successful graduates receive a Certificate Two in Public Safety.



Bronze medalists: Justin, Nick, Mitchell, Terry (Brunswick SLSC Training Officer), Tom, Bethany (Hinterland Christian College), Isaac (Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School) and Sebastian (Xavier Catholic College). Photo supplied

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

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

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

Junior chess club
The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

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

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

Meditation
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 wwwunityhousebyron.com.au.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, mazzerati2010@gmail.com.

Op shops
Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8am–12 noon. Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, 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 to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

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

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@raisetheroofsinging.com.

ManTime
Calling all fellas who as a boy or man went on a Pathways, Making Men or Men2B Rite of Passage camp: weekly Monday night men’s group 7–9.30pm at the CWA



Hall Mullum. Email mantime.mullum@gmail.com or call Karim 0403 755 192.

Town Choir
Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers 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 66842956.

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Mungo’s Crossword N157

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Cryptic Clues
ACROSS
1. Our currency with a settlement? What cheek! (8)
5. Turns aside from the way, right, the way back (6)
10. Game writer comes back; leave! (5)
11. Bird to canoodle with – account! (9)
12. 51 and 19, or instance – a strange pair (3,6)
13. Look around, donkey to rope (5)
14. Insert talking tree’s answer to the question: animal, vegetable or mineral? (7)
16. Drink, best back in its own container (6)
18. Small statement of belief, lengthy document (6)
20. 999 in transfer to number system (7)
22. Come prepared about a small part (5)
23. Talk pompously about physic fee (9)
25. Cops shake out laces to buy tarts (4,5)
26. Heath Jong (5)
27. Silver? Lloyd concurs (6)
28. Caught edge of broken nail – that’s crook! (8)

DOWN
1. Wild boar aims to be food for the gods (8)
2. Having eaten, expired about noon (5)
3. Cook those mules with cocoa – 1 down to some! (9,6)
4. Top drunk (7)
6. Prepare a camel liver – I can enjoy it with 3! (7,3-5)
7. Bad weather for Iran (9)
8. Not deep, not hot, but pale (6)
9. Shoot about half a score – that’s effective (6)
15. Kerry holds printer’s measure – a device for keeping a regular beat! (9)
17. Start the contest with drama and dance (4,4)
19. Point about psychic power – it can be a tyrant! (6)
20. Furniture for an actor’s helper (7)
21. Accountants and spies – the symbol of our land! (6)
24. Troy, the Italian charge (5)

Quick Clues
ACROSS
1. Boldness, impertinence (8)
5. Turns aside (6)
10. Game like Housie (5)
11. Large-beaked water bird (9)
12. Unlikely partnership (3,6)
13. Lariat (5)
14. Something, usually an organ, inserted in the body (7)
16. Container for hot beverage (6)
18. Long speech or piece of writing (6)
20. Number system based on 10 (7)
22. Small featured role in film or drama (5)
23. Perform an oration (9)
25. Stores selling pastries and other baked sweet things (4,5)
26. Heath plant (5)
27. Concurs, matches (6)
28. Crook, lawbreaker (8)
DOWN
1. Mythical food of the gods (8)
2. Supped, ate a meal (5)
3. Popular dessert based on eggs (9,6)
4. Drunk. Toper (7)
6. Cold sweet flavoured by a bean (7, 3-5)
7. Violent wet weather occurrence (9)
8. Wan, pale (6)
9. Powerful, effective (6)
15. Artificial device used to keep heart beats regular (9)
17. Order to begin a game of baseball (4,4)
19. Tyrant, dictator (6)
20. Piece of furniture, usually in the kitchen (7)
21. Wattle (6)
24. Alternative name for the old city of Troy (5)

Last week’s solution N156

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lumbimby. Standout items include the cow, the rooster, the crow and of course the flying pig, a constant metaphor for the Shire's grand plans.

By some strange coincidence our headline of December 7 'Where chocolate and yoga mix' on the Spirit Festival launch came close to the tagline 'Where Chocolate and Yoga merge' used by local business Chocolate Yoga. If you want to find out more about merging and chocolate go to www.chocolate.yoga.

We could go back through our paper records but they're in heavy, unwieldy piles after so long publishing. A search back on our digital timeline, however, discovers that our big issue of December 20, 2005, featured a front cover mash-up by Mandy Thane of John

Howard and Osama Bin Laden in the style of Andy Warhol and *Backlash* noted that a grey nurse shark may grow and use up to 20,000 teeth in its lifetime. In the main news story Lesley Patterson reported that Tweed Council was threatening Byron Shire over flooding allegedly caused by the North Ocean Shores bund across the Capricornia Canal. Another headline was 'Council aims to ease affordable housing drought' – not much luck so far.

If you can't always get the kids away from the computer this summer, you can at least have them join in Google's project to teach a 'neural network' to identify what they're drawing. *Backlash's* attempt at drawing a raccoon was identified as a loaf of bread – quickdraw.withgoogle.com.

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One of Brunswick Valley Landcare's projects is bearing fruit – or more accurately, baby owls. The owl nesting-box project is being appreciated by local owl parents, which is great news. Another highlight of BVL's 2015-16 financial year was the planting of 8,470 trees with the help of more than 4,000 hours of volunteer time. You can learn more about BVL's work – and perhaps join in – and the wonderful diversity of the valley at www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au.

Main Arm Upper Public School is a hotspot of creativity, not least of which is its annual film entry in the Small School Film Project Lucinda Awards. Local filmmaker Sharon Shostak has guided MAUPS in the project for 13 years now. Unfortunately

the founder of the regional schools project Graham Jessop has had to give it up owing to ill health but MAUPS has decided to go on making movies. This year's film, *The Private (Not) Wedding*, is a real treat, skewering the cult of celebrity and the consequent impossibility of escaping attention. It's worth watching just to see how much fun the kids have. Catch it on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/thenotwedding>.

A pink girl's bike was abandoned at the junction of New City Road and Queen Street, Mullumbimby, about two months ago. If it's yours, phone 0434 904 344.

When you get time, go immerse yourself in the details of Daniel Hend's massive new mural on the laneway wall of the IGA supermarket in Mul-

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