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Labor calls to delay rate rise

Chris Dobney & Hans Lovejoy

Is a ten per cent compounded permanent rate rise a certainty?

Greens mayor Simon Richardson believes so, having told *The Echo* previously he expects a majority vote to prevail at this Thursday's council meeting on February 2.

But Byron Shire Country Labor councillor Paul Spooner says the case has 'not effectively been made' for a special rates increase in Byron Shire and is calling on fellow councillors to delay any increase for at least a year.

Councillors Cate Coorey (independent) and Alan Hunter (Nationals aligned) have also expressed concern at the plan, with Cr Coorey telling *The Echo* the proposal 'hasn't been presented well' and Cr Hunter saying he doesn't 'trust this council to deal with it properly'.

And such, the rise could conceivably be in jeopardy: if all three councillors, plus Cr Spooner's Labor colleague Jan Hackett voted against it, they would only need support from deputy mayor Basil Cameron or one Greens councillor to prevent the rise.

One Greens councillor, Michael Lyon, told *The Echo* that he believes the vote on Thursday is 'not a done deal for me'.

'I want to see how we can spread the burden around,' he said. 'A public registry of roads in the Shire would be a good start. If that information were shared online, roads and costings could be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.'

Cr Spooner said that after considering the more than 2,500 responses made by residents through submissions, surveys and council information stands, 'there is no mandate for a rate rise over the next four years'.

The Shire's GM Ken Gainger has proposed a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of between 33.5 per cent and 60.5 per cent over the coming four years.

But Cr Spooner told *The Echo* that 'this is one of the most extensive consultations we've undertaken' and 'the Byron Shire community has clearly said no' to the rate rises.

'You cannot say on any level that this has been endorsed,' he added.

Amalgamation threat

Mr Gainger previously told *The Echo* that Byron Council could be in danger of amalgamation if the SRV were not adopted. But Cr Spooner said that since the NSW Orange by-election and the ascension of Premier Berjiklian, that threat had abated.

'Given the shifts in politics in NSW, any fears of forced amalgamation are unfounded,' he said.

'Byron was declared fit for the future. We do need to ensure we are financially viable, but I'm suggesting we take a bit more time before we impose one of the most regressive financial measures that has ever been proposed in this Shire on our residents.'

He added that no group had stood for Council on a platform of

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In defiance of violence



Organisers and performers from V-Day and Vagina Conversations, which will be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre February 14. From left is Catheryn Britton, Zenith Virago, Jenni Cargill-Strong, Phillipa Williams, Annalee Atia, Jennifer Lalor, Tamar Ben-Hur, Monique Lavail and Alison Toft. Photo Jeff Dawson

Aslan Shand

Rape or beatings will be experienced by one in three girls and women in their lives.

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People are invited to gather together, wear red clothes and join in the dance on Main Beach in Byron Bay for the fifth year running, this February 14 from 7am.

Fifth year running

Local organiser Stroma Lawson says, 'It is a special dance to a piece of music written especially for the event, called *Break the Chain*'.

She says, 'It has very moving words about domestic violence and there is a routine choreographed to go along with the song that you can learn online.'

The importance of V-Day is currently being highlighted in Russia

where they are in the process of decriminalising domestic violence.

According to a recent report by Human Rights Watch, Russia's lower chamber passed a bill on January 27 that will 'decriminalise a first offence of family violence that does not cause serious harm requiring hospital treatment'.

Following the V-Day dance there will be two entertaining evenings of Vagina Conversations on February 14 and 15 at the Byron Community from 7.30pm.

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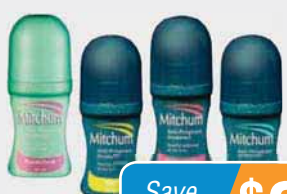
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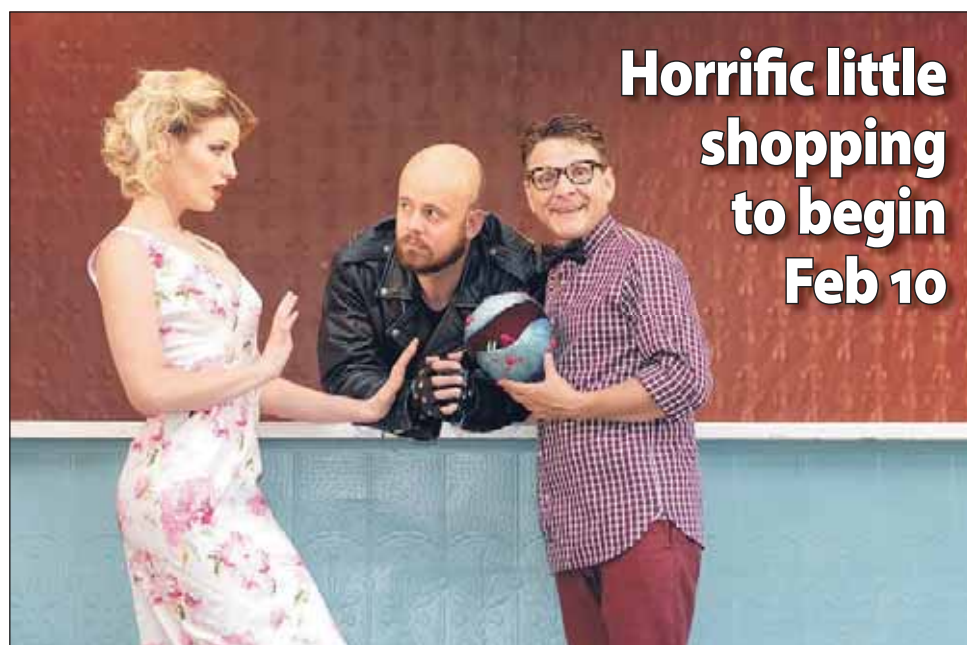
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Labor calls to delay rate rise

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raising rates.

'There was no mandate to increase rates at the last council election and there is no mandate evident through the most extensive community consultation process ever undertaken by Council.'

'I am calling on Council to delay any decision about raising rates for at least 12 months. This will enable a greater level of due diligence to be applied to a rate increase proposal of this magnitude.'

'This is one of the biggest decisions taken by Council over the last decade and will have a profound effect on residents over the decade to come.'

'What I would ask is this – why would the most progressive council in the country implement one of the most regressive financial plans in its history without giving alternative financial plans a thorough investigation?'

Cr Spooner denied that 'pushing the pause button' would see roads in the Shire deteriorate further.

'We've spent more on infrastructure maintenance in the last 12 months than for quite some time – and that's without

a rate rise [which] proves that efficiency can be achieved.'

'I think that's a good direction to go in and that the community is asking us to push that a bit further.'

He added that Byron regularly missed out on state and federal road-funding grants owing to lack of a proper plan.

'We need to have an infrastructure plan in place that can easily be articulated when those opportunities come up.'

'Surrounding councils have demonstrated that it is possible to get those grant funds. I think we need to review our approach to both federal and state governments,' he told *The Echo*.

Inconsistencies

Cr Coorey told *The Echo* that while she had yet to decide which way she would vote, the issue 'hasn't been presented well' to the community and there were 'a lot of inconsistencies' in the plan.

'We need a better package than this, and there is enough confusion to give councillors some pause for thought,' she said.

Cr Hunter, meanwhile, said he wanted to 'kill' the

proposal.

'I don't trust these councillors to deal with [the additional revenue] properly,' he said.

'The mayor's priorities have nothing to do with the priorities of the community: roads, parks and stormwater.'

'Roads are the most important thing for the community and until we get an ironclad commitment the increased rates will be used to fix the problems we've identified, it's like giving more alcohol to drunks,' he said.

Alternatives

Alternative options canvassed by Cr Spooner include: increasing paid parking in Byron Bay to \$4 an hour; a review of the council improvement plan (CIP), eg increase the level of Council's loan borrowings; address the lack of Council income collected from holiday letting businesses; revise the rate split between residents, businesses and farmlands; and submit a proposal to the state government to enable the implementation of a tourism levy or bed tax in the Byron Shire.

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The Echo, along with Fairfax Media and worldwide papers, appears to have been taken in by scammers posing as a legitimate Victorian company, V Cases Pty Ltd.

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The Echo apologises to readers who have been caught up in this scam, and we thank those people who first

brought their concerns about the ad to our attention after publication. Unfortunately, this scam had not received the publicity it deserved in the two months that it has apparently been operating.

The Echo has reported it to the ACCC's ScamWatch and the Victorian Police are investigating.

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A day of recognition



Survival Day 2017 on Byron's Main Beach saw a packed day of kids' activities, music, food and community. Pictured are Bronwyn Sindel (sisters for reconciliation), Arakwal representative Delta Kay, Marguerita Patrick, Byron Shire Australia Day ambassador John Moriarty AM and Belle Arnold. Photo Byron Shire Council

Locals honoured with Australia Day awards for 2017 included Holley Somerville-Knott (young person), Susan Tsicalas (volunteer), Millicent McCourt (sports person), Lisa Parkes-Jetta and Brad Kramer (Byron Lighthouse Run).

The ceremony was held at the Mullumbimby Ex-Servicemen's Club last Thursday.

Top honour for Byron Shire's citizen of the year was

awarded to Byron Writers Festival founder and former chair Chris Hanley, who will also receive an Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

Mr Hanley will receive his OAM (for service to literature and Indigenous education) in a ceremony at Government House later in the year.

Mayor Simon Richardson said Hanley had been central to the development of the literary, cultural and intellectual life of the region.



Byron Shire Australia Day award recipients from left: Lisa Parkes-Jetta (community event of the year), Susan Tsicalas (volunteer of the year), Brad Kramer (community event of the year), Holley Somerville-Knott (young citizen of the year), Brigid Kramer (community event of the year) and Christopher Hanley (citizen of the year). Photo Jeff Dawson

erary, cultural and intellectual life of the region.

'Thanks to his contributions, locals can listen to, debate, appreciate, contemplate and connect over the latest ideas, cultural trends and creative approaches from around the world - here in our very own backyard.'

Mr Hanley said, 'I'm honoured and humbled to receive these awards. These awards are

really testament to the wonderful, passionate community of the northern rivers that has nourished my soul ever since I moved to Byron Bay in 1985.'

Last Thursday, Byron Shire also welcomed 25 new citizens from France, Switzerland, UK, Canada, Vietnam, USA, Spain, Russian Federation, England, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the Netherlands.

Holiday letting precincts wanted - VOHL

A residents' group affected by holiday letting have rebuffed comments by Greens mayor Simon Richardson over their view as to how best to handle the issue.

In last week's *Echo* article, *Mayoral thoughts on holiday letting*, mayor Richardson said, '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.'

But Victims Of Holiday Letting (VOHL) said that is 'not quite correct.'

VOHL co-ordinator Doug Luke says his group were 'hungry for precincts or zones.'

'Our original preferred position was and remains for Byron Shire Council to take illegal holiday lets to court including The Land and Environment Court, (LEC).

'VOHL would still prefer this as it demonstrates Council's legal responsibility and duty of care towards residents. Our numerous submissions and letters have supported this.'

'A majority of councillors on the previous Council voted not to take legal action.'

'There have been a number of LEC judgments, including the landmark *Dobrohotoff v Bennic* (Terrigal case) in May 2013, that have shown holiday

letting is illegal in residential zones. NSW LEC case law is clear and consistent: mixing short-term letting with permanent residential occupants is "fundamentally incompatible."

Unsupportive govt

Luke says, 'When legal action did not eventuate, VOHL then examined the concept of precincts or zones for holiday letting.'

'This had also been put forward by Council under [former Greens mayor] Jan Barham.'

'Unfortunately, the NSW DPE would not accept this and suggested the "open model" plan where holiday

letting is allowed in any zone where a residence is legal.

'VOHL has consistently supported Byron Shire Council in developing a policy of registration and regulation that puts the onus on owners/managers to avoid and/or resolve problems with holiday lets that continue to adversely affect neighbouring residents. VOHL would welcome support from state government following the latest reshuffle.'

'VOHL is grateful that the mayor and his "new" Council are prepared to act in the best interests of residents and offer them some overdue protection from rampant short-term letting, including AirBnB.'

Council meets Thursday

Councillors and staff will meet in a public environment on Thursday February 2.

It's your chance - if you are not busy - to come along to the Mullumbimby chambers to witness the inner workings of local policy and decision making. This week councillors will vote and discuss a proposed NBN fixed wireless tower at 308 Coorabell Road, as well as the rate rise proposal, of course.

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Investigation called for after patient waits 13 hours at Byron Hospital ED

Chris Dobney

Newly minted health minister Brad Hazzard already has a job on his hands after shadow north coast minister Walt Secord wrote to him yesterday demanding an investigation into staffing levels at the new Byron Central Hospital.

It comes after a patient with bowel obstruction had to wait 13 hours in the emergency department.

Ocean Shores resident Sue Harrison was rushed by ambulance to the hospital at around 10pm on the night of January 22, but when she arrived at the ED, only one doctor and two nurses were on duty.

Ms Harrison told *The Echo* that an hour after she arrived, while she was still waiting to be seen, a patient arrived in cardiac arrest, which required the full resources of all three staff to deal with.

And after the 13-hour wait Ms Harrison was still forced to rely on her private health insurance in order to receive proper treatment.

She said the ordeal began when she had to call 000 after

being in such pain that she could not walk.

‘The ambos were incredible, fast, helped my pain and got me to Byron Hospital emergency quickly and safely,’ she told *The Echo*.

Lack of staff

A lack of staff appeared to be the main issue for Ms Harrison, who said, ‘The poor nurses were so busy they never stopped and one nurse had to work three hours after her shift ended. To have a doctor having to be on the phone arranging transport is a total waste of personnel. It is actually dangerous that a doctor is unable to respond to emergencies and instead waste his time on ward secretarial work.’

Ms Harrison described the situation as ‘unacceptable for a brand new hospital, or any hospital in Australia.’

‘First of all we should have surgical rooms, but maybe more importantly they need more staff.’

‘When I told one of the nurses I was going to write a letter she said “please do! We

are a first-world country and this should not happen.”

‘She said they have asked numerous times for more staff and they are not believed regarding how busy they are.’

Second letter

Secord’s letter to minister Hazard says in part, ‘It is ludicrous that we have a brand new hospital without appropriate staffing.’

Secord said that, at the time, the hospital was promoted by the National Party, ‘who claimed it would respond to the growing and ageing population on the north coast.’

‘Another day, another problem within the health and hospital system on the

north coast,’ he said.

‘The patient and the north coast community deserve a full investigation into this incident and they need to be reassured that when they present at hospital and there are enough staff to look after their health needs.’

‘The NSW health and hospital system lurches from crisis to crisis.’

‘Who can forget the shocking photographic evidence of a patient lying on the concrete outside Ballina Hospital? That was a national disgrace and the Nationals should hang their heads in shame.’

■ Northern NSW Local Health District did not provide comment to *The Echo* by deadline.

Academic Gonsalves features at Indian night, February 4

A Tyagarah house concert on Saturday February 4 from 6pm will feature Indian/Australian writer and journalist Roanna Gonsalves.

An Indian meal and Indian music and dance is

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Local silver screen legends



Finalists and winners from this year's Byron All Shorts comp. Photo Jeff Dawson

The Byron All Shorts program screened last Saturday at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall alongside Flickerfest's three-day event, which features some of the world's best short films.

Local filmmakers who entered the comp are Sophie Hexter (*Hitch*) – she's pictured with her son, Nicole Dona-

hue (*Quack*), Susie Forster (*The Fine Art Of Being Zion*), Jonatan Lundmark (*Don't Spoil Us*), Eve Jeffery and Dave Lowe (*Gomeroi Voices*), Mandy Nolan was being judgmental, Duncan James (*Lift Me Up*), David Bradbury and Anne Chesher were also judges with Mandy, Irene Feuz

(*Got Your Marbles*), Grace Yeshe-Holt (*Rise Up*), Nathan Tommasi (*Hazy Perspective*).

