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## A very important paddle



A swim at the Mullum Pool on Saturday raised \$1,980 towards a legal fund to defend the ever-increasingly endangered Great Barrier Reef. Swim for the Reef is raising funds for community legal group QLD EDO, who, with enough money, can challenge greedy sociopathic corporations and governments in court. Apart from land-clearing and industrial farming, more (mostly) foreign-owned mines are planned, which further threaten the reef. Co-organiser Josh Scott Jouir said, 'The combined total of money raised by all of the teams in QLD and ourselves [so far] is \$58,764 and they are still swimming!' Pictured are some of the younger participants: Ember and Freeman Nichols and Jamal Winter. For more info visit [www.swimforthereef.org.au](http://www.swimforthereef.org.au). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Affordable housing dispute over?

It appears a long-running dispute over a Mullum affordable housing DA will be resolved via a conciliation conference between developer Koho and Council.

A Land and Environment commissioner visited the Stuart Street site on January 24, which gave an opportunity for residents to make their case against the development.

But at this stage, Koho has told *The Echo* that they have agreed with Council's proposed consent condi-

tions. Previously Council staff had recommended a ten-unit design for approval, which was initially approved by Council.

However, after a number of rescission motions it was finally refused.

At the November 17, 2016 meeting, the mayor used his casting vote – with an absent Cr Cameron – to approve the development and to delegate authority to the general manager to enter into a conciliation agreement.

While it's unlikely to appease residents calling for its outright rejection, Koho director Adam Bennett-Smith said, 'After receiving a concise list of facts and contentions prepared by Council-appointed planning and heritage experts, Koho was able to respond with a revised design consisting of eight units with density reduced to comply with the Byron Shire LEP without relying on a density bonus afforded under the Affordable

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## Australia/Survival day

There are many events being held throughout Byron Shire to celebrate Australia Day on January 26, with most towns and villages participating.

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson has told North Coast ABC he would like to see Australia Day celebrated at dusk on January the 25. 'It is time for a mature debate about the most appropriate time to mark the occasion,' he said.

### Brunswick Heads

In Brunswick Heads, a breakfast hosted by the Mullumbimby Rotary Club will be held in the Housie tent, Banner Park, from 7.30am till 10am.

A free bus will travel from Mullumbimby Newsagency at 7.30am, courtesy of Blanch's Coaches, and will return to Mullumbimby at 10am.

Breakfast is just \$4 and there will be free Australian flags and live music.

### Mullumbimby

The official ceremony, hosted by the Brunswick Valley Historical Society, will be held from 11am till 1pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club.

There will be a citizenship ceremony and an Australia Day address. Community awards will be given to citizen of the year, young citizen of the year, sportsperson of the year, community event of the year, volunteer of the year and environmental volunteer project of the year.

At the Mullum Pool, the Brunswick Valley Historical Society, Mullumbimby Pool and Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce will host celebrations from 3pm till 6pm. There will be a barbecue, inflatables, thong-throwing contest and buskers.

### Byron Bay

A breakfast next to the Byron Bay Surf Club, Main Beach, will be hosted by the Byron Bay Rotary Club from 7.30am till 11am. There will be light refreshments, free Australian flags and live entertainment.

Also in Byron Bay, Survival Day will be held at Main Beach from 11am till 3pm. Acclaimed percussionist Greg Sheehan and his Out of Order group is just one of the acts who will perform. The formal welcome to country by Arakwal Bundjalung spokesperson Delta Kay will be held at 12.30pm. There will also be dance troupes, a barbecue (by donation), a Sisters for Reconciliation info and product stall, cultural and kids' activities and free Aboriginal and Islander hand-waver flags.

### Suffolk Park

A fun afternoon is planned by the Byron Rural Fire Brigade from 12pm till 5pm at Gaggin Park on Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. There will be a free sausage sizzle, celebration cake, drinks, free Australian flags, children's entertainment and music.

### Ocean Shores

A barbecue, hosted by the Ocean Shores Community Association, will be held from 3pm till 5pm at the Ocean Shores Public School.

Mullet throwers will again compete for the Australia Day world championships, starting at 3pm. Practice time is from 2.30pm. Categories include men, women, under 15s, under 10s, girls and boys and pre-school. Barbecue from 5pm.

■ Information on the events from [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

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## Making space for art



Mullum-based artist Cyd Crossman is the first Byron School of Art (BSA) painter to take advantage of the new Byron Quarter exhibition space. The reception walls of the Byron Street accommodation building will house a rotating display of BSA students and tutors. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Byron gets its tantric on



Touted as Australia's biggest tantric festival, The Taste Of Love was held last weekend at the Byron Community Centre. Where else can you learn – in a group – about ejaculation control and shamanic breath work? Pictured are Christine Borco (dancer and compere), Sam Pemberton (sound therapist), Robyn Dalzen (women's empowerment), festival director Marion Ellyard and Ron Van Twuiver (body-based therapist). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Child saved from drowning

A toddler was revived after almost drowning in the Brunswick Heads river by the quick actions of an English visitor, who also happened to be a nurse. Witness Victoria Carrington told *The Echo* that last Tuesday January 17, 'Nigel Smith had swum across the Brunswick River, near the bridge and children's park.'

'On his return lap, each time he raised his head from the water to take a breath he noticed a tiny girl moving down the stairs from the play area to the water.'

After seeing her step into the water and disappear from sight, Mr Smith swam to her and dived to the bottom to frantically search for her.

'No-one else on the shore appeared to have noticed,' he told Carrington. 'It took some time before finding her... lying motionless on the bottom, about two metres from the surface. After being brought up, she appeared unconscious... Smith moved his hands to her ribcage and she suddenly shuddered and came to life.'

## Affordable housing dispute over?

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Rental Housing SEPP.

'As a further demonstration of our genuine commitment to affordable housing in the Shire, Koho has agreed for these units to remain affordable in perpetuity rather than the minimum ten years required under the Affordable Housing SEPP.'

'It is our hope that this gesture demonstrates affordable housing through inclusionary zoning, an idea that has been championed by councillor Paul Spooner and supported by the mayor, is most certainly possible. We look forward to the matter being resolved via conciliation, rather than a costly contested hearing

which I believe would not be in the best interests of Council, Koho, or the ratepayers.'

'As a Byron-based designer and investor in permanent rental housing for key workers, the team at Koho is very excited to contribute to increasing the supply of high-quality, well-located affordable housing in the Shire.'

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More for PAC to do: AG report

A commission which oversees major developments in NSW has been unable to demonstrate to the Auditor-General (AG) how statutory obligations are being met with every decision reviewed.

But AG Margaret Crawford wrote in last week's report that decision-making processes for major development applications in recent years have improved, along with 'improved probity measures.'

'More can also be done to improve transparency in decision making and the public's perception of the independence of Commissioners,' she wrote.

The Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) is independent from the NSW planning department, and determines major developments, provides advice, reviews and conducts public hearings.

One of many mighty chops



Former world champ Dale Ryan unleashes on a piece of tree as part of Saturday's standing and underhand combination comp at the Bruns Woodchop. Photo Jeff Dawson

Amalgamation reversal welcomed

A commitment by newly appointed deputy premier John Barilaro (Nationals) that forced council amalgamations in regional NSW would be now unsupported by his party has been applauded by the peak body representing the local government sector.

In a statement last week, Barilaro said it was time to draw a line in the sand on local government mergers, and reminded the Liberal Party that the coalition agreement was 'a blank sheet of paper.'

Local Government NSW (LGNW) president Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM said, 'the strong statement made it clear the deputy premier had not only heard but understood the community during his recent tour of regional electorates.'

Cr Rhoades said, 'These communities are absolutely irate about forced amalgamations, and the proof was obvious at the Orange by-election.'

He reminded the coalition of current unpopular amalgamations, including Sydney and Shellharbor 'who don't want to be forced into a merger with Wollongong,' and Port Stephens and Newcastle.

Claims over solar-run train challenged, again

Residents have again questioned whether a planned solar-powered rail service will be realistic.

Byron Bay Railroad Company (BBRC) plans to run a rail service from near the Sun Bistro on Bayshore Drive into Byron's CBD, and is expecting to begin the service in April.

Belongil Action Group Association (BAGA) and the Sunrise Progress Association (SPA) have told *The Echo* that it engaged a 'specialist environmentally sustainable design engineer' to assess the validity of the claims the train

could be solar powered.

A statement by the group says their expert, Chris Traves from Enertec, a mechanical and electrical consultant, says that 'energy saved from the solar panels and the regenerative braking is a "furphy" if the train operated 100 times per day.'

'We have used this figure as the basis of Mr Traves' calculations because of the developer's verbal confirmation to representatives of BAGA during a meeting in October 2016 that the train could operate up to four or five times

per hour if the demand required it (ie more than 120 trips per day). However, for the purpose of these calculations we will base the figures on 100 trips per day.'

'Mr Traves estimates that, at best, the solar panels and regenerative braking system will only account for 35-40 per cent of the total power required, and that the rest of the power will come from the diesel engine that is installed in the train. However, in reality, if the system is less than ideal in its construction and maintenance, it will only contribute 25 per cent.'

But Elements of Byron resort general manager Jeremy Holmes, who is overseeing the train project, told *The Echo*, 'We do not intend to run the train 100 times per day. There simply will never be that level of demand. What we have proposed is a return hourly service initially, which is 28 one-way trips.'

'Byron Bay Railroad Company will shortly publish more details regarding the solar conversion, including further technical explanation, via [byronbaytrain.com.au](http://byronbaytrain.com.au)'

Labor petitions for de facto bed tax

The operators of holiday-let houses and the tourists who visit them should be the ones helping to pay for local infrastructure, not local residents, according to a petition being circulated by Byron Labor.

The political group is accusing the Greens party of pushing for a 60 per cent rate rise instead of looking at other options.

Byron Labor acting secretary Asren Pugh said the proposed rate rise was a lazy and unimaginative response

from Council leadership 'and it's just not good enough.'

'We have had over 12 years of a Greens party-led council and our local infrastructure is crumbling, our roads are a mess and the only solution that our mayor can come up with is a 60 per cent rate rise for local residents,' Mr Pugh said.

'Nearly 30 per cent of Council expenditure is spent on looking after tourists. It's time to make them pay, not slug residents with

a massive new bill.

'The council should be looking at all other options before raising residential rates. Byron Labor has called for the businesses that benefit from tourists to bear the burden of any increased rate rise.'

**Low business rates**

'We already have the lowest business rates in the region with businesses in places like the Lismore CBD paying double Byron's business rate.'

'The millionaire commercial landlords of Byron Bay can afford to contribute a little more.'

'We also have up to an estimated 1,000 holiday-let houses across the Shire that are taking housing from local people and profiting from tourists.'

'These properties should

be helping fund our local infrastructure and they should pay the increased business rates. If a property is holiday let and AirBnB for more than three months of the year, it is a business, not residential.

'This would act as a de facto bed tax and mean local accommodation providers are paying something to support the tourists they profit from.'

'There are other opportunities that should be looked at by Council, such as increasing parking fees, particularly at popular tourist hotspots like Main Beach and Wategos, that would take the pressure off local residents.'

■ Residents can go to [www.bit.ly/StopTheRateRise](http://www.bit.ly/StopTheRateRise) to sign the petition. Mr Pugh says it will be delivered before the next council meeting on February 2, 2017.

Correction

Last week's story *Main Arm NBN tower not welcome*, incorrectly stated it was an NBN tower.

The *Echo* has since been advised it is a Telstra 4G microwave radiation transmitter.

North Coast news daily: [www.echonetdaily.net.au](http://www.echonetdaily.net.au)

Blisstas Rails gig cancelled

Further to last week's obit on Samba Blisstas founder Paul Barrett, the group's Rails gig on January 26 has been cancelled.

The Dan Hannaford band will be performing instead.



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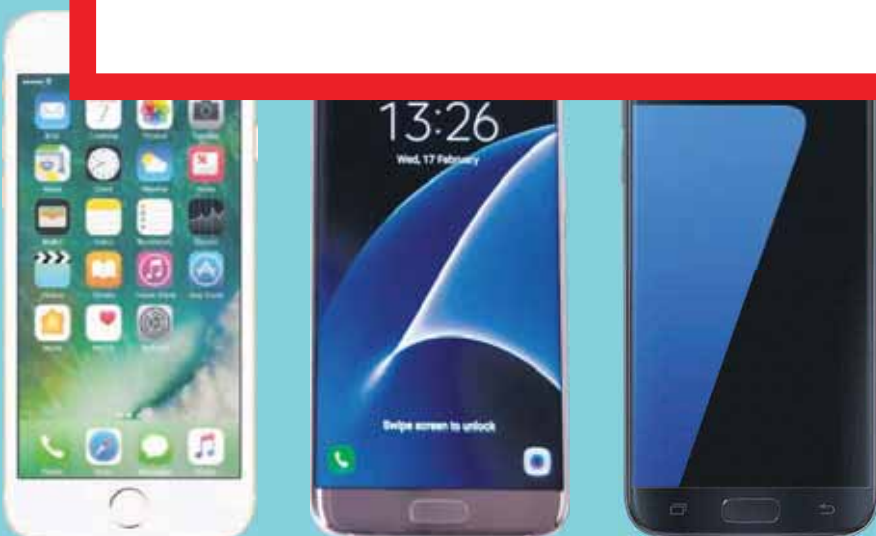
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# Mayoral thoughts on holiday lets

Further to last week's interview with Greens mayor Simon Richardson, *The Echo* presents the second instalment – where is Council's holiday-letting strategy at?

There's no legislation to stop it; as much as Matt Hartley bangs on about it, there's actually nothing.

For example, Randwick [in Sydney] has about 3,000 holiday-let properties.

The state government isn't going to let us ban holiday letting even if we wanted to.

The precinct model was the fairest model I thought – but there was no appetite by the holiday-let organisation, the victims of holiday let or by the state government.

So that was shelved.

I have a friend who holiday lets her garden flat at her Brunswick Heads home, but would like to bring it up to speed to long-term let it. She says holiday lets are a pain to manage.

She makes about \$20,000 a year for it, but it's the difference between living there and not.

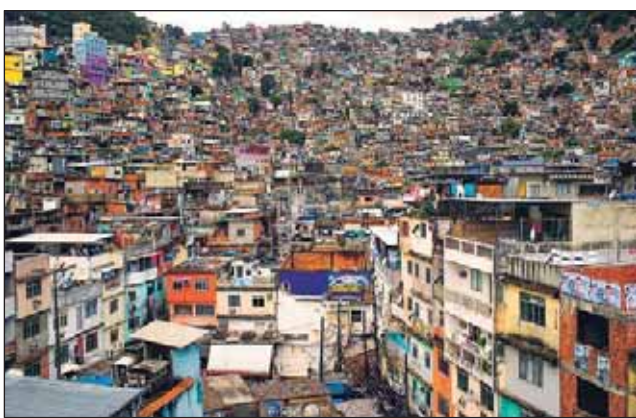
And then there's \$5,000 for cleaning etc. She says if she made improvements with it, she could charge more for it. So there's that aspect.

There's another guy who owns and holiday lets a few 70s-style brick units also in Brunswick Heads. He's making \$40,000 on each of those units. That's very different from a garden flat.

Another friend lives in Byron, and he's holiday letting a unit in Kew [Melbourne].

He says it's easier for him to AirBnB than permanently rent. This a global thing and if we think we can stop it, we are kidding ourselves.

He's got mates who are buying house after house in Byron and then flipping them. [For example] they started by building a secondary dwelling at the back of



Do Brazilian favelas have holiday-letting regulations?  
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their house. That was so successful that he moved into that and rented out his house.

## Destroying the suburbs

He then went on buy the houses around him and is doing the exact same thing with those homes.

My mate said to him, 'You are destroying this suburb. If you and your mates keep doing this no-one will live here.'

It doesn't register until someone says that...

Another friend who is a real estate agent says people are making \$150,000 a year holiday letting.

So when we are talking about holiday letting and housing stock, there are all these dynamics.

We are never going to stop holiday lets that are bringing in \$150,000 a year.

For someone from Sydney who buys a \$2m house on Lighthouse Road, they will holiday let it – and then, on average, they will stop doing that and move there in five or six years. That's what we know around the country statistically.

The horse has bolted on those ones and I can't see any way we can stop that.

But we've been told there's nothing stopping us from

managing holiday letting – ie making someone register – and then we charge say \$30,000 for a licence fee.

That amount could be split, for example, if it's your whole house, like AirBnB split it.

It could be \$20,000 for a home and a granny flat \$10,000.

So that person in Brunswick Heads who is nearly at the point of turning her granny flat into a permanent rental would do that, as there isn't the financial incentive for her to holiday let.

So all of those types of properties will go to long-term rent.

And that guy who's making \$40,000 in Bruns is only making \$10,000 or \$20,000. That might mean it's better for him to long-term rent the properties.

I pitched this idea to staff to look into this and see if we had jurisdiction to set whatever fee we want.

The state government has some control, but with things such as fees and charges, they had no control. So I asked if we could explore that.

## Social interest

The report back basically said no, but as long as you can justify it – and one of the justifications was 'in the social interest'.

That alone is enough.

But we are going to have to employ more planners to deal with holiday-let DAs; we'll have to employ more compliance people... I would argue we will need a big legal fund to defend ourselves.

**Cr Richardson said that in the past, Council's legal challenges for holiday-letting compliance had resulted in a high cost to ratepayers.**

We would choose the most obvious, irrefutable, tightest legal case. We would then take them to court. Two-and-a-half months in, before a judgment, they would withdraw and say they would stop doing it. We then lost our \$50,000 [in legal costs] and then we would try and do it with another one.

Two years and \$300,000 later, we had no finding... so we certainly don't want to go down that path again.

As far as legally proving a holiday let, we would need to actually pay staff to go and book a holiday let. You would then need to interview people coming in the next day.

**Council's short-term rental accommodation (STRA) policy was sent to the state government by the previous council. What's happening now?**

We haven't heard back from the government yet on our [updated STRA] plan, but we are hoping to hear in the next few months.

Previously, the state government rejected the 'three strikes and you're out' rule and a few other things in our plan.

As holiday letting regulation is already happening in other parts of the state, we don't expect any major issues.

Interestingly, two other councils were allowed to include the 'three strikes and you are out' rule but the state didn't agree for us to have it.

## The NDIS rollout brings work opportunities: Byron College

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rollout in northern NSW, scheduled for July 1 this year, means there will be employment opportunities for those trained in the area, according to Byron Community College.

Director Richard Vinycomb says, 'The Certificate III in Individual Support not only gives students the relevant qualifications, it also has a dual stream for anyone wanting to work in aged care.' 'This is a booming sector in the community services and health industry and there is continuous need from industry for more fully qualified people to work in the local facilities in the region.'

Vinycomb added, 'Our tu-

tors currently working in the industry and have up-to-date knowledge and contacts.

One aged-care graduate student, Liz Winter, said, 'I had no idea this choice would transform my life in so many ways. The course was well planned and led by inspiring mentors who had a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and experience. I got a permanent part-time position at a local facility that I absolutely loved.'

'I was offered the job while I was on work experience.'

Eligible students are heavily subsidised by the NSW government, says Vinycomb.

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## Traffic disruption

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## Bushwalkers rescued from Mt Warning

Police are reminding bushwalkers to read and follow warning/information signs posted at the Mount Warning carpark after two bushwalkers were rescued from the summit on Friday night.

Heavy rain and poor light

made it too dangerous for them to climb down the mountain, say police, and after calling for assistance, the bushwalkers were rescued at around 9pm with the assistance of police, SES and VRA.

