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Byron wakes up to NYE aftermath

It all went off pretty well. Families enjoyed themselves in the celebration in downtown Byron Bay, the Falls crowd was mostly happy and Mullum chillaxed on New Years Day. But there are always drunken yobs who care little for the lovely backyard and some who hit the drugs a little too hard.

Local environmental activist Dailan Pugh reports on the damage: 'Byron Bay attracts visitors from around the world who come here because of the natural values that have been destroyed in their own homes. Shamefully some visitors seem intent on trashing our home as well.'

Harassed

'Our coastal birds that roost and nest around the mouths of Belongil and Tallow Creek estuaries are being harassed into extinction. We have 17 species of migratory shorebirds, such as the Little Tern, that depend on our estuaries as staging posts to rest and recuperate on their annual migrations to the other side of the world.'

'We have others which lost so much habitat that they are now vulnerable to extinction. And there are many others that are coming under increasing stress.'

'Many birds that used to regularly nest here no longer can, and it seems that now people won't even give them time to rest and recuperate. It is bad enough that they are regularly harassed by pet dogs, careless beach users or people wanting selfies with birds wheeling around, but the constant partying at Tallow Creek is a death knell.'

'On Christmas Eve a couple of hundred people partied there all night, with their fires, lights and blaring music, not to mention rubbish and lack of toilets. On New Years Eve a few hundred people partied the night away there. The wildlife don't stand a chance under this sustained attack.'

'While I appreciate that careless locals join in, the majority of patrons at these events are on annual migrations from the other side of the world. They are trashing the home of our migratory species to pursue their hedonistic lifestyles.'

'Byron's transient Spanish community seem to be the core of the parties at Tallow Creek; I implore them to stop trashing it.'

Passed out

Local police report that about 6am last Monday a 27-year-old Byron Bay man was found passed out at the camping entrance gate at the Falls Festival site. Concerned members of the public contacted onsite paramedics.

Paramedics arrived and attempted to wake and assist the man; however, he tried to attack them. Police and security were called, and had to restrain the man to prevent him injuring himself and others.

Once restrained, the man was taken to the medical centre onsite for treatment, then later to Byron Hospital. The man told police he had taken an amphetamine-type drug during the evening. He was issued a criminal infringement notice (\$500 fine) for his offensive behaviour.

Crowds chill at Falls Festival



She goes in for the kiss, he takes the selfie. The phone generation enjoy themselves at the Falls Festival up Yelgun way over the weekend. See more photos in *Echonetdaily* – echo.net.au/chill-day-falls. Photo Tree Faerie

Mia Armitage

'All right, stop here, guys, let's put on some glitter,' says the nubile teen to her friends after making it through security at Byron's Falls Festival on New Years Eve. Glitter is back in a big way at the 2016 farewell celebrations: gold dust is smeared with sweat over naked torsos, ladies' eyes are adorned with silver diamanté studs and stalls are styling punters in metallic polyester outfits that could well be as hot as the sun itself to wear.

A predicted heat wave has kept up a Byron festival tradition of insufferable weather but if revellers are a little sluggish, it's probably not a bad thing. Byron's bubble has swollen to

include a festival targeted at youth who are often accused of ruining the fun with excesses of hard drugs and trashing the environment.

Boomer reprimands

But festivals are places where inhibitions and conservative standards are unwelcome and young people, in particular, get a chance to have fun without constant supervision and reprimand from baby boomers who tend to forget the way they used to party.

Party time hits the Amphitheatre again and again throughout the day but it isn't until the breeze picks up and Client Liaison takes to the stage in the late afternoon that tired feet begin to trample the grass en masse.

The pop band from Sydney plays infectious dance tunes with more than a nod to the 1980s in cruisy synth beats, power suits in all colours of beige, choreographed dance moves reeking of a jazz ballet eisteddfod and Monte Morgan's vocals sounding a little early-career George Michael in places.

Judging by the super high-cut bikini lines on display around Palm Springs – a portable resort respite plonked in the middle of the festival, where those who aren't afraid to bathe in one another's essences go to cool off but mostly to look cool – the hipster fascination with 1980s trends continues to find new sources of inspiration for irony and

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Shire celebrates new year



Above, Cristina Sharratt's panoramic view of New Years Day at the Mullumbimby Leagues ground, and right, Rosie Lee's photo of the Miyaki Sisters enjoying themselves at the NYE family event in Byron Bay. Soul Street in downtown Byron Bay went off happily without fireworks while up at Cape Byron Lighthouse, meditators, chanters and dancers saw in the new year early in the morning.



Car tyres slashed at Mt Warning

While people hiked to the peak of Mt Warning to see the sun rise on the first day of 2017, an unknown person slashed the tyres in the car-park below and along the access road. Police report the person 'has used a sharp object to slash up to 50 tyres

of vehicles parked along the road. Some vehicles had two tyres slashed, meaning the use of a spare tyre could not make the vehicles mobile again.

'Members of the public, including families with children, were stuck at the location waiting for roadside

assistance. Police are investigating if the offender may be a disgruntled local property owner [annoyed by] the influx of parked vehicles, or if it was a random act. Any information can be passed onto Crimestoppers or Murwillumbah Police 6672 9499.

Mystery drowner identified, name withheld

Local police have identified the man found drowned at Belongil Beach on Wednesday December 28 but declined to release his name to *The Echo* last Monday. He was a 64-year-old Kyogle man.

On the Wednesday afternoon a woman was swimming at Belongil Beach. Police were told the woman noticed a man's body in the water and, with the assistance of another swimmer, the man was pulled from the water. He

could not be revived. The man was described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 175cm tall, of solid build and with short grey hair. Police say a report is being prepared for the Coroner.

Crowds chill at Falls Festival

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Client Liaison capitalises well on the joke.

Grandmaster Flash. The original DJ. The pioneer of scratching, mixing, cutting... and the man who first invited rappers to share the stage because he didn't like the attention he was getting from curious fans and needed an audience distraction.

'Can I play a few minutes of breaks for you right now?' he asks, unnecessarily.

Anyone who has seen Baz Luhrmann's Netflix series – the company's most popular ever – *The Get Down* has almost certainly come to hear the show's inspiration, Grandmaster Flash, 'play some breaks'.

Unlike many modern DJs who barely break a sweat on stage – the complaint that certain imposters simply hit play and lap up admiration from an unsuspecting (or intoxicated) crowd is well

founded – Grandmaster Flash barely pauses between changing tracks, demanding feedback from the crowd and jumping between his decks and front of stage to hear the audience sing in lieu of the rappers he's made famous over a legendary career.

Hip-hop artists may not have invented the art of audience interaction in a live show but they sure embraced it.

While Grandmaster Flash could easily have spun the Falls dancers into 2017, the job is left to Childish Gambino and it's unlikely anyone is let down.

Donald Glover is a one-man storm of thrashing rap and frenzied rhythms and as the crowd counts down to the new year, it seems apt to wonder if he just might have what it takes to grace festival headlines in another 30 years like Grandmaster Flash.

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Castle supercharged for Tesla

Eve Jeffery

With a price tag of close to \$150,000, there is probably not going to be a rush of Tesla's new Model S vehicles at Macadamia Castle at Knockrow, but the technology is in place and the good news is the price tag is coming down at a rate of knots.

Ben Franklin MLC cut the ribbon for the opening of Macadamia Castle's Tesla Supercharger Station last week at Knockrow and there were free joyrides for journos in the car which goes from 0km/h to 100km/h in under four seconds in total silence (no, we didn't test that out in the carpark).

Though there aren't currently a lot of the new vehicles on the road, Castle owner Tony Gilding said that five had visited the charging station in one day and that when the new model comes out with a retail of around \$70k, there will definitely be a need for the six pumps installed at the popular tourist attraction.

The opening of this facility now means that you can travel from Brisbane to



Macadamia Castle's Tony Gilding and Nats Ben Franklin are very excited about the new charging station in Knockrow. Photo Tree Faerie

Melbourne on electricity with each charge giving you around 450 kilometres and at about a third of the cost of traditional fuel.

Tony sees this new technology as a huge step forward in climate action. 'It certainly means a lot initially to the drivers of Tesla cars who are the early adopters, who are the people we do have to encourage', says Tony.

'These chargers will charge a Tesla car very quickly. We also have regular chargers for other cars.'

'In the future so many more cars will be electric and within my lifetime the majority of cars will be electric.'

Ben Franklin thinks that the new facility is fantastic and absolutely the way of the future.

'We obviously have to

transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy', says Ben.

'Everyone's aware of that. The government has to be committed to it, but it's about the community as well and what Tony has done today is show that the community is committed to this, too, because we all have to work together to get a future that is clean, that is green, that is reliable and is affordable.'

Stop trashing the coastline, says CSIRO

CSIRO's marine debris team are calling on Australians to do the right thing with their rubbish, with new research highlighting the nation's ocean and coastal pollution issues.

The research, published in *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, showed the coastline from Brisbane to Melbourne, western coast of Tasmania and the southern part of Western Australia to be the worst hot spots.

'More than eight million tonnes of rubbish finds its way into the worlds' oceans each year,' CSIRO principal research scientist Chris Wil-

cox said. 'While about one million tonnes is out floating in the ocean, the rest ends up on the shore.'

'Apart from looking ugly, it causes significant harm to wildlife with about half of all seabirds and 30 per cent of sea turtles found to have eaten plastic. We think turtles eat plastic bags because they look like jellyfish in the water and with seabirds it's the smell of plastic which takes on a krill-like smell in the water.'

The research showed that while marine debris was a global issue, a significant amount of the litter found in

a region had originated from the local area.

'Our research shows that in most cases, communities are being affected by their own rubbish, not the big rubbish gyre out in the middle of the ocean or rubbish from a neighbouring country,' Dr Wilcox said. 'This means that we are the cause but also the solution.'

'While up to 40 per cent of litter found during clean-up activities are beverage containers, things like discarded fishing equipment are also common culprits. Our new research shows this is the case

in western Tasmania with a large amount of the debris found to have been coming from fishing.'

More than 600 marine species have been found eating plastic. As many as 15,000 turtles are caught in dumped fishing gear in northern Australia every year, and 8.4 million tonnes of rubbish lands in the world's oceans each year.

The *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* paper can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/mdebris>. The Ballina-based seabird and turtle rescue group is at www.seabirdrescue.org.

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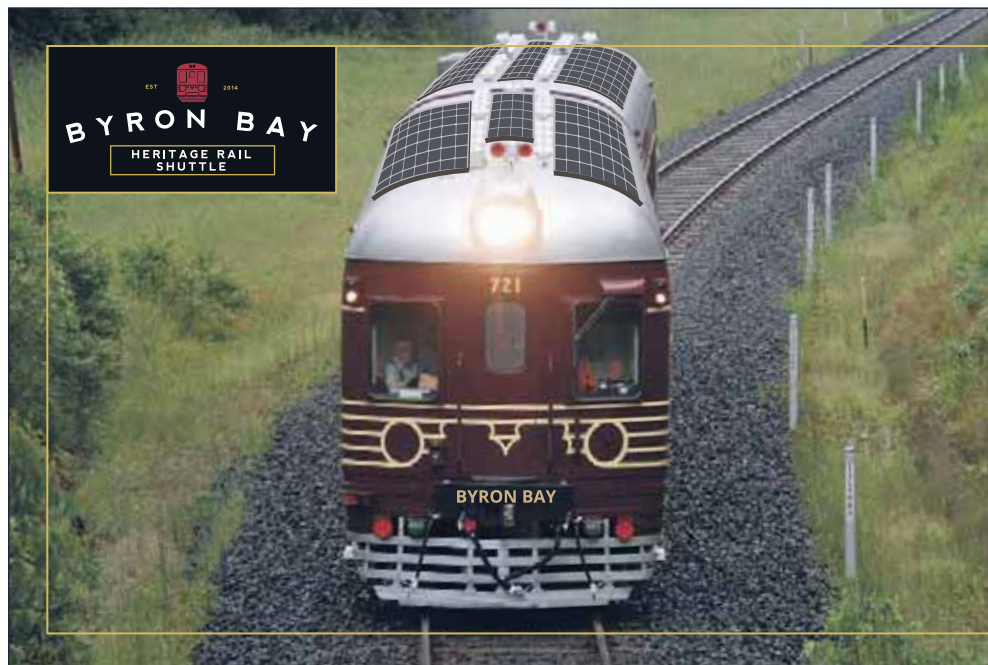
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'Solar train' proposed for Byron Bay

Plans are in progress to run a solar-powered train on the rail line into Byron Bay from April 2017.

The project is being run by the Byron Bay Railroad Company (BBRC), the owners of which also own the Elements of Byron resort. BBRC's original plans to run the train carriage on diesel engines have drawn protests from local residents.

The *Echo* understands the revamped train will have dual electric engines and a battery pack taking power from curved solar panels on the roof. A diesel engine will still be available for back-up.

BBRC also intends to have



BBRC train, sans solar panels, at Lithgow in September 2016.

a solar array and charging system at the train storage shed.

The new website for the train is byronbaytrain.com.au. It indicates the train will run from Byron Bay to Sunrise with a \$3 fare each way.

The old diesel-powered website at <http://northby->

ronbeachresort.com.au/rail-shuttle/ has further details on operation, planning approvals and infrastructure.

The *Echo* searched for solar-powered trains online and the only project we found was one in India: <http://bit.ly/indisolar>. If readers know of others, please let us know.

Council rates eateries with Scores on Doors

Diners in Byron Shire can now see how well local food businesses are complying with food hygiene and safety requirements. Byron Shire Council is the latest council to join the statewide Scores on Doors program, which aims to improve food safety standards and to reduce the instance of food-borne illness in the retail food industry.

'Scores on Doors offers businesses a fantastic opportunity to show customers just

how seriously they take food hygiene and the results they have achieved by displaying a rating certificate on their door,' said Council's director of sustainable environment and economy Shannon Burt.

'If you see a restaurant displaying the purple and green poster you can dine there safe in the knowledge it has met minimum hygiene and food safety standards during the last food inspection and if it's not displaying one, ask why.

The rating system of Excellent (5 stars), Very Good (4 stars) and Good (3 stars), all represent various levels of compliance with the Food Standards Code. The rating includes such things as food temperature control, food prepared in advance of service, food-handler hygiene, cleaning and sanitisation, and pest control.

See more: www.byron.nsw.gov.au or www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/scoresondoors.

Angelic sendoff for climate paddler



Guardian Angel Anne Thompson waves off kayaker and environmental activist Steve Posselt from Ballina on New Years Day on the final leg of his Connecting Climate Chaos trip around the world. Mr Posselt intends to deliver thousands of signatures to Canberra politicians on his climate emergency petition <http://climateemergencydeclaration.org/sign>.

On his website <http://kayak4earth.com> Mr Posselt noted: 'A small flotilla came down the river to the rescue tower and a couple of hardy

souls came out into the sea for a kilometre where a gusty northerly blew me down to Evans Head.

'The conditions were a great confidence booster as it was a bit breezy and there were plenty of white caps. Both sides of the English Channel and Chesapeake Bay had shown me far worse.'

Mr Posselt will paddle 1,200km to Moruya on the NSW south coast and then drag his canoe *Old Yella* inland to the nation's capital, a distance of about 175km via the Kings Highway.

'I thought my journey was over at Paris but it's not,' he said on his website. 'If absolutely everything promised at the Climate Summit is achieved we might limit global warming to three degrees.'

'Three degrees means no Arctic or Antarctic ice, no glaciers and very likely no humans. This is real, happening at present and for people under 20 now the effects could be catastrophic, not just the wild weather we are experiencing with just one degree of warming.'

Photo Sue Vader

Govt gathers input on planning agreements

NSW Planning & Environment is gathering feedback on voluntary planning agreements (VPA) made between developers and planning authorities such as local councils. Under a VPA a developer agrees to fund public amenities such as transport or affordable housing.

The government says its aim is to 'encourage councils and developers to work together to get the best possible outcomes out of VPAs so that there's a clear public benefit

arising from the VPA that relates to the development; the VPA negotiation process is fair and reasonable between parties, and is transparent to the broader community; and the identification of infrastructure in a VPA is informed by an assessment of local community needs.'

In early November 2016 the peak body of local government NSW (LGNSW lgnsw.org.au) rebutted claims by planning minister Rob Stokes that

councils were holding developers to ransom in relation to VPAs. LGNSW president Keith Rhoades said moves to increase the transparency of the negotiation process were welcomed but it was 'disappointing to see the planning minister's media release adopt the hysterical rhetoric of the wealthy development lobby.'