In the front row is Flickerfest's Shane Rennie, Emily Avila (*In A Cane Field*), Kaitlyn McMurtry (*Our Land*) and Sheldon Lieberman (*Uber*).

Pictured front is Flickerfest director, Bronwyn Kidd.

Paul Barrett farewell Saturday in Cabarita

The funeral for Paul Barrett, founder of Samba Blisstas, will be held Saturday Febru-

ary 4 at Cabarita Beach Hotel from 10.30am. Organisers are also asking for photos – both

group and of Paul – and they can be emailed to tastefultransitions@gmail.com.

Lives saved in Bruns surf

Two attentive Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) patrol members saved two lives last Sunday after a couple got caught in a flash rip at Brunswick Beach, 100 metres north of the flags.

The club's Guy Knox told *The Echo* the incident occurred shortly after high tide in moderate surf conditions.

'Within a minute, they were dragged 50 metres into the surf zone. Two attentive patrol members – Bryce Holmes and Sam Atkins – ran to their surf rescue boards and raced to assist.'

Boat motor stalled

'As Bryce and Sam arrived at the scene, a Brunswick SLSC inflatable rescue boat, skippered by patrol captain



Surf life saving rescuers Sam Atkins, Bryce Holmes, Brianna Clarkson and Craig Reid. Photo Guy Knox

Craig Reid and his crew Brianna Clarkson, also arrived.

'With waves breaking over the rescue boat, stalling the motor, Brianna pulled the woman from the surf.'

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and brought the woman safely to the shore. Her partner was accompanied to the shallows by Bryce and Sam.

'The quick thinking by those patrol members involved helped avert a possible tragedy,' he said.

MLC has new renewable energy role

Locally based Nationals MLC Ben Franklin has been appointed parliamentary secretary for renewable energy following the cabinet shuffle by new NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.

Franklin said it's an area which he is deeply passion-

ate about. 'I am a very strong supporter of an energy future that is clean, green, reliable and affordable,' Franklin said.

2050 target

'With a NSW government goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, we have

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Use of legislation against holiday letting too punitive say councillors, staff

Hans Lovejoy

A plan by former mayoral candidate Matthew Hartley to shut down holiday letting has been rejected by both a Labor and a Green councillor.

Sections 119B and 119C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* appear to provide the power to appoint and empower a special investigative and prosecutorial team to pursue holiday letting.

Hartley says that with an estimated 1,500 homes zoned 'residential' now let full time as tourist accommodation, action via legislation should be pursued immediately.

But councillor Paul Spooner (Country Labor) told *The Echo* that 'setting vigilante groups onto holiday-letting operators is not the way to go.'

'We know it's affecting communities around the world, and I can't see why we are not having more of a conversation with the state government around this.

'While we are vocal about this locally, we really haven't taken our voice to Sydney.

'We know homes are being bought in the Shire for the purpose of just being an Airbnb property. It's a business, and as a shire that experiences this issue acutely, we need to be a key voice in NSW parliament.'

Cr Spooner says there is a strong case for the state government to implement Airbnb's tax-collection scheme, which is enacted in the US, France, Netherlands, Portugal and India.

Greens councillor Michael Lyon told *The Echo* he believes a registration fee for holiday lets 'is doable.' 'We are still looking at annual



From 1539 till 1545, Spanish grand inquisitor Cardinal Juan Pardo de Tavera spread the message of God's infinite love with death and torture. Image Wikipedia.org

fees for registration and how to build a solid case of how holiday letters will pay. I invite Matt [Hartley] to work with us on how to make compliance work without those extreme measures.'

Hartley maintains that the activity is still illegal, despite any tax that is imposed.

■ The full reply to *The Echo* by Council's legal services co-ordinator Ralph James on the matter is at the end of Hartley's letter on page 14. James says such action, 'could result in Council being locked into constant and expensive litigation.'



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Banks asked to please explain

Australia's four big banks will again face parliamentary scrutiny, with public hearings planned from March 3 till 8 in Canberra.

According to the Standing Committee on Economics, their focus will be asking ANZ, Westpac, Commonwealth and NAB about developments in the market

and prudential regulation, as well as how consumer protections have been enhanced after government reforms and actions by regulators. The hearings have been criticised by Labor as having no consequence and instead Labor are calling for a royal commission.

■ For more info visit www.aph.gov.au/economics.

NSW, QLD state border agreement reached

An agreement aimed at resolving long-standing border anomalies that affect businesses and residents living in northern NSW has been signed by both the NSW and QLD governments.

NSW deputy premier John Barilaro (Nationals) welcomed the announcement of the NSW-QLD 'Statement of Principles and Priorities for Regional Collaboration 2016-19', hailing it as a landmark agreement between the two states.

Under the agreement, governments will be required to address issues on a project-by-project basis in four key areas: regional economic development, alignment of services and sharing of information, local transport and issues of national significance.

Barilaro says it will provide for better recognition of teacher registration and accreditation, joint planning and response to emergencies, and the integration of cross-border bus services and point-to-point transport.

'This is fantastic news for people living and working on both sides of the border

and will greatly assist in the resolution of long-standing border anomalies,' he said.

'Major border infrastructure projects and the harmonisation of heavy-vehicle regulations will also be actively progressed.'

DV info shared

'A very important component of the agreement is the opportunity to better share information with interstate government agencies to ensure the protection of children and victims of domestic violence.'

'My government colleagues in Tweed, Lismore, Northern Tablelands and Barwon have long championed the cause of cross-border communities, highlighting the difficulties and challenges of living and working near a border.'

Tweed MP Geoff Provest (Nationals) said, 'This agreement represents a positive outcome for the Tweed and is a great step forward for communities on both sides of the border.' Lismore MP Thomas George (Nationals) said it was also great news for his electorate.

Local art snapped up by State Library



The State Library of NSW recently recruited the services of Main Arm artist Lynne Adams to create a floral sculpture out of recycled plastic (PET) bottles. The sculpture was part of the launch of the library's 'Planting Dreams' exhibition. Lynne's award-winning art has been part of exhibitions such as the Thursday Plantation Sculpture Show, artsCape and Swell Sculpture Festival. See more of her work at www.lynneadams.com.au. Photo supplied

Small-time coke and pot bust

A 28-year-old man remains behind bars after police allege he was found with several packages of cocaine and a small amount of cannabis.

According to police, his vehicle was stopped and searched in north Ballina on

Monday morning.

He was later charged with two counts of 'supply prohibited drug' and 'possess prohibited drug'.

The man was refused bail and will appear at Lismore local court on February 7.

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Dear Byron Shire Councilors

We are concerned about Byron Shire Council's role in the approval of a train service to operate between Sunrise and Byron town and Council's apparent indifference to the effects this might have on the environment and the amenity of people living or staying along the rail corridor.

The Belongil Action Group Association and the Sunrise Progress Association represent many concerned residents and businesses located along the rail corridor that stand to be significantly affected by noise, and pollution and the disruption to their livelihood and enjoyment of life. There are around 1500 beds of both residents and accommodation businesses that will be affected.

Council approved a development application on 17th September 2015 for the construction and use of two train platforms and a train storage shed to be used by the Byron Bay Railroad Company (BBRC), an affiliate of Elements Resort. This was to facilitate the running of a diesel train service between Sunrise and the town centre. Approval was given to allow the platforms to be used from 7.30 am – 10.30 pm seven

days a week (three hours a day more than council staff had recommended).

These approvals were given despite Council never having sighted the commercial license agreement that BBRC has with Transport for NSW. This fact was confirmed at the Council meeting in October last year. The terms and nature of this agreement are still unknown to Council and the public.

During the DA process, BBRC made little attempt to consult with the residents and businesses at the Eastern end of the line. The only direct communication was a letter drop stating the train and its usage as a 'fait accompli'. Although BBRC invited comment and queries it did not initiate any meetings to consult with residents or businesses.

The BBRC had stated that it plans to initially run an hourly service, which equates to 15 return trips a day or 30 passes. On the 8th November 2016 our representatives met with Element's Project Manager Jeremy Holmes, the Owner/Director Brian Flannery and their Chief Engineer. At the meeting, Mr Flannery stated that they (BBRC) were able to run the train up to 4 times an hour and would indeed do so if they saw fit. This

frequency of usage would equate to 60 return trips per day or 120 passes of each and every property between the hours of 7.30 am & 10.30 pm!

Since train services ceased in 2004, Byron Shire Council has approved the development of many properties along this rail corridor. Developers and property owners were never warned about the possibility of the trains even returning, let alone at such frequency and impedance to their amenity of life. Having endorsed this intensification of property and development along the line, Council is now ignoring the plight of this community.

While our concerned residents and businesses were aware of the train line and that it had in the past been used a maximum two to three times (ie 4-6 passes of properties) a day, no one, in their worst nightmare would have envisaged that Council would approve, for the construction of platforms to enable a train service operating at 10 times that number and potentially up to 120 passes a day. Furthermore, owners of properties adjoining the track are concerned that such intensive use could cause irreparable and significant damage to their buildings, as no one was aware of the train and it was not something taken into account in the design and construction phase.

We ask the following questions of Council;

1. Did council, when making this decision, opt in favour of visitor accessibility over residential and business amenity? Are those who live and work along the rail corridor to bear a burden for the sake of train users, the great majority of whom are likely to be Elements Resort guests?

2. Where are the traffic, patronage, social impact and environmental studies to support such a train that will be operated at such a high frequency?

3. Is it fair and reasonable to subject people along the rail corridor to the noise that will emanate from the diesel engine and the screech and clatter of steel wheels on steel rails up to 30 to 120 times a day? Please view the video of the same train travelling at a even slower speed than planned to understand this noise level. Go to; Facebook/byronbaytrain

4. Is it fair and reasonable to subject those people living within earshot of the Kendall St crossing to the loud noise of the train's horn or whistle up to 30 to 120 times a day as it approaches from each direction till 10:30pm every night?

5. Is it fair and reasonable to disrupt the flow of pedestrians and traffic using Kendall Street up to 30 to 120 times a day?

6. Is it even safe for cars and pedestrians for the train to be crossing Kendall Street with such frequency?

7. In light of the above information are you prepared to review the hours of operation and frequency of usage of the train platforms and storage shed?

These questions have been emailed directly to each councillor. We will be seeking answers to these questions from each one and will print the same in The Echo, in order for all ratepayers to understand each councillor's individual understanding and sympathy to the plight of all residents and businesses concerned.

Thanking you in advance,
The Belongil Action Group Association
and Sunrise Progress Association.

The truth on the Byron Bay Train
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Courses kick off

With a new year, what better time is there to get educated? There are more than 120 courses on offer at Byron Community College, with vocational accredited subjects including childcare and permaculture. Course co-ordinator Vicki Walker says permaculture is so popular it's booked out this term with a waiting list.

'This has created a new learning opportunity being grown by the college, that is particular to our region,' she says. There are also non-accredited courses, such as cheese making, beekeeping and Spanish for beginners.

■ To register, visit byron-college.org.au or call 6684 3374. The colleges are located on the corner of Gordon and Burringbar Street Mullumbimby and 107 Jonson Street, Byron Bay.

Holiday circus fun



Evie, Daniele, Makena, Sani and Halo were among dozens of people who got to jump, juggle, tumble, wiggle, bounce, fly and climb on Saturday at Byron's Circus Arts open day. The day also launched the next term's classes and activities. For further information about the upcoming program, check their website; circucarts.com.au. Photo Jeff Dawson

Santos Organics grants now available

Santos Organics are inviting local not-for-profits to submit an application for a share of \$40,000 in grant funding.

Communications manager Paul Crebar says the funds have been made available thanks to a staff charity fund

and Santos matching contributions dollar for dollar.

'This grant-funding program allows staff and community engagement in recommending the recipient organisations of these funds.'

Santos Organics general

manager Michael Lyon says, 'Being able to partner with our staff to generate these funds is a really positive outcome for our local community organisations. We encourage members of our community to invite their

preferred not-for-profit to make an application for these grants.'

■ Local not-for-profit organisations can find out more by visiting www.santosorganics.com.au. Applications close February 28.

Land Titles Registry sell-off opposed

A group representing NSW surveyors is urging the new premier Gladys Berejiklian to halt the proposed sale of the Land Titles Registry, which manages the Land and Property Information (LPI).

According to www.lpi.nsw.gov.au the LPI 'maintains the largest centralised land title

registry in Australia.'

President of the Institution of Surveyors NSW, Michael Green, released a statement on Monday saying that the land registry is a 'vital, sensitive service that must be kept in public hands.'

His organisation fears the sell-off is to build two new

stadiums in Sydney and that it could result in 'data breaches, price hikes and a loss of institutional knowledge.'

Green added that giving up millions of private records to a commercial operator – driven by profit – could compromise data and result in diminished services.

Murder charge over car crash

A 47-year-old female driver from Lismore has been charged with murder following a fatal crash at Cudgera Creek earlier this month.

About 8.30am on Friday January 6, emergency services were called to the M1 Pacific Motorway at Cudgera Creek, near the Cudgera

Creek Road off ramp, following reports of a crash involving a white Ford Falcon station wagon and a motorcycle.

The rider of the motorcycle, a 61-year-old man, was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics but died at the scene.

Police say a subsequent in-

vestigation led to the woman's being charged with murder.

Police allege the woman intentionally hit the rider, who was not known to her.

■ Witnesses are still being sought; anyone who may have seen the incident are urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Police close illegal doof party

A doof party on the sand dunes near Cudgera Ave, Pottsville last Saturday was broken up by police.

Police say they received information about the party, which included a shade tent, disco lights, speakers and music.

The police statement says,

'There were about 100 to 150 youths drinking alcohol throughout the dunes.'

'A large number of these youths were intoxicated and as a result were putting their lives at risk.'

'Some of these youths were not in control of their faculties and were stumbling on

the dark roadway.'

Action will be taken against organisers, say police.

'We remind parents to be vigilant regarding their teenagers' whereabouts, alcohol and drug consumption.'

'These parties are unsupervised and not a safe environment for youth.'

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New jokers in the pack

With a new NSW premier comes a much-needed reshuffle of the house of cards on Macquarie Street.

Gladys Berejiklian was given the mantle unopposed, which means there is obviously no-one other than her who had the talent or ego for the job. Or the NSW coalition could really, really be committed to unity. Ha! Ahem.

Fun fact – the previous premier Mike Baird, she's a corporate banker. She is also of Armenian heritage, and being an immigrant demonstrates how anyone who is given enough opportunity can inhabit and triumph in any swamp.

Unlike Baird, she's not of entitlement and privilege; she reputedly went to a public school and thankfully appears to understand that when it comes to education, equity can help produce the best results for a society.

Besides being premier, the most important job is planning. It's arguable that being treasurer is more important, but is keeping a balanced budget more powerful than giving the environment up to developers at the expense of communities?

Anthony Roberts is the new planning minister, which also means being the minister for whatever Jamie Packer wants.

Fun fact – he's a member of the North Shore elite who worked closely with former PM John Howard.

It's unclear what his planning credentials are, given he replaces the evangelical Rob Stokes. Stokes has now shuffled along to education minister, yet holds a doctorate in planning law.

It is also worth noting the retirement of roads minister Duncan Gay (Nationals). Throughout his career he basically did whatever Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) wanted.

The trucking and oil industry would be surely indebted to him, which comes at the expense of the more economical yet neglected NSW railway network.

And we have a new health minister! Taking on the task of defending the underfunding of NSW health will now be Brad Hazzard.

Health minister Jillian Skinner, who is both old and in the way, thankfully retired last week with full entitlements and without much to show for it.