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## Councillor weighs in over spat

Cr Paul Spooner, who ran on a Labor platform for Council, has come to the defence of staff and Greens mayor, Simon Richardson.

Last week, *The Echo* reported on the division that had emerged between former Greens councillor Tom Tabart and the mayor, with Tabart claiming that governance was never the mayor's strong point.

Cr Paul Spooner told *The Echo*, 'While it's kind of amusing to see a Greens ex-councillor have a public stoush with a current Greens mayor, it also points to a problem with the Greens party – they often can't see the forest for the trees.'

'This Shire has much bigger issues to deal with than whether Simon is meddling in the day-to-day operational matters of Council.

'Deciding on an appropriate rate determination comes to mind.

'I would prefer Simon to be focused on the work of a mayor that really matters – 'to be the principal spokesperson of the governing body, including representing the views of the council as to its



Byron Shire councillor Paul Spooner.

Photo by David Hancock

local priorities,' (section 226, *Local Government Act 1995*).

'This includes representing our community priorities to both state and federal governments so that maybe, just maybe, we can get some things done.

'The day-to-day running of the council should be left in the hands of the general manager. That's what he or she is employed to do.

'For a mayor to get his hands dirty in this way will lead to staff confusion, re-

sistance and policy inaction.

'Not the sort of outcomes our community elects its representatives to achieve.

'I have now watched Simon in his role as mayor up close for over four years.

'I believe we are lucky to have him as mayor.

'While I don't always agree with his priorities, I do believe he understands the proper role of mayor as

leading the policy arm of Council.

'He understands the role of the elected body of Council is to employ and supervise the general manager – not do his job for him.

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'Section 335 of the *Local Government Act 1995* reads, 'The general manager of a council has the following functions:

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# Water mining looms as next battle after CSG

Luis Feliu

A public meeting at Uki last Wednesday night revealed a groundswell of widespread discontent around the Tweed Valley over proposals for large-scale extraction from bores of water which would be bottled and sold.

Uki Hall was packed with around 200 people who are against a controversial plan by a former state-government minister to extract water from a bore on his property to sell to a bottling company.

But locals from Dungay, Bilambil and Urliup also vented their anger at plans currently before Tweed Shire Council for contentious major water extraction in their neck of the woods.

Many at the meeting told several Tweed Shire councillors who attended that underground water supplies belonged to the whole community and should not be sold.

The meeting was sparked by the return of a development application, now before Tweed Council, by Rowlands

Creek Road property owner and former Labor government minister Jack Hallam.

His plan is to extract 24 megalitres of water a year from the bore on his property to sell it to the bottling plant.

The proposal is for up to three loads a day (six trips), six days a week from 7am till 6pm by large semitrailer tankers (2.5 metres wide, 28,500 litres capacity) to the commercial bottler and distributor.

The bore is licensed by the NSW Office of Water for 25-megalitre extraction.

## Sold to Coca-Cola?

A resident told *The Echo* that 'This is about commercially extracting our water to enable the likes of Coca-Cola to bottle up in plastic, make massive profits at the cost of the environment.'

'Massive water tankers driving continually along quiet country roads, possible water shortages, more and more non-biodegradable plastic bottles and the shocking list goes on.'

Another said, 'Now that

the battle against coal seam gas mining in the Tweed has been won, is the next battle for residents and communities going to be "water mining"?

'It's going on right under our noses in Tweed,' she said, warning that the Urliup Road proposal of around 60 megalitres a year was 'equal to 60 million litres of water from the water table.'

'What must this be doing to the creeks and springs that feed the surrounding rainforest and vegetation? One would think it would be doing more harm than good.'

Submissions for the Uki proposal close on February 1, while the Urliup/Bilambil and Dungay Creek applications for similar proposals have been exhibited and are due before Council soon.

Greens mayor Katie Milne, who was unable to attend the meeting, has vowed to back community opposition, while deputy mayor Chris Cherry spoke against the plan.

■ Hallam's application closes February 1 and is available at <http://bit.ly/2k8xKoG>.

# Resisting the corporate coup d'état

Richard Hil

Comb-over man is destined to take America and indeed the entire world down a very dangerous path.

The initial burst of capital investment in roads, bridges, airports etc (and boost to the conscience-free stock market) will be followed, according to Nobel prize-winning professor Robert Shiller, by an economic meltdown attributed in large part to Trump's promised deregulatory policies and radical protectionism.

Shiller has likened Trump to former laissez-faire advocate, US president Calvin Coolidge, whose six-year tenure ended with the 1929 financial crash.

The progressive commentariat are of course predicting

the worst because they can only go on what President Trump has promised to do – even though you can't trust a word he says.

The question facing all progressives is how to counter what, in effect, is a lurch toward neo-fascism or, more accurately, what Naomi Klein describes as a 'corporate coup d'état'.

In the US, this will mean the consolidation of corporate power and profits, and an unprecedented assault on the poor and marginalised.

There are close parallels with the US in Australia: wage stagnation, growing inequality etc.

The public disenchantment with economic and political elites, indeed with democracy itself, is there for

all to see. These are extremely worrying times given that the conservative right is making a concerted pitch for political power in Canberra.

This has to be resisted, but how? You can give your support to the Ngara Institute, which is taking on corporate rule and offering alternatives to neoliberalism.

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■ Richard Hil is from Ngara Institute: [www.nga-rainstitute.org.au](http://www.nga-rainstitute.org.au).

# The Incorruptible premieres Jan 25

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razor-like wit cuts to the quick of Australia's political past and helps us to understand our current malaise as a nation. For more visit [www.drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://www.drillhalltheatre.org.au).

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# Opportunities and issues for the most easterly chamber

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High rents, high business turnover and the ever-increasing presence of franchises over local businesses are just some of the challenges that face the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Nonetheless, chamber president and realtor Gail Fuller sees this as an opportunity to bring communities together and work towards a mutually beneficial future for both Byron Bay and the broader Shire.

'We are trying to bring different chambers together. It's about picking up the phone and inviting them to events,' she said.

With approximately 150 Byron businesses as members, Ms Fuller sees the primary role of the chamber as 'a conduit to Council'.

'For example we had a call from some local businesses opposite Woolies about dust and dirt being raised from a site nearby that was affecting them and their customers. I called the general manager and within two days the issue had been dealt with.'

Over the years rents have risen alongside the popularity of the area, contributing to the high-turnover of businesses in the town. 'We are losing about 20 to 25 per cent of businesses a year,' said Ms Fuller. 'A lot of businesses are really on the bone. When you are paying between \$4,000 and \$10,000 a month for rent, it's a lot along with insurance, staff etc.'



From left, Leah Kapral and Gail Fuller from the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Rental prices are also compounded by the significant franchise presence in the Bay. 'This is leading to a lack of diversity and the culture of Byron is disappearing because of it.'

For some of the franchise businesses having a presence in the Bay is more about brand recognition, so the high rental prices are worth the cost.

## Masterplan

As part of the Byron Bay masterplan, there are smaller shopfloors being planned at the back of the Lawson Street car park. This idea aims to encourage more of the Bay's artisan community back into the town.

Leah Kapral, chamber executive officer, highlighted the fact that many of them have been pushed out of the main centre into the industrial estate owing to high rental prices.

Similarly some of the landlords who don't live locally are not concerned about the impact high rents have on the community at large.

## Reduced rent

'My past landlord reduced rents across the board by 25 per cent,' said Ms Fuller.

'He knew we were all suffering with the economic downturn and it was his way of contributing.'

However, it is not only rents that lead to high turnover. Ms Fuller pointed out that many new businesses don't do enough due diligence before opening up shop in the Bay or give enough thought to whether the products they are trying to sell are meeting a demand in the market.

Running a range of events throughout the year, the chamber is looking at ways to engage both the broader business and residential communities. Looking into the

future, Ms Fuller highlighted the need to create a range of opportunities – not just in hospitality – but for employment, especially for the youth in the area.

'We are definitely trying to get that engagement,' says Ms Fuller. 'We are looking at ideas for events, such as the best of Byron, to draw them together. From agriculture, retail, artisan and the industrial sectors, they need to get to know each other.'

## Changing dynamic

The changing dynamic of the population is another element that needs to be engaged with. 'There is a large group in their 50s and 60s who are buying in from the major cities,' Ms Fuller says.

People who are just wanting to find out about what is happening in the town and region are welcome to come and participate in the chamber events, from the breakfast with the mayor to business after-hours drinks.

'We are planning to have a theme [at business after hours] and showcase award-winning and successful local businesses. There are international businesses that are topping the world here in the industrial estate – let's showcase them. It is about business and community working together and learning together,' said Ms Kapral.

■ For more information on the chamber of commerce and upcoming events, visit [www.byronunited.org.au](http://www.byronunited.org.au).

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# Straya day

Australia Day. Across a vast land with a multicultural populace, it means different things to everybody.

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Yet for Indigenous people, it's Survival Day.

It's a reminder of the 1788 invasion by the British and the subsequent program of genocide, segregation and assimilation.

More than that, Survival Day highlights that the brutality and dispossession are yet to be acknowledged formally.

And while there has been some progress with land rights, Constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is obviously the mature direction to be heading.

Especially given this year also marks the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum that enabled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be 'counted in reckoning the population' within the Constitution.

In late 2015, the Referendum Council was jointly appointed by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Labor's Bill Shorten.

The council comprises a stellar lineup of Indigenous luminaries and former politicians, who claim they will 'build upon the extensive work' of previous panels and committees.

So far, the council have come to basically the same conclusion as previous panels and committees that existed years before them.

Their final report is planned for mid-2017.

Two changes to the Constitution are canvassed, which can only occur by referendum.

First is repealing section 25 of the Constitution. Currently that section allows a state to ban a race from voting – seriously.

The Council also suggest that Section 51 (xxvi) be replaced.

According to academic website *The Conversation*, Section 51 (xxvi) was included 'to allow the federal parliament to discriminate against certain groups on the basis of their race – for example, by restricting their freedom of movement, or by confining them to particular occupations.' Author and UNSW Law School lecturer Paul Kildea says on theconversation.com that, 'Even if the Constitution's two existing references to race were removed, the federal parliament would still have power to pass laws that discriminate against Indigenous people.'

Meanwhile, there is debate within the Indigenous community over the merits of a treaty. Canada has one, as does New Zealand.

But what of a Bill of Rights? Despite many similar western democracies having them, that idea was eventually unsupported by the previous Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in 2015.

That report reads: 'Bills of rights have been proposed in parliament but have failed, with attempts to introduce a bill of rights in 1944, 1973, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1988, 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2008 all failing to pass.'

With the minor parties holding the balance of power in the federal senate, it's worth looking at where they stand on Constitutional recognition. The Greens (nine seats) and Nick Xenophon's Next party (three seats) recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Australians and support Constitutional recognition.

The Jacqui Lambie Network (JLN) are also supportive of Constitutional recognition and support the New Zealand model of 'dedicated Indigenous seats being established for Australian Parliaments.'

Derryn Hinch's Justice Party has no Indigenous policy on its website, but does advocate for equal rights, albeit in light detail.

One Nation (four seats), led by Pauline Hanson, have no policies on Indigenous people on [www.onenation.com.au](http://www.onenation.com.au). Likewise, The Liberal Democratic Party, led by the extremely unpleasant David Leyonhjelm, do not mention Indigenous people on their website.

As perhaps the oldest known peoples on the planet, recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is long overdue.

It's a discussion that goes well with a flag and a snag.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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# Breaking Baird with a Turnbull reshuffle

So the NSW premier Mike Baird is gone – gone, but not forgotten, at least to his friend and fellow cornstalker Malcolm Turnbull, who has lost a trusted and dependable ally in the moderate faction of his factionalised state, as well as a personal friend.

The two have had their differences, notably over Baird's proposal to increase the GST and his government's insistence that the full Gonski funding should be reinstated, but the relationship has always been amiable and usually productive, even in the acrimonious atmosphere of the regular COAG meetings.

Certainly the prime minister has been effusive, praising the departing premier for his remarkable leadership and playing a great innings; the state and the nation, Turnbull enthused, owed the departing premier a great debt, and he was not referring to the financial one his own government has incurred.

As he showered Baird with good wishes there was no hint of insincerity.

But apart from his regret at losing the nearest thing to a mate among the premiers, Turnbull must be feeling more than a little conflicted, because the inevitable comparisons that will be made between the two leaders will not be in his favour.

The two had a fair bit in common: both rose from a business background, both were impeccably credentialed Sydney silvertails and both, after a relatively short time in their respective parliaments, rose quickly to the top.

And having reached the top, they were immensely popular: it appeared that they were untouchable, invincible, towering over both their own parties and lacklustre Labor oppositions.

There were, of course, prob-

lems: both were resented by the hard right Liberal rump and some of the Nationals and both had to contend with minor parties who held the balance of power in their upper houses. But neither would have anticipated the plummeting in the opinion polls that left both their governments far too close to the edge for comfort.

Thus the similarities: but the big difference was the manner of their descent from the heights. In Baird's case it was being too

fle. And thus from both Macquarie Street and Capital Hill disappointed voters have drifted away, not necessarily to Labor, but to all kinds of snake-oil messiahs who offer the action – any action – they crave. Thus both Baird and Turnbull ended up surrounded by the Hansonites, the Shooters and Fishers, the Xenophonites, the Nileists and other equally absurd fringe groups which they must either ignore or placate, both seriously unpalatable options.

rein in the cost of services. Only a major increase – a doubling, as I have long advocated – of the levy will have any real effect; pruning costs and cutting services will only make things worse, in terms of both policy and politics. But that kind of fiddling is precisely the Turnbull-Hunt method, and we can expect it to continue.

The move of the terminally forgetful and still vulnerable Arthur Sinodinos will be otherwise unremarked, but the promotion of Ken Wyatt as our first Indigenous minister is at least of symbolic significance.

Wyatt succeeds on his own merits, but will always be suspected by the hardliners – he may remember the downfall of our first Indigenous parliamentarian, Neville Bonner, who was dumped from preselection by the warlords of the QLD Liberal Party many years ago.

In any case the shuffle is no more than a stopgap: there will have to be more to come, even if the real swamp dwellers like George Brandis and Peter Dutton are regarded as protected species. But Tony Abbott will remain pawing at the starting gates. Despite the ringing endorsement of Pauline Hanson and the continuing promotion by *The Australian's* Simon Benson, who is apparently moonlighting as Abbott's part-time press secretary, the former king remains unwanted – definitely more quondam than futurus. On that score Turnbull has been decisive. But it was not nearly enough to turn the continuing malaise into a successful week.

Turnbull may console himself with the thought that if he stayed up to watch, from a safe distance, the inauguration of the most loathed incoming president in American history, at least he is not the least popular leader in the civilised world. Yet

*On the surface, Hunt and Turnbull are a good mix; for starters both sold out on serious action on climate change.*

by Mungo MacCallum



decisive: too many tough decisions, which in the end proved too radical for a conservative electorate to stomach. The obvious ones were the greyhound ban, the council amalgamations and the lock-out laws, but the fallout from the big infrastructure projects which followed the controversial sale of the poles and wires of the electricity grid did not help: the West Connex and light rail projects have produced hassles.

Too many ideas, many of them good ones, but implemented too quickly and without enough consideration. Shades, perhaps, of Gough Whitlam or Paul Keating – other short-term reformists that Turnbull sees as object lessons for political disaster if prolonged incumbency is more important than achievement. And for this reason, perhaps, Turnbull's fall was the opposite of Baird's – too cautious, too dithering, too reluctant to embrace the high ideals he promised when he was anointed.

In Baird's case it was all go; in Turnbull's it has been all waf-

Baird decided that enough was enough: his family issues were more serious than the ongoing frustrations of the bear pit. Turnbull stumbles on, but, so far at least, with no real plan to end the impasse. And last week's mini-shuffle is unlikely to make any significant difference.

Turnbull has selected Greg Hunt as his troubleshooter to manage the perpetually fraught area of health – an area that has always been a Labor stronghold, long before (and, one suspects, long after) the so-called Mediscare campaign of the last election. On the surface, Hunt and Turnbull are a good mix; for starters both sold out on serious action on climate change, and both of the disciples of Dr Faustus are fixers – more interested in cutting a deal than in achieving real results.

Hunt has already signalled a willingness to move to a more Americanised system, but, confusingly, unfreeze the Medicare rebate. The latter is an obviously necessary, if belated, move, but one which will do nothing to

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## Further adventures of Tom and Simon

■ Oh dear, Tom (the terrible) has once more upset Simon (the likeable) and I really wasn't really trying to. My fault for not making clear what was for publication.

On the other hand we have learned Simon and Ken are 'besties' and Simon is happy to leave all governance to Ken, confident that there is nothing untoward going on in the bowels of the organisation (check the sewerage systems).

I get my information from current and former staff and the community and (paranoid as Simon thinks I am) this is not the situation. 'Smoking guns' are rare, as whistleblowers are the first casualty of their disclosure.

Simon's characterisation of my terms on Council as only a relentless and futile pursuit of imagined 'baddies' in the staff I feel sells me a little short but others may care to comment.

Certainly I reacted to information received but I found the system had a self-protection system; the GM negated any embarrassing enquiry by appointing people responsible for the complaint area to investigate, the results were always predictable.

I was, however, influential in the establishment of the (now tamed) Internal Audit Committee. The then GM managed to keep it inoperative for nearly two years before the staff internal auditor (on my instigation) found problems in the control and

management of the vehicle fleet.

Otherwise I was an active member of the Barham councils which achieved many breakthroughs, including being the model for NSW in coastal management (since trashed by state planning and our last council), establishing far-reaching environmental plans, maintaining the development moratoriums to force the construction of three new STPs, building the new sports complex, the Byron Library and much more. But overall we endeavoured (not entirely successfully) to 'hold the line' against inappropriate, and promote ecologically sustainable, development. The line has yet to be reestablished after the depredations of the Sol/Rose council, and the pressures have increased.

Local government in NSW is set up to be completely subservient to the state government; the sharp legislated divide between the elected body and the executive is problematic, considering that the LG Act designates the elected body as ultimately responsible for governance.

In general it does not work well and the corruption of councils such as Botany (staff) and Auburn (councillors) shows what can easily happen. It is naive to expect that all will be well if governance 'is not a major priority' for councillors.

Tom Tabart  
Bangalow

■ I was intrigued to read the mayor's extensive and self-indulgent putdowns of Cr Tabart. Simon says that Cr Tabart never presented any evidence to back up his criticisms.

However, there are none so blind as those who will not see, and if you read between the lines you will notice he mentions things which might bring him into conflict with the staff, lest 'doors be closed on me'.

This is in stark contrast to the outspoken Jan Barham, who got such a bad vibe from the senior staff that for the last few months of her tenure she only went to the council chambers when she absolutely had to. That's what happens if you don't automatically respect the senior staff as Simon does. At least she emerged with her integrity intact.

I offer Simon a challenge: select any council meeting agenda of the last five years and I will show you at least one item where the senior staff have presented information selectively so that Council will vote in favour of influential vested interests – such as Splendour and the holiday-letting industry.

I don't know why Simon feels that it's his job to protect the staff.

It's one thing to personally refrain from criticism but quite another to close down others who don't agree with him.

Fast Bucks  
Coorabell



### Doofs in the park

Leaving nationalities aside, the bottom line on doof parties in the Arakwal National Park is that it is illegal to organise, run or attend such a party. Organisers can be fined up to \$15,000 and have equipment confiscated and attendees can be fined \$3,300.