Submissions on the VPA review process can be made until January 27. Details are online at planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals.

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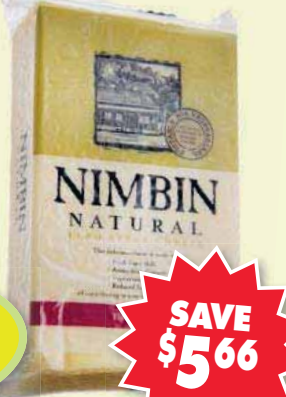
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Dynamic local duo play the Goat

Mullumbimby creative duo Potts and Anne Leon are staging a joint exhibition *A Matter Of Balance* at the Lone Goat Gallery in the Byron Bay library building. The exhibition opens on Friday January 6, 6pm-8pm and is described as 'a provocative insight into the natural balance between habitat, humans, plants, animals, the ocean, and the balance required in surfing'.

'Employing different approaches to the same theme, Anne and Potts found their work crossing over, which gave rise to some unique collaborative pieces that capture the imagination and sing with form and colour.'

Anne says, 'This show has been a journey of discovery and wonders found, photographed, or picked up in everyday walks along the beach



Potts's painting, *Second Skin*.

and bushland. My focus has been on interpreting the natural world, through materials

and techniques that help to demonstrate the tenuous balance of nature.

'In particular, plant-dyeing, where I use roots, leaves and flowers imprinted onto paper and cloth, to create a delicate but defined "eco-print", formed by cooking the plant materials into the substrates. The dyeing often forms the first layer, to which I add screen-prints, etchings or drawings.'

For Potts, 'Whether print-making, painting or collage, I am constantly fluctuating between genres and techniques to express my vision. The beauty of the trees inspires me to paint, the texture of the ocean lends itself to silkscreen printing and collage, while Australia's wild-flowers just come alive when translated to scraperboard, enlarged, hand coloured and printed.'

See more at facebook.com/AnneLeonDesigns.

Ideas sought for Mullum drinking fountain

An old water tap and barbecue in Palm Park on Brunswick Terrace, Mullumbimby, are in bad need of renovation. A budget of \$60,000 is available to fabricate the best idea on how to turn it into an attrac-

tive functional drinking fountain. It is part of an ongoing project by local group Creative Mullumbimby (creativemullum.org.au) to create a sculpture walk along the bike and walking track through Palm

Park. The first major piece, Suvira McDonald's *Enter Here*, was installed in 2016.

You can learn more, and register interest in the drinking fountain contest, by going to mullumsculpturewalk.

com.au. Note also 'Evolving Public Art in Mullumbimby' on Saturday March 4 and a public art appreciation course on March 6 at the Byron Community College Mullum campus.

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Woodford: celebrating people without suits

Story & image S Sorrensen

Woodford. Tuesday, 4.10pm

Humans are a diverse lot. As I wander the Woodford Folk Festival in rare comfort (the summer heat mitigated by a cool threat of rain), that diversity is on show. I find it refreshing.

If you want to tattoo the outside of your neck with a picture of the inside of your neck, go for it. I mean, it's not the sort of thing I'd do, but there's much I wouldn't do. Like riding a unicycle dressed only in pink tights with a tail. Or squeeze my body through a tennis racquet by dislocating my shoulders. (Even if I could dislocate my shoulders it would have to be one hell of a big racquet.)

It's good to be different. It's healthy. It's human.

As I watch a man with a badly sunburnt face and shoulders (muscle shirt) check out the hat stall for some much-needed protection, I am aware anyone can make a bad call – that's human – but the critical ailments of our planet have not been caused by stiltwalkers with shaved heads or steampunkers with goggles or even sunburnt men with melanomic fashion sense; the world's crises are created by men in suits and ties – men who look like each other despite the genetic and historical variety of their different societies.

These men strive for a social and individual uniform-



ity that upsizes profit, downsizes difference and capsizes boats. Uniformity is the hallmark of the new inhuman world, a corporate world, a bankrupt world.

No-one on a unicycle has ever destroyed a river system in a quest for corporate profit.

People in leaky boats are not turned back at the beach by a man in a tutu and Blundstones. And those people in those boats are not seeking refuge because their homes, their towns, their society had been blown to bits by a barefoot woman with a feather through her nose and rainbow butterfly wings.

Truly inhuman acts are the products of barely-humans working for unhuman forces. They wear suits and ties. This

mean-spiritedness, this deviousness, must come from the nature of the suit itself, I reckon. It is not a flowing garment which gracefully accommodates natural human movement. It is a straightjacket which conditions its user to straightness, any deviation into bentness resulting in ugly creases, restricted movement, no job and no girl.

Add a string around your neck, and you belong to the club of conformity, a silly victim of a fake promise.

The sunburnt man chooses a stylish straw hat. But it has a brim which is so small the hat looks like a straw beanie. He pays the stallholder and puts his new hat on. His happy face is still fully exposed to the sun, but he's happy.

I will never wear a suit and tie. Never. This ugly, constricting, ridiculous attire is the uniform of social misfits who are eating away at the human world of colour and difference. These lookalikes are murderers and planet destroyers. The suit and tie is how you recognise them.

If, by some chance you're wearing a suit and tie now, but you are a decent person – take it off. Now. For your own sake.

We are suffocating in the claustrophobia of increasing homogeneity. Nonconformity is seen by the Suited Ones as cause for ridicule, discrimination, isolation, detention, turning the boat back and even death.

The Suited Ones produce nothing except pollution and platitudes and live high on the exploited hog. People without suits are doing the real work, or are in prison, in debt, in bomb shelters, or here at the festival.

The skeleton of a pterodactyl is nibbling at my feet. Oh, Woodford. Thanks.

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

Turbo chook

Turbo chook is the Oxford University Press Word of the Month for January (two words really). It is a jocular name for the Tasmanian native hen, *Tribonyx mortierii*.

According to OUP, 'The Tasmanian native hen is a flightless moorhen endemic to the island of Tasmania. Although it is unrelated to the domestic hen, it was named a 'native hen' by the early European settlers, who applied the epithet 'native' to many Australian indigenous animals.'

In 1924 a scientific work gave this description of the Tasmanian native hen: "Runs exceeding fast, and many native dogs cannot catch a native hen even in open country." (Lord & Scott, *A Synopsis of the Vertebrate Animals of Tasmania*, 1924).

Although usage is largely confined to Tasmania where the bird is found, its appearance in the title of a popular 2013 children's picture book, Sonia Strong's *Tazzie the Turbo Chook Finds Her Feet*, indicates that the term may become more generally known in Australian English.

'Turbo chook will be considered for inclusion in the next edition of the *Australian National Dictionary*'.

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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.
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5. Refinanced loans and paid down debt.
6. Slashed Council's legal costs.
7. Invested in infrastructure renewal through the creation of a new Infrastructure Fund.

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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Solar feed-in tariffs jump as Byron's Enova ruffles big boys

Giles Parkinson

Finally, some good news for solar households. After years of being wound back to the price of coal, solar feed-in tariffs are moving up again – at least in some areas – driven by competition by newly established retailers challenging the incumbent big three.

Byron-based Enova Energy is to lift its solar feed-in tariff to 12c/kWh from January 1, up from 10c/kWh – agreeing to pay more than double the 'recommended' tariff in a state that does not mandate a minimum. The tariff will be available to customers on the Essential Energy network (which is most of New South Wales) and will be welcome news to the 146,000 households about to lose their premium feed-in tariffs.

Community first

The newly launched Enova – which builds its business model around a community-owned, community-first, renewable-energy-focused strategy, is clearly ruffling the big boys, particularly Origin Energy, the previous dominant force in the northern rivers.

Origin has already imitated Enova's previous 10c/kWh solar FiT and its discount for on-time payments. And Enova CEO Steve Harris says while imitation is flattery, it is also good for the consumer. Which is why Enova has responded with an even higher tariff.

'It just goes to show that even though we are tiny in the overall scale of things we obviously register on their radar,' says Harris. 'It also shows we have achieved something for the majority of NSW solar customers. Had we not had a much higher and fairer FiT, then I suspect the others would have stayed with their lower rates. Let's hope all retailers follow suit and do the right thing by their customers.'



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'But also let's hope that customers recognise where this started and continue to support us in our endeavours to speed up the switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy. If governments are not going to do anything to support renewables then it is up to the community to take over, and our role is to make it easier and fairer by empowering the community to take action.'

Fly-speck

Enova, which earlier this year raised \$4 million to begin operations, and finally opened its doors a few months ago, has so far signed up 1,300 customers, round 60 per cent of whom have rooftop solar. That's barely a fly-speck for the big retailers who each boast customers of around 3 million, and 'churn' several hundred thousand customers each year.

But there is something about Enova, and its community focus, that is making the big retailers nervous, particularly in a time when new technologies such as solar and battery storage are witnessing major cost falls and concepts such as sharing energy and peer-to-peer trading are emerging.

This could redefine and restructure the electricity industry. Instead of relying only on centralised, fossil-fuel generation, the grid is

likely to quickly transform to one where half of all energy demand is met by locally sourced generation, and rooftop and community-owned solar and battery storage will play a key role.

The right thing

'We would like to own that space,' Harris says, 'as a community-owned retailer trying to do the right thing and encourage people to take up solar.'

'We have found a niche in the market, we are looking at what communities want to do about energy and we are looking at renewable energy. We are looking at what communities want, not what large energy companies want. Our masters are our customers.'

'We also have responsibility to our shareholders, but being a social enterprise adds another angle to it. If we cannot respond to what community wants, what is the point of existing? There are already 20 retailers out there; we don't need another one doing exactly the same thing.'

Solar feed-in tariffs in New South Wales are about to become a major issue with some

146,000 households moving off their premium 'gross' tariffs of 60c/kWh or 20c/kWh. Another 60,000 to 80,000 households in Victoria and South Australia are also moving off tariffs.

In NSW, the recommended (but not compulsory) tariff is between 5c and 6c/kWh, about the same price as a coal-fired generator gets on average. The fact that rooftop solar is not credited for its environmental, climate and network benefits has been a sore point in the industry.

Recently, the Victorian pricing regulator recommended adding in a climate benefit but said it could identify no other environmental benefits.

On networks, despite the fact that solar has been shown to shift and narrow peak demand quite dramatically in some states, pricing regulators are focused on protecting network investment, and therefore will only allocate a credit for solar for avoiding future network spending.

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2017: Enter the rooster

This is an early heads-up for the Chinese New Year, which kicks off on January 28. It's the year of the Red Fire Rooster.

Astrology Club, well-known source of all things scientific, declares, 'Following 12 months of the... hyperactive Monkey, the New Year of the Fire Rooster is going to bring fresh challenges requiring quick wit and practical solutions!'

That's pretty much a given. There will be a big old red rooster in the White House for starters – even though he was born in the Year of the Fire Dog, noted for being determined and sexually attractive (ahem).

Could it be worse than 2016? It's possible. We all know 2016 was a shit year for popular famous people dying, rounded off in the last days with Carrie Fisher, George Michael and Richard Adams, author of *Watership Down*, a good book but not up there with fellow Adams Douglas's *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. He died way too young in 2001. That ancient evil sac of poison Henry Kissinger is still alive, however, so we have to carry his toxins into the new year.

Roosters may not be as big a problem as the elephant in the room: global warming. The big fat elephant that governments make promises about but fail to move on rapidly.

In 2017 expect more Arctic sea ice to melt. According to the Arctic Methane Emergency Group (AMEG ameg.me), the 2016 Arctic winter warming has now resulted in the region being a CO2 emitter rather than an absorber. And as the name AMEG would suggest, the continued melting of ice and the release of methane hydrates from Arctic Ocean sediments could lead to runaway warming, making the goals of the Paris climate agreement (<http://bit.ly/unparis>) of April 2016 look incredibly feeble.

The bid of the 350.org group to freeze all new fossil-fuel development is obviously not being heeded by our antediluvian federal government, which intends to fling \$1 billion Adani's way so the Indian polluter can build a rail link from its approved Carmichael mine to the Great Barrier Reef.

The destructive swathe cut through Mother Nature by the fossil-fuel dinosaurs has led to talk of rebellion on the scale of the Alliance in the interminable space opera *Star Wars*. Whether the aggrieved legion of keyboard warriors takes to the streets in 2017 or even does useful things such as recycle or add solar panels to rooftops remains to be seen.

But wait, there's more. China, the boss rooster, will be strutting its stuff in 2017. Unencumbered by an inconvenient democracy, the massive nation which ruled the world's trade lanes for 700 years (<http://bit.ly/chinaroad>) is making a comeback. The new Silk Road is being built on land and on the sea. The first train of the ambitious 'One Belt, One Road' scheme ran from Zhejiang province to Tehran in February 2016.

Europe is next and southeast Asia is firmly in China's sights, so hang onto your hats. Guònián hao!

– Michael McDonald

Malcolm searches for love, any love

Malcolm Turnbull's Christmas message was on the wonder of unconditional love – and boy, does he need some.

Even conditional love would do – love with plenty of strings attached. But at present it appears he has the tangle, but not the affection – only grudging acceptance, if even that.

The recalcitrant right is, if anything, more antagonistic than ever as the season of peace and goodwill drags on. Eric Abetz, Cory Bernardi, George Christensen and pack are baying louder than ever, and Tony Abbott, with the kind of chutzpah only he can muster, is producing homilies about the pressing need for Turnbull to unite the party.

And of course beyond the bounds of the party room, the barbarians are on the march. Pauline Hanson is striding across the wilds of Queensland, with Bob Katter and the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers, not to mention the ever-threatening troops of Bernardi's Conservatives, picking up whatever scraps of loot they can find. The nightmare for Turnbull is that they somehow unite in an axis of evil to not only pillage the rural and regional Nationals, but also march into the citadels of the Liberal heartland.

The possibility is remote; the aspiring leaders are all megalomaniacs and would start ripping each other apart in seconds, as the renewed example of One Nation has already demonstrated, and even last week Abbott and Bernardi engaged in an undignified spat over who was really calling the shots. But even a brief alliance under the banner of whichever clay-footed idol emerged would be enough to wreak serious damage on what is left of the Australian political

establishment and the consensus that somehow the centre must prevail.

But these were not the headwinds to which Turnbull referred in another little sermon, this time on New Years Day. The worries he wanted the voters to keep in mind were not domestic – or at least not intra-party, which is where the headlines have been. And he refused to be specific about where the headwinds were coming from; all he would reveal is that there could be a few surprises.

Beyond the bounds of the party room, the barbarians are on the march.

by Mungo MacCallum



But our prime minister is being far too coy. As he and every serious observer knows, the immediate threat is coming from the east: a cloud no bigger than a dyed orange coiffure has appeared across the Pacific and Trumpery is, for the moment at least, regarded as if not entirely respectable, at least the new reality. And no-one, most of all Turnbull, has the slightest idea of how to deal with it.

To be fair, he is hardly the only one: the general view appears to be that the way to go is to cross your fingers and hope for the best, however unlikely that outcome might be. That is certainly what the world's financial institutions are doing: they are optimistically bullish about Trump's promises of tax cuts and infrastructure spending, but prefer to remain in denial about his threats to set up a new regime of protectionism, let alone the prospect of a trade war with China.

And speaking of China, which we would much rather not, a military confrontation over the South China Sea, or, far worse, Taiwan, has been firmly on Trump's agenda. It should be a matter of urgency for the Australian government to at least acknowledge that terrible possibility, and to attempt to prepare a plan B; the mantra that an unbreakable military alliance with Washington can accommodate friendly and profitable commercial ties with Beijing is hardly a given in the age of Trump.

But Turnbull has shown no visible signs of movement. He has, of course, performed the obligatory rituals of obeisance to the incoming president, with the fervent hope – and it is no more than that – that decades of slavish obedience to Washington will be sufficient to secure the blessings of Australia from the Donald. But there are no guarantees of that: the only expressions of unconditional love the president-elect has evinced are those for Russia's Vladimir Putin and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, two similarly belligerent and unpleasant leaders who are more prone to escalation of tensions, not to mention expansion of their borders, than harbingers of the peace and goodwill for which Turnbull yearns.

So in Australia at least we are starting the new year in the same way we finished the old one: unprepared, indecisive, slightly scared and insecure in

the fervent belief that all will be well, and if it isn't, then something will turn up. After all, we are the lucky country: Turnbull repeatedly tells us that we are the envy of the world. But even if that is true it is hardly reassuring. Being an object of envy is not the safest place to be in a restive and increasingly unpredictable global environment.