Let's never forget Hazzard was one of the ministers responsible for nearly bringing the police in against north coast CSG protesters at Bentley near Lismore.

According to *Crikey's* Alex Mitchell, Berejiklian's smartest move was to make Mark Speakman SC, MP for Cronulla, the Attorney-General in a stand-alone portfolio.

He wrote, 'She has stripped Justice, Corrective Services and Police from the previous AG mega-portfolio, which had led to grotesque conflicts of interests.'

Good luck, Berejiklian, especially when it comes to keeping the lid on all the crazies whom you now lead.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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An agile PM with his pants down

Perhaps emboldened by the Trumpery of alternative facts Malcolm Turnbull spent most of last week spruiking an alternative Trans Pacific Partnership.

Unwilling to admit the reality – that The Donald had killed off the idea with a stroke of the pen, and in any case its abolition had been bipartisan American policy for many months, our prime minister continued to fantasise that it could still be the cornerstone of the new strategic and economic alliance he craved for Australia.

Bullshit, of course, sheer wishful thinking. But his persistence was baffling to the point of derangement.

First, he tried to pre-empt Trump by pushing for Australia to ratify the deal – if he were serious he could have done so months ago, but in any case there was little point: until both Japan and the USA ratified (and admittedly Shinzo Abe rushed to do so in a similar panic move) the TPP could not go ahead, so why bother?

Then he suggested that perhaps, pressed by more serious Republicans, Trump could perhaps reconsider. This is highly unlikely, but even if it came about, the consequences would not be good for Australia.

The main criticism of the TPP, as far as it could be ascertained through leaks from WikiLeaks (the details were kept secret from all except the major corporations which designed the drafts) was that it gave the USA too much power: in particular it allowed enhanced property rights for Americans (the antithesis of free trade, one might have thought) and it set up a system by which aggrieved private companies could sue sovereign governments if they felt like it. Both big free kicks

for Wall Street.

But Trump, while no fan of Wall Street, complains that the TPP is not favourable enough to America: he wants even more favours and advantages.

At its best, the TPP was never all that promising: the only real selling point was that it might give our farmers (well, some of them) a toehold into the American market. In spite of the ritual palaver about jobs and growth, serious analysts such as the World Bank estimate the overall net worth of the TPP at less than one-quarter of one percentage point –

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by Mungo MacCallum

not per year, but forever.

And Turnbull and Scott Morrison refused to let our own most responsible agency, the Productivity Commission, even consider the deal.

So if the original version would have been something of a fizzer, a revised Trump version of a TPP would be a disaster for Australia, not some kind of redemption.

So Turnbull, absurdly, turned to threats: if Washington would not play ball with Canberra perhaps Beijing would: perhaps China could become the centrepiece of a new TPP. Quite apart from the fact that China would not have the remotest interest in picking up the pieces of a failed American agenda, the whole concept of the TPP was to cement USA supremacy and contain China: part of the increasingly shaky American pivot to Asia.

When no-one took any no-

tice of this nonsense, the latest tactic was to say that, well, perhaps America was out, but we could still save the rest of the TPP. The indefatigably optimistic trade minister, Steve Ciobo, spoke of a 'twelve minus one' TPP.

Not even the government's staunchest conservative allies bought this idea: in *The Australian* both Greg Sheridan and Judith Sloan, to name but two, derided it as farcical. And in case there was any lingering doubt, Japan (yes, the Japan which had ratified the original TPP) and Canada both declared that

ude to Turnbull's big Wednesday address, in which he will orate to the National Press Club (and anyone else who will listen) about his ideas for the year, the parliament, ahead.

Apart from no TPP, no national economic plan promising corporate tax cuts for all, and never, ever negative gearing to help ameliorate the housing crisis, not much has been foreshadowed, apart from the endless threats to our security and still more reasons to impose draconian measures to restrict our liberties in order to protect us from all being murdered in the streets. Not such exciting times for 2017.

The overall picture is that of a government caught well and truly with its pants down, although it was repeatedly warned that both its belt and braces were in urgent need of repair. The expectation – at least the hope – was that Trump would lose, and if by some chance he won, he could be persuaded to act like a moderate – that his radical rhetoric would be constrained by wiser heads.

But it has not been so, and it is time to accept that perhaps he actually meant what he said, however rash and reckless it may be.

So when Trump moves to inaugurate trade wars, and, more alarmingly, his incoming state secretary, tyrannosaurus Rex Tillerson, threatens a blockade of the artificial Chinese islands in the South China Sea, perhaps it is time to start taking Trumpery seriously.

Alternative facts may be comforting, but they will neither pay the rent nor safeguard our interests.

We wait with considerable trepidation as our agile prime minister prepares to mount the rostrum on Wednesday.



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Shirtless in the fruit aisle

■ The shirtless hunks of Woolies are one of the glories of Byron Bay. I always take guests there for a perve. This isn't Tehran. Men of Byron, you are a symbol of our freedom. Shirts off, please!

Robert Easton
Billinudgel

■ Referring to recent letters on shopping attire, I reckon that Dennett's IGA (for it could only happen in Mullumbimby) should introduce naked shopping on Tuesdays.

We could go straight from skinny-dipping to shopping. How wonderful for people to show off all their tattoos, piercings and topiary. Why keep it hidden?

How wonderful to see real bodies with all their blemishes, fat, warts, moles and

varicose veins. The sausages and meatballs, kiwi fruit and bananas, the watermelons, peaches and cherries. Lean legs of lamb, rump steak and pork belly.

Kids could see what bodies really look like rather than the fake, constructed images they espy on porn sites. The old could reminisce about what they once looked like and the young would be shocked and learn to be grateful for their pubescent bodies in their first flush of beauty rather than being embarrassed and thinking they are ugly.

Let them see all shapes and sizes and their self-esteem around body issues would rise and become more realistic and accepting as they see older people comfortable in their lived-in, stretched,

scarred, saggy bodies.

Yes, naked shopping, not only fun, especially in the heat of summer, but also a great tourist attraction. However for public health and safety there should be one rule – that people wear shoes because we don't want to pick up athlete's foot. When I was shopping today I saw several clothed people walking the aisles in bare feet. Gross!

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

■ I encourage both Dave Lisle and Jim Nutter (Letters, January 25) to each take a bite from that juicy peach that was braced under a shirtless armpit and then put it back on the supermarket shelf.

Dan Bode
Byron Bay

Hospital emergency

On Sunday night just past I had to call Triple Zero. The ambos were incredible, fast, helped my pain and got me to Byron hospital emergency quickly and safely.

Once there I was shocked to see there were only two nurses and one doctor on duty. This was about 10pm. I was not the only patient by any means; in fact I think there were at least three other cubicles with patients needing care. One hour after I arrived, a full cardiac arrest arrived and the two nurses and

one doctor were understandably busy with that emergency so all other patients were not able to have care.

I was in Byron emergency for 13 hours waiting for transport to a hospital with surgical rooms. During that time there were numerous other patients coming in who needed care and still there were no other staff.

The doctor actually had to be on the phone to find out what hospital I could be transferred to and how. The poor nurses were so busy they never stopped and one nurse

had to work three hours past her shift end.

This is unacceptable for a brand new hospital or any hospital in Australia. First of all we should have surgical rooms there but, maybe more importantly, they need more staff. When I told one of the nurses I was going to write a letter she said, please do! She said they have asked numerous times for more staff and they are not believed regarding how busy they are. We are a first-world country and this should not happen here.

Also there should be a ward secretary on duty at all times! I worked in healthcare in hospitals years ago in the US and I know they are essential. To have a doctor having to be on the phone arranging transport is a total



waste of his time and it is actually dangerous to not have a doctor able to respond.

This was an eye-opening experience for me. The hospital is beautiful but it will never run smoothly without the essential people who make things happen.

The health minister needs to be lobbied about funds for staff and surgical suites. Byron is growing by leaps and bounds and this will be a big problem in the not too distant future. I shudder to think what could happen if the perfect storm happens – which it will.

Sue Harrison
Ocean Shores

In Ken we trust

In quoting selected extracts of the Local Government Act ('Councillor weighs in over spat', *Echo*, January 25), Paul Spooner has only identified the division of labour between the mayor and GM. Had he consulted sections 222 and 223 he would have found, 'the elected representatives are the

governing body' and 'their role is to direct and control the affairs of council'. Pretty clear, Paul, you are responsible for how the GM and staff perform – it's called governance.

Councillors neglect their responsibility for governance if they leave it to the GM, because he is 'so dedicated and experienced', or it is merely convenient?

As a nominal ALP councillor Paul should hold the welfare of the staff as a high priority. But if you are not listening you will not hear anything.

I got the reputation as a troublemaker on Council because I was listening and attempting to do something about it in the face of fierce

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I TRIED TO VISIT SOME PLACE CALLED BYRON BAY BUT ALL I COULD SEE WERE POP UP STALLS.

POP UP STALLS! POP UP STALLS EVERYWHERE!!

HE ACQUIRED 837 TRINKETS BUT LOST HIS MIND.

RETAILER

I AM SO GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

Residents feel betrayed by Mullum DA approval

■ The Koho development of eight units in Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, sounded very appealing in the the article in last week's *Echo* but did you know that of the eight units being built only two are required to be affordable housing and they only have to be 20 per cent less in rental cost than all the other units; other similar Koho units rent for between \$450 and \$500 per week.

The units are double storey in a single-storey zoning and they have a study that is very

likely to be used as a second bedroom, which means up to 20 people will be onsite. The neighbours next door live in single-storey houses in a very quiet area at night. Can you imagine the impact from next door?

There will be parking for only four cars. The front street is already full of parked cars both day and night.

There is no transport from Mullumbimby after hours and very little during the day. You need a car if you live here, especially if you work.

So where is everybody supposed to park?

And if that isn't enough, they are also trashing the Heritage Conservation Area of Mullumbimby. So you see, these units are not really about affordability or caring for the community, but are a great way to make a huge profit from a small block of land.

The only way Koho got their way to build in this inappropriate place was because they used state government legislation that overrides

the local council legislation. Koho threatened Council with court action that could have cost the council money they did not want to spend. So thanks, Koho, for being so community minded.

Len Bates
Mullumbimby

■ Mullumbimby is to get eight units jammed onto a single block in the heritage precinct of Stuart Street, thanks to some smart footwork on the part of the developers and of our green mayor Simon.

It is a terrible outcome. I have lived on this block for almost 30 years, but am now saddened to see my neighbours treated this way. These neighbours expecting, like me, to live a quiet country-town life will now have a two-storey apartment block foisted upon them, thanks to four of our councillors who pretend this is perfectly okay. Too bad! Who cares!

And while one can understand Spooner, Hackett and Hunter voting in the 'who cares?' block, it is inexcusable

that a recently re-elected member of the Greens, Simon Richardson, used his casting vote to give the nod and wink to Koho developers. This is a betrayal of all that the Greens stand for, and a betrayal of all those who supported his campaign and who voted for him.

Affordable housing can be done well, can be done creatively, and can be done in consultation with the community.

Christine McNeil
Mullumbimby

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opposition from the then GM.

I still get regular feedback about staff dysfunction but can do little. If I name names

or even hint at incidents then the employees involved will be identified with consequences. On the other hand councillors have a responsibility to ask the hard questions and follow them up. Unless of course it gets in the way of polishing a brilliant career.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

Psychic?

Shark telepathy, my arse (Letters, January 25).

Steve Edmonds
Mullumbimby

Swamp thoughts

Well, Mungo, Peter Dutton must be doing a fantastic job to receive your description as a swamp dweller and a protected species. Perhaps swamp drainer would have been a more apt description, given the mess that he and Morrison inherited from the likes of Rudd, Gillard, and Bowen.

It is unlikely that anyone could have left the joint in a bigger stuff-up than that crowd. Even the front bar of the 'Billi' would have left less mess on a free-beer-weekend swill.

And Mungo, in your list of snake-oil messiahs, you have

skilfully omitted the Giant Anacondas, unless you have included them in the unnamed 'equally absurd fringe group'.

Tim Harrington
Lennox Head

Doof distress

Fake news? I wish this were not: from March 2, 2017, it will be illegal to doof, and heavy penalties will be instantly levied upon those who continue to do it. I think we've all just about had enough of doof!

'To Doof' is to invade and distress with unsolicited noise the auditory space of other species including human beings. (For those who want high-volume entertainment, affordable headphone-type technology is readily available.)

Gavin Greenoak
Byron Bay

Mayoral musings

A couple of points I wish to raise on our mayor's musings (*Echo*, January 25). In the last paragraph, he stated, 'Interestingly, two other councils were allowed to include the "three strikes and you're out" rule but the state didn't agree for us to have it'.

Far be it from me to instruct your solicitors but I would have thought that this is the very principle of law, that the state cannot be seen as discriminating in its allowances or decisions against one council to another. It's called a 'precedent'.

They can't offer something to one shire and reject the same application from another. Maybe the Tax Office tries and does these sort of things, but many cases are also overturned on appeal.

And my other point: when a prosecution action is being taken against another and they decide to pull out, what has happened to the ruling on costs being awarded to the shire against that appellant? My previous 12 years working in courts, albeit in another state, would not let this type of action go unheeded.

I think it's best for the council to put out to tender for another legal department.

D Haydock
Suffolk Park

Bypass madness

The mayor's ongoing support for the Butler Street bypass and the Council administration remains highly

disturbing. The Butler Street residents, currently pursuing an appeal in the Land & Environment Court against the proposal, stand dumbfounded that our council and our mayor cannot recognise common sense, not to mention reams of expert evidence demonstrating the absurdity of their proposal in the face of the superior rail corridor alternative.

We are dumfounded by their readiness to mount a million-dollar defence case in the vain hope of saving face and securing a self-destructive route that they do not have the money to build because it is twice as expensive as the rail corridor option.

The Butler Street bypass will go down as one of the grander mistakes of our beleaguered council and only serve to highlight the poor quality of their administration and strategic planning decisions despite their slick media presentations. It has been left to a small band of homeowners and market stallholders directly affected by the Butler Street bypass to hold out a resistance to a careless, even reckless

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Will we welcome our marine climate refugees?

Story & photo Mary Gardner

Making sense of small talk is a never-ending task for this particular biologist. I deeply, truly want to hear what people think about the weather, water, fish and all that. Over the years, I've been splicing together these sound bites into a detailed collage.

'I have this idea what the Great Barrier Reef is going to do with all this global warming,' my Byron friend spoke up excitedly. 'It's going to move south. All that coral and all those creatures. They will end up right here in Byron Bay.'

'Exactly,' I said. 'Climate refugees! And how shall we welcome them here?'

In the next second, I am remembering an earlier conversation I had with another friend who works with Queensland agencies in the Great Barrier Reef.

'We now have a few million dollars to spend,' he said. 'I am putting it all into buying up coastal wetlands and rehabilitating whatever we can. Habitat. It's all about saving habitat.'

In the third second I remember something I read



Rocky Creek Dam, the source of the water in the taps of Byron Shire.

in the journal *Nature*. (Although not a face-to-face conversation, let's count reading as a virtual conversation.) Maps of sea-temperature changes show various 'climate traps'.

Marine animals migrate from warming waters only to find their favoured temperature zones disappearing altogether. Or they find other conditions in these new places are poor, without the food or habitat they need. The water quality is marginal or detrimental.

So I finally say to my Byron friend, 'If we have ma-

rine climate refugees, is our coastal water clean enough? Do we have functional wetlands where the juvenile fish can move in and grow up? Where are our oyster and pipi beds? Do we have seagrass in the Belongil for dugong?'

'The Belongil is in such bad shape.'

'We have no treatment for stormwater pollution. Every rain we have, the water washes all the vehicle pollution from roads and pavements into a network of closed pipes and open drains. Some pour into the Belongil. Others go straight out to sea.'