If you light a fire, especially during a summer total fire ban, then that is a fine of \$5,000 (and that includes twirling fire sticks) and up to 15 years in jail if the fire gets out of control and causes major damage. That's before even taking lack of public liability insurance cover into account.

The national park is owned and run by the local Indigenous people and this is totally disrespectful to them as well as local residents who are angry but also in despair over the constant parties and the trashing of the environment, which they then have to clean up.

Residents feel blessed to have a national park fringing the town and beach. Unfortunately many people seem

to come here with the wrong attitude and seem to think Byron Bay is a free and easy place where you can do as you like without consequence. We all need to let visitors know that this is not the case.

It was interesting to hear on the news that the infamous Spanish resort and party islands of Ibiza and Majorca have just imposed an environmental tax on tourists and put a cap on their numbers. Maybe we need to do the same thing here!

Jim Rogers  
Byron Bay

■ Victoria de la Fuente (Letters, January 18), you admit to attending five doofs, two of which were organised by Spanish people (your words, not mine). So you should not be aggrieved by the comments of Dailan Pugh and *The Echo* as you and all of the other like-minded people, regardless of where they're from, who attend these doofs are disrespecting the local environment and the local

people. To all of the visitors to this country and area who do the right thing, welcome, have a great time. To all of the disrespectful visitors, we don't want or need you here in this beautiful part of the world, so either change your attitudes or go home.

Gary Walsh  
Brunswick Heads

### Cheap shot

A bit of a cheap shot at your constituents, Mr Mayor, saying that you are 'staggered' that this socialist-leaning community wants someone else to pay their way.

There's no socialism in the idea that ordinary families are to pay the price for all those determined to make a quick cheap buck out of Byron. I'm not talking about the legitimate businesses either, making at least some extra contribution through their commercial rates or rents.

Spare a thought for the legal accommodation establishments following health, continued on next page ➤

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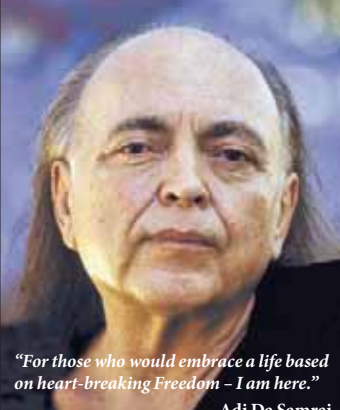



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**CHESS by Ian Rogers**

Becoming World Chess Champion has always been one of the toughest tasks in sport, a candidate needing to beat all rivals and then the current titleholder to claim the top prize.

As a result, the world title changes hands rarely and there have been only 16 World Champions in the last century and a half. The title system is also entirely merit-based, with a player from any part of the world theoretically able to win a series of qualifying events, starting with a Zonal tournament and ending with the Candidates event, to become the challenger.

However, Agon, the company to which the world body FIDE sold the World Championship rights for a decade, has begun to corrupt the merit-based model in a dash for cash.

Agon announced that the Grand Prix series, which provides two qualifiers for the Candidates tournament, will admit up to 9 players who can find a sponsor for \$US100,000. (\$20,000 goes to the player, \$15,000 to the player's federation and the rest to Agon.)

Supporters of the new system argue that even if a weak player buys their way into the Grand Prix, they will never qualify for the Candidates, but the fact is that player will have taken the place of a serious contender.

■ This week's game is a flawless display by Ari Dale, the Victorian teenager, played at the Oceania Zonal tournament in Auckland.

Auckland Zonal 2017  
White: K Zelesco  
Black: A Dale  
Opening: King's Indian Defence  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 A small surprise; Dale has used 3...d5, throughout his career.  
4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3!? The modern version of Averbach's old system 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3.  
6...Na6 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.dxc6!? The start of an overambitious plan. 9.f3 would lead to regular lines. 9...bxc6 10.0-0-0? 10.Rd1 was far safer, though after 10...Qa5 Black is fine.  
10...d5!! 11.cxd5?! 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nxd5 was necessary, although after 12.Be6, Black remains very active. 11...cxd5 12.exd5 Qa5!  
13.h3 Now Black's attack plays itself, although 13.Kb1 Nb4 is equally ugly. 13.Bxa6 Bxa6 14.Nge2 was the best chance. 13...Nb4 14.Bc4 Bf5 15.g4 Rfc8! 16.Qe2 Nxa2+! 17.Kd2 Desperation, but both 17.Bxa2 Rxc3+! and 18.Nxa2 Qxa2 are hopeless for White. 17...Nxc3 18.bxc3 Be4 19.Nf3 Bxd5 20.Nxe5 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Qd5+ 22.Kc1 Qb5 23.Rd4 Nd5 24.Rhd1 Nxc3 25.Qf3 Qb1+ 26.Kd2 Qxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Nxd1 0-1

# The oppression of Palestine

■ The professional Israeli apologist Alhadeff and the deeply disingenuous Burd (Letters, January 18) write that Israel was created by the UN, but what they fail to mention is that the UN also created Palestine and that Israel is the worst abuser of the UN in history, having over 100 UN General Assembly resolutions against them. Sudan is in second place with around 35. Why is this? Because for more than 50 years Israel has very brutally and illegally occupied the state of Palestine and subjected its people to horrific human rights abuses.

Israel's apologists always try to blame Palestinians for the Gaza war (and other fighting) but, per the UN, Israel has broken almost every ceasefire ever made. Undoubtedly, breaking ceasefires includes: assassinating politicians, illegal siege and blockade, army incursions with tanks, murdering civilians, kidnapping civilians, shelling children on the beach, etc. Just this year there have been over 100 attacks on the holiest sites in Palestinian Jerusalem (Christian and Muslim), perpetrated by extreme right-wing Jewish settlers, but importantly, many with co-ordinated Israeli army support and protection on the ground.

Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, former Israeli attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair, and even former Israeli prime ministers Ehud Olmert and Ehud Barak, to name but a few, have called the system Israel has imposed on the Palestinians apartheid, and with good reason: military law for non-Jews but civil law for Jews, Jewish-only roads run next to destroyed Palestinian roads, Jewish-only illegal settlements, institutional racism and discrimination, appallingly unequal distribution of government resources, house demolitions, no freedom of movement for non-Jews, etc.

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fire and safety regulations while competing with rampant holiday letting and Airbnb turning residential streets into party central.

Think as well of other legally operating businesses competing with a growing number of home businesses paying residential rates and turning neighbourhoods into Tin Pan Alley. Have another look at Byron Shire's home business regulations, Simon, and encourage council staff to give

Netanyahu himself called the Palestinian areas *Bantustans* (the name used in apartheid South Africa for black-only areas). Palestinians vote only for leaders in their bantustans, but not for who really controls their lives – Israel.

There is no other term for two peoples living in the same land, one with full rights while the other without even basic human rights and living under military occupation. The name for that is apartheid, and it should be boycotted through the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) grassroots organisation. I urge all people of conscience to boycott Israel's brutal apartheid, economically, culturally and diplomatically. Let us show Netanyahu, when he comes in February, how we feel about apartheid.

**Subhi Awad**  
Mullumbimby

■ Alhadeff and Burd complain about criticism of Israel by Fast Bucks and me. Against Israel's advanced weaponry Palestine boasts slingshots, scissors, kitchen knives and thousands of rudimentary rockets which damaged some Israeli roofs; Gaza has been repeatedly blitzed, razed and will be uninhabitable by 2020 (gazaincontext.com/).

Israel is an apartheid state implementing a matrix of control which transforms the Occupied Palestinian Territory 'into probably the most monitored, controlled and militarised place on Earth. It epitomises the dream of every general, security expert and police officer to be able to exercise total biopolitical control. In a situation where the local population enjoys no effective legal protections or privacy, they and their lands become a laboratory where the latest technologies of surveillance, control and suppression are perfected and showcased, giving Israel an

some support to those businesses doing the right thing.

Socialism has fairness at its core. I'm staggered that a predominantly green council is so blithely considering a course that will accelerate the demise of residential community in the treasure that is coastal Byron.

**Liz Levy**  
Suffolk Park

## Landfill strategy

Simon Richardson states in *The Echo* (January 18) that

edge in the highly competitive global market.' (Jeff Halper, *War against the People: Israel, the Palestinians and Global Pacification*, p.143).

Al Jazeera's covert investigation into Israel's infiltration of British politics revealed shocking plans to 'take down' the UK's deputy foreign secretary over his criticism of Israel's settlement policy in the occupied West Bank (<http://bit.ly/aljayprobe>). No doubt this infiltration is also happening in Australia and is a threat to national security.

Israeli journalist Gideon Levy says that most Israelis are ignorant of what is happening in Palestine even though they may be just half an hour away. Be assured, Mr Burd, Byron Friends of Palestine will help educate brainwashed Jews and Israelis coming to Byron Bay.

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Palestine Liberation Centre  
Byron Bay

■ Vic Alhadeff and Michael Burd barefacedly repeated Zionist lies about Israel's foundation and its occupation of Palestine. Responding to Fast Bucks's letter of a week earlier, Alhadeff accused him of 'wild claims', the most 'egregious' of which was 'that "Israel was founded on terrorism"; it was in fact founded by a majority vote of the General Assembly of the United Nations.' This is the first lie, repeated by Burd: 'If the Arabs [had] accepted the umpire's decision – United Nations Resolution 181, which Australia supported, one state for the Jews and one state for the Arabs [...] then the Palestinian Arabs would have their own state today.'

But Fast Bucks is closer to the truth. The Zionist State of Israel was *not* founded by the UN. Indeed preceded by terrorist acts, it was established unilaterally, by the Zionist-dominated 'People's Council' of the Jewish colonies in Palestine – concurrently with massive acts of conquest, dis-

possession and expulsion of indigenous Palestinians.

The way the UN works, the General Assembly could and did only recommend its Partition Plan to the Security Council, requesting that it 'take the necessary measures' to implement it, and calling 'upon the inhabitants of Palestine to take such steps as may be necessary to put this plan into effect'. But the Security Council did not 'take the necessary measures'. Nor did the 'inhabitants of Palestine' – around 70 per cent of whom were Arabs, who owned over 80 per cent of the land, 'take such steps as may be necessary'. How could they have accepted such an inequitable plan that allotted almost 60 per cent of Palestine to a Jewish state?

Burd also refers to the invasion of 'millions of Arabs' after the Zionist state was declared, ignoring the fact that the Zionists were aware of the Arab states' ultimatum that they would intervene, and declared their state nevertheless, confident in their own military superiority, and seeing it as a pretext for conquering more land than was allocated to them in the Partition Plan.

There are more lies in these two letters than space allows in this response. But Fast Bucks too can't be left of the hook for one thing: He writes that 'there are many Jews who would kill any Arab on sight', adding 'How sad it is that the Jews, of all people, would be so lacking in insight and empathy'.

No. Like many others, here Fast Bucks disseminates the basically anti-Semitic, but also Zionist, conflation of the nation of Jewish Israelis with 'the Jews', even though the majority of Jews in the world are citizens of other countries, and many of them, like myself, condemn the Zionist occupation of Palestine.

**Richard Flantz**  
Wilsons Creek

site ready. BSC already has a weighbridge in place. Why not continue the road past the weighbridge down to the quarry floor.

Twenty to 30 million dollars to join Kyogle's waste facility. Is that per annum? How much of ratepayers' funds have been spent so far trucking our garbage elsewhere? BSC should have had the Myocum quarry site ready to take the landfill years ago.

The compost theory is  
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great. Pity the then director of W&R and the current utility manager did not see that opportunity when it was raised by staff employed in W&R in 2004. Their answer was we are not capable of running a small business.

We had ample opportunity and space to mix green waste with biosolids from our sewage treatment plants and then sell it, which would have raised a considerable amount of revenue to date.

This council is operating like a *Back To The Future* movie.

**Alan Dickens**  
Brunswick Heads

### Sexualisation

I fully support the sentiments expressed in letters by both Jannine Barron (January 4), and Helen O'Sullivan (January 11). Jannine referred to the over-sexualised image of a woman on the McGregor's Family Carnival backdrop at Brunswick Heads. I'd like to refer to the image of a bare-breasted woman who has graced the side wall of Legend Pizza in Jonson Street for as long as I can remember. Where do we see over-sexualised images of men's bodies out in public places?

Helen's reference to the

# Rates rise drives reason out the door

■ The council general manager has said that our council rates are 'amongst the lowest in the region'. It appears to be his goal to reverse this by increasing our rates by up to 60 per cent. When councillors vote on a rate increase the projected rate levels of our neighbouring councils should be their main benchmark.

**Garth Luke**  
Mullumbimby

■ A big thankyou should be extended to Jens Krause for his comprehensive report on IPART's pending rate increases (Letters, January 18). Why is this council want-

ing us pensioners to sell up, if these increases are implemented, because we won't be able to afford them and live in this Shire?

Is the council too proud to ask of these politicians, who are supposedly saying they support this area, to tap the state treasury on the shoulder and ask for some of these mining royalties which have all been spent in Sydney for whacking great tunnels under the harbour?

We'll be needing food stamps to live here if these rates get the go-ahead.

**D Haydock**  
Suffolk Park

■ Ten per cent it is. Each year over the next four years. Compounded. Straight from the mouth of our mayor and the general manager.

Nine million dollars extra per year once implemented. Seventy-eight million dollars over the next ten years. Coming from you, the ratepayer, you, the renter. This is green politics, perverted. This Shire has very low income levels, nothing new to our councillors.

Five hinterland councillors have made up their minds. The fear of the previous defection saga, the unfounded stick of amalgama-

tion, the desire for cash grab of immense proportion, a perfect storm. Daylight robbery comes to mind.

This can't be green policy, because it stands against key green values, such as transparency, openness, ethics. It has become a pure power play. We do it, because we can. Reason has gone out the door.

You will not be remembered as the lot who saved us from amalgamation or fixing our infrastructure. You will be remembered as the council that divided the Shire.

As a mature-age student of governance at a masters level

at an international university, recently completing successfully four semesters without fail at age 56, having also a strong background in financial matters with a bachelor degree in business administration and postgraduate diploma in financial planning and many years of practical experience on many levels, I was hoping to find some positive inspiration from one of the seemingly most progressive local government entities in the country, if not further afield.

This dream is over.

**Jens Krause**  
Byron Bay

use of the name Cunning Stunts as 'openly reinforcing the inequality and disrespect that females are subjected to in our society where this word is so acceptably used' is a very apt reminder to do a bit of the old feminist consciousness raising.

**Phoebe Havyatt**  
Byron Bay

■ I'm always surprised by complaints such as Jannine Barron's, who thinks the picture of the woman on the

side of the carnival ride at Brunswick Heads should be removed because it is 'over-sexualised'. I'm surprised because, as far as I can see, most women try to look sexy, and some, especially young women, do everything they can to look sexualised.

You have only to look at women's magazines to see how much money and time they devote to looking sexy.

Granted, not every woman can look as great as this picture, but then, most men

can't be a football star like the picture next to her. They are both just ideals of what many men and women want.

**Charles MacFarland**  
Ewingsdale

### Someone's livelihood

I started going overseas in the 1990s (I was a late starter) and this is when I caught the travel bug. I'd come home and work for two or three years then go away for a year.

After three weeks in a tropical paradise, everyone,

including the locals, came to the conclusion that for every 100 tourists there was always one ugly tourist. These are the ones who should just get back on a plane and go home. While in India the local mantra was 'tourists are someone's livelihood'.

So during a low period of the year, when you are at a dinner party with lovely, good people whom you've met in the past year or 40 years, just look at your friends during a quiet period and quietly re-

peat the mantra, 'tourists are someone's livelihood' three times. Also when driving and the traffic is bad, mega people all around, instead of saying 'fucking tourists', just repeat the mantra, 'tourists are someone's livelihood'.

**B Hinchcliffe**  
Mullumbimby

### Boding well

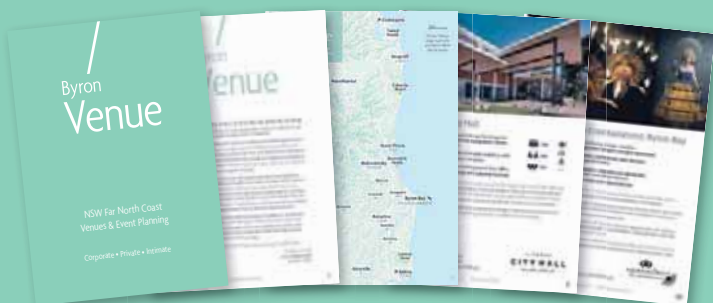
Dan Bode's tirade against shirtlessness in these pages last week sounded quite neurotic.

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# What's in a name? Juliet soon found out

Robert Dessaix

What's in a name? According to Romeo's Juliet, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. 'Montague Shmontague,' she seems to be saying to her swain here, 'who cares? Capulet Snapulet – I love you anyway.' After all, it's only Act II. As it turns out, half of Verona cares quite a bit. They don't think a rose by any other name would smell as sweet at all. I can see their point.

I was born Trevor Royal Dessaix and put up with this name for the next two weeks. I don't mind Trevor, although it's hardly Toby, is it, or Rupert or Quincy or Miles or Archibald. Nor does it have the classless panache of Jack. Trevor says 'Call me Trev'. I was never that sort of baby.

To be called Royal anywhere in the stretch between Erskineville and Campsie was to court derision, and, in any case, anyone truly royal is called Henry, George or, at a pinch, William. Dessaix,



Romeo (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Juliet (Clare Danes) come to grips in Baz Luhrmann's 1996 film of the Shakespeare classic.

on the other hand, I've always thought has a certain je ne sais quoi to it, even if nobody does know how to pronounce it – Dessiax, Dess-aches, Desai (and I have indeed always tanned easily), Desex, the possibilities are infinite. I've even had Beffiax after originally spelling it out over the phone. I

don't much care – I'm not precious about it.

Two weeks after my birth my new adoptive parents registered me as Thomas Robert Jones. There's not much to conjure with there. (This was decades before *It's Not Unusual* became a hit or Fielding's novel came to the screen.) As soon as I could speak, I

ditched Thomas and went with Robert, which, while bland, is not easily twisted into a vulgar word for penis. I never answered to Bob. If you called me Bob, I just failed to react. I've never been a Bob. It should be obvious. Jones is boring but unobjectionable. Princess Margaret even married a Jones, albeit

prefixed with Armstrong. Jones is solid, but evokes very little. Deep down, however, I am far from solid while evoking quite a lot.

So I changed my name back to my unmarried mother's. When I was thirtyish, I became Robert Dessaix. I'd grown into Robert and Dessaix fed fantasies of foreignness, with interesting possibilities in the final *x*. I may have been illegitimate, but in my name I deserved at least a touch of class, surely. I thus singled myself out; I cast anchor in the Savoy (the Haute-Savoie, not the hotel), I said: I am my own man. It's a name that smells the way I think it should.

I have plenty of name-changing company, too. The children's author Daniel Handler feels that his essence is better captured by the name Lemony Snicket, a nose-pinching nom de plume that has served him well. Joaquín Rafael Bottom, on the other hand, whose name would actually have been quite a hit with kids, feels more at home

with Joaquín Phoenix. For reasons best known to himself, Truman Streckfus Persons decided to call himself Truman Condom in French. Charles Bronson just knew he wasn't really a Bunchinsky – who is, after all? How Stefani Germanotta ever came up with Lady Gaga I have no idea, but it's brilliant, it says it all, whereas Germanotta says nothing whatsoever that you'd want to think about at any length.

No, Juliet, a rose by any other name would not necessarily smell as sweet at all. If roses were called scruggs, for instance, it might be all the same to a thrips, but people aren't thrips. We want names we think smell much as we do ourselves. And I've read Act V, Juliet – your little flight of fancy in fact ends badly, very badly indeed.