And so we wait, with little conviction, for our glorious leader to reveal the blueprint for 2017: the challenges and the promises he has foreshadowed in his chat outside his harbourside mansion. The fear – the likelihood – is that they will be more of the same: jobs, growth, innovation and agility, the same trite slogans perhaps rejigged in a shinier spin. But we deserve better than that, and there are times when we have been offered it.

Last weekend's release of the 1992–93 cabinet documents reminds us of what serious government could be about. In the wake of the High Court's Mabo decision, Paul Keating embarked on a passionate, brave and determined plan to secure native title. He was opposed fiercely by many powerful forces, including some within his own government, but he never wavered in his conviction that upholding Mabo and the wider consequences that followed it was both necessary and right. And eventually, after many weeks of tortuous negotiation, he won.

Like other great reforming leaders, his career was all too brief; a couple of years later the electorate wanted someone they believed would be more relaxed and comfortable. But when Paul Keating was defeated, he died on his feet. Malcolm Turnbull is struggling to survive on his knees.

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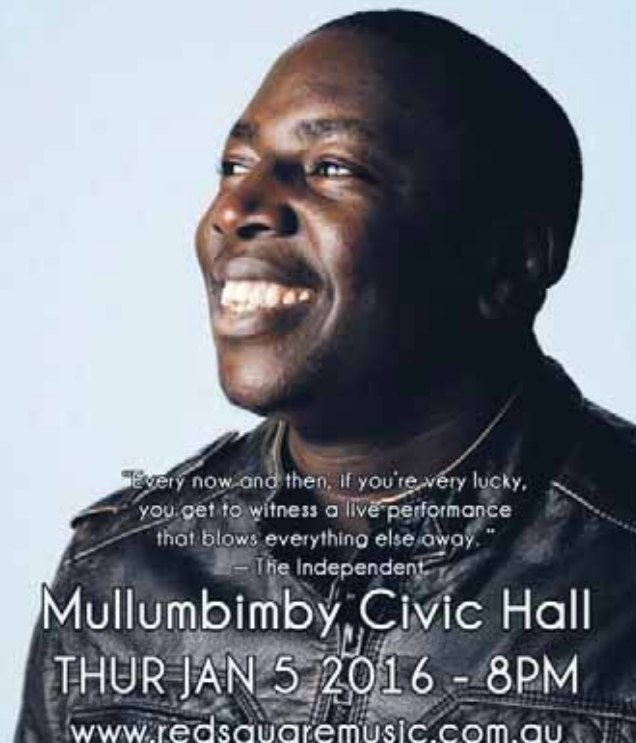
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The solution is staring us in the face three times a day. Over half of Australia's carbon emissions come from animal agriculture, so if every resident ate one, two, or preferably three vegan meals each day, it'd make a huge difference.

If the government can't or won't fix it, it's time for Australian consumers to make an easy and critically important New Years resolution: let's take our own 'direct

action' and stop paying the meat, dairy, and egg industries to pollute our environment, damage our health, and cause appalling suffering to millions of animals.

Desmond Bellamy
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Towering events

Main Arm residents are questioning plans by Telstra to install a 4G microwave radiation transmitter on the telephone exchange building in Main Arm Village. This transmitter positioned four metres above ground level will be only 38 metres from a family day-care centre, 33 metres from the general store/cafe and in very close proximity to several dwellings, the closest being only 20 metres away.

According to figures supplied by Telstra those within

50 metres will be exposed to 10.15 milliwatts (mW)/m2 of microwave radiation. This amount of radiation is equal to holding a mobile phone next to your head 24/7, according to measuring equipment residents have.

Telstra claims the radiated field strength from this one-metre rod antenna will be 0.11 per cent of their industry standard. This standard, residents claim, is based on only six minutes' exposure and only acknowledges thermal effects and not the applicable long-term non-thermal effects.

Residents also note that a three-panel 50 metre NBN tower at present being opposed by residents in Coorabell is only 0.056 per cent of the same industry standard, which is about half. Also being questioned is the decision to place this transmitter in

the bottom of a valley where it would have limited transmitting effect.

Visionstream, acting on Telstra's behalf, claim that by moving the transmitter further away radiation levels would actually increase. This, residents say, defies logic and its placement on their own infrastructure is only being done to avoid the scrutiny of a development application. Residents have written to federal MP Justice Elliot, requesting Telstra reconsider its decision. A social media campaign is also being considered.

Anton Vanderbyl
Main Arm

I am a landowner adjacent to the NBN tower site in Coorabell and am curious about who and where these affected residents are.

It's been on the table for a long time, there was a consultation period, in which the NBN distributed a very informative briefing paper about why, where and how. I haven't got a problem with it at all; we need it.

I am not so sanguine about the houses that are proposed for an adjoining ridgeline, part of a dozen or so in two DAs given the nod by Council in their 'burbs to the bush' push. Where were the Greens then? Oh yeah, that's right, pretty much 'nothing you can do about it, buddy.' Those houses will fundamentally alter the rural amenity around here forever; not so the tower as I would say one day it will be removed.

As for legal actions etcetera, surely the council has a myriad of pressing problems to address? I can sure think of

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► continued from page 11 a few! Why are they spending valuable time and ratepayers' money attempting to stall the construction of vital infrastructure? Optic fibre is not going to happen; it died with the last Labor government, the current government has made that abundantly clear.

The current service is completely inadequate and as I understand from discussions with various technicians is set to get worse as more houses go in.

Lastly, I would like to throw my support behind the owners of the land on which this tower is going. They are

thoroughly decent, wonderful people and have been tireless workers in this community. If there are a few dollars in having it on their land then no-one deserves it more.

Bill Moore
Coorabell

Reward \$500

I would like to thank the young lady who came to my assistance when I was knocked down from behind by two huge grey Weimaraner dogs, also known as Grey Ghost dogs. This happened at Belongil Dog Beach on Sunday August 28, 2016.

Had it not been for this

young lady pointing out the owners (who were hiding in the crowd) I would not have known who was responsible for these out-of-control dogs. When I approached them for their contact details they simply brushed me aside by saying 'This is a dog beach, and you enter at your own risk.'

I was in no fit condition to pursue the matter and needed to get medical assistance.

X-rays at Byron Hospital that day discovered that I had a compression fracture of the spine and two crushed vertebrae. It is four months since this happened and I was expecting to be fully recovered by now, but I am not.

I am hoping someone can tell me where to contact this couple as I am really disappointed by their complete lack of integrity and compassion and the fact that they took no responsibility for their unruly dogs' behaviour. I am offering \$500 reward to the first person who can give me the information that gives me their names and address. My mobile is 0402 314 098.

Barbara Turner
Byron Bay

Damn rate rise

In light of the current business bonanza and influx of tourists across the Shire I want to ask why we are hearing nothing from Council but a deafening indifference to the strong community rejection to the idea of a very significant rate increase.

While nature reserves and roadsides are being trashed by illegal access and camping, public services of sewerage, water, and garbage collection and emergency services are stretched, koala and nature habitat continues to be under

pressure owing to the endless festivals, and road maintenance struggles to keep up with increased use, how is it that ordinary ratepayers are seen as some sort of cash cow as if we have no financial pressure of our own?

I want to see a business infrastructure levy imposed on businesses and also on festival participants before residents are asked to clean up the mess with any sort of rate rise and not have it assumed that ratepayers can simply afford the cost again and again.

I find it quite deceitful that Council did not provide a 'no rate rise' option when pamphlets were sent to residents, assuming it would be a foregone conclusion. So much for a transparent, progressive council.

Council is lazy when it comes to finding options and a perfect example was the quick sale of the Roundhouse site at Ocean Shores, which could have returned a lot more money for the Shire.

If Council can't find solutions to the financial pressure due to increasing tourism without slugging ratepayers again, bring on the amalgamation, because this progressive council is not doing ratepayers any favours.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

■ I put forward three options for Council to save money and be fit for the future by reducing councillor and staff wages.

Option 1 by 75 per cent per year for four years cumulative. Option 2 ten per cent per years x 4. Option 3 12.5 per cent per year x 4.

Option 1 will deteriorate your life. Option 2 will main-

Sending the wrong message



I am so sick of seeing this image on the ride every year at Brunswick Heads. One oversexualised woman among a load of sportsmen. Really?

It's time this woman had a makeover that involved no provocative breast posing. It would not take a lot of expense to rectify this image but it will take a lot of will and support from our community.

This event is called the McGregors Family Carnival and as much as we appreciate

your intentions to 'provide a good time' for families, there is nothing good about this image. It is dated, inappropriate and sends the wrong message for a family carnival.

We either need the ride banned or a paint job on this section of the mural. Does anyone have a contact for the McGregors so we can all write to them in protest and request a modification of this mural?

Jannine Barron
Mullumbimby

tain your depression and option 3 will improve your bankruptcy. The average wage of an illegal backpacker or exploited student locally is \$11.80 cash per hour, but this has nothing to do with anything.

I took a quick worthless survey in my street, worded to get the results I wanted. One hundred per cent surveyed pay almost double your so-called average rate plus parking fees, etc. Our single-lane, continually potholed road has the ability to crack Gyprock but we can look forward to this getting us a rate reduction if we move to improved value-based rates.

In fact we are all going to make our houses look as

crappy as possible to achieve this. We are trying to resist the rest of our street becoming holiday rents or de facto boarding houses, but are becoming like the Last of the Mohicans.

You are faced with either moving onto the 'reservation' at Baywood Chase or being driven further south to Ballina Shire. Apparently they have new coastal walks, tarred roads, and a council that is prepared to act within their jurisdiction, and carry out the basics well. Even their new buildings, although too tall, don't look like a vertically stacked van village.

I don't envy the difficult job of councillors and staff

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Magnus Carlsen ended 2016 by surrendering the World Rapid title he had held for two years, yet if the Norwegian was disappointed that his final day fightback failed, he certainly didn't show it. The reason was likely that his successor was the 47-year-old Vassily Ivanchuk, the Ukrainian to whom the epithet genius is added more often than any other current player.

Ivanchuk is famously erratic, his most notorious effort being the 2013 Candidates tournament where he lost game after game on time before taking out both tournament leaders Carlsen and Vladimir Kramnik in the final rounds.

At the 2016 World Rapid Ch. in Doha which concluded last week, Ivanchuk again dismantled Carlsen and led after the second day, but began the final day with a loss and two draws, allowing a pack to overtake him.

However, each new leader faltered and entering the final round five players were tied for first. Ivanchuk had the easier task, with a superior tiebreak to

his rivals. In the end Ivanchuk, Alexander Grischuk and Carlsen all won to tie for first, leaving veteran Ivanchuk as a popular winner. (His hometown Lviv could also celebrate in the separate women's event, won easily by Ana Muzychuk.)

'I can only congratulate Ivanchuk,' said Carlsen. 'If there's anyone I want to be successful, it's him. He's been class for 30 years.'

Carlsen's failure can be put down to his poor start. He was always playing catch-up and his finishing spurt with four consecutive wins was not enough.

Doha World Rapid Ch. 2016
White: T Radjabov
Black: O Bortnyk
Opening: Queen's Pawn Game
1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 Bf5 7.c4 Qc8 8.h3 c5 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Rc1 Bh6?! Provoking a powerful long-term sacrifice. 11.d5! Bxc1 12.Qxc1 Nd4 13.g4 Bd7 14.Qh6 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Ne8 16.Ne4 f6 Black seems to have set up a Great Wall, but Radjabov simply crashes through. 17.h4! Bxg4 18.h5! gxh5 19.Ng5! fxg5 20.Qxg5+ Kf7 Expecting 21.Rxh5 Qf5! when Black survives, but Radjabov has a new surprise in store. 21.Qxh5+!! Bxh5 22.Bxh5+ Kg8 23.Rg1+ Ng7 24.Rxg7+ Kh8 25.Rxe7+! Rf6 25...Kg8 26.Rg7+ Kh8 27.Rg1+ also leads to checkmate. 26.Bxf6+ Kg8 27.Rg7+ Kf8 28.Rxh7 Qf5 29.Rh8 Checkmate!

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Reclaiming the commons to revitalise communities

Story & photo Mary Gardner

The power of a great story goes round and round, spiralling outward from its first telling. Such stories become influential but why?

Consider one from 1968 called *The Tragedy of the Commons*. For nearly fifty years, this cautionary tale was repeated as 'scientific' justification for the privatisation of land and every other resource possible.

The essay by United States ecologist Garret Hardin was published by the prestigious journal *Science*. Hardin told a story about what he called the inevitable ruin of shared pastures by a collective of herdsmen. He explained this happened because each one was a rational individual player. Obviously, each wanted to maximise their personal gain. Each would add more and more cattle on the land. This common property could only be rescued from degradation when fenced off as private real estate. Its best management was in the hands of professional technocrats.

This story caricatured the commons as a free-for-all space and its people as



selfish, ignorant consumers. Hardin's example was taken from the work of British writer William F Lloyd, published in 1833. This particular author also advocated enclosure and technocracy as an imperative economic policy.

Private gain

But the historian of agriculture Simon Fairlie presents the larger story. He found Lloyd defended those who wanted to make private gain from the common fields, woods and marshes of England. These gentry of the 1800s were the latest in a long line of power-brokers dating back to the 1400s.

Over these centuries, history and folklore remember the struggles over the com-

mons: The Peasant's Revolt (1381), John Cade's rebellion (1450), Kett's rebellion (1549), Captain Pouch's revolts (1604) and the Diggers of St George's Hill (1649). Wearing soot on their faces, 'King John' and other vigilante gangs successfully defended common lands until they were finally targeted by the infamous Black Acts (1723). Gathering wood became a crime. Poaching became a hanging offence. Such laws were only repealed when it became possible to transport these people as convicts to Australia.

In the earlier times of Celts, Saxons and Normans, communities managed their open fields in ways which were equitable and safeguarded the abundance. Twice a

year, the community held planning meetings, allocating fields for production or fallow. The oxen for ploughing and the community labour for haymaking were shared. Dairy cows grazed during the day on communal land but were individually owned and milked by each household.

Tyger Fens

Great expanses of marshes were also important commons for peoples who used them for grazing, hunting and gathering. From 1630, in East England, the Tyger Fens rallied, calling themselves 'the Brethren of the Water'. For 20 years these fisher farmers fought the lords and abbots who would drain their lands.

Drainage would destroy their livelihoods and force them to become day labourers to new landlords. By 1649, the Tygers won and wetlands continued as commons.

From 1760 to 1840, an act of parliament drained the Fens, broke up communities and created gang-labour systems. Limited compensation gave a few people some very small farms, but most were left without access to land.

Many power-mongers blamed the subsequent poverty on these same people. They continued with enclosures throughout England, in the Scottish Highlands and right around the world, including places such as Australia.

As such privatisation stories prove to be distortions, other stories are becoming more influential. These tell of inventive, adaptive management of a commons over generations. As Bundjalung elders will agree, this is one of the oldest, most enduring property regimes known to human beings.

Here in Byron Bay, like many places, most of our practices uphold enclosure as

if this be the only way to live. But change is in the ocean wind. One example is in the current revival of the Union Drain Trust, responsible for the common waterways which crisscross West Byron, the industrial estate and beyond. It's part of a collective including Byron Council, Cape Byron Marine Park, the Arakwal and community.

Here's a great story for us. It's from the Upper Basin of the Mississippi River. The Fishers and Farmers Partnership is rehabilitating 50,000 kilometres of waterways (www.fishersandfarmer.org). This self-directed collaboration of Native Americans, farmers, wildlife carers, ecologists, townspeople and government agencies are all planning and acting for the greater good. They turn old 'Tragedies of the Commons' into 'Tales of Resilience' featuring revitalised human communities.

Happy New Year, Byron Bay.

■ Mary Gardner is a biologist, writer and tutor.

■ See more of her work at echo.net.au/tangle-of-life.

► but please don't shaft the locals or you may find karma bites you back.

Jeff Varcin
Suffolk Park

■ At Council's ordinary meeting on October 6, 2016, in its report no 13.5 concerning the proposed special rate variation, Council was asked to adopt the following three options for community consultation, which they did: option one a zero special rate variation (SVR), which would lead to a deterioration of infrastructure, option two a 7.5 per cent SVR, which would maintain the infrastructure, or option three a 12.5 per cent SVR, which would improve the infrastructure.

Mysteriously these options were changed in a space of weeks to the current options as in Council's advertisement. For example, option two of 7.5 per cent has now moved from maintain to deteriorate. There were no council votes on these new options. Is that legal? It is definitely deceptive.