'From out at the lighthouse, I've seen that line in the sea, the colour change after rain, the run-off.'

He shakes his head. This conversation moves on.

Later, I overhear some people chatting about the new water re-use pipes in the public toilets at Byron Bay.

'Did you know the effluent from the West Byron Sewage Treatment Plant goes into the Belongil through open drains from Ewingsdale through West Byron?'

'No! But with more tourism and development, isn't there even more effluent? Are

they hooking up more toilets with recycled water?'

Another time, I am at a picnic by the Rocky Creek Dam. We small talk, considering the water in the dam, which is the source of the water in the taps of Byron Shire. The question is raised: what does water conservation mean in the tourist towns that draw on the water of this dam?

Another day. Over coffee, another friend asks me. 'How do I learn about water and the environment? I want to, but how? I want to get out more in nature.'

I think about the last few months. I spent many long hours indoors collating the results of 17 surveys done by volunteers. They spent hours outdoors traipsing the waterways of Byron, which have decades upon centuries out to millennia of experiences to share. Many may be in poor shape now but they have potential.

I hear again the angry residents about 'tourists destroying the place'. I remember a child by the water. The parent near the bridge calling out, 'I didn't think we'd see any fish in here but look!'

Projects throughout urban Australia aim to create 'water sensitive cities'. Plants and microbes in waterways and ponds cleansing stormwater. Trees for wildlife, to cool urban air. Recycled water piped everywhere. Outreach to business, tourists and residents about water conservation. Neighbourhood programs to monitor, enhance and protect waterways with education and action.

I wonder about water-sensitive coastal living. Some observers doubt that Australians can manage themselves differently in existing commons. Is every aspect of life fated to be enclosed, monetised and propertied forevermore?

I look at my friend. 'Rain's expected. It's so hot, getting wet will be fine. Let's go watch the flow in that waterway.'

■ Dr Gardner, writer and biologist, has a special interest in local ecology, place-based knowledge and deep resilience. Read more at echo.net.au/articles/Tangle-of-life. To download *A Proposal for Water Sensitive Coastal Living* go to [OurEarthOnline](http://OurEarthOnline.com.au) <http://bit.ly/coastprop>.



Byron Shire Council Celebrating World Wetland Day

In recognition of World Wetland Day (2 February), Byron Shire Council is celebrating by sharing spectacular images from the award winning Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve (Byron Wetlands).

With over ten years since the wetlands were expanded as part of the effluent management strategy, we are celebrating our ongoing community achievement.

As wetlands decrease worldwide at a rapid rate, the Byron community is making significant steps towards conserving these valuable ecosystems.

Consisting of an area of over 100ha the Byron Wetlands have been a huge success since they were expanded in 2004.

By using treated effluent from the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant, the Byron Wetlands integrates environmental, social and economic benefits for the whole community; Not the least being – the wetlands provides habitat for many animals, including over 200 species of birds, with several species being rare and endangered.

Council will be holding a Community Open Day at the Byron Wetlands to celebrate World Water Day on Saturday 25 March. Tours of the wetland will highlight the sustainable and integrated approach to harmonising the human and environmental habitats.

If you would like to be involved in the event or further information please contact Jessica Huxley on 0448 537 422 or Peter Rees on 6685 9306.

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Holiday letting blues

■ Matthew Hartley puts forward plan to shut down illegal letting in residential zones and garner millions for Byron Shire.

According to Hans Lovejoy, who says he checked, staff say Matthew Hartley's plan can work. Mayor says staff are great. But, mayor says, nothing can be done about holiday letting in residential areas. Hmmm.

Then again, mayor also said no-one made an issue of rate rises during the council election. Matt Hartley took out three half-page ads in *The Echo*, and spoke about it at every public meeting.

Who is telling the truth? Tell you what: I will shut down holiday letting in residential areas, at zero cost to Council. Now, Hans Lovejoy, can we please publish my plan of action?

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

■ Hans Lovejoy replies: It appears correct that, under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, there are provisions to appoint and empower a special investigative and prosecutorial team to pursue holiday letting. Council's legal services

co-ordinator, Ralph James, told *The Echo* on November 22 last year that such an enforcement approach on holiday letting 'could result in Council being locked into constant and expensive litigation'.

'The risks and results of such litigation would be counterproductive to achieving a long-term strategic planning and compliance solution.

'Allowing planning instruments for Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) is likely to enable neighbours and the community to decide where and how STRA premises can be located and conducted,' he said.

However, Mr James reaffirmed that instances of safety and environmental harm would have priority, be investigated and where substantiated, enforcement action taken.

■ I found myself shaking my head in disbelief at our mayor's 'Thoughts on holiday letting' in last week's *Echo*. He says there is 'no legislation to stop it'. This statement needs a bit of further explaining from our mayor.

The Land Use Tables in Byron Shire LEP 2014 set out ob-

jectives and permitted uses for each land zoning. The tables also list prohibited uses.

For example in an R2 - Low Density Residential Zone 'commercial premises' are prohibited. Clause 1.2 in the LEP sets out the aims of the plan including: 'to minimise conflict between land uses within a zone and ensure minimal impact of development on the amenity of adjoining and nearby land uses'.

My understanding is that the LEP is a statutory document (ie a state law) that is effectively policed under the EPA Act, which sets out the procedure for orders and penalties for failure to comply.

If a permanently short-term-rented property is not a 'commercial premises' then why this is so needs to be explained by the council to the neighbouring residents who experience the conflict described above. If holiday letting is a 'commercial premises', then there is legislation to stop it.

The mayor appears to be saying that the planning system applies to every other form of development and use, but not to this one.

Frank Stewart
Byron Bay

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bureaucracy and a mayor more interested in his tourism development concepts for the rail corridor than getting involved with the local grassroots to secure a best-practice infrastructure outcome for his community.

Please explain with real facts, not fake facts, why our green council sees fit to destroy a wide stretch of red-flagged critical habitat in the Cumbebin wetland at an unquantified and significant perpetual cost to the community; why no cost benefit, in fact no detailed costs whatsoever have been provided to the community for the proposal; why we undertake studies and legislation for the preservation of our community-built heritage environment when our very own council can ignore impacts and ram a main road right through an established residential conservation area.

If Byron Shire Council were pragmatic in the face of the obvious blowout in costs for their bypass proposal you would be sensible in thinking they might now seek an out-of-court settlement of the hugely expensive appeal, call in all parties and address

a quick and cheap solution. This would be evidence of a progressive and smart administration, saving money, seeking mutual benefit and best practice.

Instead we have thus far only experienced arrogance, laziness, misinformation and a careless attitude to facts, figures and families. Who wants to pay this administration a load more rates to squander on this ineptitude? But we remain open to a change of heart.

Paul Jones
President, Butler Street
Community Network

WTF Rudd?

Last week's *Echo* interview with Xavier Rudd had me perplexed. Messianic appearances aside, he failed to mention the plight of chickens when he spoke of his lofty idealism about ending cruelty to animals for human consumption.

Ban beef? Sure. Commercial fishing? Great. Chicken torture? Nope. Nothing was mentioned by Rudd in that soft, fuzzy puff piece. In 2015, his song *Let Me Be* was used in a Kentucky Fried Chicken TV ad. This song followed on from the 2012 album named

Spirit Bird! Despite the social media backlash at the time, Rudd is not on record as to why he sold his art and soul to the biggest corporate chicken concentration camp on the planet.

How does hawking for fast-food chicken align with being the sexiest vegetarian of the year? Am I the only one who finds it more than hypocritical? Rudd has been invited to join the Facebook page named WTF Rudd? I encourage Rudd to explain the inconsistency of his spiritual morals at any time.

Robert Llewellyn
Ocean Shores

Greens showdown

Apparently the Greens in NSW are at a crossroads and a showdown is looming between the left and the populists. Leader Robert Di Natale is a populist who wants the party to increase its electoral base, while Lee Rhiannon wants to institute Bernie Sanders-type criticisms of the capitalist system as part of the Greens' core values.

Locally I would put mayor Simon Richardson in the Di Natale camp; he is a populist who is unwilling to see

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Byron Shire Echo archives: www.echo.net.au/byron-echo

Is Byron really an ecological community?

Dr Greg Wilding

For me, the short answer is 'yes', it is. But how is Byron becoming an ecological community of belonging?

Here is a summary of the distinct approaches and contributions being undertaken in the Shire to answer the present challenges to our ecology.

Back in 2015, Byron Shire Council set the agenda for the Shire's becoming carbon neutral by 2025. Five working groups were formed to tackle the problem under the categories of energy, land, transport, housing, and waste.

Since then a lot of positive progress has been made. Through the continuing research of Zero Emissions Byron, ecological answers to lowering CO2 emissions in the Shire are beginning to emerge.

Energy retailer

Last year, the birth of En-ova, our community-owned green energy retailer, was an important ecological development. With their basic drive towards keeping ecological profits and jobs in our area, support an ethic of community inclusion in the benefits, and continuously trying to build a stronger network of local energy generation, they marked out what community energy is all about.

COREM, Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby, is another inspirational group simply because their particular form of dedicated passion, focused on community belonging in terms of renewable energy



Byron Bay from St Helena Lookout. Photo Ziggi Browning

proliferation and ownership, cannot be anything but right. From establishing solar systems on community buildings (Drill Hall), to organising festivals (RenewFest), to shoring up community awareness and participation 'in action,' they cannot be ignored.

Byron Eco Park is another significant approach to local community and ecological belonging in the Shire. Byron Eco Park is a large coastal farm that functions as an ecological hosting property. Hosting, and hence demonstrating, ecologically sustainable businesses, technological projects, and ecological offset conservation, has been the brainchild of Dieter Horstmann and his foundation (the DH Foundation).

Basically the idea is that if a renewable environmental project can present a feasible business case that either figures into a community's renewable needs (a DA-proposed 5MW community solar park, for instance), or can produce an arrangements that supports ecologically protective outcomes (creating conservation agree-

ments) it can be hosted at Byron Eco Park.

Various areas of the property, 'eco-zones', are dedicated to various workable eco-business operations. Some zones are dedicated to operational ecological businesses such as the medicinal-honey factory, the organic-muesli factory, and bio-char distribution.

Other zones are in other phases of development, such as the ECO village hill development, and the 'green concrete' project (in development with Southern Cross University).

Eco approaches

Horstmann's conception of Byron Eco Park utilises the property to host and push forward various ways of demonstrating differing ecological approaches to land use, to housing, to energy production, and to transport. For him, ecology equals determining the best possible culture of relations between humans and nature.

Several of the eco businesses mentioned are housed in an award-winning solar-powered building known as Hangar No

5. This building also runs an EV charging station, which powers the farm's EV.

In the 2016 international WAVE rally (the world's biggest EV rally), Byron Eco Park represented our community's drive towards the future of EVs and a solar transporting world. Thousands of support cards, collected from children all over the globe – a card collection journey that started right here in Byron Bay – ended at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, where all the cards were displayed.

I want to also recognise that there are so many other talented and dedicated individuals and businesses that are right now out there in our community that continue to offer their ecological awareness, which is the very thing that defines our ecological belonging.

■ Declaration of interest: Dr Greg Wilding is from Byron Eco Park byronecopark.com. See an extended version of this article on *Echonetdaily* echo.net.au/byron-really-ecological-community.





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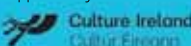


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The Ten Commandments of Trumpism writ large

Phillip Frazer

The inauguration of president Donald Trump reveals a lot of truths that are shocking to the world at large, and embarrassing, diminishing, and direful to the American nation.

Forget for a moment whether Hillary Clinton would have been a better choice than Trump, or how Barack Obama rates in retrospect as a president. And let's not try to locate Trump on any map of political ideologies, because he's too scatterbrained for ideology. What follows is an attempt to organise his excrescences into something like a definition of Trumpism, since he's incapable of and unwilling to do that for himself and we need a better grip on what we're up against.

Here follow ten key commandments of Trumpism, inferred from deeds and words of the man himself, and of the people he's selected to run the country under his brand:

1. Men shall, at their own discretion, hold and exert



Poster by right-wing street artist Sabo www.unsavoryagents.com.

power over women, including but not limited to assaulting wives or partners, dates, employees, and other uppity broads as necessary – and deciding the fate of fetuses in women's wombs.

2. People who appear to have European ancestry, primarily with pinkish pale skin colour, shall, wherever possible, assert power over people who appear to have other ancestries. This will apply particularly to immigrants, Mexicans, Muslims, and African-Americans mak-

ing trouble in ghettos, but also to foreign leaders from anywhere other than Britain, Russia, and a few others who look like us and talk our talk.

3. Men's accomplishments and merits are measured by how much money they can plausibly claim to have, it being unnecessary for those numbers to be publicly verified or taxed if the claimant has sufficient cajones or weapons.

4. No public good, be it a thing such as a park, a service such as education, or

an amenity such as clean air, should be mandated, regulated, or financed by government, if there's a profit-driven business willing to do the job, though probably, those jobs aren't worth doing.

5. War and other transnational interactions such as access to land, sea, air and space, and trade, plus all consequences of such interactions, intended or not, will be managed on behalf of the USA by men whose businesses top-prioritise short-term profitability. In this spirit, we

will encourage broadening the global market for nuclear weapons.

6. Activities that are not self-evidently beneficial to practitioners or the public at large, such as all forms of art – or whose benefits are attested to by experts but don't make sense to me, such as controlling greenhouse gases, workplace conditions (including wages), or vaccinations – will henceforth be left to the invisible hand of the marketplace.

7. The United States shall not promulgate notions of inherent rights, or moral or ethical priorities, in either the global sphere (see fifth Commandment above), or – the US Constitution as amended notwithstanding – domestically, except by presidential tweet.

8. America belongs in the Material Men's Sect of Christianity in which Jesus is not Semitic and his teachings are irrelevant but okay except those concerning rich men and needles, and loving the dispossessed, both of which were fake news written by Marxist priests. Other core beliefs, such as requiring that fetal remnants from abortions be buried at funeral homes, as vice-president Pence proposed for Indiana, will be made the law of the land if Christian voters in strategic electorates say so.

9. Given that certain core beliefs of Judaism overlap with our Christian values, eg that Mary gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem and was given gifts by Gulf Kings, the Israel of Benjamin Netanyahu will be more than ever defended by US military as if it were American soil. The fact that my fellow casino mogul Sheldon Adelson is a fundamentalist Zionist who contributed \$35 million to my election

campaign is also irrelevant. And – the US will finally take back our oil from under the sands of Iran, Iraq and the other ones.

10. Acts designed to shame or criticise the POTUS, such as suing Him for rape or writing detailed and irrefutable exposes of His corrupt business practices, or suggesting that His election by one in four voting-age Americans does not constitute a mandate, or that hundreds of thousands of voters were systematically prevented or dissuaded from voting, will not go unpunished. Media especially.

Throughout these Commandments it is assumed that 'men' might occasionally include women, at the discretion of the man or men in charge.

Challenges to any or all of these Commandments on Constitutional grounds will be adjudicated by the Supreme Court, now divided equally between 'liberals' and 'conservatives' but, given that three of eight justices are either over 80 or dead, it will soon be the Trump-Supreme Court.

And if you or anyone you know (and might even love) is still saying 'give the man a chance' or 'anything's better than the status quo', show them the bios of the hundreds of people he's choosing to populate the pyramid of powerful people immediately below him in Washington and around the world. Pretty much to a man, they are proven purveyors of the inhumane agenda embodied in these Commandments. They are the real deplorables.

■ Phillip Frazer takes on the ungodly from his apocalypse-ready bunker at www.coorabellridge.com.

LETTERS

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any pernicious staff influence over Council decisions because such might involve unpleasantness for himself. Similarly his support for the Byron bypass is based on populist demand rather than any cost-benefit analysis. His failure to lift a finger in relation to camphor laurel infestation further indicates his unwillingness to tackle difficult issues.