■ Robert Dessaix is a noted Australian journalist and novelist, and author of the memoir *A Mother's Disgrace*. See more at [www.robertdessaix.com.au](http://www.robertdessaix.com.au).

► He just needs to chill out.  
Dave Lisle  
Mullumbimby

■ Dan Bode (Letters, January 18) intimates that he has travelled widely and I wonder, with his finely honed sensibilities, how he prepares himself for a long flight with the likelihood of sick kids and stray farts.

Far more disease has been spread via the hand and the nose than by an imagined minuscule effect via the armpit. He would have us all wearing burkas.

With his attitude to bodies (for whatever reason) I think he could be living in the wrong town. Might be time to travel again? Somewhere

where young people aren't full of the joy of life and dancing in the streets. North Korea?

Don't forget to wash your veges, Dan, and beware the miasma.

Jim Nutter  
Main Arm

## Shark telepathy

In response to George Greenough's question 'what is being done to protect the dolphins from great white sharks?' (Letters, January 11), I would say, nothing, as dolphins are doing a pretty good job of protecting themselves and evolving with other marine life for millions of years.

Maybe a great white shark will pick off a sick one occasionally as one of sharks' 'jobs'

is to eat sick fish and keep the oceans healthy and evolving as they have for the last 400 million years. Now that sharks are being killed at over 100 million a year we are seeing marine ecosystems getting out of balance and even collapsing as the top predator is exterminated by man.

'Great white cash cow'? Really, George, the only cash to be made from great white sharks is for tourist operators to show a dead one in a shark net to pretend that their beaches are safe, so tourists can spend money.

I am concerned that people like George and Neil Cameron, the president of Byron Bay Board Riders, that have such a history and relationship with

the ocean, would suggest we need to kill the great white shark or other sharks to feel safe to surf or go in the water. This anthropocentric view of nature, that it has to be controlled or destroyed, has contributed to the current environmental disaster we are in.

And what sort of example are they sending to the new generation of surfers and ocean lovers, just kill anything that is a possible threat rather than developing a relationship with nature and working with it? The shark netting program is a perfect example – 364 marine creatures died in NSW last year in these nets to satisfy humanity's fear of nature. The dead included dolphins, turtles, and endangered sharks.

The crazy thing about all these deaths is that there is no evidence that these shark nets, that are usually only 100 metres long, actually make people safer. Many of the targeted sharks were caught on the beach side of the nets as they were leaving. Besides, there are many non-lethal alternatives that are much more effective. Some people are being hoodwinked.

Last week while surfing in the Brunswick River mouth I utilised a technique taught to me by world-renowned animal communicator Anna Breytenbach. I sent a telepathic message to any sharks that may be in the area that I am their friend, I am not food or competition.

I calmed my energy, breath and heart rate and I transmuted any lingering fear I may have around sharks. I said in my mind to any possible nearby shark, could you please keep a small distance away, and we can both be here in relative harmony with each other. Google 'Anna Breytenbach sharks' for the full video I did with her in Byron.

I know there are many who would doubt that sharks and humans are able to communicate, yet I would suggest there is no harm in utilising these techniques next time you're in the ocean. It is certainly no more fanciful than thinking shark nets will protect you.

Dean Jefferys  
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Try a \$5 taster class in circus, parkour, aerials or rock climbing or have a \$10 flying trapeze swing or private trampoline session.

Discounts and merchandise for Term 1 signups and a spectacular flying trapeze show to end the day!

Saturday 28 January

9.30am-1.30pm

Don't miss out! Book your taster classes online at

[www.circusarts.com.au](http://www.circusarts.com.au) or call 6685 6566.

## Intouch Yoga Teacher Trainings 2017

Forge a new career, or simply gift yourself a year of yoga! Now in their eighth consecutive year, these trainings are taught with integrity and heart, with small group numbers. Part-time (one day a week, Wednesdays) Level 1 begins 1 March in Suffolk Park, and can be taken to the 200-hour level, ending November, or 350 hours, ending mid-December. Open classes with head teacher and director Flo Fenton run weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6.30pm and Saturdays 10am-12pm at Suffolk Park Community Hall. Come and try!

All info can be found at:

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## Dance Dynamics

Dance Dynamics students are looking forward to the opening of their very own 'Dance Dynamics Headquarters'. Dance dynamics has been in operation for 17 years and is Byron Bay's longest-running dance school.

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Dance Dynamics offers the highest-quality training for dance in the Shire in classical ballet, contemporary, jazz/funk/hip-hop, tap, national character, acro and musical theatre for the recreational dancer to aspiring professional three years to adult. The school has three locations - two in the heart of Byron Bay and the new headquarters in the Arts and Industry Estate.

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A STEAM exercise could be making a pinball machine from found objects that is wired with lights and sounds. Programming robots to do a special dance, as children did at their end-of-year performance, was a rewarding STEAM activity. Byron Community Primary School has STEAM challenge days and STEAM clubs to encourage hands-on exploration. Students take risks, engage in experimental learning and learn to be persistent from the very start of kindergarten.

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# Sport Sign-Ons 2017

**BRUNSWICK BYRON NETBALL ASSOC. INC. CLUB SIGN-ON**

Sign On is available via [www.netsetgo.asn.au](http://www.netsetgo.asn.au) for those aged between 5 and 10 years and through [www.mynetball.com.au](http://www.mynetball.com.au) for those aged 11 years and older.

**BANGALOW:** Wed 8th & 15th Feb. 3.30 till 5.30 pm, Bangalow Bowling Club. Contact Ellie 0429 855 399

**BYRON BAY:** Thur 9th Feb 4 till 5.30pm at Byron Netball Courts. Contact Brooke 0418 628 353 or Nichole 0427 948 749

**MAIN ARM:** Contact Noreen 0438 181 219 Sarah 6684 1487 by 9th February

**MULLUMBIMBY:** 11th February 9 till 11am at Brunswick Byron Clubhouse. Contact Narelle 6684 3870

**OCEAN SHORES:** 11th Feb 9 till 11am at Ocean Shores Shopping Village. Contact Joanne 6680 1857 a/h or Janine 6680 5067a/h 0438 649 061



## Brunswick Byron Netball Association

Our 2017 season commences in March with club sign-ons in February. All players five and older play on Saturday afternoons at the Mullumbimby Recreational Grounds. Come and Try Netball Session will be held on 11 February 9–10.30am at the Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds courts. Phone Julie on 6684 1724 to book by 9 February.

For more info see the accompanying advert, our Facebook or website: [www.brunswickbyronnetball.com.au](http://www.brunswickbyronnetball.com.au).

## Redhot Tennis

Redhot Tennis offers professional tennis coaching for all ages and abilities.

Holiday Clinics will be held on 23, 24 and 30, 31 January with Term 1 coaching commencing 6 February. Bookings are essential.

Located at the Riverside Tennis Club in Mullumbimby, TA Club professional coach Justin de Candia has been teaching tennis locally for the last 12 years.

With a focus on a 'learn through play' philosophy, Redhot Tennis provides a platform for children to learn valuable life lessons through sport.

Phone Justin on 0403 841 241 or email [justin@redhottennis.com](mailto:justin@redhottennis.com).

## Kung-Fu Wu-Chi School of Art, Byron Bay

The not-for-profit Wu-Chi School of Art trains in concepts practised more than 5,400 years ago in ancient China. The martial art content is made up of the 'eight ultimates' – Pa Chi, some of which are Wu-Hsing Ultimate Body, Hsing-I Body/Mind and Pa-Kua eight changes. Skilled teachers are focused on building your kung-fu to the highest level.

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Wednesday 5.30–6.30pm.

Contact: Sifu Gavin Cook 0423 539 518.

## Mullumbimby Hockey Club

is calling on all hockey players from the Shire to join our awesome club as we welcome anyone who loves their hockey.

Wanted: women, men, juniors and goalies! Our centre at Murwillumbah has two turf fields and our home field is in Brunswick Heads. We also have a long history of FNC players joining us as dual-registered players.

We have won grand finals for the last two years in a row and many of our players are Pan Pacs, state and Australian representatives.

Please call Kath on 0417 427 963.

## Steve Gort Tennis – healthy fun and fitness

Tennis lessons held at Mullumbimby Tennis Club – see [mullumbimbytennisclub.com/coaching](http://mullumbimbytennisclub.com/coaching) for more details. Lessons are also held at Ocean Shores Tennis Courts in Waterlily Park.

Steve Gort offers a Hot Shots program for young players aged from four years and up, with red, orange and green low-compression balls available to make learning easier.

First lesson free for newcomers.

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## Bangalow Netball Club

Once again Bangalow Netball Club enjoyed an amazing year in 2016 and is set for even more fun and success in 2017.

We are a small but expanding club and welcome all players from age five and up to our nurturing and enthusiastic team.

Sign up now for another year of great challenges and even more fun.

**Redhot Tennis**

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**BANGALOW NETBALL CLUB**  
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**When:** Wednesday 8th February, 3.30–5.30pm  
Wednesday 15th February, 3.30–5.30pm

**Where:** Bangalow Bowling Club, 21 Byron Road, Bangalow

**Net-Set Go**  
• Junior 5–7 years  
• Senior 8–10 years  
**Netball**  
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• Seniors  
• 18+

For information please call **Ellie Powditch** 0429 855 399 or **Gillian Wall** 0406 725 789  
[f Bangalow Netball Club](https://www.facebook.com/BangalowNetballClub)

All games throughout the season are played on Saturdays at the Mullumbimby Netball Courts.



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## Shimjang.com – self-defence

Shimjang Taekwondo is a non-competitive self defence martial art style that dedicates itself to the development and wellbeing of its practitioners.

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First lesson is free.

Contact Ocean Shores 0487 701 710 or Mullumbimby 0408 301 287.

## Free open day & new classes at Spaghetti Circus

Wanna join the circus? Imagine what's possible!

Spaghetti Circus's free Open Day is on Saturday, 4 February 9am–2pm at their home in the Mullumbimby Showgrounds. Look for the iconic red-and-yellow stripey doors. Register online to attend a free sample class at [spaghetticircus.com](http://spaghetticircus.com).

You can also enrol online and secure your \$30 earlybird discount for classes booked by 5 Feb. Check out new classes in Anti-Gravity® Aerial Yoga and Acrobatics for Dancers, available to trial at Open Day.

There are lots of opportunities for adults to get moving this term at Spaghetti too, where people of all ages can learn new skills, increase confidence and get stronger. Daytime classes are available Tuesday and Thursday 10am–12pm after school drop-off or Wednesdays 6–8pm.

Spaghetti Circus often has the unique opportunity of presenting world-renowned trainers at their humble Mullum training space. Coming up, they welcome Wolfgang Bientzle, the German Wheel guru of the world, to present workshops on 9–10 February. Contact Petrina, [spaghettihocs@gmail.com](mailto:spaghettihocs@gmail.com) for more information. All ages and abilities welcome, no previous experience necessary.

Term 1 begins Monday 6 February.

Visit [spaghetticircus.com](http://spaghetticircus.com) – Imagine what's possible!



## Byron Bay FC

With the generous support from The Great Northern and Rails hotels, and our community sponsors, Byron Bay FC celebrated another great season in 2016.

### Premiers

Damon Bell returns as head coach for 2017, with support from Jeremy Sutton and manager Chris Bourke. Selections begin 6.30pm January 31.

### General Men's

2016 was another great year for the general men's. Byron's emerging youngsters highlighted the club's depth and the 2017 lineup should be even more enjoyable. Training begins 6.30pm February 1.

### Wildcats

The Wildcats Women's teams blossomed in 2016 and a strong showing in the Summer Youth competition augurs well for 2017.

### Juniors

BBFC's junior programs continue to nurture our young boys and girls with an emphasis on quality coaching and mentoring. 6–11s is about teamwork and fun while the 12–16s teams are more competitive.

Junior sign-on is February 11 and 18 at the Rec Grounds Scout Hall, 9–11am.

Or register online at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au).

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We're also taking registrations for the Under-14 and -16 Ladies League Tag.

For the international teams (13-16½-year-olds), players and parents are invited to breakfast 9-11am at Torakina. Come and meet coach and trainers; bring swimmers and boots.

RSVP for catering at [mullumbimbygiantsjrl@gmail.com](mailto:mullumbimbygiantsjrl@gmail.com).

## Your fields, your club – Suffolk Park FC

We've saved our fields, now it's time to enjoy them! Following on from the successful campaign to save the fields in November, Suffolk Park Football Club invites adults and children to sign up for the 2017 football season.

SPFC is a fun and inclusive club; join in for fitness, friendships, or passionate competition. Our players range from school age to 60 plus, with kids', adult men's and women's teams.

Training begins in February at the fields, with games commencing around Easter. We'd also love to hear from anyone interested in coaching or volunteering for the 2017 season. Come to the Suffolk Park Tavern on Saturday 4 February 9.30am-1.30pm or Sunday 5 February 1.30-4.30pm, or go to the website [www.suffolkiparkfc.com](http://www.suffolkiparkfc.com) to complete your registration online.

Seniors co-ordinator 0438 363 821.

Juniors co-ordinator 0401 578 311.

[www.suffolkiparkfc.com](http://www.suffolkiparkfc.com)

## Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC

Could 2017 be a more exciting year down at Pine Ave?!

2016 saw a fantastic year both on and off the field. Junior six-a-side has been simply awesome and pre-season training has already begun. Division 1 football is back at Pine Ave this year as the young men's team continues to impress, while female and junior participation rates are going through the roof.

Jonathan Flantz is on board once again as head coach and this season sees Sharon Scriven on board as the club's female participation officer with a pre-season all-girls open-age gala day planned for February.

For all details simply go to [www.mbvfc.com.au](http://www.mbvfc.com.au) and follow the links. See you down at the ground.

Phone 0434 239 246 after 6pm or email [info@mbvfc.com.au](mailto:info@mbvfc.com.au). [www.mbvfc.com.au](http://www.mbvfc.com.au)

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## The Bangalow Rebels

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We are a family-friendly club, with experienced coaches, low rego fees and an emphasis on high-quality rugby played in the right spirit.

Our juniors come from all over the region. Many have earned places in representative teams and gone on to play at high levels. Under-7s play touch footy; other junior age groups play modified rules for extra safety; and all junior games are played on Friday nights.

[www.bangalowrugby.com](http://www.bangalowrugby.com)

## Brunswick Valley Junior AFL Club

Brunswick Valley Junior AFL Club is passionate about the importance of the kids in the north of Byron Shire having their own footy club. It gives them both belonging and connection to their community. The call is out for new players, boys and girls aged 5-15. Get on board with a club committed to AFL, family, community and healthy active kids.

Contact the club on 0499 606 066.

## Mullumbimby Giants Junior Rugby League

are holding a registration day Saturday 11 February 3-5pm at Mullumbimby Leagues Club. This is for new and returning players to complete rego, to meet and greet, enjoy the water slide and sausage sizzle.

New players: please bring birth certificate and Medicare number to receive club shirt, training shirt, game shorts and socks as part of registration costs. All other gear will be available for sale.



## BRUNSWICK VALLEY JUNIOR AFL CLUB

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Stan Thomson Oval, Brunswick Heads



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## Your fields, your club REGISTER for 2017

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MBVFC is on fire! Volunteers, ideas people, and family participation are welcome at our busy little club.

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# 2017



## Bangalow Soccer Club

created history in 2016, becoming the first club to win both women's and men's premier league titles!

In 2017 we aim to further this with our new Skills Acquisition Program to assist up-and-coming juniors in developing their skills via extra coaching sessions, mentored by senior players and qualified coaches.

Information day Saturday 4 February from 9am at the clubhouse.

0422 827 338.

[bangalowbluedogs.com.au](http://bangalowbluedogs.com.au)

## Shores United Soccer Club

Shores United had a great year in 2016 in junior and senior football. In spite of rebuilding, two senior teams stormed into the semis. The club has retained the services of our excellent 1st division coach, Dave Burgener, for 2017. Shores United have received a massive boost with the brand-new state-of-the-art facility at Shara Blvd ready for this season and are expecting a large number of players.

The club urges all junior and senior players to sign on for Shores, for what promises to be our most exciting year in the history of our club, with junior teams from U6 to U16, possibly four senior men's teams and the first ever senior women's team.

Online registrations open 3 February at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) then select Shores United Soccer Club.

Enquiries: 0420 989 151 between 9am and 5pm weekdays.

## Byron Magpies Junior AFL Club

The Byron Bay Junior AFL Club (Byron Magpies) is attached to the Northern Rivers Junior League and AFL Queensland. Their home ground is the Cavanbah Centre and the season runs from March till September each year. They cater for Auskick and Junior Football teams U/7-U/17 as well as two girls' teams.

The club welcomes players, umpires, committee members and trainers for the 2017 season. Matches are played on a Sunday and are rotated around the different grounds of the clubs attached to the Northern Rivers League.

Pre-season training and events begin in February.

To register or find out more please go to [www.byronbayjuniorafl.com](http://www.byronbayjuniorafl.com) or call 0405 428 564.

## Bruns Valley junior Rugby Union Club

It's still a while off, but we love our Rugby, and it's time to see who's coming to have a run at the Billygoats this year.

The Billygoats pride ourselves on being a grassroots family club. Participation, fun and community are our core values.

Rugby is a fun fast game with positions for all shapes and sizes. We encourage new players to come down and try the game and welcome back all of our goats from seasons past.

How can we hope to beat the Kiwis if we aren't strong at the grassroots, and let's face it, everyone wants to see the Wallabies beat the All Blacks. Do your bit and in future we'll be able to go to barbecues without fear of being accosted by smug All Blacks supporters.

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## Shores United Soccer Club

# Register now for the 2017 season

Shores United is calling all past, present and future, junior and senior players, to register for the 2017 Season.

Online Registration opens 3 February at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) then select Shores United Soccer Club.

There will be information days on 11 and 18 February from 10am-12noon at New Brighton Oval.

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## Byron Bay Junior AFL Club 2017 Season

From Auskick to 17s as well as girls teams.

All welcome including new committee members, trainers and coaches.



Register and find out more at [www.byronbayjuniorafl.com](http://www.byronbayjuniorafl.com) or call our Secretary on 0405 428 564.



## Property insider

### New face at Remax Coastal

RE/MAX Coastal is thrilled to announce the appointment of Gai Mason as head of property management.

An award-winning property manager, Gai brings with her a wealth of knowledge, having spent 27 years in the industry.

Gai is set to head up the property management team and guarantees all of our clients her expertise and personalised techniques of managing properties whether they are residential, commercial or holiday.

Gai's management concept is founded on professionalism, integrity, accountability, and quality service that guarantee the maximum return from your investment, while maintaining your property at the highest standards to attract the best tenants possible.

This appointment follows on from the newly appointed sales team and sales support with RE/MAX



Gai Mason

Coastal doubling its office in the last two months in order to meet the demand.

*Russel Shaw from Acceptance Finance (see Echo Property Business Directory) has some pointers in his latest newsletter on buying a second property. Here is a summary of his advice.*

#### Purpose

Really understanding why you want a second property before you set out will help to inform all your other decisions in the property-purchasing process. For example, if you are buying an investment property, decisions around location, capital gain potential and rental yield will influence you in a different way from when you are buying something for yourself to live in.

#### Your cash flow and budget

There are no two ways around it – a second mortgage is going to have a significant impact on your monthly cash flow! Ask yourself can you easily service both mortgages. Do you have a stable income?