In addition, were councillors aware that the report was talking about a cumulative rise of rates of up to 60 per cent, then retaining the proceeds, which means ad-

ditional income of up to \$12 million a year every year, being charged to the ratepayers indefinitely?

Over Council's long-term plan period of ten years, ratepayers are now looking at forking out up to an additional \$100 million. Lazy or smart, or both?

In its final assessment for its Fit for the Future program from October 2015, Byron Shire has offered the following special rate variation to the NSW government for the coming years: '... a successful application for and adoption of a special variation from 2016-17 of 22.5 per cent cumulative over four years (13.0 per cent above the rate peg). What is Council telling the state government that it is not telling us? Where is the modelling for this option?

The only logical conclusion is to postpone the process for 12 months and start again.

Jens Krause
Byron Bay

■ Questions without answers:
QWA: 'Mayor Richardson, thanks for speaking with us.' Richardson: 'It's a pleasure.'

QWA: 'During the election you neglected to mention that, if elected, you'd be

pushing a massive rate rise.'

Richardson: 'Oh no, what I did was not say there wouldn't be a massive rate rise. And call me Simon.'

QWA: 'That's not quite the same thing though, is it, er, Simon?' Richardson: 'It is if you kind of lean over to the side, and look up at it from an angle of 38.5 degrees, squinting through one eye.'

QWA: 'No... really? Like this?' Richardson: 'That's it, all the way over, and then up at an oblique angle.'

QWA: 'This is not easy. It still looks like you ambushed the public with a dirty great *%#@ing rate rise.' Richardson: 'Because you haven't quite gotten the necessary angle... here, watch me.'

QWA: 'My lord, that's quite a twisting contortion you've managed there, Simon.' Richardson: 'Isn't it, though? It's my primary talent. Come on, try again.'

QWA: 'This is... geez, I seem to be looking straight up my own backside.' Richardson: 'Yep, that's how I manage it.'

QWA: 'Thank you for this... unique perspective.' Richardson: 'It's been a pleasure, and call me Simon.'

Matt Hartley
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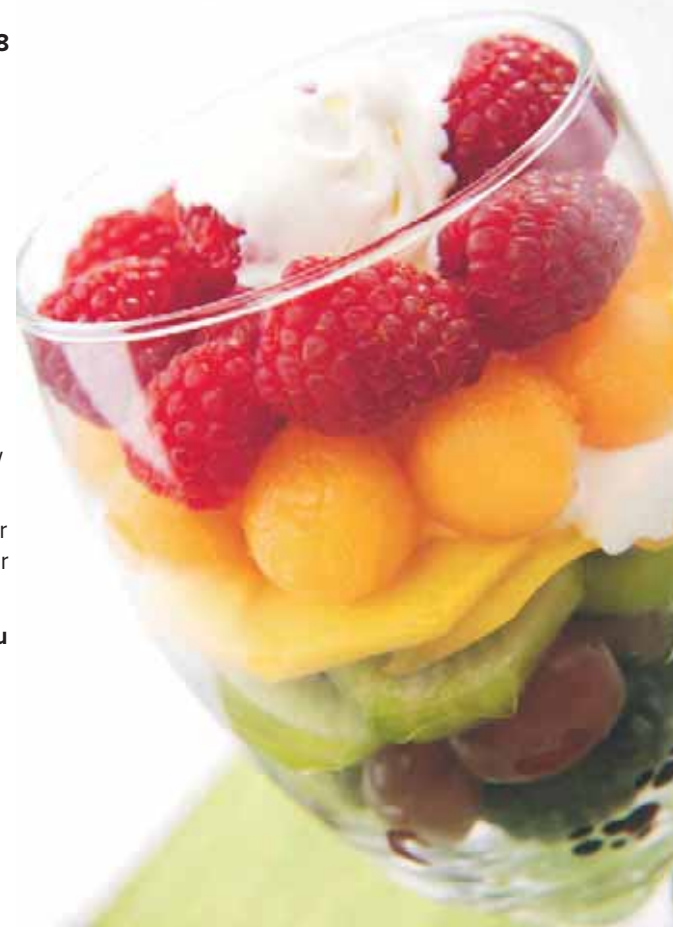
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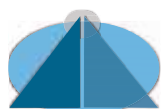
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BYRON MEDICINE WHEEL

Byron Medicine Wheel has been home to Byron's best practitioners since 1999 and is still going strong at its new location on Jonson Street, behind Happy Travels. Recently under new ownership, Byron Medicine Wheel continues the long lineage of holistic healing that Byron has always been renowned for. Services include massage therapy, osteopathy, Kahuna Bodywork, shiatsu, psychic readings, intuitive healing, reiki, craniosacral therapy, kinesiology, reconnection healing, Ayurveda, sound healing and astrology.

All of their practitioners are professionally trained and dedicated to providing a nurturing and compassionate space in which clients can feel safe and supported. Though no longer on the main street they still have a small retail area, so if you're looking for a unique gift for a loved one be sure to pop in.

As a special offer for Byron Shire locals they will be reducing the rate of a 1-hour Kahuna Bodywork session to \$60 (usual price \$90) on Fridays. Bookings and ID required.

Call them on 6685 8366 or visit the website at byronmedicinewheel.com.au.

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The Byron Bay Equestrian Centre

has lots of horsey fun for the kids these school holidays! Kids can come for the day and learn all aspects of horse care, riding and the fantastic sport of vaulting (gymnastics on horseback). See ad for dates.

Add into the mix some fun games, treasure hunts, horsey movies and crafts, all under the careful watch of our qualified and experienced instructors. Private rides and lessons are also available, along with pony parties for birthdays and special occasions.

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Holiday workshops for the kids

Are the kids ready for a different kind of fun? Seriously, how much beach / park / pool / skatepark / friends' houses can you do in one summer holiday? Never fear! Spaghetti's ever-popular School Holiday Circus Workshops are here!

Book now to join one of Australia's leading youth circus schools. Did you know - Spaghetti Circus just performed to more than 20,000 people in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Woodford Folk Festival!

Be part of something special and check out Spaghetti today.

January School Holiday Workshops

Circus Workshops for 7-14 years

10am-3pm, 4-6 & 18-20 January.

\$60/day or \$150 for three days when booked in advance online.

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Time for a fresh start?

The Mullumbimby and New Brighton Farmers Markets are jam-packed with healthy, nutritious and nourishing foods that will help you on your path to wellness in 2017.

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Our food producers have a passion for creating healthy and great-tasting products that are minimally processed, free from additives and preservatives and incredibly fresh. Try local nuts and nut butters from pesticide-free farms, organic sourdough bread, preservative-free farmhouse cheeses, raw honey, eggs from organic, pasture-raised chickens, and meats from free-range animals.

You'll also find an abundance of vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, and raw food choices, including tempeh, raw sauerkraut and other fermented vegetables, fresh dips, raw crackers, native bush foods, bone broth, and raw chocolate; as well as healthy drinks such as raw sugarcane juice, kombucha, fresh juices and kefir.

Mullum Showgrounds and River St, New Brighton.

Spice it Up Thai Restaurant

Spice it Up is located at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 5.30pm, dine in and takeaway. They cater to anyone wanting to indulge in mouth-watering fresh local produce cooked by a professional team specialising in Thai cuisine. People love to come to their restaurant for that guaranteed consistency: great food and service with a smile.

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Looking for some FUN these January holidays?

Child: 'Mum, I'm bored...'

Mum: 'Well, let's do something.'

Child: 'Can you take me to the Byron Theatre & Community Centre coz they have lots of great shows there?'

Mum: 'Yeah, Like what?'

Child: 'Well... There's a funny-looking kids' pirate show called *Arrr We There Yet?!* Lots of acrobatic craziness and a silly pirate whose voice is too high to be a man's. I've seen this show before and I'd really like to see it again!'

Mum: 'Wow! Okay! What else?'

Child: 'There's another comedy show called *Fluff*, which looks really cool. It's about an outrageous family who travel around collecting lost and forgotten toys. It's got music, dancing and a surprise twist at the end.'

Mum: 'Hmmm, Sounds intriguing... tell me more!'

Child: 'Okay, I know you like drums (even though you're not very good at them), so why don't we improve our skills at the African Drum & Dance workshops. We can take Dad and Marli too. It'll be SO fun.'

Mum: 'Sounds like a plan. Anything else?'

Child: 'Yes, they have KidzKlub Holiday Workshops upstairs ALL January holidays. Drop me off there and I can do cool DIY projects, arty-farty stuff, drama and games with other kids.'

Mum: 'Right, where are the car keys? Let's go - now!'

Byron Theatre, 69 Jonson St, 6685 6807

Horse Riding

Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre invites you to come share our love of horses this summer. Explore the northern rivers on horseback.

Live your dream ride along Lennox Head's pristine and isolated 7 Mile Beach. Sit back, relax and take in the views as dolphins play and eagles soar.

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6th & 7th January, 10.30am & 3.30pm
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Macas Camping Ground

offers a chance to enjoy a nature retreat in paradise. It is set in a lush macadamia orchard surrounded by regenerating rainforest and abundant wildlife. It is a great place to stay when exploring the bush while enjoying the facilities; high-quality shower and toilet block, laundry and communal kitchen.

A quote from one of our campers on our Facebook page: 'The campground is lovely – with plenty of trees for shade, good strong hot showers and a very good camp kitchen. Deb and Rex are fabulous hosts – friendly, helpful, hardworking and always keeping an eye on things to make sure the stay is easy and peaceful. Highly recommended!'

6684 5211 or 6684 5058

Bernardi's Gelato & Espresso Bar

Summer is here and Bernardi's will be open until at least 9pm every evening for the holidays! Why go to them for your gelato? They make all their gelato on the premises, completely from scratch. They use traditional Italian recipes that came out of a gelateria in Milan, Italy, started in 1974. Their gelato is all gluten free and they have vegan options too. They've also got an extensive range of juices and smoothies, including fresh fruit and vege juices, dairy smoothies, green smoothies, fruit frappes and their new product Acai bowls, a thick blend of Acai superfood berries with banana, topped with muesli, fresh fruit and coconut! Looking for dessert after dinner or an afternoon sweet treat? Come in for an ice-cream sandwich with homemade cookies or an indulgent hot dessert served with gelato. See you soon at Bernardi's!

22 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. 6685 1988

Art And Animation For Kids

Kids make their own characters, sets and stories and turn them into short animations with easy-to-use software. Workshops are in South Golden Beach and there's also the option of hosting a workshop in your own home. All you need is Wi-Fi and a minimum of four kids!

For information and bookings call Georgia on 0466 651 922.

Soulife

Soulife is Byron's complete store for that esoteric gift that really speaks 'Byron'.

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

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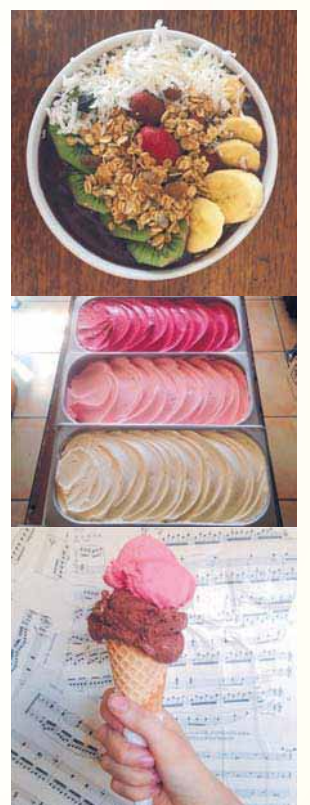
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Circus Arts

Byron is the place to be for circus this summer! If outdoors is your thing, head to PARK&FLY on the Byron foreshore and fly the trapeze overlooking the beautiful waters of the Bay. There are free shows, games and seating for you to sit, watch and relax. Check out the details at www.circusarts.com.au/parkandfly.

Circus Arts indoor centre in the industrial estate also offers fun and affordable activities for the whole family. Fly the high trapeze, drop the kids off for a full- or half-day circus holiday program, bring some mates and climb the rock wall, learn parkour or adult aerials, or let your little ones burn off energy in the play space while you sip a coffee and relax! Open seven days a week, rain or shine, this is the place the kids will be talking about long after summer holidays are over!

For bookings and further info visit www.circusarts.com.au or call 6685 6566.

Swim School Holidays

Mullum Pool has Swim Intensives over the holidays
9–13 January 2017
16–20 January 2017 (if enough interest)

During the school holidays we conduct a very successful and worthwhile intensive Learn to Swim Program – where the children attend swimming every day, five days in a row. Intensives are a fantastic way of teaching your child in quick sequence with repetition. More details about the December/January intensive Learn to Swim programs are available at reception/cafe.

Don't forget the giant inflatables are here over the holiday break on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 12–2pm weather permitting.

Have a safe happy holiday. A Happy New Year from the Mullum Pool!

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The special price for *Echo* readers for Summer Holidays is \$60. The duration is 11am till 4pm. Bring lunch, and Victoria provides a healthy morning and afternoon tea and refreshments.

To book CALL 0402 836 634 OR EMAIL victoria@victoriaspring.com.au.

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Victoria Spring 0402 836 634