Simon can be quite brilliant in relation to smaller, self-contained issues, but in big-picture terms he's hopeless! Would go so far as to say that if the 'future is Green', then we don't have one – based on the Simon approach, at least.

Just as we weren't given any meaningful information by the media about Bernie Sanders's campaign policies nor have the media seen fit to describe Lee Rhiannon's views or those of the 'Eastern

bloc', as her faction associates are routinely called by detractors – a defamatory reference to the former communist countries of eastern Europe.

Look, we have a massive population problem and a growth model of economies that seems to assume the planet can just keep going in the same direction without problems, plus a pernicious all-pervasive and unstoppable propaganda system known as the advertising industry.

If you are not able to address these issues and simply go with the flow then you are just part of the problem, aren't you? Indeed, if you are trying to 'broaden your electoral base' by diluting and sugaring your policies, and avoiding contentious issues, then you might as well be the Labor Party.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

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FLAWED LAWS

NSW forestry regulations are out of date

Are NSW forests and the species that inhabit them protected enough from logging and destruction?

The *Echo* recently ran a story where the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) claimed to be undertaking 'a substantial investigation' into claims by environmentalists that irreplaceable ancient forests had been destroyed in the Cherry Tree State Forest, near Casino.

The body responsible is the Forestry Corporation NSW, which is a government department which acts as, you guessed it, a corporation.

So far, this species and habitat killing machine has been issued with a official caution, which is like being slapped by a wet lettuce.

EPA director forestry, Michael Hood, told *The Echo* that, 'The NSW government has recognised that the current forestry regulations are out of date. The government is in the process of undertaking a review of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA) for coastal areas and a draft IFOA is expected to go on public exhibition next year, where members of the community will be encouraged to provide their input and feedback.'

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Australian Junior Championship, which concluded in Brisbane last week, confirmed the ascendancy of Victorian youngsters and also uncovered a new star.

10-year-old Eva Yifan Wang (pictured, right) scored a perfect 9/9 in the Australian Girls Championship, under 18 division, finishing two and a half points clear of the top two seeds.

Wang was one of the youngest players selected for the 2016 Australian Junior Elite Training Squad and has regularly competed in adult events at the Box Hill Chess Club.

However, Wang's success in Brisbane was against expectations and a huge step up, making her the youngest-ever winner of this event in its 57 year history.

In the parallel U/18 open event, Victoria's Ray Yang needed a tie-break to edge out his Queensland rivals in a fiercely competitive and low scoring tournament.

Victoria also captured the U/16, U/12 and U/10 girls divisions, with only the ACT's Athena Hathiramani challenging



Victoria's dominance by taking the U/14 title.

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More than 300 players competed in Brisbane in 12 divisions, ranging from U/18 to U/8, plus lightning (five minute chess) and problem solving championships.

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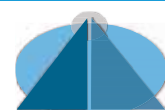
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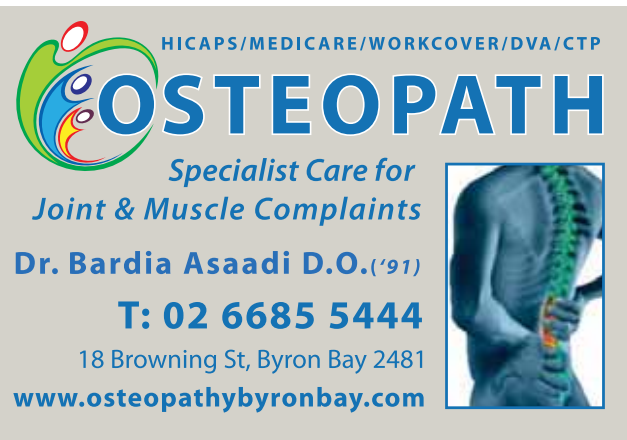


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Otherwise, May 8, pronounced 'Maaate'. Search 'Jordan Raskopoulos Australia Day May 8' for a brilliant, humorous explanation.

David Hall
Ocean Shores

■ With all the kerfuffle around Australia Day, I would like to point out a few historical facts for those who think that Australia was created on January 26, 1788.

Firstly, Abel Tasman, who was a Dutch explorer, discovered the west coast of the Southern Land (Terra Australis) in 1644. He named it New Holland. Secondly, in 1688 William Dampier, a British explorer, who cir-



cumnavigated the globe three times, hit the northwest coast of New Holland.

Both seamen sailed on, not thinking the desolate expanses of what is now Western Australia worth settling. So we could have been either a British or a Dutch colony way back then. Imagine if ei-

ther of them had landed on the verdant east coast.

Thirdly, Captain James Cook landed on the east coast in 1770. He hoisted the Union Jack somewhere, called his discovery New South Wales (or New Wales), then claimed it for king and country. He charted and mapped the en-

tire coast before sailing off to England.

Fourthly, Captain Arthur Phillip landed in Botany Bay in New South Wales on January 18, 1788, with 11 ships full of soldiers and convicts. He hoisted the Union Jack and claimed the land for Britain. Finding the harbour unsuit-

able, and after dealing with the French explorer, La Perouse, he sailed up the coast eight days later, and landed at Sydney Cove, Port Jackson, on January 26, 1788, where he disgorged his cargo and set up a penal colony under the Union Jack of Great Britain.

Also, Captain Matthew Flinders of the Royal Navy charted the entire coast of the the South Land and declared it to be a continent. In 1804 he proposed the name Terra Australis (Southern Land) be replaced by the name Australia, thereby doing away with New Holland, that became Western Australia, but not New South Wales. And so Australia came into being and the beginning of the independent states arrived.

However, we did not become a nation of states and territories until January 1, 1901, Federation Day. Until that day we were not a nation but a British colony. (Some people may argue that we still are until we become a Republic.)

So Australia Day, January 26, is a misnomer. It is only the day a fleet of ships full of soldiers and convicts arrived to displace the Indigenous population and set up a colony run by the British.

With regard to the flag.: Obviously the flag raised until after Federation was the Union Jack. The flag of Great Britain. The flag everyone is waving about, wearing on their feet and wrapping them selves in today was first flown on September 3, 1901, which was declared Australian National Flag Day. A good day to celebrate?

It wasn't until 1935 that all states and territories marked January 26 as Australia Day, but we didn't celebrate it as a holiday until 1994, thanks to Paul Keating.

Not that long ago, and not so long that we can't change the 'celebration' to a more suitable date, or change the name.

Peter Leishman
Main Arm

Rail and the tiny train provide solutions, not problems

■ Councils in the northern rivers find it increasingly difficult to pay for road maintenance because everything is carried by road. All passengers and freight in trucks and buses tear up the roads but don't pay for the damage they cause. Under-recovery of these costs has been estimated at between \$7,000 and \$10,500 per truck each year. Ratepayers are therefore paying the repair bills of trucking companies.

Statistics show that road accidents are on the rise and have cost approximately \$500 million over the last five years. When the government does cost comparisons between road and rail services they don't include costs incurred by taxpayers of road accidents, road maintenance, traffic congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions. NSW governments appear to be biased against railways, possibly because of electoral

donations from big companies who make money out of roads.

Rail is 200 times safer than road, especially given the terrible state of local roads. When will one of the major parties support what's best for the community rather than money for their campaigns?

The prospect of rail services in this area is so popular it would do more for the electoral prospects of either

party than money anyway. Our communities want better, safer roads.

Beth Shelley
Booerie Creek

■ While many Byron Shire residents are concerned about the injustice of 14,000 ratepayers trying to fund the provision and maintenance of infrastructure and services for almost two million visitors per year; mega developments and festivals in envi-

ronmentally sensitive areas imposed on us by the state government, the destruction of our national parks, reserves and wildlife by hundreds of people camping and partying illegally, as well as the accompanying traffic gridlock, a couple of Sunrise Beach residents are obsessed about the tiny Byron train.

The increasingly shrill rhetoric and misinformation from these people has to be seen to be believed.

Anyone who has used public transport in the city knows you're very lucky to get one train every hour, especially in off-peak times, let alone four per hour!

As for toxic fumes, the Byron train, with or without solar panels, will not generate

anywhere near the amount of toxic fumes as people who travel regularly between Byron and Sydney either by road or air, let alone the amount generated by two million visitors trapped in gridlock daily on Ewingsdale Road.

But the train will take cars off the road; even if it's only a small number, it will reduce toxic fumes, not increase them.

It's becoming clear that these people do not want trains of any sort, solar or otherwise, on the train line they've plonked themselves next to, no matter how much the rest of the community wants and needs decent public transport.

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The way *Sunshine Cycles* works is simple. The electric bicycles are charged in a state-of-the-art pod, which is fully powered by the sun and built with reused materials. Locally designed Vallkree Fat Boy or Tracker cruiser bikes are on standby for you to choose for your own adventure.

Luke feels it is not only a power-saving idea but a healthy way to get around town. 'Cycling is a great way to reduce the amount of traffic on the roads and the pollution from them,' he says. 'It also increases good health and reduces noise and infrastructure costs. It's the best way to enjoy the Bay in a more relaxed and interactive manner.'

Luke says he got a lot of help along the way and Sunshine Cycles would still only be a great idea without plenty of help. 'We have been supported along

the way by many community efforts,' he says. 'Sourdough and Paul Jameson helped me speak to the right people and offered key advice on early decisions on starting a business; with Byron Zero Emissions we had some think-tank work to look at alternative transport options; and we had support from local solar funding body for business 100-go-solar, who helped us set up the state-of-the-art system which Light Touch Electrical designed and installed for us.'

Luke says the business will be featuring self-guided tours with links to places and businesses of interest for visitors to ride to to make a great day out and bring greater diversity to the community, while taking cars off the road to help create less noise, more fun, and healthy and social adventures.

Sunshine Cycles is powered up and ready to go and is offering local residents of the Byron Shire a 20 per cent discount for any rides they choose to go on.

Luke says he and Phoebe are also mindful of the country they are on. 'We would also like to acknowledge the original custodians and caretakers of the area, the Arakwal people, and the beautiful place we all call home. It's our desire to care for it into the future by looking at better, smarter, user-friendly systems of transport that care for people and planet.'

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Gai Hart-Hughes returns

Longer-term residents may recall real estate agent Gai Hart-Hughes, from her vibrant opens featuring drinks, canapés and music. She was renowned for making a property sale an event in the Bangalow, Suffolk Park and Mullum areas.

Instead of amassing numerous listings to create an impressive website, Gai concentrated on selling only a small number of properties, thereby injecting maximum effort into those sales and achieving the very best outcomes for her vendors. She ensures things are done to her standards because she works alone.

The whole focus of Gai's property campaigns was to entice purchasers to the property. 'Let's face it, you have to get the purchaser in the door to get



Gai Hart-Hughes

that buying decision.'

After a hiatus Gai is back! Just prior to Christmas Gai sold 17 and 19 Ballina Road, Bangalow. She has a list of potential buyers and is ready to give your property her full attention.

Gai was born in Murwillumbah and before real estate practised for many years as lawyer. She has been living in the area since 2000. In this day and age when bigger seems better a lot of agents push their national and global networks but Gai says what she can offer is far superior. 'I can offer the best of both worlds. Working alone means I am totally independent and I can do whatever is best for the vendor. I am not restricted by franchise guidelines as to how my ads look. I can highlight the property rather than the agency's logo and branding. However, I can also tap in to the other agents' networks because all agents are welcome to introduce purchasers to my listings.'

Gai can be contacted on 0402 363 475.

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores team grows

Jason Dittmar has recently joined the team at Raine and Horne Ocean Shores.

Born, raised and educated in the northern rivers region, his local knowledge is impeccable. Outside his work, Jason is passionate about family and community. He has been a retained fire fighter (Fire & Rescue NSW) since 2011, president of Murwillumbah Football Club for seven years, children's soccer coach for 15 years and has also been a justice of the peace for 15 years.

Married to Alison for 25 years, they have four children and have recently extended their family by becoming foster parents.

Jason's career success has been accelerated by recommendations and referrals from his many happy clients. His great sense of humour, genuine caring nature, professionalism and drive to succeed are



Jason Dittmar

a winning combination that set him apart in the real estate industry.

According to those who know him, Jason has established a strong reputation for delivering excellence in customer service while achieving outstanding results. As part of his commitment, he provides ongoing communication and support to his

clients throughout the entire sales process.

Jason's real estate experience includes sales of large rural properties, lifestyle properties, residential houses and land. A self-confessed stickler for promptness, neatness, usefulness and presentation, Jason takes great pride in his work. He thrives on partnerships and enjoys working in a team.

'I love real estate! I enjoy the excitement that comes with finding the perfect family home for purchasers, or helping sellers move on to their next stage - it's very rewarding. I'm a real people person, so I enjoy helping, talking, listening and hearing people's stories,' he said.

If you're looking for an experienced and genuine agent who is ready and willing to listen, place your trust with Jason on 0477 222 452.

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Development opportunity

209 Ballina Rd, Alstonville

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Guide \$850,000 – \$950,000



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The development has development approval from Ballina Council with no time limit for commencement.

Alternatively build your dream home on this large tree-lined and private block and/or strata subdivide into three generous blocks (STCA).

The property already boasts a 3-bedroom internally renovated home perfect for owner occupier or as an instant rental return. The property comes with two car spaces – one carport and one lockable garage space.

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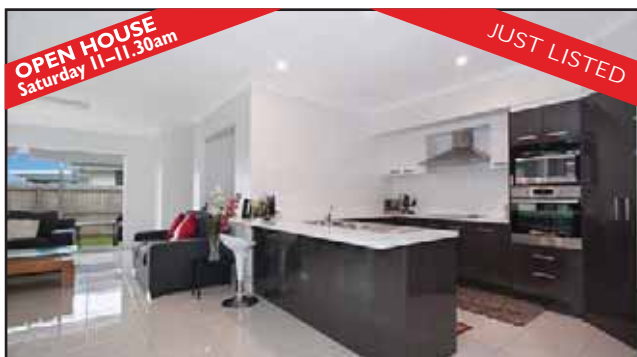
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Pure Safya

By: Vivienne Pearson

The Safya family may be relative newcomers to Byron Bay but they have embraced the vibe of how to best do business here – combine good know-how with an ability to go with the flow, trust your feelings, have a laugh, and make strong connections with those around you.

After spending two years looking for a venue for an Egyptian-influenced eatery, they were very close to signing a lease but it didn't feel quite right. 'I felt uneasy, so I went for a walk,' says co-owner Fady Soliman. 'The For Lease sign here was just being put up, so I rang the number and the landlord met me within minutes.'

The result of that walk was that Safya opened just before Christmas on the corner of Fletcher Street and Bay Lane. Safya is a cafe with an Egyptian influence and a focus on locally sourced and seasonal dishes. 'It suits all tastes,' says Fady. 'Some dishes are exactly what you would expect from a regular cafe; others have a strong Egyptian influence.'

Fady is one-quarter of the Safya family. He and his brother, Andrew, up in Cairo and their cousin, Ramy Meshreky, in Alexandria. Fady's wife, Caroline, is 'Aussie through and through' (according to Fady) and it is she who masterminds the blend of cuisines in the Safya menu.

For those not wanting even a hint of Egyptian flavour, the all-day breakfast menu features straight eggs, granola and dishes such as the Goodness Brekkie (eggs on quinoa with greens and Coopers Shoot tomatoes). That hint can be gained in dishes such as the Dukka Dukka, with eggs on avo and feta finished with a homemade Egyptian dukka. For the full Egyptian experience, you can try Cairo Eggs: fried in cumin-infused butter and served with falafel, labne and fresh mint on pita bread.

Similarly, for lunch (again, available all day), options include a steak sandwich, a falafel wrap or a Siwa Salad – a traditional mix of watermelon, pickled red onion, feta, rosewater and toasted pistachio and sesame.