#### Will you be renting out one of your two properties?

If the answer is yes, it's essential to get a rental estimate for your second property before you make your

purchase. Lenders will factor in any possible rental income (if applicable) when determining your borrowing capacity, ensuring it is set at a safe limit – reducing your risk and theirs!

#### Loan type and loan structure

Finding the right home-loan product for your financing needs depends entirely on your current financial position and your short- and long-term goals. This is why the right advice is imperative when taking on a higher amount of debt across two different properties

#### Using your existing equity

If you've lived in your first home for some time, there's a good chance you have grown your equity. Equity is the difference between what your home is worth and how much you owe on it. For example, if your home is worth \$550,000 and you owe \$200,000 then you have \$350,000 in equity.

Tapping into this equity could give you a larger deposit for your second property purchase, which could be beneficial for your borrowing capacity and your overall budget.

#### Refinancing or staying with your current mortgage lender

Buying a second property offers the perfect opportunity to give your existing mortgage a health check. Use the opportunity to consider your home-loan needs in relation to your future goals and ask yourself how well your current loan is performing for you.



Russel Shaw

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 <p><b>River Cottage, Wilsons Creek</b> asking price \$925,000</p>	 <p><b>Mont Rouge, Rosebank</b> asking price \$1.175 million</p>	 <p><b>Booyong, Clunes</b> asking price \$900,000 (sold in conj)</p>	 <p><b>The Big Tin Shed, Federal</b> asking price \$1.08 million</p>	 <p><b>Mountain Springs (land), Goonengerry</b> asking price \$1.1 million</p>

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Huge Private Sanctuary with Business Potential

Set amongst the pristine rolling hills, this private 21 acre property offers a multitude of options for the savvy buyer

- 3 bed, 2 bath main home with polished timber floors
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3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores  
Space, Style & a Feeling of Home!

Beautifully renovated townhouse incorporating open plan living that blends seamlessly with the peaceful outdoor space.

- All-white gourmet kitchen with Caesarstone benches
- Private, low maintenance entertaining courtyard
- 3 Bedrooms upstairs, plenty of storage space
- Master bedroom with WIR, ensuite and balcony



Huge Private Sanctuary

404 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket  
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Space, style & a feeling of home!

3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores  
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Julie-Ann Manahan of Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group, Ocean Shores is proud to present this beautifully renovated townhouse.



From the minute you enter through the front door you are greeted with a sense of space, style and a feeling of home. The open-floor-plan living seamlessly blends with the peaceful outdoor space. All-white, classic gourmet kitchen with quality appliances, dishwasher, under-bench oven and 40mm Caesarstone benchtop, looking out to a low maintenance entertaining courtyard; the perfect place for a young family to feel safe, an entertainers wish, or a perfect spot to seek refuge from a busy life and relax in your own private retreat. Upstairs features 3 Bedrooms, the Master Bedroom with walk-in-robe, ensuite and treetop balcony. As well as Main Bathroom with separate toilet and plenty of storage space.

**Inspect:** Saturday 1.00 – 2.00pm  
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Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group Ocean Shores

Beachside Living in Village

2 & 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head  
🏠 3 🚶 2 🚗 1 Auction 11 Feb 12noon on site



A perfect opportunity to secure 2 spacious units in a boutique complex of 4 right in the heart of the village, directly across from the beach. U/3 is on the upper level & has been extensively renovated and is immaculate throughout. Fully furnished, the owners are enjoying solid returns as a holiday rental. U/2 is on the g/floor and currently tenanted. Also extensively renovated, it features polished concrete flooring throughout. Both are spacious with light filled interiors, 3 beds, ensuites and bathrooms as well as a SLUG at rear of complex accessed via Park Lane. The complex is meticulously maintained having been recently painted, plus new guttering and fencing. It is a small self-managed strata of 4 with \$400/quarter fees.



There's nothing to be done, just move in and rack your boards in the garage! (Agent declares interest. Both properties must be sold as part of property settlement.)

**Open:** Saturday 1.00 – 1.30pm and 2.00 – 2.30pm  
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**Auction** Saturday 18 February 11am  
**View** Saturday 11am-11.30am  
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FOR SALE

891 Main Arm Rd, Main Arm



Village Vibes

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**AUCTION 9 February**  
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'Possum Creek Ridge'  
Bangalow

Capturing spectacular valley views, 'Possum Creek Ridge' is a rare rural lifestyle hobby farm land release. These elevated farmlet lots range from approx 2 to 4 acres in size. It's set within a short drive of Byron Bay and Bangalow.

**Auction** Thursday 23 February 6pm  
**View** By appointment  
**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500

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TWO PREMIUM VACANT LOTS IN BANGALOW - AUCTION SAT FEB 18TH



Lot 32



Lot 27



Neighbourhood Park



Rural Outlook

Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow

Auction unless sold prior, Saturday 18th February

- Large lots, allowing dual occupancy (with suitable design)
- Both lots have an open aspect with rural views
- Flat and easy to build on, fertile soil
- Lot 27 (735m2) - Has a tree-lined creek adjacent to the west
- Lot 32 (801m2) - A higher-set lot that faces north

**Sat 18th February**  
**10:00am on site**

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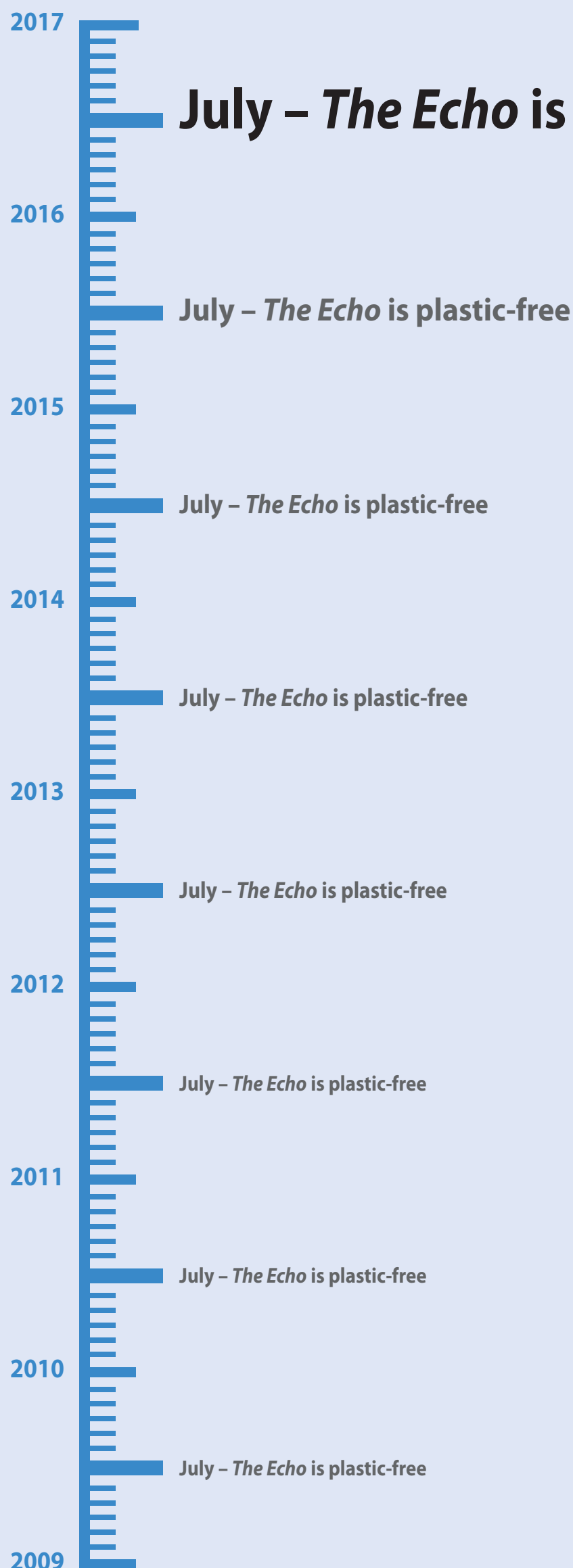
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Expansive Wilsons River Valley views towards iconic Federal township and surrounding countryside form a stunning backdrop to this unique home. The property is a solar-passive rammed-earth home providing ambient temperature all year. It features a seamless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



**Inspect:** Saturday 28th January 12.00 – 12.30pm  
**Contact:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649  
McGrath Byron Bay

Perfect Bangalow Lifestyle

1 Bannister Court, Bangalow  
🏠 5 🛏 3 🚗 2      Auction 9th February



Situated just 20 minutes from Byron Bay, and a stone's throw from the historic main street of Bangalow, the fabulous location is just one of the great features of this fully renovated contemporary-style home.

The two-storey home is elevated on a large corner block and is surrounded by a pretty, picturesque garden with mature trees. From the front verandah you capture the sea breezes and a glimpse of the iconic Bangalow Showgrounds nearby.

Offering flexible living options over two levels, this home is ideal for large or extended families or for those wanting flexibility with work-from-home options or potential for additional income. Upstairs comprises a large, open-plan living, dining and kitchen area featuring wide, glass sliding doors opening onto the wraparound timber verandah as well as a back barbecue deck. The home is light and breezy, is fully insulated (ceilings and walls) and has stunning solid Merbau timber floors throughout.

This home has been fully renovated and does not require anything to be done.

**Auction:** 9th February – if not sold prior  
**Inspect:** Saturdays & Wednesdays 10–10.30am  
**Contact:** Janice Maple 0401 026 359 / 6687 1500  
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Oceanfront

Lot 3, Keith Hall Lane, South Ballina  
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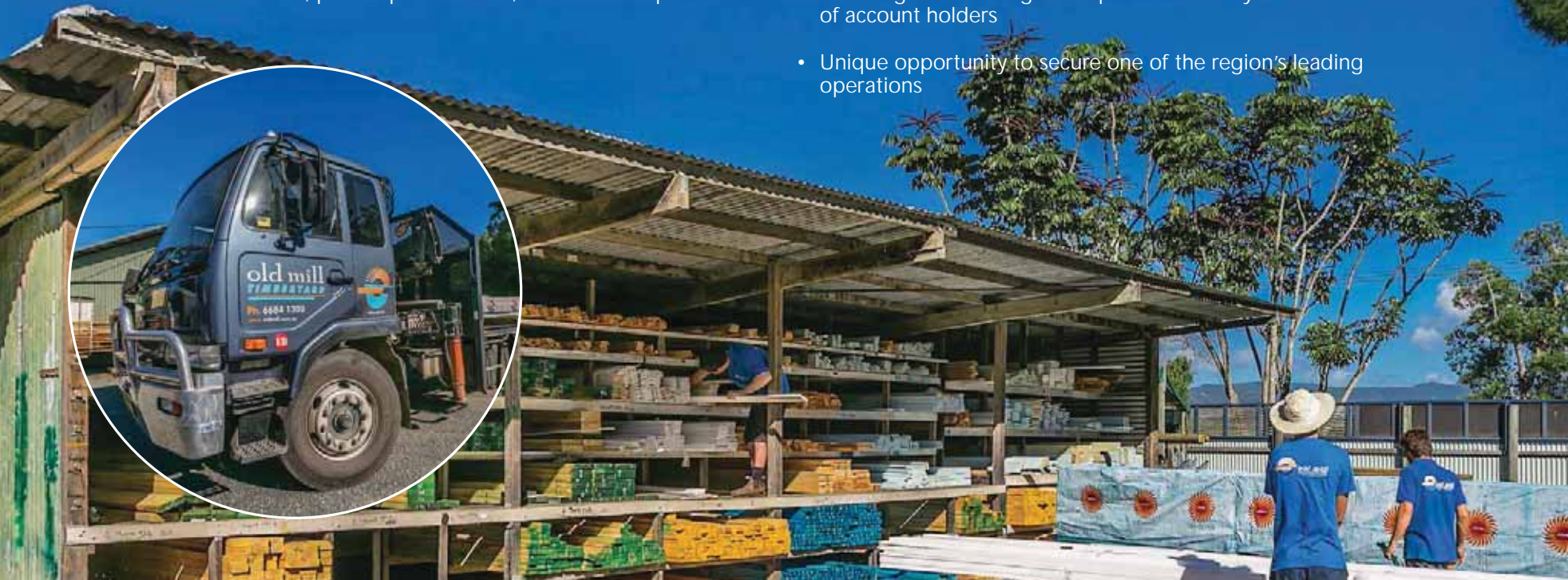
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- ✓ Under stair storage, SLUG + internal access, ensuite + bathroom, 3 WCs
- ✓ 3 private, paved outdoor spaces flow on from property


✓ Plenty of scope to renovate or move in as is, or rent out – many options!  
✓ Perfect village location, short flat walk to lake, beach and village

**Price Guide: \$600,000 – \$660,000**

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- ✓ U/2: permanent rental + tenant in place. Both units yield solid returns

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✓ Great opportunity – commercially zoned for future development (STCA)

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- 5 Ryces Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 2/24 Elkhorn Parade, Ballina. Sat 11–11.30am
- 200 North Creek Road, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 55 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 11 Pacific Heights Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 2/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 2A Castle Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 43 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 9/39–41 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Thu 10–10.30am
- 85 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 14 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 115 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.30–11am
- 1 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 13 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 95 Tristran Parade, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 128 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 61 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 12–12.30pm

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- 24 Graeme Avenue, Goonellabah. Sat 9–9.30am
- 404 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket. Sat 11am–12pm
- 3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–2pm

# Auctions

## LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE LENNOX HEAD

- 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11th February 12pm on site
- 2/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11th February 12pm on site
- 4 Byron Street, Lennox Head. Thur 9th February 5.30pm Ballina RSL

## ELDERS REAL ESTATE BANGALOW

- 1 Bannister Court, Bangalow. Thurs 9th February

## McGRATH BYRON BAY

- 1/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11th February 10am
- 13 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 18th February 10am
- 15 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 18th February 11am
- 128 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 18th February 12pm
- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 18th February 1.45pm
- 95 Tristran Parade, Mullumbimby. Sat 18th February 3pm
- Possum Creek Ridge, Fowlers Lane. Thur 23rd February Bangalow 6pm
- 2/33 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 25th February 11.30am

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## FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 6 Acacia Street, Byron Bay. \$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000

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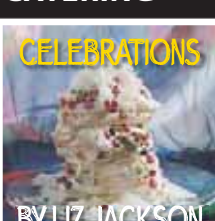
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## FILM TO LIFT YOU UP

LOCAL ARTISTS AND FLEDGLING FILMMAKER DUNCAN JAMES WILL BE SCREENING HIS OFFERING OF *LIFT ME UP* AS PART OF BYRON SHORTS AT THIS YEAR'S FLICKERFEST SCREENING.

**Tell me what your film is about.**

*Lift Me Up* is a short film I made about a very talented Mullum local and musician, Chris Mallory, whose creative energy, passion and work within the community will inspire others to follow their own dreams.

**How did you shoot it?**

It was shot over a two-week period, working mostly around Chris's busy schedule.

**What did you want to convey?**

Even though we are sometimes faced with challenges, we should never lose sight of the bigger picture and certainly never give up on our dreams, whatever they might be.

**What attracted you to telling this particular story?**

I met Chris when he was helping out with the care of my partner's elderly mother who was suffering from dementia. Watching him work you soon realise he has a natural ability of making people, young or old, to feel good about themselves through utilising two of his great skills, music and humour. However, the film is also very much a personal look at a talented man and young father travelling on his own path as he juggles his work, music and family commitments while in hot pursuit of his own musical dreams...

**How did you get into filmmaking?**

Eight years ago I developed a friendship with an acclaimed film director from London who just happened to be living in Mullum at the time. He produced a short film on my art practice called *A Colourful Day* and I simply

fell in love with the whole creative process involved in filmmaking. Luckily for me, he agreed to teach me the basics about the art of filmmaking during his time living in Mullum. It was also during a stage of my life when I was seeking other creative outlets outside of my studio and working as an artist; however, lately both practices are working simultaneously.

**How is this year's entry different from last year's?**

Last year's entry *Quirk Bags a Case* unfortunately didn't pass through the filters during the selection process because of the adult content, which, looking back, was a fair enough decision especially as the film festival is a family-friendly event!

However, I was lucky enough to win the People's Choice Award in 2015 at the Flickerfest Byron All Shorts, for a crazy short film shot mostly in Mullum, called *Speak to Me*. This year's film is very different from my previous two films, not only because it's a documentary, but because it's a powerfully inspiring film.

**If you got to cast your ideal short film, who would be in it? I am talking no limit to budget here...**

Well of course it would have to include Mandy Nolan! Maybe another local comedian Sandy Gandhi? Internationally speaking I would love Colin Firth and Charlotte Rampling to top the casting list.

**Flickerfest, Friday–Sunday** at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall**. For program and ticket information go to **flickerfest.com.au**.



## FLICKERFEST SPICES IT UP WITH SANDY GANDHI

FLICKERFEST COMES TO MULLUMBIMBY THIS WEEK WITH A THREE-DAY PROGRAM OF SHORT FILMS THAT RIVAL THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Appearing in the Aussie Shorts is our very own, most easterly Indian, Sandy Gandhi, aka Sandra Ahrana. Sandra plays the best friend and reluctant reality TV star Asha alongside one-time SBS news reader Kumud Merani.

*Spice Sisters* is about a woman who refuses to remain invisible. In her efforts to win a place on a reality cooking show, and the friendships she cements along the way, she finds the acknowledgment and fulfilment she was searching for.

The story is set in a master-planned fringe suburb consisting of brand-new homes on big lots. It's pristine and spacious, but also empty and soulless. A reality cooking show, with all its exaggerated emotions and manufactured drama, provides the former Bollywood star with a distraction. But soon it assumes a much more important role in her quest to find fulfilment when she ropes her home caterer friend Asha into auditioning for reality TV.

Underneath the comedy of two Indian women attempting to navigate the world of reality television, it's the story of friendship, lost dreams and triumphing against the odds.

For Sandra, scoring a film role at 59 living in regional NSW was something of a surprise even to her.

'I met a guy called Nicholas Brown, who is an Anglo-Indian actor, some time ago. He wrote a script for a movie called *Lighten Up*, which has since become a play for the stage. When he wrote that he was looking for an Indian female comedian to be part of his film. He came across

my website and found my book was called *Enlighten Up*, he found out I was a standup comedian and so we did some work together. I gave him a hand with some of the scripting, and the film was interesting; it was about a woman who was about my age who wanted to be white. She didn't want to be Indian. In his script the woman was called Bronwyn. The first thing I noticed when he sent me the script was that I realised it was an anagram for *Brownny*. Anyway, he was chatting with one of the partners of Emerald Productions who happens to be the director of this film – Sheila Jaryadev – who is an Indian Aussie living in Sydney; she was looking to cast and he said that he knew the ideal person. She flew up here and screen-tested me and asked me to do the part...'

The Emerald Productions film took out Best Script at Sydney's Short Film Festival. It was no surprise to Sandy, who knew the minute she walked on set she was working with dedicated and talented professionals.

'Emerald Productions are these three incredibly smart women who have made lots of short films that have won awards. All three met at film school after different careers. I knew their standards were high and I let myself go with it. I put my trust in them really; it was a nice surprise. When I saw *Spice Sisters* in Sydney for a cast-and-crew screening I was impressed. It was an interesting thing for me to watch because while I could remember doing the scenes, it was hard to see Asha as me on the screen; she really becomes her own character.'

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Authorities are concerned that the shark netting of some north coast beaches has created a bigger environmental threat than they initially expected.

With the netting of sharks, the area has experienced huge numbers of tourists. Some are even saying that this could be the beginning of a boom that could make the area unliveable for years to come.