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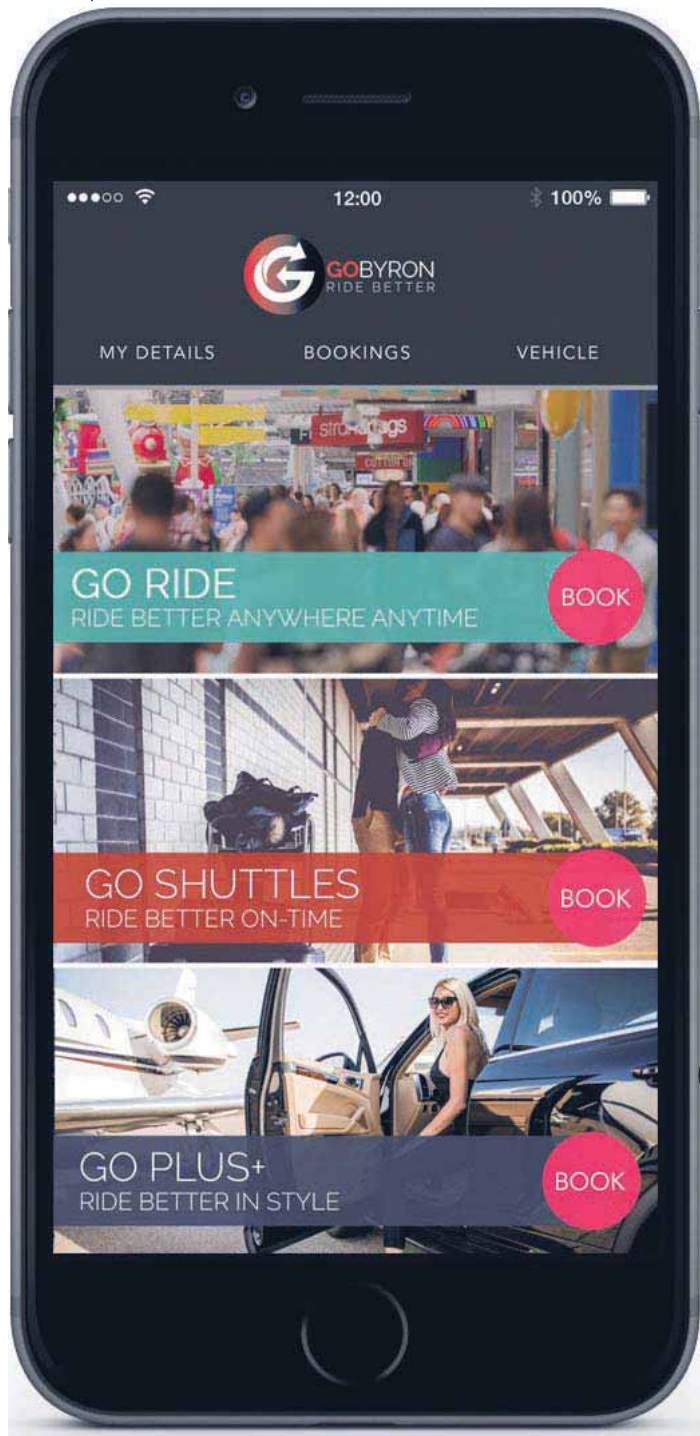
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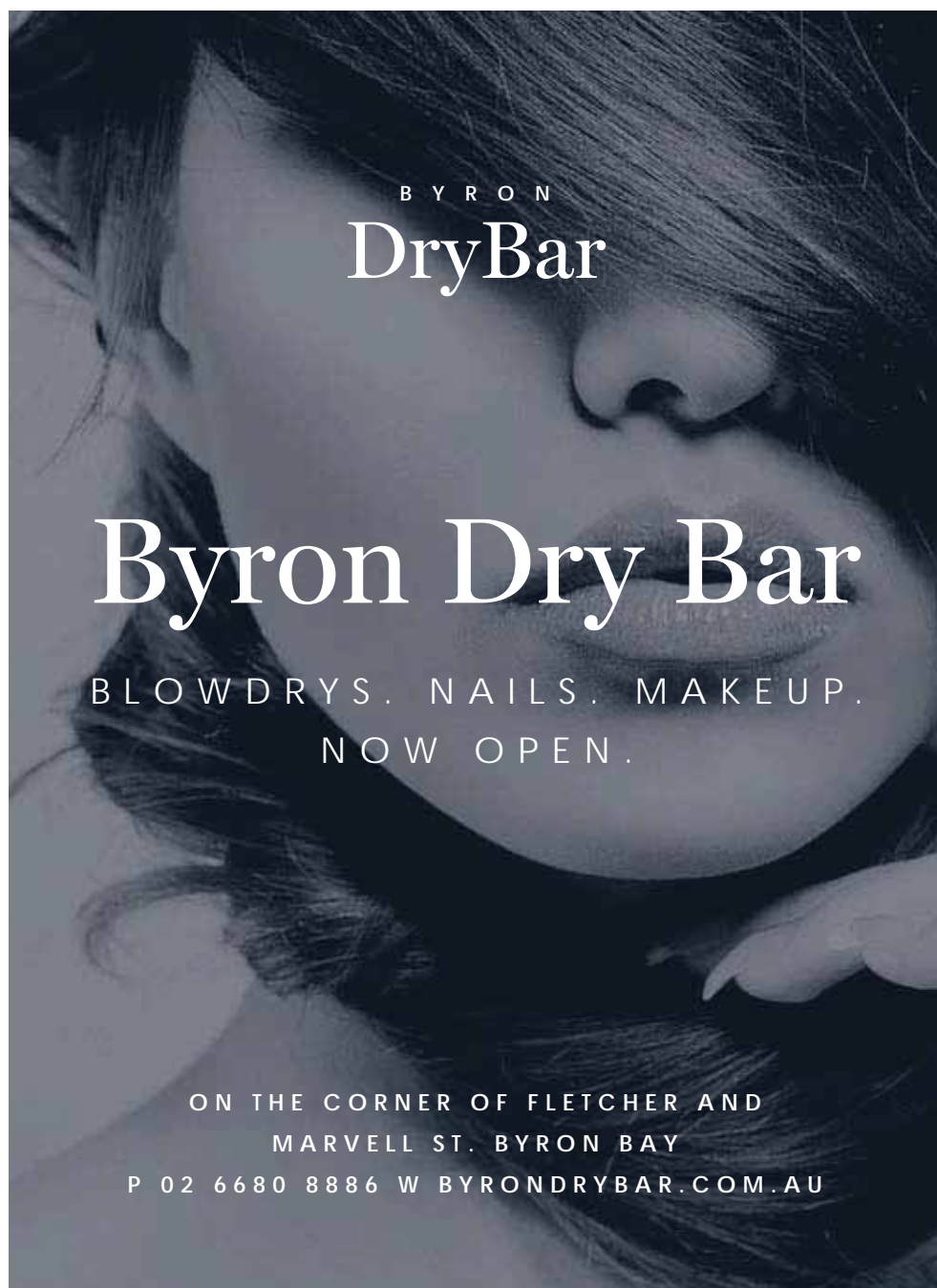
popular Summer Taster classes are on again in 2017 with a wide variety of exciting things to try. BSA has a selection of new workshops and teachers as well as many of the much-loved favourites. From contemporary and traditional drawing to stringmaking, painting, monoprinting and cyanotypes, this is a great opportunity to expand your creative processes and get a taste of what you can develop further with BSA throughout the year.

Mid-February marks the beginning of the BSA Project Space 2017 Exhibition Calendar with openings every second Friday night. The BSA Project Space will continue to showcase a broad range of creative practices from within the region, as well as work with guest curators and visiting artists. Applications are open for exhibition proposals and artists are welcome to contact BSA before submitting their proposals as there are only a small number of exhibitions spaces left for 2017.

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Wednesday 18 January 10am - 1pm
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Tuesday 24 January 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- Rene Bolten: Introduction to Still Life**
Wednesday 25 January 10am - 1pm
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image: James Guppy 2016 Touching Her Back acrylic on linen

Property insider

Property Insider came across this information at yourhome.gov.au. The website contains some excellent resources regarding sustainable building options. This article on liveable and adaptable housing is a good starting point when considering the functionality and suitability of your home over time.

Liveable and adaptable homes

Many people, when building a new home, anticipate spending a number of years, if not decades, living in it. Others may conceive of a shorter stay. Whatever the intention, any new home is likely to have to accommodate changing needs over its lifetime. A liveable and adaptable house is one that is able to respond effectively to these needs without requiring costly and energy-intensive alterations.

Australian demographics are changing rapidly, with average households becoming both smaller and older as an increasing number of people live independently in their later years. The balance between home and work life also places altering demands on our houses as many people choose to work from home. A

single space may act at different times as a home office, a teenage retreat, a family study or a bedroom for an elderly relative.

An adaptable house accommodates lifestyle changes without the need to demolish or substantially modify the existing structure and services.

An adaptable house can be designed to easily enable a large family home to be eventually divided into two smaller housing units, so residents continue living in a familiar environment.

Household needs vary over time in relation to physical capabilities. Most people can expect temporary or permanent variations in their physical capabilities in their life owing to injury, illness or age. The Australian Bureau of Statistics

reports that the percentage of individuals with a disability increases significantly with age, rising to more than 50 per cent of people aged over 60. Longer lifespans and higher proportions of older people in our society make it more likely that every home will be required to respond to the needs of a person with a physical limitation, whether they are the primary resident or a visitor.

For those with limited mobility, reduced vision or other impairment, the ability to perform common tasks such as carrying shopping into the home, cooking a meal, using the bathroom or accessing items from high shelves may be unnecessarily limited by the physical design of a home. As the needs of individuals are specific to their personal circumstances there is no single solution to designing a home to meet changing needs; however, several approaches exist:

- **Liveable house** — designed to meet the changing needs of most home occupants throughout their lifetime without the need for specialisation.

- **Accessible house** — designed to meet the needs of people requiring higher-level

access from the outset, and usually designed and built with a specific person's needs in mind. An accessible house meets Australian Standard AS 1428.1-2001, Design for access and mobility, and is able to accommodate wheelchair users in all areas of the dwelling.

- **Adaptable house** — adopts the idea of a liveable house but in addition is able to be easily adapted to become an accessible house if the need should arise.

Benefits to the owner

By meeting occupant needs over a greater period of time, the liveable house and the adaptable house reduce the need to relocate to alternative housing, which can break community ties. They are also attractive housing options for the greatest number of people and therefore provide a sound investment for resale and rental.

Design for adaptability enables rapid response to changing life needs, which can be swift and unexpected. It also increases the building's serviceable lifespan before remodelling, with associated financial, energy and material savings.



Developing a design

In the early stages of designing a new house or renovation, consider what type of use may be desirable and discuss your choices with your architect, designer or builder. Consider the following:

- Is it likely that the house will be extended in the future?
- How might the use of space change over time?
- Is it desirable for the house to be accessible for elderly friends and relatives who have a disability? If so, ask your designer to adopt the

Australian Standard for adaptable housing.

- Is it desirable to make provisions for the future accommodation of an ageing or disabled occupant? Again, ask your designer to adopt the Australian Standard for adaptable housing. Adaptable housing solutions can also be considered in smaller projects.

Minor alterations to bathrooms or kitchens can incorporate many adaptable housing features at minimal extra cost, making significant savings when adaptations are required in the future.

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Price on application



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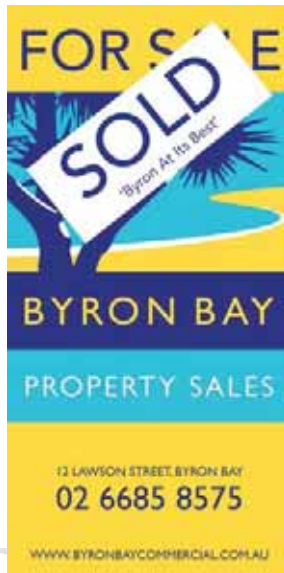
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- 7 Eureka Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
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Luckily, tours of The Farm are guided walks so confusing things like signposts can be safely ignored. Should you wander off the track, however, make sure that you don't find yourself in the well-stocked bar, or worse still eating food prepared by the Three Blue Ducks while simply gazing at the view.

The Farm tours

As you drive in solid traffic past The Farm (at the Byron exit from the Pacific Highway) you'll notice the sunflowers blooming, rows of vegetables, and even people toiling in the fields.

The desire in our digital age to somehow get closer to the very appealing nature of this site leads many to snap selfies of themselves with sunflowers and even farmers in the background.

That creating social media content is an 'actual job', in some way as worthy as growing food, might seem quite natural to your ten-year-old, who probably has their own YouTube channel (mine does), but before they start believing that they can create food using their 3D printer you might like to take them on an actual tour of The Farm.

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As promised last week, we now bring you a recipe from the locally produced *Australian Fish & Seafood Cookbook*.

Ling burger

Serves 4

Ingredients

- vegetable oil for deep-frying
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons milk
- 80 g (2¾ oz / ½ cup) rice flour
- 25 g (1 oz) panko (Japanese-style) breadcrumbs
- 4 × 120 g (4¼ oz) ling fillets, skin removed, pin-boned
- 4 brioche buns, cut in half horizontally
- 8 baby cos (romaine) lettuce leaves
- 2 whole pickled onions, sliced into rings
- 2 pickled cucumbers (page 460), thinly sliced lengthways
- 100 g (3½ oz) tartare sauce (page 83)

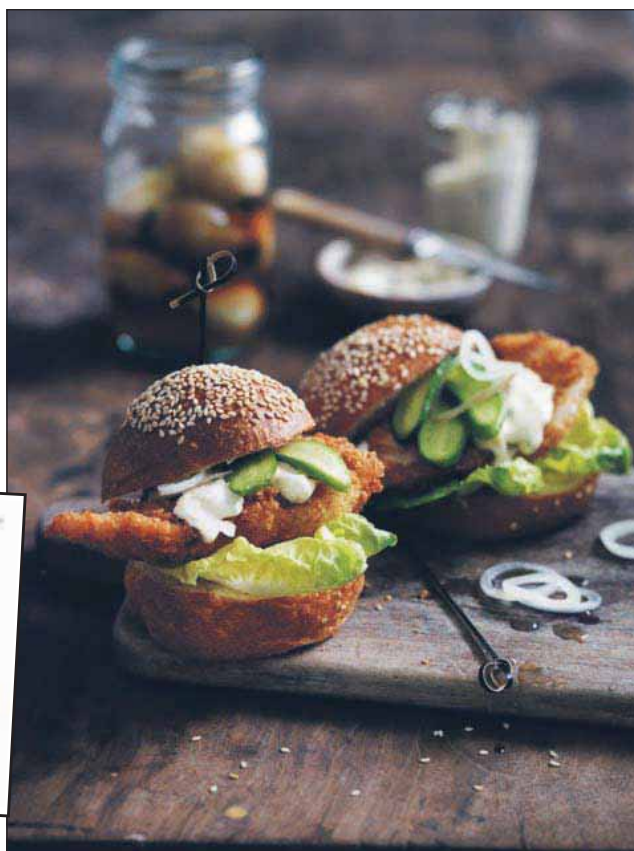
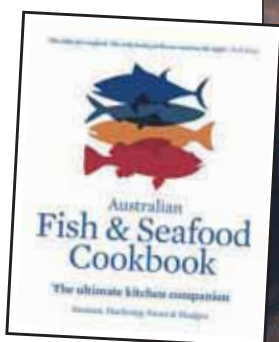


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Method

Half-fill a medium saucepan with vegetable oil and place over high heat (see note). Heat the oil to 180°C (350°F) – check with an oil thermometer. (For a guide to testing the oil temperature without a thermometer, see note.)

In a large, shallow bowl, whisk the egg and milk together to make an egg wash. Place the rice flour in another bowl and the panko breadcrumbs in a third. Dust each ling fillet in the rice flour first, then dip it in the egg wash and, lastly, the breadcrumbs.

Tap off any excess crumbs and lower the ling fillets carefully into the hot oil. Fry the ling for about two minutes, or until crisp and golden. Remove from the saucepan and drain on a baking tray lined with paper towel.

Place the bottom half of each brioche bun on a tray. Add two lettuce leaves to each and top with the fried fish. Add the pickled onion rings, pickled cucumber and tartare sauce,

then place the other brioche half on top and serve.

Notes: For this much fish, it's safe to use a 6-litre (203 fl oz / 24 cup) saucepan. When deep-frying in a saucepan, it's advisable to keep the oil level a good 10 cm (4 in) below the rim of the pan. The other option for deep-frying is, of course, an electric deep-fryer. The used oil can be strained, cooled and refrigerated for later use.

To test the temperature of the oil, drop a cube of bread into it. If it turns golden in 15 seconds, it's sitting perfectly on 180°C (350°F). If the bread takes only 10 seconds to turn golden, then the oil is around 190°C (375°F). If it takes 20–30 seconds to brown, the oil is too cold. Be patient and get the oil to the correct temperature before proceeding.

Horse-powered social media

Echo readers who are sustainability positive (and who isn't these days?) would have noticed that the Byron Bay Railroad company expect their fully solar-powered train to be running from the railway crossing at Byron Bay to the Sunrise Bistro near Elements resort in Sunrise Beach by April 2017.

The Farm seem to have gone one better, running a horse-powered carriage from the Welcome sign to The Farm for \$8 a ride. Let's hope the horse doesn't die of carbon monoxide poisoning as we drive past it, wondering what it is. For details on exactly what days it might be running, The Farm say, of course, that you can check out their social media pages.

Below: Harking back to the days of yore (well the good bits anyway, not the times when pit ponies worked down in coalmines). Horses can be social media stars these days, too, as well as pulling carriages.



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When traditional world music comes to our little town, it is indeed a special thing. The Byron Theatre hosts *Music of the Mystics*, a concert of Qawwali music. This is a passionate and deeply devotional art from the Sufis of India and Pakistan that is rarely experienced outside of the East. A chorus of vocalists sing praises to the divine in poetry and improvisation, accompanied by intricate percussion rhythms. A message of peace and unity is at the heart of Sufi mysticism and music.

Performer and teacher Tahir Qawwal has spent many years immersed in the tradition of Qawwali, in the homes of his esteemed teachers and at mehfil (musical spiritual gatherings) in Pakistan. He is well respected for carrying the tradition of Qawwali music to the West, connecting people to a spiritually rich piece of Pakistan. Tahir is also completing a documentary called *Music of the Mystics* – a film about the culture of Qawwali. A selection of footage from the movie will be screened at Friday night's concert and contains deep seeds of wisdom from Sufi masters and beautiful videography of scenes at shrines and sacred music gatherings.

Tell me about your recent tour through India, UK, and the US & Canada. How different is it presenting Sufi music in each of these places?

More and more my international audience is Indian and Pakistani. They have enthusiastically welcomed me into the role of carrying Qawwali music in the West and they can get quite wild at my group's performances.

In the US and Canada this year we played at very diverse places such as the Aga Khan Museum

(Toronto), the Lincoln Memorial in DC and throughout the colourful festival scene.

Of course it is always meaningful to play at the Sufi shrines in India and Pakistan wherein the spiritual culture around the music has developed for hundreds of generations.

Why do you think it is so well received in western countries who may have previously had little contact with Sufi music?

It isn't – until they hear it. Somehow this music speaks to people's hearts, giving expression to a longing that is hard to convey in words. Also the passion and rhythm of the style is uniquely attractive to a primal place within all people.

What does Sufi music offer people that is different from what is usually available?

Most music we hear today is very produced and there is progressively less room for improvisation and spontaneity. In Sufi Qawwali there is a really broad range of tonal and microtonal expressions, so it is really interesting to listen to.

I would love to know about your meeting with Deepak Chopra and Chris Martin.

Chris Martin has been an enthusiastic fan since he saw my group's recent performance in Los Angeles. I didn't know actually who Chris Martin/Coldplay was until after the show when one of my bandmates asked me: 'Did you recognise that guy who was dancing wildly for half the show? Well, that's Chris Martin.' It wasn't until I was hanging out with him just before his Brisbane show that I realised just how popular he is! Reckon there is a collaboration bound to happen soon.