The Safya family – Fady, Caroline, Andrew and Ramy – credit Vivienne Pearson



Cairo Eggs, left.



The Goodness Brekkie and Siwa Salad, right – photos supplied



The Siwa Salad takes its name from the part of Egypt that has influenced the design of Safya. The oasis of Siwa is in Egypt's Western Desert, just 50km from the Libyan border and situated below sea level. One feature of Siwa are the crumbling ruins of the old town, called Shali, which was constructed of a mix of mud and salt.

Safya has used more modern building materials to create a welcoming space that opens to outside seating. Lights will bring to life the space during evenings, which are planned for the near future and which will see further traditional Egyptian dishes, such as fuul and koshari, served.

Coffee is something that Safya take seriously, with cold drip and chemex brews on offer in addition to usual espresso-based drinks. A range of teas, including a fresh chai, are also on offer. Cold drinks include kombucha, made by Caroline, and two Egyptian drinks that are both magically refreshing on hot Byron days – Kark A

Deh (a mix of hibiscus tea and rosewater) and Tamr Hendi (a brew of tamarind and rosewater).

Safya means 'pure' and is a word with strong meaning for the family. 'The feeling I get here is the one we've been seeking,' says Fady.

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Happy All New Years

By: Vivienne Pearson



Last weekend saw in Chinese New Year and we are now in the Year of the Rooster. This seemed like a perfect excuse to do a wrap-up of Asian eating options. To keep this project manageable, we've restricted ourselves to central Byron Bay, so all these eateries are within a short stroll of each other (and the beach). We've also restricted the list to mainland eastern and southeastern Asian eateries. (Yes, we'll cover Byron's Japanese food another time, and yes, we understand that not all countries and cultures covered celebrate Chinese New Year.)

Happy Chilli Garden

The team at Happy Chilli Garden took Chinese New Year seriously by closing for a well-deserved break, allowing them to do the traditional thing of spending time visiting family. They are open again now for their lunch specials and evening dishes. **Byron Street, near Jonson St (opposite Aldi), phone 6680 9191**

Succulent Café

Also on Byron Street is Succulent Café, which morphs throughout the day from a traditional cafe (breakfast) to a fusion (lunch) to one with an Asian focus (dinner). This is best illustrated by their fried chicken, which can be ordered in Japanese, Chinese or Korean style. You can read more about Succulent in our story from 13 December and while enjoying their free summertime flavoured water, be surprised by their poolside ambience (the pool belongs to holiday apartments but adds a cool outlook to the cafe). **3/8 Byron St, Ph: 6685 5711.**



Sura Asian Cuisine

Another blend of Asian cuisines can be found at Sura, which has been open since August 2016. Co-owners Davinci and Andy are from Korea and Hong Kong respectively and staff member Hina, who joins them in the photo, is from Japan. Sura is a Korean word meaning 'food for a king', and the logo is a flag from an ancient country, Go-Gu-Ryu: the northernmost of three kingdoms on the Korean Peninsula, a culture of strong and proud people. The wok-filled galley kitchen opens onto umbrella-shaded tables from which you can relax and observe the hustle of **Jonson Street. 4/84 Jonson St, Ph: 6685 7732.**



Lemongrass at Byron

Vietnam uses the same lunar-solar calendar as China so shares the same new year. The only Vietnamese restaurant in town (as far as we and the Lemongrass team



know), this eatery offers an inside-outside vibe hidden away in Lawson Arcade. Owner and cook Hung Van Nguyen considers himself one of the first 'boat people', being one of a small first Vietnamese group who arrived in Australia in 1977. Hung's Vietnamese Noodle Soup is his most popular dish, around a quarter of which contain lemongrass as an ingredient. **Shop 3/17 Lawson Arcade. Ph: 6680 8443.**

Success Thai

According to Success Thai's Facebook page, Thailand's New Year is called Songkran and happens on 13 April each year. There's no need to wait until then to check out Byron's Thai restaurants though! Success Thai's husband-and-wife team Goy and Khan cook all their food freshly, making it well worth the occasional wait in the cool laneway-style environment. With different meals on offer each day of the week, you can revisit regularly! **3/109 Jonson St, Ph: 6680 7798, Facebook: @SuccessThaiFood.**

Traditional Thai

The lotus-flower logo combines well with the spacious wooden decor. The food is enough but if you need more reason to visit, head to Traditional Thai for their daily Happy Hour (5–7pm) for \$5 beers and sparkling \$12 cocktails. Evenings only, **Fletcher St, near Bay Lane. Ph: 6685 5151**



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KEEPING THE FLAME

THIS WEEK SEES BLUE FLAME DREAMING IGNITE THE SPIRIT OF ANCIENT WISDOM IN A THREE-DAY EVENT THAT AIMS TO BRING WISDOM FROM FOUR CORNERS OF GONDWANALAND (MOTHER EARTH).



From left: Jingki, Nelly Patterson and Hunwi

With a 12-hour-plus program that features Billy TK Senior, an international singer and Maori speaker on world peace; from Zimbabwe Mama Africa – Gertrude Matshe, lawyer Miriam Clements, who will speak on representing indigenous leaders to the United Nations and the International Criminal Court. Artist Mena Stemm will share her cultural crafts, storytelling and her journey of self-healing. Renowned Indigenous painter Nelly Patterson from Uluru will be exhibiting her work of the New Way. There will be ancient dances performed by dancers from all over the world and African cuisine will be served.

Event co-ordinator Sharon Bele-Verdy of the Green Beautiful Foundation has drawn on her global connections in healing and spirit to create this event.

'It's all been channeled,' she said of this very ambitious project. 'It's amazing; it's all just happened. We are all very aware of the chronic situation with the split. You have to realise the connection of the earth and honour that and stay connected to that. It's a global issue. The Indigenous have it right. My job is to put the Indigenous at the forefront everywhere that I do anything because they have the knowing. They have the knowledge and they have the connection.'

One of her connections has been with Jingki, aka Kerriane Cox, an impressive singer/songwriter who shares Bele-Verdy's passion for connection.

Jingki has been in the studio busily finishing off her latest album *Womyn of the Sun* that she recorded live at the Nimbin Bush Theatre a few years back. She plans to have the album ready for the Blue Flame.

The recording was an immensely positive project and Jingki reflects: 'It was really good and the Bush Theatre was great about it. Rather than having to pay for studio time we walked away with a little bit of cash! Wow what a deadly project not having to spend a lot!'

She was also empowered by the process of recording live and being at the helm of all the decision making.

'I worked with women musicians who were open, and I got to be the maestro. That took a couple of months in the building and working... and to be ready for the performance. I have done three studio albums in my lifetime and one of my dreams was to do a live recording because everyone says you are better live. I wanted to capture that live energy, and it came about. I have played with a lot of men who dominated the industry and because I was in a position of power and I gave that strength to the other women.'

'The CD can only hold 70 minutes of music, so that is bringing me into the USB world. We have done a small film clip with one of my language songs, a song about coming together and rising up and growing up, that was given to me by a beautiful sistergirl down the road. This will be more intimate with a live recording and a live video to go with it.'

Jingki takes the ethos of the three-day event throughout the story of her music.

'I am a global citizen and we are connecting with all of life. I am not interested in the old story any more. It's not sustainable. That was the journey that we needed to complete. We know what it is like to be separated. It's not until you reach

that threshold point that you know. I want to be part of the oneness. I want that to be the gift of my inheritance. It is going back to the old story of tribalism, the one where we were all part of one tribe and that we are connected.'

Speaking to the deeper values of the weekend's gathering, Jingki says:

'We are working on many levels. This is a place from the old story; it's a gathering place and I come from a place of gathering as well. It's like the cleansing now of the old paradigm, and people being able to come and share their knowledge and their wisdom and apply those tools, and here we lay it on the table, to come and make strong choices, so we are better informed and we can make good choices.'

Jingki reflects on her own process, something she calls a softening.

'A big part is honouring of the divine feminine and the grounding of that. I was hardcore, and I have softened a lot; I realised that I don't need to be like that any more. Part of reaching that point allows you to accept the status quo, and to understand – to shape and rearrange consciousness within this new dreaming of who I am now and how we are and how we shape.'

'It's what old people say: this has been foreseen.'

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If Dr Seuss were alive today he'd be writing the product claims for hair products. Clearly, where science fails, fiction takes its place. Like Seuss, the creative departments at the hair companies seem to have a peculiar talent for making up words for things that literally can't happen. Seuss, however, was dealing with the imagination of small children. These copywriters are dealing with the unruly hair of disappointed adults. The stuff that grows on top of the place where the imagination is thought to live. Perhaps it is the use of said products that has contributed to the adult death of aforementioned imagination. While shampooing the other day I took note of a preposterous product claim. Apparently it contained

something called an 'enviro lock complex'. I googled it. Sounded so scientific. You put *complex* behind any word and it sounds all sciencey. Except for Oedipus Complex, but it you're using that on your hair then chances are you need to do a little South Pacific shuffle and wash that Mum right out of Your Hair. Okay, Envirolock actually exists, but not for hair. I'm rather shocked to find out it's a low-pressure sewer-pump system. Gross. They're talking untreated shit. That's not something you want locked into your follicles. Another google reveals Envirolock is used for keeping rubbish where it belongs until it self-releases. Wow, I don't know if I want to rub it on my head or all over my bin. Now I've bought the No Frizz. So I guess what they are telling

me is that they have created a chemical solution that can lock in the environment. I guess that means moisture. But could it not also mean carbon? Sunlight? Rocks? Dirt? I guess what you lock in on any given day depends on your environment. The very dirty truth about shampoo marketing is that it's full of lies and impossible claims. Like 'Makes Hair Healthier'. Hair is dead. You can't bring it back to life. If it worked on hair, it would work on people. When your beloved drops dead in your arms just rub him all over with some Pantene, and he'll be springy and alive in no time. The most it can do is give you 'healthy looking' hair. That's basically like smokers. They're healthy looking because they're not fat. But they're not actually healthy. Just healthy looking. They're dead on the inside. Another common claim is 'reverses damage'. I could do with that at the Woolies carpark, as I have caused my fair share of damage while reversing. But you can't reverse damage. We all know if you've done the damage you have to live with it. Your hair tells the stories of your sins. If it were really bad I'd shave it off. That's not damage reversing, but it's not a bad reset. Another bogus claim is when it says 'makes hair thicker'. That's like buying kale with the belief that it 'makes you better'.

It doesn't. It's just smugness. And it doesn't last. It's just another kind of 'green smoothie' superiority. You'll pass it in the toilet as just another 'sham' poo. Some of the words are incredible though. Like Aveda's *anti-humectant*. It sounds terrifying. I think it's something like an enviro-lock but it fights humectant. This one actually exists in the dictionary. Humectants are additives that bind water and seem to be engaged in some sort of water activity reduction. I couldn't find a definition for an anti-humectant. I guess it would be like some water-reduction-fighting hair-based superhero who was totally against repelling water. I found another product that claimed to be a moisture block that operated with high-viscosity silicones. I'm not a health nut but if I'm against putting silicone in my tits, I'm not putting it on my head. Another one calls itself Thermasmooth shine extend. Now they've clearly made that one up. And why the obsession with smoothness? Clearly we are in a battle against frizz. Against roughness. Against the unruly unpredictability of the hair follicle. All I wanted to do was wash my hair. Turns out if the product claims are anything to go by, I'll be washing my brain as well.

Live Music

GOOCH PALMS AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON FRIDAY




GOOCHY GOOCHY GOO

Emerging from the sleepy suburbs of post-industrial Newcastle, Australia, gonzo-punk sweethearts **The Gooch Palms** have come a long way since recording their first string of lo-fi EPs and debut album *Novos* in their front bedroom back in 2013. These days they call sunny Los Angeles home and split their time touring their notorious live show between the USA, Europe and Australia. It was during an extensive two-and-a-half-month tour of North America after relocating stateside in March 2015 that the gruesome twosome upped the ante and hit the studio for the first time

ever to work with world-renowned producer/engineer Bill Skibbe (The Black Keys, The Kills, Fiery Furnaces) to record their sophomore album *Introverted Extroverts*. Giving fans an insight into what it's like to be a Gooch Palm and adding a few notches in fidelity to crank it up to mid-fi, *Introverted Extroverts* was met with rave reviews and a wave of sales that saw the proud DIY band successfully launch their own record label Summer Camp Records in June 2016. These two misfits are the epitome of a true underdog success story. From very humble beginnings, not even knowing how to play their instruments only a few years ago to recently playing alongside bands such as Violent Soho for

BROADFOOT AT THE RAILS ON SUNDAY



multiple nights in theatres across Australia, they have chipped away, honing their unique style of indie-doo-wop-bubblegum-punk, playing hundreds of shows and festivals each year and gaining die-hard fans around the world in the process. Their hooky melodies, simple but off-kilter songwriting, and undeniable stage presence are what propel The Gooch Palms above and beyond into their own dimension. A dimension where everyone is welcome with open arms, as long as you know how to have a good time. These scamps are only just warming up and plan on converting each and every listener until they reach their ultimate goal: world domination! At the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday**.

THE BROADFOOT OF MUSIC

Bluesy, funky, soulful, rocking, colourful, fun, relaxed and intense are strokes that only begin to sketch the joyously uncategorisable sound of **Broadfoot**. Ever attuned to the vibe of their diverse audiences, Broadfoot unleash the twin genies of dance and delight with a heady and ever-evolving mix of original material. There is something for everyone at a Broadfoot gig so come along and catch the next one as the band continues to go from strength to strength, buoyed by their intrinsic love of bringing great live music to every listening ear and underpinned by superb musicianship, intense musical

interplay and a crystal spring of standout original songs.

At the **Rails on Sunday**.

WHEN ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

A pre-Valentines Day love song extravaganza will be held at the **Byron Theatre** on Thursday 9 February.

All You Need Is Love: Songs from the Heart will feature some of our most outstanding local musicians and singers performing their interpretations of classic love songs. The event is part of a campaign that aims to raise a total of \$40,000 to restore the theatre's magnificent Steinway piano. Previous concerts and other fundraising activities have already raised about \$25,000 of the \$40,000 required for the restoration and it is hoped that a further five concerts in 2017 will contribute to reaching the final goal. Performing at the *All You Need Is Love* concert will be Cassie Rose, Tim Stokes, Guy Kachel, Soul Sisters, Luke Vassella, Steve Russell, Alex McLeod, Mike Mills and Ben Cox.

'The best thing about these events is that the performances are lifted when in the company of dedicated audiences and other gifted artists,' said organiser Paddy Raleigh. 'The Byron Theatre is the perfect venue for the intimacy and ambience that is created by these inspiring events,' he said.

7.30pm **Thursday 9 February**. Tickets \$30 and \$25 concession – available online at www.byroncentre.com.au.

THE XAVIER EMPIRE & THE CAT RUDD

Widely held as two of Australia's most outstanding live acts, **The Cat Empire** and **Xavier Rudd** have teamed up for a series of unique concerts with our own local show at Red Devil Park in Byron. For more than a decade, virtuosos The Cat Empire and Xavier Rudd have held commonalities; they've remained current in global markets while treading a path less travelled, continually doing it in their own way. Celebrated for their individual genre-crossing sounds and their enduring careers at a global level, they've accrued massive followings throughout Europe, Canada, the USA, South Africa and South America with their legendary live performances. Their incredible musicianship has resulted in successful sold-out tours year in and year out, increasing awareness by putting their music into the hands of overseas travellers, who then took their tunes home in their backpacks and spread the word organically across the globe.