'They're in plague proportions this year,' said one longtime Byron resident, who even reported some had been washed up against his screen door.

'If we hadn't installed the Crim Safe they would have got in for

sure. They kept insisting they'd rented our place on Airbnb.'

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson was against shark netting, because of what he describes as 'disruption to the natural balance'.

'Sharks are the natural predator of the tourist. There's nothing like an attack to keep their numbers down. If you take the sharks out of the equation, there's going to be an upsurge. Tourists are like cane toads – they breed like wildfire and they seem to be coming down from Queensland.'

Mr Richardson said he did not want to go back to the old days

## COUNCIL CALLS FOR TOURIST NET

of 'tourist culling'.

'We have to remember that tourists are people too. And even though they degrade our local environment by taking over our housing, parking in all our spots, surfing all our good waves and are the cause of major traffic hazards owing to their characteristically slow and clumping style of "impulsive" road crossing, they need to be coached into other areas where they are thought to be almost endangered. Like Grafton for example.'

Mr Richardson thought that perhaps some sort of lure could be created in the form of cafes staffed by rude and surly Melbourne baristas. 'It's certainly worked here,' he said.

In the absence of tourist predators such as sharks,

local councils are currently investigating methods that will keep the numbers down.

'You can't live in fear of tourists,' Mr Richardson said. 'You have to accept that the Byron Shire is a natural habitat for them and as a resident when you go out you really need to make sure you take calculated risks. For instance, don't head into town on a market day. Don't go to the beach between 9am and 4pm. And avoid high-risk areas like Woolies. Basically don't live here.'

So what are some of the strategies being investigated?

'We have tried using spotters,' said Mr Richardson. 'But the problem is, we're just counting them, not controlling them.'

In other shires drum lines have been cited as a more humane

and environmentally responsible approach. 'I get it,' says Mayor Richardson. 'No-one likes drums. Especially in a line. It can be really annoying and when you've paid \$800 a night for luxury accommodation, and there're 20 feral bastards outside with their bongos. The drums could work. Unfortunately they've been known to drive out local residents as well.'

The council has also considered biological control agents such as human calicivirus but, as it turns out, tourists share a 99.9 per cent similar DNA to our own species. It was too risky.

Currently the council has applied to the state government for approval to net Ewingsdale Road. 'The tourist net won't run the whole of the Pacific Highway,' says Mayor Richardson,

careful to communicate that the net is only around 100 metres in length and designed specifically to capture sports wagons, CRVs and Wicked vans.

Sadly though no tourist net is foolproof. In at-risk areas where it has been used there have been locals caught and been forced to relocate to areas like the Tweed.

But there are those in the community in favour of the tourists.

'They're beautiful,' said one tourism activist who believes they should be allowed to roam freely. 'Byron Bay is their natural habitat. If you've ever swum with them you'd know how magical they are. Last week one came up right beside me. I almost touched him.'

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Filming came at a good time for Sandra who, at the time, was dealing with her mother in India having to go into care.

'My mum is unwell and about to leave the planet, and in the film it felt like a homage to her as I am wearing all her saris and jewellery. I think it gave me the motivation to do the film. It was good timing, and like all art we pooled our resources. There was no million-dollar payment, and considering that was the case everyone was very committed, and the film is well crafted and beautifully mad. The cinematography is amazing; the cinematographer is Ross Giardina. He is amazing. While we were filming, he seemed anally retentive about getting every scene right but when you see the film you can see why! It's beautiful.'

Sandy thoroughly enjoyed the experience and remarked that being behind the scenes gave her a new insight into how

short films are crafted.

'When you talk to production people they say that making short films is tougher than making a feature; you need shorter scenes to tell a story. It was nice to do a film for someone and actually see the product. In the past I have had the token Indian roles that end up on the cutting room floor!'

*Spice Sisters* is screening as part of the Australian Shorts on Saturday night. Sandy will be there, and it is her birthday, so don't forget to wish her well.

On being recognised on the big screen in the small town she calls home, she jokes: 'I might have to wear a burqa!'

**Flickerfest** comes to **Mullumbimby Civic Hall, Friday–Sunday.**

Friday session starts at 7.30pm, Saturday at 3.30pm and then at 7.30pm, and Sunday at 7.30pm. Go to flickerfest.com.au for program and ticket information.

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The Northern Rivers Uke Orchestra (NRUO) will be leading songs in the **Housie Tent** at Brunswick Heads again this year for the annual **Australia Day** celebration – Breakfast in the Park, 7–10am. Indigenous Australian artist, government adviser and former football player John Kundereri Moriarty is this year's Ambassador and will be dropping in to address the crowd at around 9am.

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## MODERN AUSSIE UKE

This **Australia Day** evening, **Thursday** from 6.30pm, Miss Amber and Stukulele are presenting two sets of Australian songs – BUT... only songs released in the last 20 years. 'Modern Australian'... (can you think of five off the top of your head?) Joining them will be Uke Mullum's traditional Australia Day guests – Sara Tindley and Ash Bell plus local youngsters 100 Words, Dan Brown on keys, Jason Caspen on drums and Al Brooker on bass. Always a brilliant family night out. Bring your uke or just watch the show and sing along. Entry: Adults \$12.50 and Youth \$5 (6–15 yrs)

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

*Twist & Shout* by the Isley Brothers is the R&B 45 that just catapulted me into puberty when I was 11 or 12 the time it came out. To this day, that song reminds me of pubescence.

**What is the song/s on high rotation in your car/tour bus at the moment?**

*The Indestructible Beat of Soweto* – all the records on the Earth Works, that series of Soweto Music from the 70s in South Africa.

Ricky Fataar our drummer is from Durban, South Africa, and I fell in love with the music that they play.

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

I love *I Wanna Know What Love Is* by Foreigner or *I've Been Waiting For A Girl Like You*. There're an awful lot of others, but these flew into my mind.

You know at my own wedding, my Dad sang *The Girl that I Marry*, which he sang on *Annie Get Your Gun* with Mary Martin when he was on the shows with her and that was wonderful, I will always remember that. That was a high point; most don't get to have their dad sing his own songs at their wedding.

**Your favourite song/s to cover at the moment?**

INXS of course but also I love singing Jr Walker's *Road Runner*. I sing *Bad Case of Loving You* by Robert Palmer as a segue from *Road Runner*. I'm also thinking about working up *Magic Carpet Ride* by Steppen Wolf – I love them! Oh and The Pretenders and Toots and the Maytals.

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

I would love to sing a song with Memphis Mini – and I don't know what song it would be, but I just thought she was terrific and was one of the first women stars of the guitar. I would love to play slide alongside her while she plays guitar.

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

That's very difficult for someone who loves so many blues artists, but I would say Muddy Waters encompasses what I love about Chicago and Mississippi Delta blues; he was a ferocious singer, incredible friend and wonderful man.

If you only had one choice and were trying to turn someone that hadn't heard the blues before,



there're any number of songs that Muddy Waters could sing... he would convert somebody lying in a coffin (laughs).

**Could you share with us why you're excited to be returning to Bluesfest in 2017?**

Well I'm so honoured every time they ask me to come. The lineup is so inspired and the setting is unmatched by any other festival around the world. It's a blast!

The only frustration is knowing you are playing at the same time as other people you want to see. You never know what's going to happen. The audience is off the charts with enthusiasm and it's just one of a kind.

I hope it goes on forever and I hope I get asked many, many more times.

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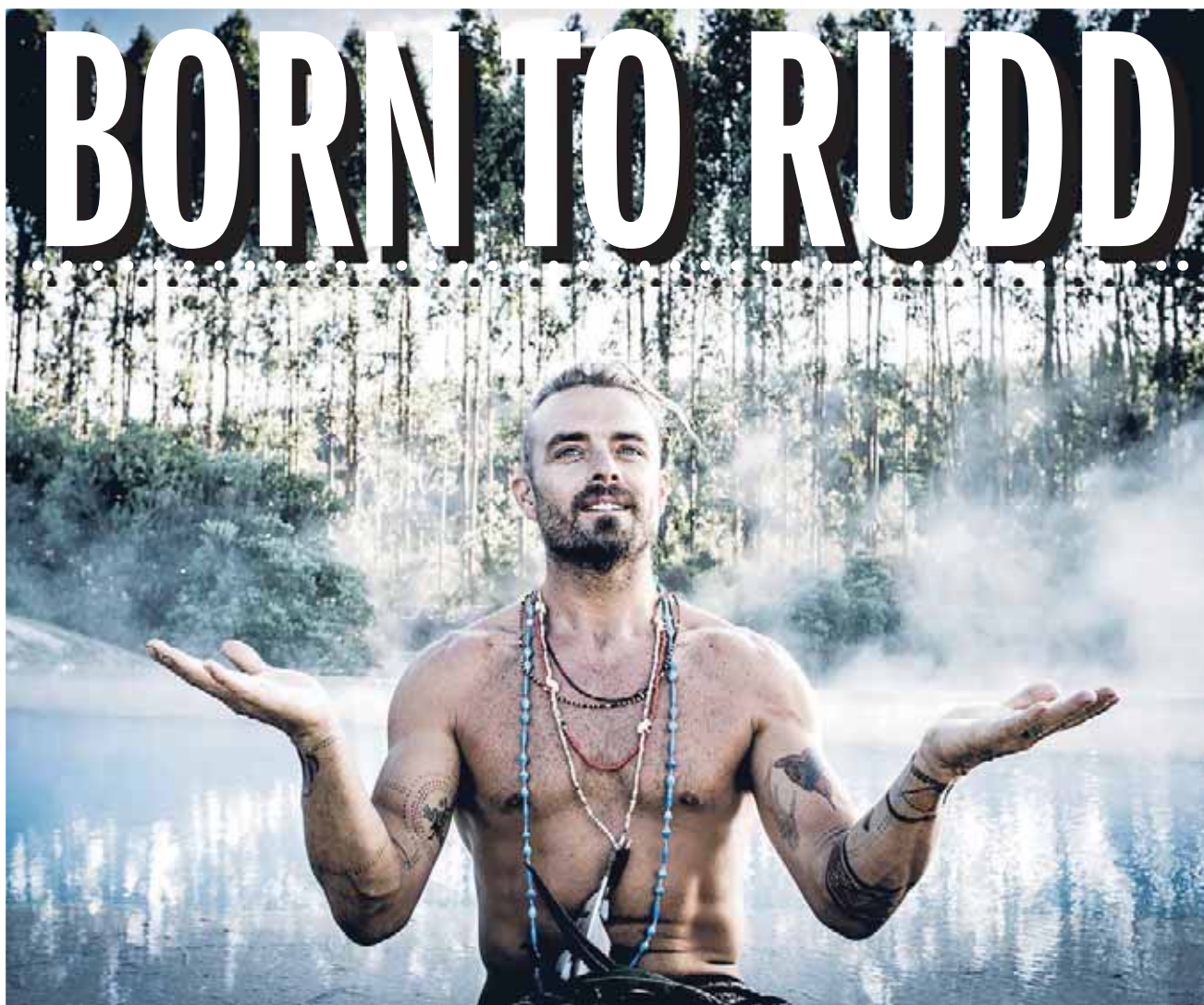
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Years ago I watched an unknown Xavier Rudd perform to an unsuspecting crowd at the Hotel Great Northern. Just one bloke and what looked like a ridiculous amount of instruments for anyone to feasibly play one at a time, let alone all at once. I could feel some people thinking, oh shit, another hippy kid with a didge. But that all changed the minute he started. He was good. Really, really, really good. And humble. His quiet talent hushed the room, and halfway through the first song this boy from WA whom no-one had ever heard of had the whole room in a trance. Everyone that night knew that this kid was something special. Fast forward a decade or so and he's become one of the country's most loved and respected singer/songwriters, loved mostly for his socially conscious themes that blend spirituality with humanity and environmentalism and his constant unwavering voice advocating the rights of Aboriginal peoples.

#### What has 2016 been like for you?

It's been a great year for me. I'm feeling great and super blessed in so many ways!

**Your onstage shows are always so infectious, there is this very obvious joy... Does that happen every time you step onstage?**

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Yes there's a strong connection at all of my shows around the world that is very special and I feel honoured to host it. It's always a celebration of good conscious folks with a focus of positive change for a better world and letting go to the ancient simplicity and power of music.

**Your music seems to have this innate empathy and sense of connection... Tell me what you mean by 'global togetherness'.**

Global togetherness to me sounds like one people of all cultural backgrounds and religious understandings walking together as one people and saying goodbye to all the division through the generations to start fresh and learn from the mistakes of the past.

Human beings seem so prone to violence and aggression and one-third of the world doesn't seem too concerned about profiteering at the expense of the other two-thirds.

#### What makes us better people, do you think?

Everyone has the trials and tribulations. We all make mistakes; if we can acknowledge our mistakes as we walk forward and try to do what we can in our days to give back to our magnificent planet then I reckon we are doing alright.

#### What role do you feel musicians and artists play in social activism?

There're plenty of ways people of profile can spread their wings for social activism of different types. It seems the most effective way these days is simply awareness through social media; it's proven to be a very powerful platform.

#### What changes would you like to see happen in the world?

Acknowledgement of Indigenous custodians in decisions to do with country, not just Indigenous groups that have been formed to make decisions on behalf of everyone else. Abolish the beef industry, abolish commercial fishing, ban all nets in the ocean, worldwide effort and funding to eliminate plastic in the ocean, abolish jealousy from the human being, encourage people to stop whingeing about minor things in their local communities and lives and invest that time in contributing to the bigger picture. Damn... the list goes on and on and on.

#### Why do you think so many of us have become so disconnected from our environment and the human condition?

Ego. Many people have strayed so far from themselves and their energetic connection to the planet and are not prepared to do the work it takes to return.

#### What should we expect for your upcoming show in Byron Bay?

High vibrational boogie time, love and devotion!

**Xavier Rudd** joins The Cat Empire for a show at **Red Devil Park** in Byron Bay on **Saturday 4 February**. Gates at 3pm.

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## POLITICAL LIFE IMITATES ART

Greg Aitken believes Baird's sudden exit from politics is a sign but has nothing to do with the country-town theatre company. He thinks.

The director of the Mongrel Arts project Drill Hall Theatre Company production of Louis Nowra's play **The Incorruptible** said, 'It is fanciful to suggest that our upcoming production had any impact on Mike Baird's decision to retire from public life. Sure the play tells the tale of the rise and fall of a conviction right-wing Christian politician who becomes premier of a state but it's just a coincidence.' In a statement to *The Echo*, the director Gregory Aitken wrote, 'In our show, Ion Stafford, the premier in *The Incorruptible*, sells off public assets so that business can run the state more efficiently. He doesn't care what people think because of the strength of his own moral convictions on economic and justice issues. The comparison with the outgoing premier of NSW may resonate but it was never our intention to bring him down. We are just producing a classic Australian play.'

Aitken invited anyone who believes that the Drill Hall

production undermined the ex-premier to see the production that opens on **Australia Day** at the **Drill Hall Theatre**, Mullumbimby.

For bookings and more information visit [drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://drillhalltheatre.org.au).

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## WEBB IN THE GARDEN

The Byron Brewery launch their monthly FREE headline comedy show with the hilarious Lindsay Webb. 'Lindsay Webb is more than your average standup. He has an almost mindreader-like ability to pick faces in the audience and create a show purely on where they come from and what they do. The last time I saw him at The Arkaba half the show was a six-degrees exercise in linking audience members together. It was sheer genius.'

That's what one reviewer said of him at the Adelaide Fringe after his sellout show in 2016.

Back in 2009 Webb took out the Guinness World Record for the Longest Show by an Individual - 38hrs 6min. It just shows what a relentless energy Webb has - able to improvise and create unique comedy experiences every time he hits the stage.

**Lindsay Webb** is joined by the superbly funny Paul McMahon as support and much-loved Queen of Comedy, Mandy Nolan as MC.

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As this week takes a flying leap into unconventional, inventive Aquarius, wake-up shake-up Uranus prompts some breakthrough problem solving...

**♈ ARIES:** This week's welcome injection of Aquarian whimsy lightens the weighty vibe of recent serious weeks. Persian Sufi poet Rumi had the right idea: *The art of knowing is knowing what to ignore...* I'd add exercising softer options over hard-line ultimatums: offering invitations rather than rules and regulations.

**♉ TAURUS:** This week's brightest new year idea? Reframing responses to change from 'stressful event' to 'exciting new experience'. Too simple? Try it. You might find it takes more practice than you imagined. But with the planet of radical change doing its thing, learning how to enjoy the ride makes the best kind of sense.

**♊ GEMINI:** Feeling wired and inspired to get new year's fresh intentions, career ideas, financial dreams and romantic wishes up and running? Be advised that this week snap decisions could wind up being uncomfortably expensive. Outer pressures are far less reliable than inner guidance, so go quiet and listen. It's free, doesn't cost anything.

**♋ CANCER:** Ready or not, this week could jolt you out of a familiar, even if not entirely comfortable, rut onto a more demanding and soul-nourishing path for the year. Demanding you ditch once and for all stale, threadbare scenarios and create fresh, spirit-nurturing applications for what you already do best.

**♌ LEO:** Your planetary CEO in Aquarius launches a new work cycle for Leos this week, featuring sprightly opportunities in the financial pipeline. The key to their success is keeping lines of communication open, staying negotiable, brokering equitable terms and agreements. If practical demonstrations of support and assistance are required, treat them as trust-building exercises.

**♍ VIRGO:** January's mood of professional introspection continues, with Mercury in Capricorn reassessing rules of engagement. If other people's discipline or commitment fall disappointingly short of Virgoan expectations, remember we all do things differently, have priorities which might be the polar opposite of yours, even pressing personal concerns you aren't aware of.

**♎ LIBRA:** The current Mar/Venus/Neptune alignment has your artistic muse fermenting up a brain-dazzling cocktail. But more magic will be materialised and results accomplished this week with a disciplined plan than an unfocused approach, so take things step by step – adding time in between to integrate, digest, assess and adjust.

**♏ SCORPIO:** This week you'll want what you want – now! Which affords the chance to practise one of your signature characteristics: patience. Also being a good listener and reading between the lines (ie the nonverbal subtext), which not only increases mutual understanding, but you get to hear things you might ordinarily not.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Right now you could talk anyone into, or out of, anything. Especially yourself. With the language devas igniting the mind-to-mouth highway, use your witty superpowers of eloquent articulation with wise kindness for the good of all. What you say could change someone's day. Or life...

**♑ CAPRICORN:** Now you're clear on this year's priorities, there are places to go, people to see and dreams to achieve. But what's the rush? Pacing yourself needn't mean losing momentum, just that you're less liable to be drawn into unnecessary drama. Plus it's the perfect week to figure out how to add more soul to your goals.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** Happy birthday, Aquirkyans! Aren't you creatives in for an inspirational week – make that month. A scintillating swirl of vivid insights, side-splitting frolics in the social spotlight, unexpected generosity and some impressive money magic. Attractive distractions abound, and since right now it's all about you, why not just dive right in?

**♓ PISCES:** Shared activities are currently the most rewarding and enjoyable, when it's teamwork that really makes the dream work. Caution? In the Piscean mind, lines between fact and fiction blur, so before flying to someone's or something's defence, do some background checks. This week others might just prove to be right.

# TALKING IN WAVES

The **Byron Bay Surf Festival** has partnered with Patagonia again this year and has just announced its two flagship events they will be presenting to 2017's surf-culture-loving crowds. These events have been packed out in previous years so get in quickly to secure a ticket via the Byron Bay Community Centre booking page.