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Deepak and I recently shared a stage at the Science of Non-duality Conference in America, where he read Sufi poetry as I sang.

How has being a sufi musician changed your life? How did you come to find that particular path?

It's a long story of how I found this path, but... it certainly offers me an important outlet from which to express divine love, longing and awe.

Can you tell me a little about the upcoming documentary on the tradition of Sufi Qawwali?

Over the past 15 years of studying in India and Pakistan with the greatest masters, it was a natural inspiration to share that otherwise unseen world with the West. The film (*Qawwali: Music of the Mystics*) has been an overwhelming side project to touring, yet when the audience sees the film excerpts (on 6 Jan) the importance of this bridging will be more than apparent.

How do you think this will break the judgments about spirituality in Islam... what are the main negative judgments? What does the non-Islamic world not understand about the true nature of Islamic faith?

Among muslims there is a 'heresy' called Sufism, and the Sufis know that there is no separate self to surrender to God, there is only God.

Through the narrations of the mystical musicians in the film, the value of the religion as well as the transcendence of it flows seamlessly for all to appreciate.

I don't know the judgments people have about Islam (I don't watch the news, luckily). The best way to honestly understand each other beyond the rumours is to actually open ourselves to experience each other directly.

What kind of experience do you offer for our region, a very white, predominantly non-Muslim place, but at the same time with a very open and spiritual heart?

Sufi Qawwali isn't sectarian and doesn't have a moral agenda. For my community, I want to share in a devotional atmosphere and appreciate this wonderfully sophisticated music. People here are very open to spiritual music, yet don't necessarily get exposed to or seek out cultural music that is rooted in deep tradition. This annual gathering brings together all the best Indian and Pakistani Qawwali artists of Australia as well as Sarangi master Sangeet Mishra of Mumbai for a heartfelt night of music, dance and film.

Friday at the Byron Theatre, 8pm. \$25/30, tickets and info on tahirqawwal.com.

Live Music



HELLO TUT TUT AT THE TREEHOUSE IN BELONGIL ON FRIDAY

TUT TUT!

It's been a quick ascent for Melbourne's freshest gypsy band **Hello Tut Tut** as they've gone from playing frosty morning markets and quirky cafes to some of Melbourne's most iconic venues around town. Although it's early days, it can be safely said that Hello Tut Tut leave patches of sweat and odours that smack of a good time in their wake. Over the last six months this juicy six-piece of gypsy jivers has brought nights to staggering starts and chaotic conclusions, whether it be on the grungy dancefloor of Bar Open, under the olive trees at Farouk's Olive, or by the red-and-white checkered candle-lit tables at Open Studio. Their enthusiasm for embracing any opportunity to put on a high-energy show has seen them gaining a reputation as head turners, jaw droppers and gypsy beat boppers. They play the **Treehouse** in Byron on **Friday**.

THE SOUND OF CHOCOLATE

Liquid Chocolate is a Byron Bay nightlife evolution. They infuse celebration with sensuality and a touch of semi-sacred ceremony. Co-creating a seductive blend of boutique beats, deep dance space and, of course, liquid chocolate. Featuring **The Human Experience** direct from the USA.

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THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

I looked at their sweet young-people faces. It's like they haven't grown their adult faces yet. They are ripening fruit on the adult tree, the faces not quite assembled into the look that they will carry through in life. It's like when you open the oven for muffins and they've all puffed up to the top. Pull 'em out of the oven, let 'em drop and they're ready to eat. I on the other hand am one of those muffins that's been on display since Monday. Still available for purchase, but dry.

Not these little muffins. These happy muffin faces are full of optimism. They're not worrying about putting their tax in. Or mortgage payments. Their biggest outlay would be paying the plan on the latest iPhone 7. They won't be facing the

pension assets tests for decades, and when they do, thanks to an over-inflated housing market, the poor little fuckers won't have any assets. They can't even afford to move out of home now.

I can tell they all still live at home. It's why they're so excited about being 'OUT'. They're not being told to unpack the dishwasher. Their tiny shorts are all ironed. Some still have that overly nurtured look you get when Mum licks your hair down. Some of them have mums and dads waiting for them in the carpark. They're bouncing around the site. And they also appear to be heat resistant. Even the ginger ones. Although some are striped so vividly red and white they look like the uneaten side of a tub of neapolitan ice-cream.

I want to pinch their cheeks. Now that I am ageing and my cheeks have sag instead of puff I understand why old ladies pinch the chubby cheeks of children. It's impossible not to. They still have all their own collagen. Lots of it. Little fat faces all swollen with youth, and hope and promise. That will go soon enough. Nothing like a few years of disappointment to get the puff out of your face and into your arse. Some still have acne. I don't want to tell them the sad truth. When the acne goes the wrinkles come. Their livers still function at peak levels. And they can stay in tents. Without complaining. They think it's fun! Shitty sun-exposed tents randomly pitched around a field near a road. Unbelievable! Old women like me can't stay

in that kind of accommodation. We need 1,000-thread sheets and king-size beds. Air-conditioning, room service and quiet. I dream of a day when the promoters hold a music festival at a five-star resort. Chairs. Sit-down gigs. A selection of fine wines. And no more than 200 people at each concert. And all of them freshly washed.

I never used to be like this. I used to be like them. The old lady in me feels a strange maternal fondness for them. It all lies ahead for them. Life hasn't happened yet. These are like soldiers before they are sent to battle. They haven't witnessed the horror. Or the wonder. They're about to enter the frontline, and I'm about to leave it.

Ironically I'm meditating on this as I trip on uneven ground. It hurts. I don't bounce. I thud. The next festival I'll be going to won't be Falls Music; it will be Falls Prevention. Ah, the circle of life. Happy New Year.

Nothing makes you feel older than going to a music festival. Earlier this week I immersed myself in a sea of side boob, front boob and under boob at Byron's Falls Festival. In fact I think they should consider rebranding it The Byron Side-Boob Festival. There's just so much of it.

It was an interesting exercise for a woman in the last year before she hits 50. I have never felt more like Stifler's Mum. Perhaps slightly less predatory, but only slightly. I think it was the first time I've actually felt my age. In fact, if you wanted an experience to make you feel like some sort of decaying artefact, then this is

the one. It was like being an Avatar. A really, really old one. I also attained magical powers of invisibility. I tested it by exposing not just side boob but whole boob. Nothing. I swear they could have walked right through me. Some did. Chubby-faced little darlings. It hardly seems possible that they would be allowed out on their own. They're still babies. It wasn't that long ago they were in their little walkers, or sitting up in high chairs being fed. I could imagine them with their spray-tanned little legs hanging down, faces smeared in avocado.

TUNING INTO THE FREQUENCY

The good people of **Earth Frequency** present a little prequel to their massive event scheduled for **Ivorys Rock** over **17-20 February**.

On **Sunday 12 February**, 6pm-12am at the **Byron Community Theatre**, you can experience an intentional exploration of visionary music

and art featuring a visionary art gallery, dance temple and artist talks. Presented by Sonic Temple and Harmonic Spaces, expect a sonic journey with international artists Desert Dwellers, Quanta, Naasko, Dakini and a visual feast by Colli Elder, Randal Roberts and Morgan Mandala, Michael Garfield, Adam Scott Miller, Izzy Ivy and more. Tickets at byroncentre.com.au.

LOOKING THROUGH LENNON'S GLASS ONION

Lennon: Through a Glass Onion is back in Australia following their sensational 16-week season in New York. Created and performed by renowned Australian actor/musician John Waters and esteemed singer/pianist Stewart D'Arrietta, *Lennon*:

Through a Glass Onion is part-concert, part-biography and features 31 iconic hits including Lennon solo works such as *Imagine*, *Woman*, *Working Class Hero* and *Jealous Guy* and Lennon's collaborations with Paul McCartney, including, *Strawberry Fields Forever*, *Revolution* and *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*. **Saturday 28 January** at the **Byron Community Centre**. Tickets at www.byroncentre.com.au

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Live Music

HENDRIX OF THE SAHARA



PARCELS – AT BYRON THEATRE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY

LAST PARCELS BEFORE BERLIN

Since landing back on home soil **Parcels** has released a cracking new track, *Older*, which has been picked up by Triple J (worldwide first airplay), Sydney's FBI Radio and Brisbane's 4ZZZ to name a few. 'People seem to be liking our new track, *Older*, over here too. It received a bit of Triple J love and the song has a somewhat sunny feel to it, which obviously makes sense in Australia. It's so nice to have positive feedback and we really appreciate the support from all angles.' After the Australian tour wraps up the **Parcels** boys are headed back abroad where they will launch straight into another tour to support **Two Door Cinema Club** throughout Europe. They play the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre on **Saturday**.

GIVING THE NEW YEAR A NUDGE

Nudge into the New Year at the **Billinudgel** on **Sunday** and help the **Cunning Stunts** surpass December's donation of \$4,000 that they raised for **You Have a**

Friend. The January **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** features an amazing lineup starting with Mullumbimby based DJ **Morrisboy** aka **Trent Morris**, who'll be kicking off this New Year Nudge with his eclectic grooves. Followed by sets from beloved **Cunning Stunts** DJs **Dale Stephen**, and **Lord Sut** taking ravers through to the final DJ of the day **Nick Field**. Originally from England and now based in Bali, **Nick** is a true legend on the decks who has his own sound influenced by his loves of disco, electro and house. With almost 25 years' global DJing experience, you should not miss his set! January's event will raise money for local not-for-profit **Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre's More Than a Meal** program, which is in immediate need of funding. In 2016 they were able to serve 12,500 meals to community members and help many with social isolation and improving their overall wellbeing. Ensuring they can continue to do so in the new year is a priority. Food carts, an outside bar and amazing raffle prizes all contribute to this not-to-be missed **FREE** event that the first Sunday of the month has become. **Billinudgel Hotel** from 2pm till 4pm.

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OFTEN REFERRED TO AS 'THE HENDRIX OF THE SAHARA', VIEUX FARKA TOURÉ WAS BORN IN NIAFUNKÉ, MALI IN 1981. HE IS THE SON OF LEGENDARY MALIAN GUITAR PLAYER ALI FARKA TOURÉ, WHO DIED IN 2006.

Vieux's live performances are nothing short of breathtaking – highly energised, and dazzling crowds with his speed and dexterity on the guitar, and his palpable charisma.

Join us at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall for an unforgettable musical experience with **Vieux Farka Touré**, son of the late legendary Malian guitar player **Ali Farka Touré**.

How do you get your guitar to sound like that?

There are two things – the first is the picking style that I use which is based on traditional style of northern Mali. I play the low string repetitively with my thumb. This acts like a bass guitar. Then on top I will solo all with my index finger. I only use these two fingers, the thumb and the index finger, to play the guitar. Also responsible for my sound is the Roland Jazz Chorus amplifier. I always use this amplifier and it is its strong chorus sound that gives me my own sound on the guitar, in combination with my style of finger picking.

Does music have a big role in Malian culture?

Yes of course! Music is the probably the most important part of Malian culture. Without music, we are dead. It is our deepest pride. For every occasion and at all times in Mali there is music.

When did you begin playing the guitar?

People do not believe this, but I actually began to play the guitar later in my life, when I was twenty years old. I started in music as a drummer and calabash player. I did not start guitar until I was in university.

Who has been the most influential musician to you?

Well, my father **Ali Farka Toure** of course. Since my birth I have been looking up to him to follow his example. But there are others who have had a very big influence on me, such as **Toumani Diabate**, who is like my godfather. He was the one who mentored me early in my career.

What musical styles you like to listen to when you're not playing?

I am a big fan of the blues and of traditional music from across the Sahel. There is a style of music in Mali that is traditional for the hunters – very simple, very profound. I love to relax and listen to music like this.

How was it to growing up with such a well-known and -loved musician as a father?

Well it was an extraordinary blessing for me, of course. To be the son of **Ali** is a great pride for me because **Ali** was such an exemplary person and musician. Of course there is also a lot of pressure because people will always compare me to him and in private I am expected to provide for the family the same way that he did. A lot, a lot of pressure. But I got my talent from him and my mission in music and in life, and these are blessings that I would not trade for anything.

Do you have any words of wisdom for young people of today?

Young people should pay attention to their history and their culture because without this knowledge you cannot realise your full potential. You must understand where you come from in order to have the knowledge of where to go and the power to get there. I think today young people are very capable but many do not pay attention to their roots and this makes them lost souls in the world.

What should we expect for your local show?

A big dance party, I hope! I love to bring a lot of energy and make people smile and dance. This is what I hope for at every show.

Mullumbimby Civic Hall on **Thursday**, 7.30pm. Show details and tickets at www.redsquaremusic.com.au.



From medical student to self-sufficient homesteader to a dedicated member of **Ananda Marga**, the man called **Dada Gunamuktananda** has been on a quest to discover his true self. Since 1995 he has taught meditation in New Zealand, Australia, Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

What is this thing called true self? Does self or truth even exist?

It's the essence of yourself. Your inner self. Your greater self. We are one with it, just as a wave is one with the sea. Even though the wave is an individual for a brief time, it is essentially one with the sea forever. But to try to explain it is futile. You have to find it within yourself. You have to rediscover it – realise it – in order to attain what you are ultimately looking for.

How do you know when you've found it?

In the same way that you know that the sun has risen after a dark night. There is no doubt about it. All the knowledge of the universe comes to one who is self-realised, including the knowledge of self.

How do you know when you are operating out of your 'false' self? What are the signs?

All the signs of everyday life: the false perceptions and assumptions and other mistakes that we make on a day-to-day basis. You can assume that until you are self-realised you are operating out of your false self. In fact not so much false self, but incomplete self, or reflected self. It's like always looking at a reflection of the moon in a lake or puddle instead of looking straight at the moon.

What caused you to take such an unconventional path?

I was looking for a deeper meaning in life; a purpose beyond all the purposes that we are conditioned to believe are our primary purpose. But really all those are just secondary to the primary purpose of self-realisation. Only self-realisation can give us what we ultimately want: the permanent experience of perfect peace and contentment; infinite happiness, bliss.

What drives you on a daily basis?

The conviction that there is a deeper reality within which we exist and the realisation of which we are all moving towards in the gradual and inevitable consummation of our deepest desire: that of infinite happiness: bliss.

Are you a happy person? Does it matter to be happy – or have we over-invested in this concept?

On the whole, yes. But it does not matter in the overall scheme of things to be happy each and every moment of our lives. Because often we will be working through issues that are unpleasant or painful. This is part of the process, part of our journey. This is the process of working through our karma so we can purify and expand our minds to experience the infinite. What ultimately matters is that we are working towards a state of permanent and infinite happiness.

What inspires you most about people?

Everyone is a manifestation of consciousness, an expression of the divine. What inspires me about people (and also animals and plants) is when I see the divine shining through in their divine qualities. Even not-so-divine qualities are expressions of the cosmic drama, or play, and so are also entertaining, if not inspiring! The more one evolves on the spiritual path the more one sees all of creation as an expression of the cosmic consciousness. The greater your expansion of mind, of self, of consciousness into the infinite consciousness, the greater the radius of your love. You see all as beautiful manifestations of divine love.

What are you going to offer at Starlight Festival?

My mission is practising and teaching meditation, because I believe that meditation will give individual fulfilment and make for a more peaceful world. So my colleague **Didi Ananda Devanistha** and I will be teaching meditation, offering group meditation sessions and giving meditation intros and guided meditations in order to impress upon the participants the importance of regular and sustained meditation practice in one's daily life. We will also be giving a guided meditation to lead into **The Bhaktas**, who are a devotional trance duo of **Ananda Marga** who have especially come over from Germany to perform at this festival and our own **Bliss Festival** prior to **Starlight**.

Dada Gunamuktananda is one of the many featured presenters at **Starlight Festival** at the **Bangalow A&I Hall Thursday-Sunday**. For more information go to starlightfestival.com.au.

Read the full interview at: www.echo.net.au/discovering-your-true-self-at-starlight



Stars with Lilith

New year's auspicious kickoff features optimistic Uranus in Aries, followed by a trio of planetary warmth in Pisces. ... Enjoy!

♈ ARIES: Uranus heading direct in your sign opens a yellow brick road into the coming year, with its wakeup call to ditch outdated clothes, stuff, attitudes, plans and ideas. But review first, then rejuvenate – make the transition sensible, systematic and practical. And stay cool during late-week fiery Aries Moon/retro Mercury provocations.