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THE CAT EMPIRE AT RED DEVIL PARK IN BYRON ON SATURDAY



ORGANISER PADDY RALEIGH WITH BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE'S PAUL SPOONER AND TANJA GREULICH GETTING READY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE STEINWAY PIANO RESTORATION AT THE BYRON THEATRE ON THURSDAY 9 FEB

bending style has gifted them the tag 'the ultimate party band' as they enthuse fans with their uplifting mashup of distinctive sounds. Their infectious tunes bring the crowd alive with their all-time tight and powerful brass section.

2016 has seen their *Rising with the Sun* album debut at number one on both the national ARIA and AIR charts at home, top 10 in six other countries and Top 20 in 16 countries around the world, along with a global debut at number nine on the iTunes worldwide chart. Before heading home for their Australian summer dates they'll complete the last leg of an international tour that has seen them play more than 100 shows throughout the UK, Australia, Canada and Europe, the biggest global tour of their career in terms of ticket sales.

As one of our most adept multi-instrumentalists, Xavier Rudd enthral audiences as he paints breathtaking pictures with vivid unmistakable tones. Hypnotic ceremonial rhythms ease effortlessly into tender folk songs. Gritty guitar blues sits perfectly alongside entrancing yidaki (didgeridoo) passages. 2016 has seen Xavier top the charts in the Netherlands with his *Follow the Sun* single pipping global hit-makers Justin Bieber and Adele to the number-one post there while achieving platinum sales in Italy. His last European tour sold out months in advance with an incredible 14,000 tickets sold in

the Netherlands alone. These Australian summer concert events will see Xavier deliver a magical set as a three-piece with Bobby Alu on drums and Ant Aggs on keys.

With special guests Harts, Ocean Valley and Sahara Beck. **Saturday, Red Devil Park**, Byron Bay. All-ages event (under-18s must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). Special ticket pricing for under-18s, and children younger than two free.

Tickets from Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au.

GIVING LOCAL YOUTH THE NUDGE

Nudging us to be smart in supporting our local youth, the Cunning Stunts' February **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** at the Billinudgel is raising money for local not-for-profit Byron Youth Theatre's *Here Today* project, an original production highlighting the complex issues of youth suicide and how as a community we can prevent it. Sunday's lineup is clever from start to finish, comprising Cunning Stunts' resident DJs Lord Sut and Dale Stephen, Nudge regular Al Royale and, playing the final set of the day, renowned Australian DJ Phil Smart. Twice voted into *DJ* magazine's prestigious list of the world's Top 100 DJs and Australian DJ of The Year at the National Dance Music Awards in 2000, Phil is recognised for playing fresh sounds and forward-thinking electronic music.

Phil has played at premier events around Australia and the world including Subsonic, S.A.S.H., Spice, Motorik, Tweekin, Mad Racket, Chinese Laundry, Revolver, Burning Man, Lost Paradise, Big Day Out, Good Vibrations, Field Day, Falls Festival, Global Carnival, and Splendour in the Grass.

While Phil has played music for people in clubs, bars, warehouses, fields, forests, deserts, basements, carparks and bunkers around the world for more than twenty-five years, the Cunning Stunts are delighted to soon add 'shed' to his illustrious list. Be Smart and don't miss this event from start to finish, wink wink. **Sunday 2-9.30pm, Billinudgel Hotel**.

CHOIRS FOR KIDS

Singing in a choir is a great way to discover the voice, and develops skills in listening, focus and concentration, as well as learning lots of new songs and experiencing the joy of singing with other children. Directed by Janet Swain, **Byron Shire Young Voices** is a choir for kids who love to sing, and who want to develop their vocal and performance skills.

Now in its third year, and with members from more than twelve schools in the local area, the choir sings a wide repertoire of songs from classical to pop. They also work with local songwriters



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CHURCHILL AT THE CIVIC

At just 26, **Kim Churchill** has already achieved some incredible things in his short time as a professional musician. He's recognised as much internationally as he is in Australia, having performed headline shows, festivals and supports alike all over the planet, including Glastonbury, Billy Bragg, Falls Festival, Nahko and the Medicine People, Montreal Jazz, Telluride Blues, and a plethora of others.

Known for his magnetic, dynamic stage presence, Kim unites lyrical artistry with fierce vocals; he is a sonic architect – using his guitar to create landscapes, which animate his lyrics.

Drawing inspiration from his time in Europe and sojourns to Sri Lanka and Canada – Kim has just finished his followup record to *Silence/Win*. To celebrate, Kim will take the new songs to some of his favourite regional Australian towns and cities – places where he has spent time in his formative years travelling and busking, surfing and sleeping in the back of a van. On the Raw Files tour, Kim will play tracks from the forthcoming album in an intimate environment. Tickets are very limited for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

He plays at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall Friday 17 February**. Tickets: www.musicglue.com/kim-churchill.

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SNARKY PUPPY IS A JAZZ ENSEMBLE LED BY BASSIST, COMPOSER, AND PRODUCER MICHAEL LEAGUE.

BLUES PUPPIES

League describes Snarky Puppy as 'a pop band that improvises a lot, without vocals'. Snarky Puppy's bandleader Michael League takes five minutes to share with us some of the artists and songs that have shaped his life.

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

Rocky Racoon by The Beatles. It was one of the first songs I learned to play on the guitar. It was also the song my best friend and I used to sing at every high-school party.

What is the song that gets you up on the dancefloor every time?

No Diggity by Blackstreet. My guilty pleasure.

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

There aren't a lot of songs I'm ashamed to listen to, but maybe *Toxic* by Britney Spears. I love that song.

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

I don't have a car, but the song I'm listening to the most right now at home is a song called *Dying Star* from Maz's *Idealist* record. He's actually a member of Snarky Puppy, but he has a vocal project as well and a beautiful record out 14 October.

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

I definitely haven't thought about a wedding song, or a wedding for that matter, but *Maybe I'm Amazed*. *Maybe I'm Amazed* is an amazing song, by Paul McCartney of course.

Your favourite song to cover at the moment?

We don't really do cover songs, but we did just play *Phenomenal Women* with Laura Mvula in Italy and it was so much fun.

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

If I could sing a duet with anyone it has to be Tom Petty, and I would want to sing *It's Good To Be King*.

Your all-time blues hero is... and why?

My all-time blues hero would have to be Albert King. He was the first blues guy I ever heard, and I learned so many of his solos when I was just learning to play the guitar in high school. It was an education in expression and communication with so little. No frills, just straight soul. Amazing; definitely my favourite.

Snarky Puppy play at **Bluesfest** this Easter.

For tickets and program info go to www.bluesfest.com.au.



At just eight years of age, Garrett Dutton, aka G Love, picked up a guitar. He wrote his first song in the ninth grade and began playing harmonica on a wire rack.

Last out here just a few years back with the Blues Festival with G Love and The Special Sauce, he makes his welcome return to play solo acoustic for the **Byron Bay Surf Festival** this month. It's a mode that takes Dutton back to the roots of where it all began... with him, and with the music itself.

'It's pretty cool when I do my acoustic,' says Garrett. 'It's ruder than the Delta blues, and with a trio, with The Special Sauce, we have a lot of freedom and a huge repertoire, but the solo there gives even more freedom. I can do a u-turn whenever I want. I generally start out in the Delta blues and folk blues realm, both covers of older people like Robert Johnson and Bukka White, and then make my way to my original streetside blues and then I take it more into a hip-hop realm...'

Not just a solo set, but something of a music lesson in the evolution of modern blues and hip-hop.

'It really is,' says Garrett. 'That is the goal of my acoustic set, to start with the rootsy vibe

and take it into a party mode. The blues is serious and folk is serious and hip-hop is serious too, but it really is all a big party! When you play music I think in the end music is meant to make people dance.'

While G Love performs more than 100 shows with his band, he only gets to play around 30 solo shows a year, so that makes them all the more special.

The birth of his new baby has only served to remind G Love of the power of music.

'We have a 10-month-old baby and it's funny to see his natural reaction to music; when you put music on, he doesn't have a taste – you put a song with a beat on and he becomes a different person. I remember when my grandfather was on his last legs and he was in a nursing home and my father and I went to visit; he was non-reactive, man, he was done. There were songs he liked: he loved a Leadbelly song, *Goodnight Irene*. I played it; he had had a stroke and he was non-communicative but, when the music was playing, he went from staring at the floor to singing in a pure loud clear voice. Once the song was over he shut down again. Music has a hold over people.'

A regular collaborator with musicians such as Dave Matthews, Donavon Frankenreiter and Jack Johnson, Garrett reflects on a culture that encouraged 'musical conversation' of sorts.

'Honestly, it's such a natural thing,' he said. 'I would go to these parties and there would be a jam session room and I would end up there. I never really like standing around talking at the bar; I always wanted to play and that's what I always did and what I always still do. It's not that I don't enjoy great conversation; I just like a musical conversation, and there is a lot of merit in that sort of communication. I strive to have that with everyone. I say, hey, let's jam. Whether they are famous or can't play at all, it's my unofficial mantra and it has led me to play with some of the greatest musicians in the world.' It's something that G Love says is a natural thing.

'As I have grown older, I can play with anybody. I play guitar pretty well and I play the shit out of the harmonica. With

the harmonica I can blaze with anybody, with the best of them, so over the years after you've done it you do have a little more confidence, but you don't need the confidence – you need the desire to play – and even if you are nervous about going in front of someone, just concentrate on the moment and the music, and the rest will follow.'

For a boy from New Jersey, Garrett admits that while he's a gun on the stage he's also not bad in the surf.

'I have gotten to run shoulders with the best surfers in the world. I feel that there is something about a beach lifestyle that goes with music. It's about having an acoustic guitar by the van or bonfire or on the front porch while waiting for the surf to come up. It goes well with travelling. It's about the road trip. Matt McHugh, Xavier Rudd... I have surfed with those guys. They are great surfers, and Jack Jonson is a great surfer, and Kelly Slater can play a mean tune. It's cool to see so many of these guys so great at music, and to be such great surfers as well.'

'I also think about when you are out in the water; there can be a lot of moments when you are out there and whether it's because you are already relaxed or really in an open state of mind because you are in the ocean, or whether you are nervous because the waves are good and there's competition – and you will start singing stuff in the ocean. I often come up with a good lyric or melody in the water and I have to sing it over and over so I don't forget it. We were on this Hawaiian trip and I was out in the ocean when I had this idea for *Humble Pie*. I was tasting a lot of it out there for sure, and a big set came and I forgot it... till later.'

G Love will be playing at the **Saturday Slide** at the **Beach Hotel** on **Saturday 25 February**.

This will be his only show in Australia and he has promised that he's going to let it all hang out.

'I'll be bringing my streetside blues, my 12-string, my 6-string and my dobro. I am really looking forward to laying down the beats!'

He is joined by Paula Fuga and Bobby Alu. For tickets and program info go to www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au.

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♈ ARIES: In Fire Rooster time people are temperamental, easily offended, argumentative and inclined to operate by their own rules – sound like anyone you know? Being forthright, telling it like it is, take it or leave it, ruffling feathers. Then fluffing up and strutting off to where your leadership abilities and managerial skills are appreciated...

♉ TAURUS: Rooster represents punctuality, purpose and hard work, because its early alarm wakes people to start the day. Tried and tested methods are the ones believed to succeed best in a Rooster year – which is also considered a time of overindulgence, even major weight gain. But then again, it's only twelve months, right?

♊ GEMINI: The efficient precision of Rooster year helps Gemini's narrow focus from myriad schemes and dreams to the most workable, making impressive achievements not only possible but highly likely. Pitfalls? Fast-talking, socially curious Rooster tends to be gossip central – but this year it's crucial to establish what's your business and what's not.

♋ CANCER: Cancerians are the zodiac's most security-conscious sign, so be assured the Rooster fossicks successfully for necessities even in belt-tightening times when pickings are poor. Rooster year also brings a greater degree of outspokenness – which may not be to your advantage, if Snappy Crab starts nipping and sniping sensitive areas.

♌ LEO: Like Roosters, Lions love praise, are allergic to criticism. But Leo personalities get a boost from the year of the swaggering, swashbuckling chanticleer who still takes care of daily business with diligence and application. You'll shake your tail feathers this year like the bossy barnyard monarch, and in tight spots and emergencies you'll shine.

♍ VIRGO: Virgo commonsense and persistence fare well this year, with your discretion winning excellent friends and support. Expect some reversals, and when one door slams shut be checking out that window of opportunity elsewhere. The Rooster can be unreasonable about details, so keep your inner perfectionist on a tight leash. And don't forget to have fun...

♎ LIBRA: A busy, hustle-bustle year for Librans as the Big Chicken's influence stiffens up those wavering scales in favour of faster decision making, and turns you sensitive Venusians into iron butterflies with enough grit and grunt (elegant, colour-coordinated grunt of course) to surf even the curviest turns on life's highway.

♏ SCORPIO: Rooster year can bring mega-successes and equally big failures. When the going gets tough, Scorpios get tougher, but don't let this year's escalations and deflations put you in No More Mr Nice Guy/Ms Sweetie Pie mode. Things won't be as dire as you think. Smile, and you'll find there's really plenty to go round.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: This year your aim is true – which combined with Rooster's bluntness makes the fine art of self-censorship essential. Rooster year brings meteoric rises, along with some unexpected plummets. But on those occasions when Lady Luck hurts and deserts you, that charming, cheerful gift of the gab will soon have you flying high again.

♑ CAPRICORN: In a Rooster year Capricorns are best being bantams: sinewy and resilient. And because appearances really do matter this year, dress to impress and get your swagger on. More importantly, stay flexible, calm and friendly. Remember there are many goat tracks to the mountain top, and don't get stuck in just one groove.

♒ AQUARIUS: Big Boss Bird year is tuned to future trends, which suits your expansive Aquarian overview. But while grandiose offers are exciting, stay rational and practical. Above all, don't be lured by unethical enterprises, shady speculations or dodgy ventures, because centuries of Oriental wisdom suggest that this year they'll go belly up.

♓ PISCES: The outspoken tactlessness of Rooster year is bound to occasionally shrivel your sensitive Fish fins. But being comfortable with change, you'll quickly adapt and adjust to Rooster's now-you-have-it, now-you-don't fluctuations. Providing something that people need is guaranteed to reward you with enormous satisfaction this year.

CULTURE



DAVE SPARKES EXHIBITION OPENING AT LONE GOAT ON FRIDAY AND RUNNING THROUGH UNTIL 15 FEBRUARY

THE ART OF THE BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL

For those out there who don't surf and are still on the fence about whether or not to go to the **Byron Bay Surf Festival**, here's the creative carrot that should convince you to come: The calibre of artists showing off their collections in person or through the provision of exclusive pieces is unbelievable. The art side of the surf festival kicks off on **Friday** afternoon **25 February** with the Art Show Opening Party in The Lone Goat Gallery at 5.30–7pm, which will remain open to the public for the three-day event. Otis Carey, Tyler Warren (US), Andy Davis (US), Brodie Jackson, Paul McNeil, Nanda Ormond, Kei Otsuka (JPN), Matt Yeates, James McMillan, along with photographers Ming Nomchong and Hayden Richards aka SA Rips, will all be showcasing their latest collections. This highly influential gathering of artists, some of whom will be on hand to meet, greet and possibly even create a few special pieces in front of our eyes.



PRO SURFER, ARTIST, MUSICIAN, FILMMAKER AND CO-OWNER OF VAMPIRATE SURFBOARDS SHOW OZZIE WRIGHT SHOWS OFF SOME OF HIS WORK AT BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL...

ILLUMINATION OF WATER

Dave Sparkes's upcoming exhibition *ILLUMINATION* will be showing at Byron Bay's **Lone Goat Gallery** from Friday till 15 February. This collection of watercolours is his first solo show, and the exhibition will feature works created by Dave over the last 18 months, with a focus on his glowingly impressionistic landscapes and seascapes of the east coast. His painting is a hybrid of impressionism and realism. True reality on two-dimensional paper is impossible, but his attempts at nevertheless trying to



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achieve that reality – through reconciling the world at large with his own impression of realism – is the essence of his art. This altered reality defines his style, and dwelling in that mysterious zone is one of the reasons he paints, rather than just taking photos of a scene. Opening 6pm **Friday**. All welcome.