Meet and hear personal anecdotes from surfing champions, environmental activists and industry pioneers and engage with a passionate community by being a part of thought-provoking discussions.


The first is **'Reimagining the Surf Industry'**. To many, the simple act of going surfing and the multi-billion-dollar surf industry that has sprung up around it are fundamentally at odds. With the surf industry in a time of change, a panel of surfers and entrepreneurs will discuss how the industry can better reflect what surfing is all about. The second panel is titled **'Grassroots Activists'** and is an afternoon spent with some of Australia's leading global and grassroots activists, who will discuss what being an activist today means, and the skills and tools needed to

run successful campaigns both big and small. All attendees will receive the *Tools for Grassroots Activists* book in which Patagonia has distilled the best wisdom and advice for any organisation or individual looking to run a campaign.

It's the ethical drive of Patagonia that delighted Byron Bay Surf Festival when they became event partners. 'These guys take initiative in their workplace to make changes in the real world by donating their time, energy and one per cent of sales annually to the preservation and restoration of the natural environment. Since 1985, the 'Double Down' campaign has totalled \$78 million in cash and kind to small, grassroots environmental groups all over the world. Isn't that amazing?!

Their 'Worn Wear' campaign raises awareness about the life cycle of clothing items, how they push for humane working conditions through the supply chain, or how they give their employees the chance to do activism work all around the world.'

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United Nations and the International Criminal Court, her projects being Nature Nations Rainforest Ecuador, Victory Australasia, and Victory Amazon. Also featured are artists Mena Stemm and renowned Indigenous painter Nelly Patterson. Ancient dances will be performed by dancers from all over the world and Indigenous cuisine will be featured. **Friday 3 till Sunday 5 February, 10am–11.30pm.** Full-day, night-only and all-weekend passes on sale now. See website for details: [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au).



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# NEW WAVE OF WOMEN SURFERS AT BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL

FREESURFER 31-YEAR-OLD LAUREN LINDSEY HILL PREMIERES HER NEW FILM *PEAR SHAPED* AT THE BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL.



Currently sponsored by Billabong, Sanuk Footwear and Bing Surfboards, this self-confessed eco-feminist, environmental scientist, and one-time winner of the US Women's Longboard Championships has got behind the camera to shoot a comedic short about the over-sexualisation of women in surfing.

**How did you start out surfing? How did you come to realise the dream of being a pro surfer?**

I grew up on a little barrier island off the coast of Florida. My single mum was usually working two or three jobs at a time. I was home alone a lot and there wasn't really much to do, but there was water all around us, so surfing became my babysitter from a pretty early age.

I guess I was just lucky that I felt really strongly about surfing, so I put in hours and hours and hours in the water as a grom. And, because at that time there weren't so many women or girls surfing, and because I was a little surfer girl clone with blond hair and blue eyes, sponsorship came relatively easily and so I had the validation to keep dedicating my time and energy into this thing that my parents basically considered 'superfluous'.

**Do you think women in surfing have a different ride, so to speak, from the guys?**

There's still a lot of hesitancy to admit that women and men are different. As long as we're comparing, we're blocked from just celebrating difference. Can women mimic men's surfing? Definitely. But I think that, generally speaking, women surf differently, and sometimes with different motivations from what men have. Surf culture is still pretty much a sword fight, so most everything we 'understand' about surfing as a culture has been written, photographed or judged from and for a masculine perspective. I think we're in the process of fleshing it out, finally.

**What are the challenges that you have faced, or experiences or attitudes that have shaped your view?**

Being sexualised before I was even sexual, having to wrestle with low expectations about my ability in the water because I have a vagina, the condescension, not seeing things that I'm interested in or care about represented in surf media. Mostly the lived experience of surfing is all rainbows and dolphins, especially here in Byron, but there are these lingering sexist/racist/ageist attitudes in our global culture whose times have come.

**How are women in surf over-sexualised? How do you think this hurts the sport... and women wanting to engage?**

There's this kind of double shift in professional women's surfing – you need to have the surfing ability, but then you're also expected to walk onto the beach and look like (and be) a model. It's similar for men, but the body type for a male athlete and a male model are more congruous than for women. There's this conundrum that some of the women grapple with: do you build up your leg muscles to get strong and be a powerful surfer, or do you want to have a thigh gap for 'lifestyle' shoots? You can't really have both to the fullest expression at the same time. Either your surfing career or your modelling career will suffer. The financial and social rewards favour the latter, exponentially.

It's not rocket science. When we show girls that the most important thing about being a girl is how you look, when we repeatedly show female athletes posing on beaches instead of surfing, we're regurgitating the idea of a passive, static womanhood (that often comes with a side of fuck-me eyes). I find it exceptionally boring.

**How do you want to change things?**

I'd like to see more women included in the shaping of mainstream media – more female writers, photographers and decision makers. Equal pay for equal work would be nice, too.

**Why did you decide to make *Pear Shaped*?**

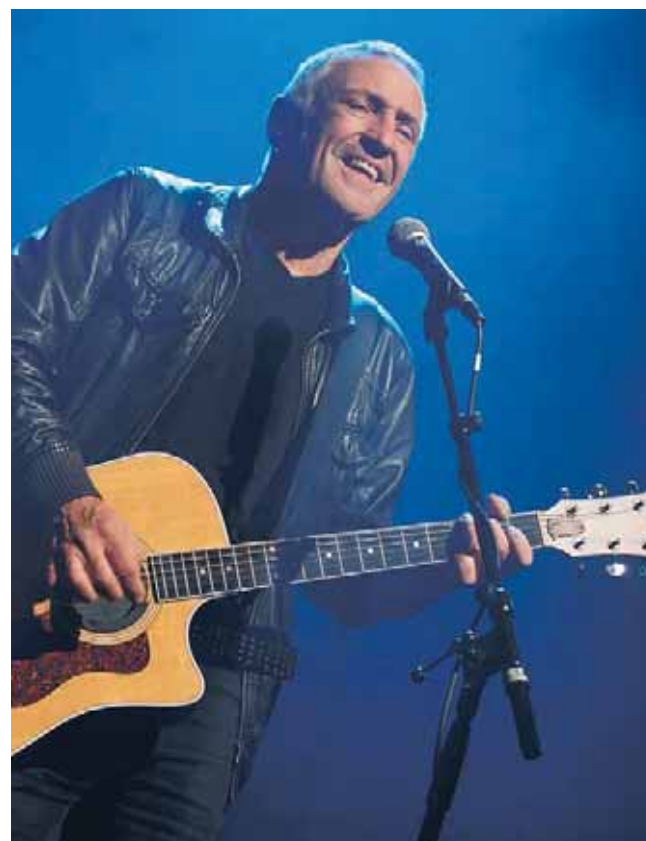
Surfing tends to take itself pretty seriously – and women's surfing has the added layer of sexiness to uphold. I wanted to counter the picture of female surfers as tanned, hairless and perfect, and acknowledge how wholly humbling surfing can be, especially if you're trying to do it in a triangle bikini top.

**What should we expect from your screening at BBSF?**

Subversive T&A, and time for Q&A.

**Byron Bay Surf Festival 24–26 February.**

For program details go to [byronbaysurfestival.com.au](http://byronbaysurfestival.com.au).



# LENNON: FROM NEW YORK TO BYRON BAY

THE MUSIC AND POLITICS OF JOHN LENNON SEEM AS RELEVANT TODAY AS THEY WERE BACK IN THE 60S AND 70S. PERHAPS EVEN MORE SO.

The call for peace, his insightful humanity, and his irreverent disregard for convention have ensured the legacy and legend of Lennon lives on long after his death. John Waters and Stewart D'Arietta have just returned from New York where they presented their show *Lennon Through a Glass Onion*.

The reviews were fantastic. The *New York Times* raved: 'A deeply felt reflection of the man. Savour every minute.'

The *New York Post* said: 'Lennon's spirit shines through on *Glass Onion*' and *Edge New York* said: 'His credible take on Lennon's Liverpoolian dialect is top notch, meritoriously channeling the singer/songwriter's acerbic wit and rebel yell moxie over the course of the 90-minute one-act concert monologue.'

Waters reflected on what it meant to take a show about John Lennon to New York, the place he had chosen to call home until he was shot dead by Mark David Chapman on 8 December 1980 at the door to his home.

**What was it like being John Lennon in New York?**

It was rather special because of the relationship New York has had with John Lennon and still has. There is a great memorial – Strawberry Fields – in Central Park and Yoko Ono still living in New York and how they feel about her in New York City, his presence is still very strong... probably even more so in New York than in Liverpool.



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## MOANA

Disney Studios may well be the butt of bearded hipsters' snide jokes, but if you are not afraid of being uncool you could do worse than check this out. The animation, it goes without saying, is superb – a joy to the eye – and the story is smart, contemporary and, with any luck, influential (there are lessons in it for kids and adults alike).

Set in Polynesia in the unwritten past and loosely based (I am assuming) on one of the Pacific's creation myths, it concerns Moana (voiced by Auli'i Cravhalo), a cute and feisty chieftain's daughter. To save her island from an ancient curse, she takes it upon herself to hunt down the demi-god Maui, who is responsible for her people's plight, and set things right. Maui is a tattooed boofhead with a penchant for a smart-arse one-liner, so who better to speak the part than everybody's favourite tattooed boofhead, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson? I am a huge fan (I know, it's a terrible indictment of This Paper), but what I was previously unaware of is that Johnson has Samoan lineage, which makes his casting even more appropriate.

When Moana discovers that Maui is not as bad as his reputation, and that there are further challenges to overcome, they set off on her catamaran, with a chook (it got the most laughs from the kids in the audience) to vanquish demons together. The squabbling/cooperating routine between the pair is sit-com classic, but it is Moana who is boss – girl power has made huge strides in children's animation and if this latest example of it is not quite up there with the marvellous *Brave* (2012), it falls pretty close.

What doesn't work is the cheesy injection of Broadway songs into the action. They are out of sync with the gusto of what is happening on screen and compare pitifully with the pulsating rhythms and vocal harmonies of the islander numbers used. Otherwise, this is another example of a cartoon exhibiting a great deal more intelligence than many of the multiplex's movies for grown-ups.

### How has stepping into the music of John Lennon on such a regular basis affected you?

It's a pleasure as a singer and musician to perform his songs because they are the sort of songs you don't normally do in a set. They're kind of specific John Lennon songs and I have got the legitimacy to do them... it's an absolute honour to do this and that's how I feel about it more than anything else.

### What if John Lennon hadn't been shot – would he be such an enigma do you think? Does their need to be tragedy of sorts for us to truly appreciate genius?

No, I think the world of music and political discussion would be a much better place if Lennon survived. It's a shame he missed out on the internet because being such a great blogger and with Twitter he would not have let Donald Trump go up in arms, I'm sure of that.

### In a few words, what is the essence of the show you and Stewart D'Arietta present?

I think of it as a trip inside Lennon's head at the moment of his assassination in the sense of his life swimming before his eyes, and that's the reason for its being a collage rather than a strict chronology of he did this and he did that.

Two shows at the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre, **Friday** and **Saturday** this week.

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## LION

At last, a movie that actually lives up to its PR hype... In our digitally connected world, it is almost impossible for us to imagine how it would feel to be lost, cut off absolutely from home and loved ones.

Five-year-old Saroo (Sunny Parwar) is left to sleep at an Indian railway station one night while his brother goes to work. He wakes up on an empty moving bogey and is unable to get off until it arrives at Kolkata. Surviving the perils of that city's teeming streets, Saroo gets lucky and is taken into an orphanage from where he is adopted by a childless couple from Hobart (Nicole Kidman and David Wenham). Twenty years later, as a young man (Dev Patel) studying in Melbourne, he is increasingly affected by his past, by the need to go back and find his real family – to rediscover the identity that he has never fully left behind. But there are no records of where he came from, no paper trail for him to follow – there is only the recollection of the water tower at the station where he last saw his brother.

Based on Saroo Brierley's book, the story is barely credible, but it is true, and director Garth Davis's telling of it pulls hard on the heart-strings without abandoning a close observation of his other characters' relationship with Saroo, though the love interest provided by Rooney Mara never really takes flame.

Shot locally and in Kolkata, the Indian scenes are by far the most vibrant – the opening sequence of Saroo and his brother pinching coal from a freight train is thrillingly executed, while the images of children swimming with buffalos and pilgrims at prayer by the Howrah Bridge are unforgettable – whereas those in Australia focus more on Saroo's brooding and ultimately urgent desire to find his way home. Patel is wonderful in the part – his Australian accent is perfect and maintained throughout – but as good as he and the support cast are, the movie belongs to Sunny. It is an extraordinary performance.

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## THURSDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100, GARRETT KATO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 12PM **TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7PM **DJEVA J**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12PM **TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100**
- HOUSIE SHED, BRUNSWICK HEADS 7AM **BREAKFAST IN THE PARK WITH JOHN KUNDERER MORIARTY AND NORTHERN RIVERS UKE ORCHESTRA**
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **MODERN AUSTRALIAN UKE NIGHT WITH SARA TINDLEY, ASH BELL, MISS AMBER & STUKULELE, 100 WORDS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- BURRINGBAR SPORTS CLUB 3PM **DIRT MUSIC PREACHERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 12PM **TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100**
- BALLINA RSL 8AM **JAZZ ON THE RIVER WITH JIM KELLY & GREG LYON 8PM AUSSIE BIG GIG WITH MICK MEREDITH, MARTY LAPPAN, MANDY NOLAN**
- LISMORE PRODUCE MARKET 3.30PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **MATTY TD**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 4PM **THE FERAMONES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 2PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT DUO**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100**
- NIMBIN BOWLO 1PM **LED LOADER**

- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **SWEET MIXJAH 8PM ROCKKS**
- DUST TEMPLE, CURRUMBIN 5PM **CHARLIE MARSHALL & THE BODY ELECTRIC + THE ANTIBODIES**
- COUNTRY PARADISE PARKLANDS, NERANG **THE GATHERING FEELGOOD FESTIVAL**

## FRIDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE BADLANDS, YES SIR NOCEUR, NICOLE BROPHY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **VANESSA BAKER & THE ELECTRIC ECLECTIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **JON J BRADLEY 9PM WOODLOCK & THE FRANKLIN ELECTRIC**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **THE SEA GYPSIES**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **LENNON THROUGH A GLASS ONION**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 6.30PM **CIRCUS ARTS FLYING TRAPEZE SHOW**
- MISS MARGARITA, BYRON 9.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **YAKIS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WHARVES**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **JIMMY & LEE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BELLA MAREE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- MULLUM FARMERS MARKET 8AM **MAURICE'S TRAVELLING SKY CIRCUS**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM **FLICKERFEST OPENING 8.30PM BEST OF INTERNATIONAL 1**

- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8M **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **BRETT HEALY PROJECT**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **WICKETY WAK**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **THE FERAMONES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GALLERY, LISMORE 7PM **WOMAN IN ALL HER FORMS**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **LIEF MORRIS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ JASON**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **CHESTER BAND**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE **CAPTAIN FANTASTIC**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **GREG PETERSON**
- CONDONG BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB WITH THE EARLY BIRDS, NEV OLLIS QUINTET FEATURING PETER UPPMAN**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **LOUD GOES BANG, NOT TO REGRET, UP THE ANTI, MAD BAX**

## SATURDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FEELING DAVE, MATTY EFFIN MORRISON, THE VIOLENT MONKS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **BILL JACOBI 7PM MAURICE'S TRAVELLING SKY CIRCUS**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **LENNON THROUGH A GLASS ONION**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 6.30PM **CIRCUS ARTS FLYING TRAPEZE SHOW**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM JON J BRADLEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **MATT BRADFORD**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 9.30PM **OPEN DAY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CHRIS FISHER**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE BILLY T'Z**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **DAVID LEYONHJELM PERFORMS PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS HEAD**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 4.30PM **BYRON ALL SHORTS 8.30PM BEST OF INTERNATIONAL 2**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **MERCY MERCY**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **BOB WALTON**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **KILLER QUEEN EXPERIENCE**
- TATTERSALL'S HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **LED LOADER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **PUSH**

- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **CHRIS FLASKAS 7PM FELICITY LAWLESS**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **REAL JARRAH DUO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **TRACE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **MATT BRADFORD DUO**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **SWEET MIXJAH**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 3PM **MICHAEL EÖTVÖS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **AZREAL, MASSIC, EMILY CLARK**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **TIJUANA CARTEL**

## SUNDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SALT BRAIN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GEOFF TURNBULL BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **HOMBRES 8PM ELEMENTALS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **FRISCO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **SUNDAY DJS**
- THE SPACE, BYRON A&I 7.30PM **INFUSION WITH ALIAZ, NOMAD FLAMENCO, VISIONS OF A NOMAD**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **PARISSA & SEAN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8.30PM **BEST OF AUSTRALIAN SHORTS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- TINTENBAR HALL 4PM **LIME & STEEL**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM **BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB WITH CHECK 2 COUNTRY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **MICK BUCKLEY & BELLE HENDRIK**

- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **RICHELIE WILLIAMS DUO**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM BEETLE JUICE**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **LAURIE AGAR**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **THE TRIPLE JS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **DIVISION 4**

## MONDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TAYOSKEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **4'20' REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**

## TUESDAY 31

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MARK RIDOUT & THE RHYTHM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**

## WEDNESDAY 1

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **OOZ**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MICKA SCENE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **LIQUID CHOCOLATE WITH DJ LO QI, INDIGO RODRIGUES**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

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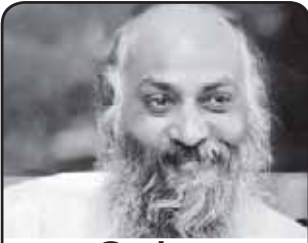
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Mother to 3, Grandmother to 4 + 3 adopted from the USA, Great Grandmother to 2.

Beloved daughter, sister, mother, wife and friend to many. She was fiercely independent and loyal to a cherished few. Roma was a familiar sight enjoying her pre-dawn walk, swim and chat on Byron's beaches.

She had many friends and acquaintances.

Horse racing aficionado, lover of animals, sewer of silk boxer shorts, baker of zucchini carrot cakes.

Born into a world of 1.6 billion people and departed a world of 7.5 billion, she watched it all pass by as she enjoyed the lovely weather, the bird life, the cocktails and Sunday family lunches. She was loved, and will be missed. In loving memory of your life that triumphed over adversity with no-nonsense practicality and a wicked sense of humour.

Forever grateful for your love and wisdom.

### Poem

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On the cusp of 98 she'd had enough  
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## SAMANTHA FARQUHAR

(24/2/1981-13/1/2017)

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**TOMMY HANNON**  
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☾ 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; 2050,0.3
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.**  
**Time lags:** Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



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2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
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## Sport

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# Captain's knock secures rare win for Mullum-Bruns cricket

Ross Kendall

A tough season got a whole lot better for the Mullum-Bruns XI in the Coastal League after they picked up a rare win in round 12 on the back of an unbeaten century from Robby Goodacre.

The captain's 117 not out was the opener's second century he has ever scored, and really set Mullum-Bruns up for a win in the bottom of the table clash with the Ballina Bears.

Mullum-Bruns won the toss and elected to bat on their home ground Thompson Oval.

'For the first few overs the ball was moving around a bit, but after that it evened out,' Robby said. 'From there everything just clicked.'

Robby's innings dominated the day's play and was supported by fellow opener Adam Gadowski (13 runs) and Scott Porter (18).

The next six wickets fell for just 12 runs as the rest of the batsmen chased quick runs with time running out.

Payden Samuelson was the pick of the Bears' bowlers with 3/32 off seven overs. Zac Meldrum also did well collecting 2/21 off five overs.