♉ TAURUS: If this new year leads you off the beaten track, those unusual new acquaintances could become lasting friends and allies. ... So far, so fabulous. But when your power planet Venus meets up with Mars in soft-hearted Pisces later in the week, best think twice before getting enmeshed in other people's troubles.

♊ GEMINI: Home's where the Gemini heart is this week, wherever that is for you. If your main planet Mercury retrograde stirring up emotional waters is causing domestic unrest and confusion, think things through before taking action. Then cut to the chase with some honest, heart-to-heart discussion. Simple and direct is best.

♋ CANCER: After new years eve's wild and wonderful impracticalities, this week's dreams work best when they're teamed with reason. Some people are playing a part: think masked Venetian carnival. Maybe just for fun, maybe not – but can you really trust them? You might want to remove those rose-coloured specs.

♌ LEO: Trickster Mercury's still retrograde this week, so don't forget to charge your batteries and back up devices. And keep your wits about you, because there's plenty of random charge in the atmosphere. But when your power planet Venus meets up with Mars in soft-hearted Pisces later in the week, best think twice before getting enmeshed in other people's troubles.

♍ VIRGO: Virgos prefer things neat, clear, orderly and organised: *Is* dotted, *Ts* crossed, to-do list ticked and everything in its place. This week's more likely to be full of flux, mystery and unanswered questions. If you feel like you're heading into the same old familiar terrain yet again, trying a radically new approach is highly recommended.

♎ LIBRA: After a joyful introduction to 2017, this week's energising tying off loose ends so you can zoom into the new year unencumbered. Keep plans and ideas at the cooking stage for as long as possible: investigate, network, brainstorm and research, preferably until late-January new moon.

♏ SCORPIO: Hard lines soften for this week's melty merge into new year's high aspirations, deepening connections and fresh-fuelled resolutions. Mercury retrograde's a perfect opportunity to review, assess and critique Capricornian themes like rules/expectations that feel harsh, outdated or controlling. Transformation's around every corner if you're ready for it.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: If this week's new year cheer dissipates into slippery misunderstandings, there are plenty of planetary allies to guide you through. Mercury retro in your sign can be crazy-making, but Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus help broker peaceful agreements concerning personal needs, and Pluto pulls focus from other people back home to where it belongs – with you.

♑ CAPRICORN: There's a wealth of inspirational ideas flying round this week in search of grounding. Retro Mercury's still playing funny business with arrangements, and Pluto's involvement can add emotional history on top of that. But there's excellent potential for positive turnarounds, even in the most ancient, crusty situations.

♒ AQUARIUS: With your sponsor planet Uranus in Aries – the go-ahead sign of fresh starts – building a harmonious bridge between past and future, the force is with you for a feel-good cruise into the coming year. Cosmic conditions are optimum this week for easily making large and lasting upgrades.

♓ PISCES: Venus joining Mars and Neptune for a planetary party in Pisces is a cosmic trio guaranteed to shake you into a tumble and spin cycle of offers and options. Not easy to know which direction to go, but that's exactly what you're being asked to do – choose. Wisely and well...

CULTURE

EARTH FREQUENCY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Earth Frequency Festival are gearing up for an inclusive event this February with the inclusion of The Family Realm, a large, shady area in the centre of the festival dedicated to providing a safe space for families to play, rest, create and learn together. Featuring Bella The Bookworm, Boys in da Boo, Krazy Koala Puppet Show, Daniel Wheeler and much much more. The organisers realised that in order to keep up with the amazing growth of this space and to ensure that we can continue to provide quality workshops, entertainment and professional staff, as of 2017 there will be a \$20 participation pass for the Family Realm per child. The Family Realm participation fee is being implemented to ensure that enough materials and professional staff can be made available to cover the growing interest in the space from all the beautiful Earth Frequency families, and to help us estimate the number



DRAGON & DONKEY FEATURE AS PART OF SHREK THE MUSICAL

of children that we will be providing for. Earth Frequency is held at **Ivorys Rock 17-20 February**. For more info go to earthfrequency.com.au.

SHREK THE MUSICAL

The world's most beloved and only green ogre, star of film and stage, is coming to Ballina Players Theatre in *Shrek the Musical Jr.* His story has been called 'the greatest fairy tale never told'. *Shrek the Musical Jr* was inspired by the Oscar award-winning Dreamworks Animation film *Shrek*. It and its sequels became the highest-grossing animated franchise ever.

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** on **13-15 and 18-22 January**. Book online at ballinaplayers.com.au or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440 (a booking fee applies).

THE LOOK OF THE TASTE OF LOVE

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. The Festival commences Friday morning on **20 January** at the **Byron Bay Community Centre** and runs until Sunday evening on **23 January**. For more program and ticket information go to tasteoflove.com.au.

TIMBER ART

Murwillumbah-based artist **Amelia Reid** will be showing new timber assemblage work at **Byron Bay Brewery** during **January**. Sourcing materials from local scrapyards, demolished houses and renovations in the area, Amelia's minimalist and totemic hanging sculptures question ratios of domesticity and wildness in the home and self. Amelia recently exhibited at the Regional Arts Australia conference Artlands.

FLICKERFEST TURNS 26

This year marks the 26th year for the Academy-accredited **Flickerfest International Short Film Festival**. Bringing a cache of world-class films to its home ground (Bondi Pavilion)

this year and then embarking on a national tour that takes in more than 50 venues, ensuring that cutting-edge film makes it to regional areas. The committee this year have watched and reviewed more than 2,400 entries from across the globe, of which just 100 are seen in the official screening. The uniting force among the shorts screening at the 2017 Flickerfest Festival is their ability to push the conventions of film and narrative to deliver surprising, exciting and groundbreaking results across animation, documentary and every genre in between. Festival director Bronwyn Kidd was there when it began as a small festival at Balmain High School in 1991 and she says: 'Short film continues to excite and thrill me year after year, and I still strongly believe shorts are the perfect vehicle

for our latest generation of storytellers to cut their teeth and express the stories at the heart of who we are. Every year I am moved, surprised and inspired by the films raising the bar for what is considered "the best" in short film. The imagination and creativity showcased throughout Flickerfest highlights the role of short film as one of the centrepieces of innovation and creativity in global cinema today. This year Flickerfest comes to the Mullum Civic Hall from Friday 27 Jan till Sunday 29 Jan and features Best of the International, Best of Australian Shorts, Short Laughs Comedy and Byron's All Shorts. Full program, information and bookings: www.iq.org.au. Doors Open: 7.30pm nightly (and 1hr prior to daytime sessions). \$50/40 Festival Pass.

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Got a bitchin' middle-aged woman in the house? Then send her out for the night to be entertained by two overworked, underpaid, overwhelmed women, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs, in their show **Women Like Us!** Nothing brings out the resentment more than the Xmas period and what better way to shake it off then with a

laugh. 'The other day I packed the dishwasher five times before any of my kids had got out of bed,' says Nolan, seething with rage. 'Thank god my life is meaningless, otherwise I'd have the shits!' These two hardcore comedians drill down to the rockbed of reality; if you don't laugh, you'll cry. So join in the fun at the **Ballina RSL** for two hours of comedy power on **Friday**. Show at 8pm. Doors at 7.30pm and tickets at ballinarsl.com.au.



There are few comics with the tenacity and killer instinct of Austen Tayshus. The comedy superstar who first came into being in 1981 has the ability to take a room hostage just with his tongue. He's the closest thing the Australian comedy scene has to its very own Bill Hicks. Topical, dangerous, irreverent, he's the high priest of satire, unflappable and relentless. Every Austen show is unique. He has the ability to weave current politics, what's happening in the room, philosophy, anthropology, religion and, of course sport, and let's not forget the pope, into one gag. *The Echo* spoke with the comedic high priest of controversy to find out just what makes him tick... or ticks him off.

If I had an hour alone with Donald Trump I would tell him how great I am, how I avoid paying tax, how politicians are all full of shit, how funny I am, how that hair is fucked, and how full of shit he is and how I should be president instead of him because I would make hundreds of commitments that I would not honour.

Something that people don't know about me is that I am a deep thinker. My shows are really transformative and redemptive. They rely on an audience's adaptive capability in dealing with a multitude of alternative realities. The resemblance to historical anecdote remains the singular modality of which I am most conscientiously proudest.

If I had the chance again I would drive for Uber or Islam. Or both.

When I offend people I seem to offend those who really want to be offended. Good luck to them!

The weirdest gig I have done was recently in the town of Tumburumba. I asked the audience if they knew of the actor Scene Connery. In unison – they were mostly Scottish – they screamed, 'it's not Scene, it's Shawn!'. They didn't stop screaming until they had chased me out of town. I knew what it was like to be a frightened Jew in a German town in the 1930s.

Being super rich is no longer just a dream.

The pope really needs to stop chasing young boys and chill out.

My perfect day would include a lot of Thai women.

When I am not on stage I am either barking like a dog or upsetting Nicole Kidman. I say to her Giveitaway giveitaway giveitaway now!

The movie I have loved most is *Bad Day at Black Rock*.

The movie I hated most was *Triumph of the Will*.

The biggest dickhead I met last year was Peter Fitzsimons.

If I had my own TV show, Wil Anderson would not be on it. Wil he just go away!

I am proudest of my ability to improvise on stage. I have concentrated on developing this skill for the last 40 years and last night I nailed it. Wil Anderson gives me the shits.

You should come to my show, because if you don't the room will have one less person.

Austen Tayshus appears with Mandy Nolan at the **Byron Services Club** on **Monday**. Doors 7pm. Show 8pm. Tickets \$20/25 at the club or online at mandynolan.com.au.

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Cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



ALLIED

A decent spy thriller with red herrings and an ending that you can't pick is a welcome standout in the tsunami of kids' flicks and mind-numbing sci-fi that prevail at this time of year. Max (Brad Pitt), a dashing Canadian who looks gorgeous in a dinner suit, and Marianne (Marion Cotillard), a member of the French Resistance, are posing as a married couple behind enemy lines in Casablanca (they're a bit like Rick and Ilsa, only with guns). After assassinating the Third Reich's ambassador to Morocco, they find that they are truly in love, flee to London, get hitched and start a family. Things start to go awry for their happy-ever-after when the Secret Service become suspicious of Marianne. They believe that she is not who she claims to be and that instead she is a double agent sending messages back to the Krauts. If this is the case, Max himself must execute her – and nobody is better suited to present the ultimatum than the wonderful Simon McBurney as the soulless precursor to Fleming's M. The question is then asked of Max – 'whose side are you on?'; as his wife is set up in a sting that will reveal her true identity. Pitt and Cotillard are absolutely convincing as the doting couple (notwithstanding a quite tepid sex scene) and Steven Knight's screenplay squeezes them tighter in its vice-like grip at every turn. Veteran director Robert Zemeckis, because he's an old hand in special effects, cannot resist the temptation to indulge in a few episodes of elaborate, cartoonish violence – the murder of the ambassador followed by Max and Marianne's escape from the compound is particularly well done, if a little graphic for those not into sprays of blood – but the story is told with unflinching integrity. Atmos and period are beautifully created – although Casablanca's streets have probably never been so clean – and a German bomber shot down during the Blitz and crashing into a field next to Max and Marianne's London home is fab.



LA LA LAND

This is a stylish, handsomely designed retro-musical with a classic boy-meets-girl through line, albeit leading to a peculiar post-modern, 'sliding doors' conclusion. Whether it is worth anywhere near the 8.9 average vote on IMDb's viewers' poll, however, is problematic. Too often I found myself sitting with glazed eyes, underwhelmed by the time-honoured 'chase that dream' formula and, in all honesty, I left thinking that it was not much better than merely okay. Rose-coloured glasses are all well and good (essential, maybe, in this monochromatic age), but when donned by filmmakers who are keen to revive Hollywood's golden era, self-reference too often slides into galling self-reverence. And it is no different here as Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), the unappreciated muso committed to his belief in pure jazz, and Mia (Emma Stone), the struggling but talented actress wanting that big break, cling to their starry hopes. Unfortunately, apart from Justin Hurwitz's haunting but over-played theme, there is not a decent tune that stays in your head and the dance routines, though intricately choreographed (and shot in clinical one-takes), are not enough to lift proceedings above the banal – and what on earth were they thinking when they dressed Stone in that vomit-yellow dress for the couple's (rather mechanical) pas de deux? Stone looks unhealthily skinny throughout, which only accentuates her unsettling, enormous doll's eyes, while Gosling's understatement seems at odds with the aimed-at

ebullience. Aurally, I'm not sure what Damien Chazelle's intention was, but on a number of occasions there are the most ear-splitting noises that take you out of the moment – Sebastian's loud car horn (three times it assaults the eardrums, and it's not a bit funny), a brain-piercing smoke detector that goes at least a dozen beeps too long, a high-pitched trumpet squeal that is entirely counterproductive to Sebastian's missionary zeal for the music he loves so much. It's all a bit try-hard, with an ending that wants to be profound but just limps into the credits with a lingering sense of 'so what?'

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- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8.30PM **VIEUX FARKA TOURE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **YOLANDA MOYLE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**

FRIDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DRUNK MUMS, DRAGGS, GALAXY GIRLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GOODRICH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MICKA SCENE** 9PM **BANG GANG, RITON, NICKY NIGHT TIME**
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SATURDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BOO SEEKA, SHAKE & BAKE, LYALL MOLONEY, GOLD MEMBER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **TIM STOKES BAND**

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- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **SHOTGUN DUO**

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- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **CLIFF FLETCHER**
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- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
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SUNDAY 8

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **KIMMY & CREW**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT** 8PM **SNEAKY SOUND**
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MONDAY 9

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **4'20' REGGAE**
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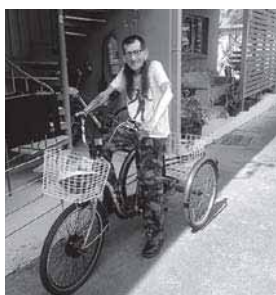
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PETS



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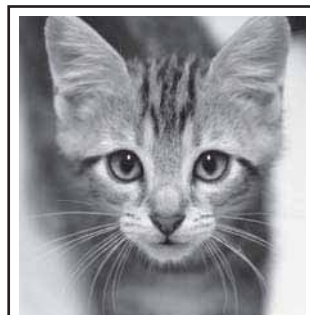
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To meet Luna & her kittens, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

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Shout-out to all low maintenance friends,
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MONTHLY MARKETS

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

JANUARY 2017
Astronomical data and tides

☉ First quarter	January 6	06:46
☾ Full moon	January 12	22:33
☽ Third quarter	January 20	09:13
☀ New moon	January 28	11:07

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 S	0551	1947	0817	2150	1120,1.71; 2329,1.21	0422,0.26; 1745,0.33
2 M	0552	1947	0914	2231	1159,1.68	0503,0.30; 1826,0.33
3 T	0552	1947	1011	2311	0014,1.21; 1239,1.63	0548,0.36; 1909,0.34
4 W	0553	1947	1109	2349	0105,1.21; 1323,1.56	0640,0.43; 1957,0.35
5 T	0554	1948	1208		0205,1.23; 1414,1.48	0741,0.50; 2050,0.34
6 F	0555	1948	1309	0029	0313,1.28; 1513,1.40	0854,0.55; 2147,0.32
7 S	0555	1948	1411	0109	0425,1.37; 1620,1.34	1015,0.57; 2246,0.29
8 S	0556	1948	1515	0152	0534,1.49; 1730,1.30	1137,0.53; 2344,0.24
9 M	0557	1948	1620	0239	0636,1.63; 1840,1.28	1251,0.45
10 T	0558	1948	1725	0330	0733,1.75; 1942,1.29	0038,0.18; 1355,0.36
11 W	0559	1948	1828	0427	0826,1.85; 2037,1.30	0130,0.14; 1450,0.28
12 T	0559	1948	1927	0527	0915,1.91; 2127,1.31	0219,0.11; 1540,0.23
13 F	0600	1948	2020	0629	1001,1.92; 2215,1.31	0307,0.10; 1626,0.21
14 S	0601	1948	2108	0732	1046,1.89; 2300,1.30	0353,0.13; 1710,0.22
15 S	0602	1948	2151	0834	1128,1.82; 2344,1.28	0439,0.20; 1751,0.26
16 M	0603	1947	2231	0933	1207,1.71	0523,0.29; 1831,0.31
17 T	0604	1947	2307	1030	0029,1.25; 1245,1.59	0608,0.40; 1910,0.37
18 W	0604	1947	2342	1124	0115,1.22; 1322,1.46	0657,0.51; 1949,0.41
19 T	0605	1947		1218	0210,1.20; 1401,1.34	0752,0.61; 2032,0.45
20 F	0606	1947	0017	1310	0315,1.21; 1452,1.23	0900,0.69; 2124,0.47
21 S	0607	1946	0052	1401	0425,1.25; 1555,1.16	1022,0.71; 2221,0.47
22 S	0608	1946	0129	1453	0530,1.32; 1704,1.12	1142,0.68; 2319,0.45
23 M	0609	1946	0207	1544	0623,1.41; 1810,1.12	1245,0.62
24 T	0609	1945	0249	1635	0710,1.50; 1904,1.15	0011,0.42; 1336,0.55
25 W	0610	1945	0334	1726	0751,1.58; 1950,1.18	0055,0.37; 1418,0.47
26 T	0611	1945	0422	1815	0831,1.66; 2031,1.23	0135,0.32; 1456,0.41
27 F	0612	1944	0514	1902	0909,1.71; 2112,1.27	0213,0.27; 1530,0.36
28 S	0613	1944	0609	1947	0946,1.75; 2151,1.30	0251,0.23; 1606,0.32
29 S	0614	1943	0706	2030	1024,1.77; 2231,1.33	0330,0.21; 1641,0.29
30 M	0615	1943	0804	2111	1100,1.77; 2313,1.36	0410,0.22; 1718,0.27
31 T	0615	1942	0903	2151	1139,1.73; 2357,1.37	0452,0.25; 1756,0.27

Times are Eastern Daylight Saving.
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Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	1800 423 431
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Clubbers win 20/20 cricket comp



The Clubbers and Silly Sloggers enjoyed a tight final in the Ocean Shores Brunswick perpetual 20/20 competition in November 2016. Photo supplied

Ben Kelso

The perpetual Ocean Shores and Brunswick 20/20 cricket competition for 2016 was won by The Clubbers and also raised \$4,600 for charity.