WEBB IN THE GARDEN

This **Friday** the **Byron Brewery** launch FREE headline comedy shows in their iconic beer garden. Offering patrons the kind of show you'd usually be paying big bucks for, the good people at the Brewery are brewing up big monthly laughs with a headline comedy night scheduled for the first Friday of every month. Launching the very first Comedy in the Garden is 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.

Lindsay loves digital media, as regular guest on Wil Anderson's FOFOP Podcast, as well as hosting a podcast for BP Australia (CBBP Podcast). He is a regular guest at 612 ABC QLD with the *Futureheads* panel. Also known for crowd warmup for many TV shows, including *Gruen Nation* ABC, *Q&A* ABC and *Save Your Life Tonight* ABC.

He has supported many great acts, including Wil Anderson around the country and Jim Jeffries's QLD shows. Lindsay was also a guest comic on *The Darren Sanders Show* on GO. 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.

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- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
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- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES 8PM DJ LONGTIME**

MONDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BIGGY P**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20' REGGAE**
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TUESDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
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WEDNESDAY 8

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LIVE BY NIGHT

Let's be clear about it – the idea of 'post truth' and 'alternative facts' is only playing catch-up with Hollywood. Clyde Barrow was a murderous thug, not the handsome larrikin portrayed by Warren Beatty, while Burt Lancaster's kind if misunderstood Birdman of Alcatraz was a brutal and callous killer. But American cinema's love of violence and its juvenile championing of the wronged outsider continue unabated and are rewarded with bursting box-office profits. Ben Affleck has directed and stars in a movie about a gangster who is really just a nice guy with a penchant for shooting people – and the body count is astronomical.

Set in the prohibition era, his character, Joe Coughlin, is a petty crim in Boston who makes it big as a bootlegger, crowning his achievements by undertaking the construction of a grotesque casino, à la James Packer. His bloodstained career is justified by a throwaway line at the beginning in which Joe, whose narration is heard throughout, explains that a lot of good men got killed in WWI because they were following orders, so henceforth he would not follow orders. Unfortunately for Joe, he bites off more than he can chew when he bonks the blonde who belongs to the king-pin of Boston's Irish crew (a barely credible scenario, but it's Affleck's screenplay, so he can do what he likes). Forced into an alliance with the Mob, he is sent south to Florida with his loyal sidekick Dion (Chris Messina), to safeguard his boss's supply of rum and, needless to say, trouble accompanies him at every turn.

It is a rambling, messy story that is most interesting when dealing with Joe's confrontation with the Ku Klux Klan (a perfectly hideous performance from Matthew Maher) and the unforeseen problem of the pretty preacher (Elle Fanning) who turns the town against gambling. As a graduate of the Mount Rushmore School of Acting, Affleck grinds you to a pulp by the time the big shoot-out erupts and, in truth, it's Dion's vintage black-and-yellow convertible that steals the show – it's gorgeous.

SPLIT

Most of us had stamped 'peaked early' on the file of M Night Shyamalan. Nothing he has done since *The Sixth Sense* (1999) has been anywhere near as good as that psycho-meltdown, but his latest, though still not in the same class, has gone some considerable way towards turning around the slide. *Room* and *10 Cloverfield Lane* have recently brought the confinement drama into vogue and Shyamalan's contribution to the genre is creepy, suspenseful and beautifully acted, but oddly it is not scary.

James McAvoy plays Kevin, a self-aware schizophrenic with 23 known personalities. He abducts three teenage girls from a carpark and locks them in his windowless, dungeon-like home. You will immediately think 'knickers and knockers', and it's true, it has its fair share of underwear shots, but it is far from being a sleazy perv fest. Instead it concerns itself with the relationship between Kevin and the numerous people who are competing for prominence in his split personality, and Doctor Fletcher (Betty Buckley), who has been studying his case as a long-term confidante.

McAvoy effortlessly trips from Dennis to Barry to Hedwig to Jade without needing to camp it up and Buckley finds a credible and engaging balance between mother and analyst. Of the abductees – yes, they are all pretty size 8s – it is Casey (Anya Taylor-Joy) whom Shyamalan draws with most depth. She is damaged herself after a traumatic childhood – the scene in the woods where she bails up her uncle with a hunting rifle is the movie's true white-knuckle moment – but it is ironically her broken wing that gives her the strength to deal with the crisis at hand.

The final revelation of where Kevin lives is hardly subtle, but it is nevertheless immensely saddening. It also leaves you wondering if perhaps Shyamalan has a sequel planned, for the 'closure' that is traditionally arrived at in such a straightforward escape story does not eventuate. And as a last dark joke, Bruce 'the Bruiser' Willis turns up in a diner.

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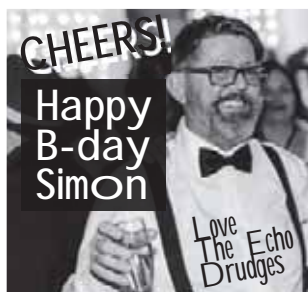
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THE BYRON SHIRE

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Byron Shire schools dive into swimming carnival season

It's back to school and back to the pool for the area's students as the swimming carnival season gets underway this week.

Pool managers are getting ready for the season that starts on Thursday with 13 events set down for the coming weeks.

On back-to-school Monday Byron Bay pool manager Greg 'Baz' Daniels was enjoying a quiet moment after a very busy and hot summer.

'There are only six people in the pool at the moment. Last week at this time there were well over 40,' he said.

But the relative quiet is short lived as the majority of

local schools have got swimming carnivals planned over February.

There will be district and zone competitions as well.

Craig Davidson from the Mullumbimby Petria Thomas Pool is also looking forward to hosting the local schools in their respective swim carnivals.

'To all the swimmers, best of luck as they swim to achieve personal bests, age champions or just completing the 50-metre event,' he said.

Byron High School also has a swimming intensive planned at the Byron pool that will keep children swim-

ming there well into March.

The pools will be closed to the public on carnival days from 9am till 3pm.

Schedule:

Thursday Feb 2: Byron Bay Public School (Byron Bay Pool) and Mullumbimby Primary School (Mullumbimby Pool).

Friday Feb 3: Bangalow Primary School (Mullumbimby Pool).

Monday Feb 5: Ocean Shores Primary (Mullumbimby Pool).

Tuesday Feb 7: Brunswick Valley Small Schools (Mullumbimby Pool).

Wednesday Feb 8: Byron

Bay High School (Byron Bay Pool) and Mullumbimby High School (Mullumbimby Pool).

Thursday Feb 9th: Brunswick Primary School (Mullumbimby Pool).

Tuesday 14th: Shearwater Steiner School (Mullumbimby Pool).

Wednesday 15th: District primary schools (Byron Bay Pool)

Brunswick Valley PSSA District (Mullumbimby Pool).

Thursday 16th: Cape Byron Steiner (Mullumbimby Pool).

Monday 20th: Zone carnival (Mullumbimby Pool).

Locals excel at Cronulla



Kyuss King is hungry for more success this year, after reaching the finals at North Cronulla Photo SNSW/Smith

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Kyuss King and Lennox Head's Mikey McDonagh have had great results at the WSL JQS Subway Surf Series, at North Cronulla Beach last week.

King finished runner-up with a valiant effort in the final, but was unable to find the 8.85 wave score needed to snag the top spot from winner Reef Heazelwood.

'That was great to have a heat with Reef,' said King. 'I really wanted to do well in this event following a poor start at Bells, so I'm stoked to

do it here. Hopefully, I can get a few more over the course of the year.'

McDonagh was defeated by King in the semifinal and is now sitting on top of the Australasian JQS ratings ladder.

'I had to change my boards around to suit the conditions and rode an epoxy, which felt a bit more sparky,' McDonagh said.

'Whichever way that heat went, I think I would have been happy following the result I got at Bells but it's definitely nice to back it up here with a semifinal finish.'

Veterans win Ocean Shores pairs



Triples action at the Seahorse Arena. Photo contributed

Lee Roberts

Pratt and Priest won the opening round of the Ocean Shores bowling club pairs championship that began last weekend at Seahorse Arena.

The veterans played the rookie pairing of Olive and Boon and after trading shot for shot over the majority of the contest; they won the game 18-14.

The Norfolk Island Shirt-boy challenge is also back in full swing for 2017, with good numbers competing for the much-sought-after shirt.

After a double play-off it was Gazza Friday who won.

Regular fixtures at the Seahorse Arena include: Mens

social bowls on Mondays at 1pm, Twilight mixed bowls and barbecue Tuesdays at 5.30pm, and mixed social bowls on Saturday at 1pm.

Brunswick Heads Women's Bowls

The social results from January 24 included Dawn Holland, Margaret Darby, Judy Wright (14) defeating Joy Kearney, Marcia Crichton and Darilyn Guest (10).

Rosa Kinnear, Kerry Dexter, and Blossom (11) drew with Rosa Kinnear (swing), Sherril Pearce, and Jenny Locks (11).

Social bowls starts at 9.30am on Tuesdays.

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Mullumbimby Hockey Club

For more information regarding registration call

Katherine 0417 427 963

All age players welcome
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Season commences April 1st 2017

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Look us up on FACEBOOK - Mullum Hockey Club
Taking registrations throughout February

Byron Shire Echo archives: www.echo.net.au/byron-echo

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

#StartupByron

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

Respite Service

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

Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

Bridge club

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

ESL classes

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

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **Mindfulness Meditation** with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15–9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron.com). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com. **Healing Meditation** – 7.30pm Wednesdays



Chinese New Year of the Red Fire Rooster. Photo Rolf Brecher flickr.com/photos/104249543@No7

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.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Next meeting 10am on 7/02/17 at the RSL, Mullumbimby, when Ruth Fox will present a poetry session. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Friendship Morning Tea

Ladies' Friendship Morning Tea in the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads, Wednesday February 8, from 10am. All ladies welcome, contact 6685 1487.

Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting Tuesday 7 February at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 10am. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 6680 3316.

VIEW Club AGM

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club AGM on Thursday 9 February at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club 10.30am. Fees due. Apologies to Rae by Monday 6th, 0427 103 072.

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

Drug support groups

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

U3A discussion group

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

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info. Spanish conversation A Spanish conversation group meets every Monday evening in Mullumbimby in order to improve language skills and cultural knowledge. Phone Paco 6684 0242.

Men's Groups

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

Repair Cafe

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

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

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 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.

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.

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

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.

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, mazzzerato2010@gmail.com.

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.

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

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 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 sale

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.

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.



crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

Byron Girls Group

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

Bay Community Singers

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

ManTime

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

Town Choir

Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir meets

weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

CWA Bangalow

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

Mullum CWA

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

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. On trial, in the castle – this Czech didn't bounce! (5,5)

6. The man, a politician, went to pot (4)

9. Fruit began, surprisingly, in a truck (10)

10. Feeble for seven days, we hear (4)

12. Peasant conceals ugly guilt scars – needs a medical cosmetician! (7,7)

14. A lousy setting for the royal circle overseas (6)

15. Consecrated at nine – do wonders! (8)

17. He couldn't get a drink – substituted a last nut! (8)

19. Bomb at zero, 1099 (6)

22. Unfortunate psychosis, trait of a scientist (14)

24. In the matter of criminal Rein (2,2)

25. Underwear in the sewer? The smart ones leave the country (5,5)

26. Say you'll be here for Christmas (4)

27. Fairy van – it worked for Thackeray's story! (6,4)

DOWN

1. Dropped evil (4)

2. Gawky langur, a freak (7)

3. Buddhist, a sad pro, bum steer. Try Achilles and the tortoise! (4,1,7)

4. Acid produces top twitch! (6)

5. Madly keen about love god – it burns! (8)

7. English fast around the Middle East, but it's a very basic thing (7)

8. Take tiny bite around the best of the French meal (6,4)

11. Get a weapon on first frozen 24 hours – November 11! (9,3)

13. Equivalence about backing the French object? That's bias! (10)

16. Pie hour – a cause for elation (8)

18. Young mountain, unspoiled (7)

20. Mother's vehicle, a cosmetic thing (7)

21. Environment of St Francis: donkey is one necessity (6)

23. Called back for the knot (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Czech author of *The Trial* and *The Castle* (5,5)

6. Plant material used for rope-making (4)

9. *Rubus loganobaccus* (10)

10. Feeble, powerless (4)

12. Medical practitioner who remodels bodily features (7,7)

14. Overseas, in another country (6)

15. Consecrated, usually with the pouring on of oil (8)

17. Legendary king of Sipylus condemned to spend eternity in a pool of water which recedes every time he tries to drink from it. (8)

19. Pertaining to atoms (6)

22. Scientist who studies the structure and properties of celestial bodies (14)

24. Latin for 'in the matter'; legal term (2,2)

25. Emigration of scientists and intellectuals (5,5)

26. Christmastime (4)

27. Novel by W M Thackeray (6,4)

DOWN

1. Collapsed, dropped (4)

2. Bony, gawky (7)

3. Problem posed by Greek philosopher: can Achilles ever catch the tortoise? (4,1,7)

4. Type of acid found in vinegar (6)

5. Petroleum fuel used in jet aircraft (8)

7. Simple substance, not a compound (7)

8. Famous dish from Northern China (6,4)

11. Anniversary of the truce which ended World War I (9,3)

13. Bias, prejudice (10)

16. Elation, relief (8)

18. Not artificial (7)

20. Make up for the eyes (7)

21. Birthplace of St Francis (6)

23. Tangle, knot (4)

Last week's solution N163

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Sue Harrison's letter on page 11 this week exposes the ongoing problems with the staffing of Byron's new allegedly-you-beaut hospital. Despite the denials of the bureaucracy we keep hearing stories of the uphill battles the nurses and doctors face. As Ms Harrison urges, the new health minister (Brad Hazzard office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au) needs to be lobbied, along with our state MP (Tamara Smith ballina@parliament.nsw.gov.au) to make sure our growing population (and the number of visitors who present in the emergency department) get the service and infrastructure sorely needed. Given Mr Hazzard's controversial term as planning minister and the opportunity for punning, expect 'health Hazzard' to be given a run in the media and among health-advocacy groups.

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Last week we ran a house ad promoting the 'Dutch Reach', a safety initiative: simply by using the other hand to open a car door you can easily avoid 'dooring' a cyclist. Our thanks to True Wheel Cycles for lending us a bike and Hugo Crabb for being the willing model for the photo. Hugo is a cyclist who is currently preparing to ride from Byron Bay to Melbourne to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation – you can check him out at facebook.com/letsseehugogo.

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Galilee Blockade (facebook.com/GalileeBlockade) recounts the tanking of Adani Power's bottom line, with a net loss of \$US48 billion in the third quarter of 2016 against a profit of \$US15 billion in the same period of



Maaaate, Dad's an Australian. Matt Klein had just received his Australian citizenship in the Byron Shire ceremony. His kids Jessica and Nick and wife Beck couldn't be prouder. See some thoughts on Australia Day in the letters on page 20. Photo Jeff Dawson

2015. The writing is on the wall for coal ventures, and we're giving Adani \$1 billion to dig dirty great holes in Queensland because why? See the full story on India's *Economic Times* at <http://bit.ly/adanitanks>. Adani is also expert in building solar plants, so that might be a better idea for the Galilee Basin.

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We must remind correspondents that for letters to the editor we need you to provide your address and phone number (neither for publication) so that we can verify your existence if necessary. The deadline for submitting is still noon Fridays and we still prefer something around 200 words long, all of which you can read in the note each week on the first page of the letters. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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