With 170 runs to defend, Robby reckoned the team were odds on to collect a win.

'A lot of teams struggle with the large size of our oval and I was confident we had the bowling attack,' he said.

The Bears gave it a pretty good shot and only fell short by 15 runs reaching 155. At 3/61 they still had a shot but a string of wickets left them with all the work to do at 8/119.

'They put together a few good partnerships in the middle of their innings, but once we got through those the wickets started to fall, confident we would roll through the tail, and we did,'

Robby said.

Scott Porter had a good day with the ball, taking 4/16 off eight overs.

Strong Ballina batsmen made good starts – Michael Lockery (20), Jason Holmes (22), Adam Hart (19), Grant Noble (25), Samuel Norris (17) and Michael Turnbull (19) – but none was able to provide a big score to secure the chase.

'It was our first win in a while so it was good to see boys with smiles back on their faces,' he said.

Despite their loss, Ballina remain in ninth spot on that league table with their three wins, while Mullum-Bruns are still last on the ladder with just two wins to their name for the season. The team does have a game hand, however.

Last Saturday's round of the Coastal League was washed out.

Terranora are on the top of the ladder with ten wins.

# Byron Bay SLSC ready to claim their seventh straight NSW country championship

Defending champions Byron Bay will be gunning for their seventh straight title when the 2017 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships start at South West Rocks from Saturday February 5.

Their fierce northern rivals Cudgen Headland are keen to close the gap after falling agonisingly short of ending the

streak after a strong display in 2016.

Preparations for the biggest surf carnival for those living outside the metropolitan areas have been tracking smoothly.

An influx of more than 1,500 competitors, officials and supporters is expected to be welcomed to town

throughout the two-day event.

Warilla, Barrack Point and Mollymook will be strong contenders from southern NSW while local clubs including Port Macquarie, South West Rocks, and Wauchope-Bonny Hills will be keen to take advantage of the familiar conditions.

# The Disabled Surfers 'Cooky Classic' is on this weekend

The Disabled Surfers Association is having their annual gathering at Kingscliff, 'The Cocky Classic', this Sunday January 29.

The event is named after Cocky Stannard, who led the DSA in the Kingscliff area for many years.

'He was an old-time surfer who died a few years ago but he did a great job for the DSA so we decided to name the event after him,' DSA organiser John Mansfield said.

'A big turnout of surfers is expected as they also come down from the Gold Coast. Their carers come with them but there is still a need for up to 100 volunteers on the day,' John said.

'We need water people, sign-on assistants, caterers,



**The Kingscliff DSA event attracts local and Gold Coast surfers and up to 100 volunteers.** Photo Diana Willis

and anyone who wants to lend a hand with equipment,' he said.

Participants are invited to attend at 10am for surfing, volunteers from 9am. Lunch

will follow at 12pm.

Rash vests, suntan lotion and water are available and the event is free.

Don't forget your swimmers, hat and towel.



## Glory for Lennox Head surfers



Nyxie Ryan working her way to a win in the national championship at Narrabeen last week. She was joined on the podium by Jai Gлиндerman Photo SNSW/Smith

### Crystal Cylinders

Four Lennox Head junior surfers had great results at the Rip Curl GromSearch National Final held at the iconic North Narrabeen Beach and two of them walked away as national champions.

Nyxie Ryan and Jai Gлиндerman both bagged titles for the region, taking out the 14-and-under Girls and 12-and-under Boys respectively.

Ryan smashed her girl-on-girl final with a massive 15.50 heat total to claim the win ahead of Carly Shanahan (Wooli, NSW) on 5.16.

Gлиндerman also had a solid heat score with a total of 14.34 to get the nod over fellow Lennox Head standout Jack O'Brien on 10.93 in their boy-on-boy final.

As a former Narrabeen resident, Gлиндerman had the local crowd on their feet when he claimed the top spot on the dais. Nyxie's younger brother Dembe Ryan also

had a great event with a third place in the 12-and-under Boys, only bowing out in the semifinals.

Nyxie Ryan backed up her win last year in the 12-and-under Girls and, over the last few years, has emerged as the top surfer for her age in Australia.

Impressively, it was her first year in the division and she will still be eligible to compete in the same division next year.

### Joining a long list of champs

The list of previous competitors highlights the elite level of competitors that make up the Rip Curl GromSearch series.

Current WSL World Tour surfers who have competed in the event include: Male: Matt Wilkinson (Australia), Gabriel Medina (Brazil), Kolohe Andino (USA), Felipe Toledo (Brazil), Jordy Smith (South Africa), Nat Young (USA).

Female: Tyler Wright (Australia), Stephanie Gilmore (Aust), Malia Manuel (USA), Sally Fitzgibbons (Aust), Nikki Van Dijk (Aust), Tatiana Weston-Webb (Hawaii).

All Rip Curl GromSearch events include boys' and girls' divisions in 16-and-under, 14-and-under, and 12-and-under age groups.

Surfers receive points for their results in each event, which then count towards a National GromSearch ratings system, allowing surfers from around Australia to compare their results with contemporaries.

The Rip Curl GromSearch series started in 1999 as a one-day event at Jan Juc in Victoria. Since then it has developed into the strongest international series for 16-and-under surfers in the world. With parallel Rip Curl GromSearch series in more than 10 countries, it has become a crucial stepping-stone in the development of elite junior surfers.

## 80 little athletes prepare for state qualifying carnival

Ross Kendall

At least 80 juniors from the Tweed Seagulls Little Athletics club are preparing for the South Coast Regional Carnival and a chance to earn a place in the Queensland championships.

The Seagulls has 360 members and caters for children from six to 17 years old.

A team of 80 from the Seagulls, slightly down on last year's 90 competitors, will be heading to the Regional Carnival in Ashmore over the weekend of February 4-5.

One standout runner at the club who should finish in the top four at the regional event and ensure an invite to the state championship is 12-year-old Tynan Neveceral. He recently broke the club's 100-metre sprint record of 12.64 with his time of 12.16.

The youngster has run the distance in as little as 11.46.

At least 20-30 Seagulls come from the Byron Shire, according to club manager Andrew Barkworth.

'Byron Shire membership of the Seagulls has been lifted by the closing of the Byron branch of Little Athletics.



The 'Tweed Flash' Tynan Neveceral finishing the 100m sprint at the Seagulls' Walter Peate Oval. Photo contributed.

The new highway also helps by making it a relatively easy drive,' he said.

'The club meets each Saturday morning and offers children aged older than 11 the full range of athletic events. Younger kids work up to this level as safety permits,' Andrew said.

### Byron down, but not out

'Little Athletics Byron had to close last year as it couldn't generate enough support to fill the official positions required to run the

group,' former organiser Deb Millgate said.

The group couldn't operate this year but there is still hope for 2017/18 if the volunteers can be found.

'Byron is registered with Little Athletics Queensland, and they need groups to at least have a treasurer, secretary and other office-holder positions,' Deb said.

'Then you need people on the ground to actually help with the training,' she said.

Ballina also has a Little Athletics squad and is part of the NSW Little Athletics organisation.

## Moore wins 2016 singles trophy

Dave Moore has won the Major Singles trophy for 2016 at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club presentation day held on January 14.

Trophy recipients at the event included:

Minor Pairs - Ross Graham and Sean Doherty

Minor Singles - Michael Burke

Triples Winners - Sandy Purdie, Richie Northcott and Mark Holton

Fours Winners - Greg



Dave raises a smile and the trophy at the presentation afternoon. Photo contributed

Moroney, Errol Boyter, Scott Hogan and Mark Hogan  
Major Pairs - Leigh Rickert and Richie Northcott.  
Clubman of the Year was awarded to Allan Bartlett.

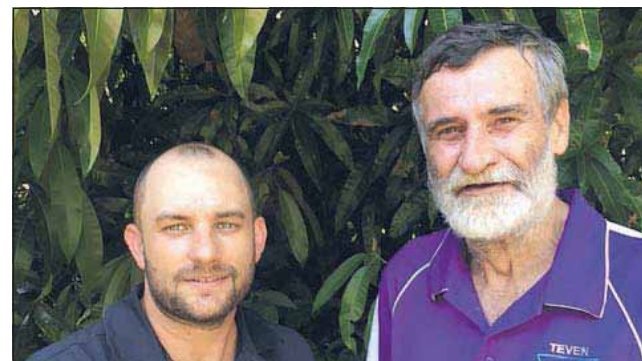
## Jamieson edges out Coochiroff in countback to claim honours at Teven Golf Course

Peter Blackwood

Frank Jamieson on 28 shots has just managed to hold off Ian Coochiroff on 29 to claim the Teven Golf Club Men's Division played a 9-holes Stroke competition last Saturday.

The final results were determined after a countback.

Ball rundown: Bill Wayte (Net 29), Peter Blackwood (Net 30), Robert Tillman (Net 31), John Selwood (Net 31). NTPs: 4th: Peter Harden; 8th: David Fowler. Putting:



December's monthly medal winner Ryan Hubbard at Teven with Ian Coochiroff. Photo contributed

John Selwood (13 putts). Many thanks to Steve Blackmore for the barbecue break-fast after the game.  
This week: Nine holes Sta-bleford - 6.30am start.

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## Hosie, Flessner and Howell dominated triples at Ocean Shores

Janine Howell

The ladies of Ocean Shores Womens Bowls playing at the Country Club enjoyed a fun morning on the January 20 round.

The weather was finally a bit cooler.

Two spirited games were played.

M Hosie, M Flessner and J Howell defeated J Busch, J Williams and G Johnston; while L McGowran and B Sprengel beat N Gartner and M Enright.

M Enright won the raffle.





# Regular As Clockwork

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

## Neighbourhood Centre

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

## #StartupByron

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

## Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email 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 Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Call 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 every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

## Library fun

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

## No-interest loans

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

## Budgeting Support

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

## Bush School

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

## Museums

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

## 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.



A kookaburra chick in care with WIREs gets relief in a makeshift bath. Next WIREs training in February – call 6628 1898. Photo Melanie Barsony

## Drug support groups

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

## U3A discussion group

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

## Quota Club

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

## Spanish conversation

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

## Men's Groups

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

## Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerratiz010@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.

participate in our course on 26 February, please contact us as soon as possible. Call our 24-hour hotline on 6628 1898 or see http://wiresn.org/Helping.html.

## Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA garage sale, 8am–2pm, Saturday 18 February 2017 at the CWA Rooms, Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby. We would greatly appreciate donations of good-quality saleable items. For collection please phone Sue 6684 1675.

## Falls prevention

Free 7-week falls-prevention program, Stepping On, starts at Ocean Shores Wednesday 1 February, 9.30–11.30am. Enquiries Kim 0402 801 758, Martina 0427 025 051, Stepping On coordinator 6620 7523, www.chegs.org.au.

## Medieval weaving

6 February at Club Mullum Art Space, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, local artist Kim Tait exhibits medieval weaving.

## Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors – new members can join up Thurs 2 Feb at the Studio 10am–2pm or email mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au. All levels welcome.

## Bay Community Singers

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

## ManTime

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

## Town Choir

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

## 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

## 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 slaa.org.au.

## CWA Bangalow

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

## Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch CWA Handicraft Group in the CWA rooms Tincogan Street Mullumbimby each 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month throughout 2016. Classes in knitting, crochet, embroidery and sewing are offered. Enquiries Margaret 66842956.

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Cryptic Clues

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1. Anteater – the first of all the animals! (8)

5. Publicity about Erato caused merriment (6)

9. Temperature falling while practising (8)

10. Vincent embraces new young royal (6)

12. Hundreds surround one royal, and after hesitation put a barrier around another – a circular boundary (13)

15. Right and big – that's the girl (5)

16. Sounds the horn around piles of dirt – wants tea and coffee (3,6)

17. Music boat capsizes – it's very, very small (9)

19. Flipped, dug the fabric! (5)

20. Rood – the way in or out (9,4)

22. A change about one bird cage (6)

23. A taxing nationality? (8)

25. Fight off twisted sister (6)

26. Hades nice? Nonsense – it's Greek! (8)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. African anteater (8)

5. Entertained, made merry (9)

9. Teaching, practising (8)

10. Son of a queen (6)

12. Boundary, usually circular (13)

15. Miss O'Grady (5)

16. Heated beverages (3,6)

17. Smaller than an atom (9)

19. Coarse cotton fabric (5)

20. Type of entrance, often found in hotels (9,4)

22. Enclosure for birds (6)

23. Caledonian (8)

25. Oppose, withstand (6)

26. Greek, particularly ancient Greek (8)

DOWN

1. Apocalyptic opponent of Jesus (10)

2. Transport supremos (inits) (1,1,1)

3. Dare, guess (7)

4. Very ordinary, routine (3,2,3,4)

6. Seaman, sailor (7)

7. Town in Spain; also valley near Los Angeles (3,8)

8. Act, achievement (4)

11. Southern border of the land of the midnight sun (6,6)

13. Red fruit (11)

14. Of different origin but the same shape (10)

18. Inns, pubs (7)

19. To do with the fingers; also not analogue (7)

21. Just, even-handed (4)

24. Electrically charged particle (3)

Last week's solution N162

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# On The Horizon

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## BPA meets

Bangalow Progress Association meets Thurs 2 Feb in Heritage House at 5.30pm. Members welcome.

## Try Scouting

Is your child looking for a new adventure for 2017? Why not try out 1st Bangalow Scouts? Cub Scouts (7½–10½) meet at 5.45 on Fridays and Scouts (10½–14½) meet Tuesdays at 6.15 during school term. Info: Jim 0408 546 522 or go to www.scouts.com.au.

## U3A Ballina/Byron

Meeting 31/01/17 at 10am at Diane Hugh's home, 12 Gordon St, Mullumbimby. Ken Wood will conduct an orchid workshop, so bring your ailing plants and gardening gloves. Enquiries 6680 7350.

## U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum resumes 14 February 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Courses may recommence week beginning 30 January. Visitors welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

## Australia Day O Shores

Once again mullet throwers are shaping up for the Australia Day Mullet Throwing world championships held at the Ocean Shores Public School, starting at 3pm. Digitally made mullets only. Practice time from 2.30pm. Ambassador 4pm, barbecue at 5pm. Rainforest track conducted tour. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

## Big Boss movie

*Big Boss: Last Leader of the Crocodile Islands* doco 10 Feb, Mullum Civic Hall. Doors open 7pm; Screening 8pm. Further details: 0439 882 132.

## Calling All Woman Artists

In conjunction with the Inaugural Lismore Women's Festival, the Serpentine Community Gallery is hosting an exhibition celebrating 'Woman – In All Her Forms', 1–20 March. Artworks should be delivered to the gallery between Saturday 25 Feb and Mon 27 Feb. Contact

Rin for more info 0403 613 898.

## Ballina Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club digital meeting Thursday 26 January at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome. Enq Mark 6686 6915.

## Byron Bay Autumn Club

Members of the former Byron Bay Autumn Club are reminded their weekly meetings will commence at the Uniting Centre, Carlyle Street, at 9am Wednesday 1 February. New members welcome.

## Coffee morning

St Paul's Anglican Church, 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay: Guess Who's Coming for Coffee Tuesday 7 February 10am, guest speaker Celeste Harris, who will talk about her work at the Community Centre. Free event.

## WIREs is recruiting

The local branch of NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service is an all-volunteer organisation that needs new members throughout the northern rivers. WIREs offers a basic training course that will teach you how to safely rescue and provide emergency care for injured and orphaned wildlife. If you would like to join WIREs and

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When you're parked parallel to the kerb and you go to open the driver's door onto a bike lane, please reach over with your far hand, the left hand, instead. This forces you to swivel, look in the side rearview mirror and back to see if any cyclists are coming, thus avoiding 'dooring' them and perhaps saving a life in the process. This is known as the Dutch Reach, and has protected many cyclists from a world of pain. The site [dutchreach.org](http://dutchreach.org) has a wealth of information and a video, although the illustration is for left-hand drive.

Further to our tips on surviving a hot night, a reader sent in this one: 'You get a nice cotton sheet and completely wet it, then wring it out, and simply sleep under the damp sheet. Perfectly cool and by the time the air temp is cool, say 4am, the sheet is completely dry and warm.' And FFS, remember to drink lots of water throughout the day.

Why, when you're waiting in the coffee queue, does the young blade in front of you find it necessary to elaborate on the 'spiritual potential of black holes', as if he knew anything about physics and/or mathematics, in what is obviously a tedious chat-up of the young waitress who then finds it necessary to say, 'Wow, I'll have to breathe that in' when all that is really needed is a mercantile exchange involving (a) money, and (b) frickin' coffee? *Backlash* has nothing against hormonal thrust-and-parry, but not at the point of sale.

The Clown Doctors in Australia are celebrating their



Nanna berets off and pussy hats on last week in support of the Womens March on Washington the day after Donald Trump's inauguration.

Photo Knitting Nannas Against Gas Lismore Facebook page

20th year of cheering up young kids in hospital: <http://bit.ly/clown20>. This is possibly why Malcolm Turnbull appointed chief clown Greg Hunt as the federal health minister, praising his excellent communication skills. Oh how we laughed.

'Where did all the years go?' as *Backlash's* 98-year-old father used to say. Holy flashback, Batman, it's now 50 years since the so-called Summer of Love, and coincidentally – or is it? – 50 years since *Backlash's* first LSD trip, which involved, among other things, staring into the mysterious depths of one's soup for eons and seeing mandalas of Pluto the dog swirling on the suburban footpaths of Pennant Hills. Among the commemorative notes on this momentous year are Benjamin Ramm's comprehensive article for the BBC, *The LSD cult that transformed America* – <http://bit.ly/broadid> – and the documentary *The Sunshine Makers* – <http://bit.ly/sunacid> – about the

two guys who manufactured Orange Sunshine, regarded as the Grange Hermitage of LSD. Chiefly opposing the product were Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon, which

says a lot in itself. But a cautionary note for young players – don't do drugs, mkay; they could transform your reality, and we wouldn't want that. #SummerofLove



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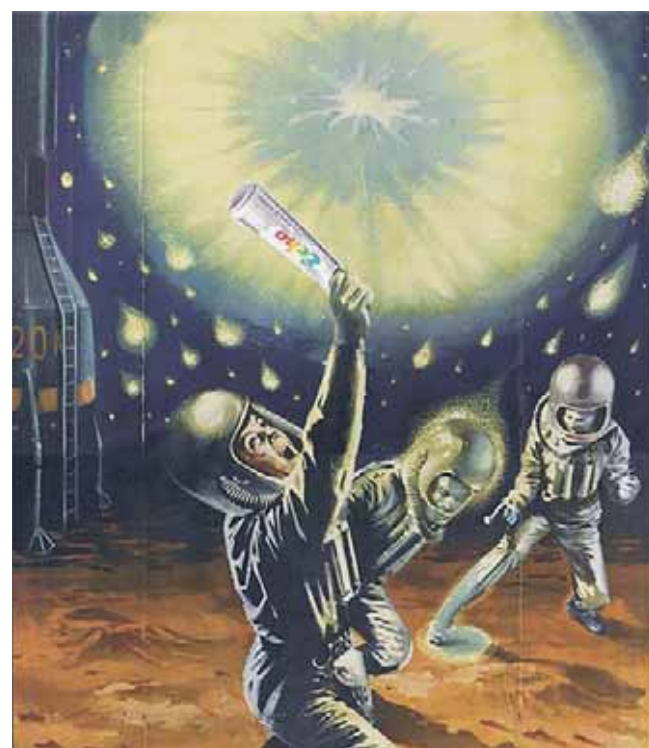


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