Throughout November on Friday nights and Sundays, four cricket teams from the Ocean Shores area have been battling it out in the annual 20/20 cricket competition.

The perpetual trophy was won by The Clubbers in a very tight final against the

Silly Sloggers in front of many locals who had come to enjoy the atmosphere and sausages.

This year as a gesture of love and support the group was able to raise and donate more than \$4,600 for Colleen Cook and her children after her husband, and friend to many, Grant Cook tragically died in a football game in Murwillumbah in September.

A massive thanks must go the Mullumbimby/Brunswick Cricket Club for their equipment and support. To

Salumi who donated their spectacular sausages for the whole month of the event, and who are truly inspiring with their generosity across so many community projects.

To the Ocean Shores Country Club for their extremely generous cash donation and to all the participants and spectators who took part.

It was a massively enjoyable month with so much good coming out of it, and the 20/20 Committee hopes to see you all again next year.

Pro surfers deliver in 2016



Matt Wilkinson surfed into fifth place on the world tour last year. Photo Rip Curl

Crystal Cylinders

What a year 2016 was for surfing around the globe with some groundbreaking performances, new opportunities for women, huge swells and the inclusion of surfing in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic games.

John John Florence and Australia's Tyler Wright ran away from the field to post early and well-deserved world titles and continue to raise the level of men's and women's high-performance surfing in both small and big waves.

Earlier in the year at the Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau we saw huge swells pulsing into Wiamia Bay as 25,000 spectators lined the headland-to-headland arena

to watch the biggest waves in the 31-year history of the event with John John Florence taking the win.

Female surfers were for the first time invited to compete on the WSL big wave tour with their own division in giant waves at 'Jaws' on Maui. They exceeded expectations as many had never surfed 'Jaws' previously and showed extreme courage silencing the keyboard critics with some big drops and spectacular wipeouts.

The WSL world tour for men wrapped up last week at the Pipeline Masters with Michel Bourez from Tahiti victorious.

Florence also won the Triple Crown of Surfing for his overall results at the three events on Hawaii's North

Shore.

Our local pro surfers fared well with Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson finishing fifth in the world after leading the title race for the early part of the year and then surfing under an injury cloud for most of the second half.

Lennox Head's Stu Kennedy missed out on a possible rookie of the year award but secured a berth on the 'Dream tour' by finishing in 19th position. Adam Melling from Lennox Head also surfed most of the year with a serious injury and missed out on qualification after seven straight years on the Championship tour. Melling said he will hit the QS tour in 2017 and try to get back on the CT as he feels his best surfing is still ahead of him.

Simple etiquette for great surfing



The glory of a morning surf at Wategos Photo: Hugh Kelloway

Max Perrot

With some of the loveliest and cleanest beaches in Australia people from all over the planet come to enjoy the Byron Shire.

The area is becoming known for having one of the most diverse populations of surfers in the world, as on any given day you will see all types enjoying their water time with a mashup of ages, genders, surf craft and fashions on display.

Visitors looking to enjoy a surf should follow these helpful tips to make their stay a safe one, as the most easterly point on Australia the Bay is exposed to ever-changing conditions and strong cur-

rents and swells:

Are you and all your family good swimmers? If not then you should only swim between the red and yellow flags at a patrolled beach where the professional lifeguards and volunteer life savers can keep a watch, and offer safety advice.

If you are an experienced and fit swimmer or surfer you still need to proceed with caution. Be aware that near headlands and outcrops of rock there often hidden rips and currents.

Trying to swim or paddle directly against these rips and is almost impossible even for the fittest person so watch the experienced surfers and observe their entry and exit

points before paddling out.

It is crucial to remember that a surfer riding a wave always has right-of-way over those paddling out.

Don't paddle for a wave and 'drop in' if someone is already riding it.

Use a legrope and hang onto your board rather than throw it behind you when caught inside by a set; loose boards can kill.

If you are a beginner you should first get a few lessons with an accredited surf school and following that you should be in the whitewater zone rather than where all the experienced surfers are, as you will have much more fun and avoid a nasty injury.

Juniors collect sports award

Ross Kendall

Gabriell Stanek (Alstonville High) and Ebonie Cooper (Ballina High) were local winners of NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association annual Blues awards.

At a presentation ceremony held in Sydney in early December, Gabriell's skill in triathlon was recognised while Ebonie was a standout performer in athletics-para.

A 'blue' is the highest sports award handed out by the state sporting body.

In the North Coast Combined High Schools Sport Association (NCSSA) awards for 2016 the open boys touch Knockout team from Tweed River High won the School Sports Team of the Year.

Jessica Srisamruaybai, also from Tweed High, received a citation award from the NCSSA for lawn bowling.

Jarra Sherlock and Millicent McCourt from Byron High received citations for jiu-jitsu.



NSW Blue winners at the Sydney ceremony. Photo Supplied

In the primary school awards local students were recognised for representing their sport with distinction.

These include: Claudia Annett (Terranora), swimming; George Cooper (Eltham), softball; Oliver Mason (Eltham), athletics; Cairn Larrescy (Tyalgum), athletics; Finlay Neylan (Ocean Shores), athletics; Charlie Ormiston (Ocean Shores), cross country-para; Timothy Yeung Packer (Byron Bay), tennis.

Recognition awards also went to: Cori Hardy (Byron Bay High), athletics and hockey; Zoe Hurley (Alstonville High), basketball; Jayden Lynch (Alstonville High), rugby union; Kate Marshall (Tweed River High), netball; Liam Scanes (Tweed River High), athletics and tennis; Hayden Tolard (Tweed River High), touch and rugby league; and Jakira Toniello (Lismore) cricket and softball.



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 www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

Landcare

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

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets

Tight squeeze, close call



According to our informant, Sonya Wright discovered this flying fox in the coils of a python and called Australian Wildlife Rescue to see if they could help. Fortunately for the flying fox the python decided to let it go and slithered away. By the time the rescuers arrived the flying fox was already recovering and they took it away for more care. Photo Sonya Wright

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: brunshschool@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

Brewery art exhibition

Murwillumbah artist Amelia Reid new timber assemblage work at Byron Bay Brewery during January, opening night Wednesday 4 January, 5.30–7pm.

SMART Recovery

SMART Recovery support group sessions assisting people with problematic behaviours, weekly on Mondays 10.30–12 from 9 January 2017, 121 Ballina Street, Lismore.

Refugee support

Our local Byron group has been supporting refugees held in detention in Bali. We have been successful in providing much-needed friendship and support such as milk for the babies, clothes, books, toys and art materials for the children. Please join our group 'To Bali With Love Supporting Refugees in Detention' Facebook

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? **AI-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

U3A discussion group

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

Quota Club

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

Spanish conversation

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

Men's Groups

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

Repair Cafe

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

Rainbow Dragons Abreast

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on

page and if you are travelling there please take some donated items to Bali. Contact Judy 0405 463 663.

N'hood Centre news

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre will be closed until January 9. Activities will start from 9 January, call reception for details 6684 3295. Please, no donations during our closure.

Byron library fun

Tuesday 10 January at 10.30am – Scrafito! Unearth mystery images for children aged five and up. Wednesday 11 January at 10.30am – Build a giant marble run. For children aged five and up. Friday 13 January at 10.30am – Marble run fun! For children aged three and up. Friday 20 January at 10.30am – Mystery celebrity magician! Bookings required for all activities on 6685 8540.

Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerratiz01@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.

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

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

CoDA

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

Byron FLEA

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

Bridge Club

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

Byron Girls Group

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

Bay Community Singers

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

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

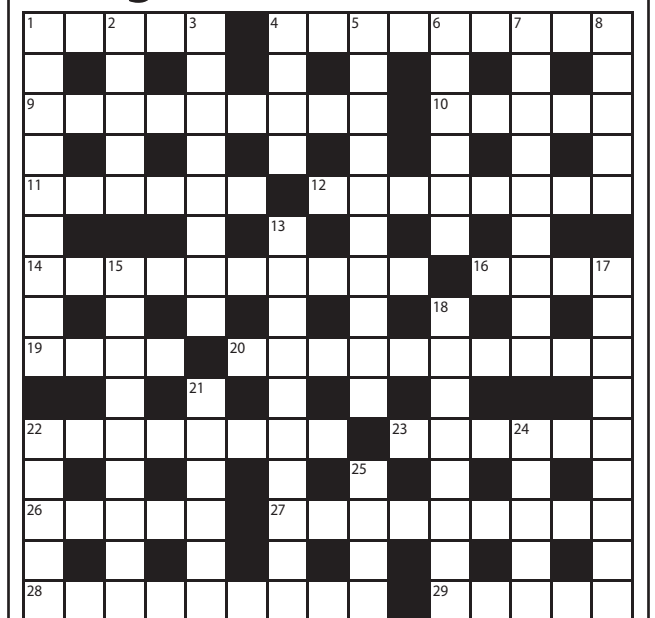
Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am–1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5–7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday–Saturday 9am–noon.

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.

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Grey, like a chook (5)
- European epitaph mid-month for this Athenian playwright (9)
- Thus I object to the paper – occasionally (9)
- Good bye – a thousand gone to the lawmaker of Athens (5)
- Roman poet brings hydrogen peroxide to his people (6)
- This Roman poet cut us all, unfortunately (8)
- The biggest portion of Orleans – his plunder (5,5)
- Look after intelligence (4)
- Turn around drinks, turn around (4)
- Eye catching advertising for Gaslands (4,6)
- This Greek playwright takes a stroll around the North (8)
- This Greek poet takes juice with Vietnamese noodles (6)
- Princess grabs fashionable Indian dress (5)
- A short book for tot, eleven roughly (9)
- This Greek playwright needs a small bribe, with a hundred in the pits (9)
- Break apart the Croatian city (5)

DOWN

- This Greek playwright provides shy clues, a tricky device (9)
- This Greek poet gains wild applause at the World Series (5)
- Take heed, check out the wallet (8)
- It's a novel measure, mother (4)
- Truants are running Tetsuya's, perhaps (10)
- Englishman holds up American South – the animal! (6)
- James's detective makes a meal of it, with a legal mess in the middle! (9)
- Evil American can be painful if blocked! (5)
- Fraudulent tent healer – it goes on forever! (3,7)
- Running charges, ring up for a classic dish ... (5,4)
- ...a meal one way not to be trusted! (9)
- Swamps contain a hundred and fifty wonders (8)
- Popular princess takes a turn to dye (6)
- Moumful, I'm upset about this Greek king (5)
- Favourite, a large member of the corolla (5)
- God returns self-drive car (4)

Quick Clues

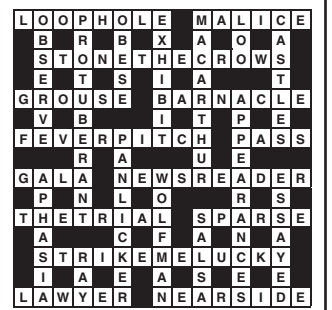
ACROSS

- Grey, often from fear (5)
- Greek playwright, author of *The Bacchae* (9)
- Occasionally, sporadically (9)
- Greek philosopher-king known as the lawgiver of Athens (5)
- Roman pet, also Rumpole (6)
- Roman poet, lover of Lesbia (8)
- The biggest portion (5,5)
- Consciousness, intellect (4)
- Rotate, revolve (4)
- Form of advertising using gas-filled glass tubing (4,6)
- Greek playwright, author of *Dyskolos* (8)
- Female Greek poet from the island of Lesbos (6)
- Indian loin cloth (5)
- Short work of fiction (9)
- Greek playwright, author of *King Oedipus* (9)
- Cleave, break apart (5)

DOWN

- Greek playwright, author of *The Oresteian Trilogy* (9)
- Greek poet, author of *The Iliad* (5)
- Wallet, container for paper money (8)
- Novel by Jane Austen (4)
- Eating house (10)
- Australian or American marsupial (6)
- P D James's inspector Adam ... (9)
- Nasal cavity (5)
- Infinite time; the everlasting (3,7)
- Classic French first course for a meal (5,4)
- Criminal, untrustworthy (9)
- Wonders, supernatural occurrences (8)
- Deep blue dyestuff (6)
- Legendary Greek king with the golden touch (5)
- Section of the corolla of a flower (5)
- Drive-yourself car hire company (4)

Last week's solution N158



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Family Fireworks

Family Fireworks, Banner Park, Brunswick Heads Saturday 14 January at 9pm. Woodchop carnival follows, 18–21 January.

Food Box update

Food Box at the Mullum Uniting Church will re-open on 19 January.

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Holy guacamole, we made it to 2017 down through the sad alley of deceased icons. In this week's editorial on page 10, McDuck tackles the upcoming year of the Red Fire Rooster, among other things. Happy new year to all our readers and advertisers – we intend to keep the bespoke eccentricity coming for you.

Another sad story in relation to dog attacks can be found in Barbara Turner's letter on page 12. And further to our *'Backlash* on nuisance dogs last week, a reader rang to say that anyone bitten by a dog should sue the owner. He was bitten about ten years ago, went to hospital but got gangrene from the bite. He found out that if a dog owner has house or contents insurance, and their dog bites you, by seeing a solicitor you can sue the dog owner and, if they don't want to pay, recover the money from their insurance company. This applies if the dog bites someone inside or outside the gate. Of course this tactic offers no relief if the owner does not have insurance.

The news that Byron Palace Cinema is unlikely to re-open until March 2018 is pretty astonishing, though Pighthouse Flicks probably won't mind. In addition, the cinema business model is under threat from video streaming, the producers of which are making high-quality series with good actors and smart writing. Sitting in one's armchair with a nice glass of red while the computer or TV streams away has its advantages over a cinema with aircon too high, unidentifiable odours, punters talking loudly or rustling in



The look-at-me gen were out in force at this year's Falls Festival where glitter is the new black and face paint is the 2017 sunscreen. Photo Tree Faerie

chip packets and youngsters who think the back of one's seat is the ideal place to rest their sneakers. *Fortune* offers an interesting article 'How Netflix Became Hollywood's Frenemy' by Michal Lev-Ram on the rise of the stream engine at <http://bit.ly/flixstream>.

In our front page story last week about life savers we described the rescuer of a young Swedish woman as Graham Corley. We are told it was in fact Barry Corley. And a reminder to overseas visitors: Australian surf can be very dangerous, so please swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.

We're assuming that in artisanal Byron Shire a few people got drones for Christmas. Filmmakers find them very useful for overhead tracking shots and perverts can spot the best clothes lines for snowdropping. However, there are safety rules related to flying drones and fines up

to \$5,000 may apply. See the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's information sheets at <http://bit.ly/casadrone>. We're

not sure if strapping your chihuahua in a WWI fighter pilot leather helmet onto one is covered.

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