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SGB residents fear Parklands' expansion plans

South Golden Beach Community Centre was packed with residents last Saturday to discuss North Byron Parklands' (NBP) intention to be declared a state significant development and a permanent music festival site.

The SGB Community Association hosted the meeting, during which attendees 'expressed anger and dismay at Parklands' plans to double the number of festival days, increase attendance to 50,000 per day, and be able to increase both in future,' according to vice-president Denise Nessel.

Nessel said Parklands GM Mat Morris and other Parklands employees attended and answered a few questions before the meeting voted that they leave 'so that residents could more freely voice their opinions.'

Byron's deputy mayor Basil Cameron, independent Cr Cate Coorey, and Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye attended and responded to questions, as did Tweed deputy mayor Chris Cherry.

Not in best interest

Nessel said the general feeling of the meeting was that the proposal is not in the best interests of the community and that the council needs to support residents and speak out strongly against it.

North Byron Parklands general manager, Mat Morris, answered questions from *The Echo*:

Is it true North Byron Parklands is seeking to be a State Significant Development as a permanent music festival site?

Under the current planning laws, **continued on page 2**

Big beat celebrated



The Cabarita Beach foreshore was awash with a sea of red as Leanne Patch led the Samba Blisstas into a fiery goodbye for Paul Barrett. Family, friends and bandmates gathered to pay tribute to the founder of one of the far north coast's most iconic music-making teams. Paul's parents spoke of a very loved and sadly missed son and others remembered Barrett with words, photos and songs before the Blisstas made some soul-raising noise, a last farewell to their friend and leader. Photo Tree Faerie

Byron Hospital staffing levels unsafe: union

The local branch of the country's largest health union have accused bureaucrats of 'unsafe staffing' at the new Byron Central Hospital, claiming there is resistance to employing an extra staff member to alleviate after-hour patient loads.

Responding to last week's story regarding a woman's 13-hour wait for an ambulance transfer, NSW Nurses & Midwives Association (NSWNMA) told *The Echo* that while they expect 'guidelines would have been utilised by Emergency Department (ED) nursing staff to triage and provide treatment to this patient, it does not belie the fact that the NSWNMA branch executive continue to raise concerns regarding unsafe staffing in the ED and In-Patient Unit since the hospital opened in June 2016.'

The union claims they are still in negotiation with the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) over 'the clinical load the after-hours nurses manager and hospital in-charge registered nurses carry.'

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Seven-and-a-half per cent rate rise planned

A 7-2 majority of councillors voted for a 7.5 per cent Special Rate Variation (SRV) at last Thursday's meeting.

Another motion by Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) passed with almost unanimous support (Cr Spooner against) and will see a review of Council's rating structure and a possible redistribution between residents, business, and farmland.

Paid parking looks set to go from

\$3 to \$4 from July and will be used for 'asset renewal.'

Residential properties used for holiday letting will also be identified and a process will be developed to reclassify these properties as businesses for rating purposes.

The 7.5 per cent rise will be a cumulative compounded rise: after four years rates will be 33.5 per cent higher than now.

Council's media spokesperson said, 'The increase over a four-year period on an average rate of \$1,139 is a total of \$382. That is, it would go from the current \$1,139 to \$1,521 in 2020/21.'

But the decision needs approval from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), which had already pegged a 1.5 per cent rise across the state for 2017-18. A Council spokesperson told *The*

Echo that IPART requires Council to work on the assumption of a 2.5 per cent rise, despite the 1.5 per cent now being confirmed as the actual figure for the 2017-18 year.

Staff also confirmed that the 1.5 per cent IPART rate peg will be included within the 7.5 per cent.

Left-leaning independent Cr Basil Cameron put the motion **continued on page 2**

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Yelgun fest site Q&A

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any regional development with a proposed capital value of more than \$30m must be referred by Council to the Department of Planning and Environment. There is no choice in the matter.

Is the proposal for 20 event days with 50,000 patrons per day, and be able to increase in future?

Yes, as per the original approval submitted in 2010, Parklands is seeking approval for 12 event days of between 25,000 and 50,000 patrons.

The two existing events (Splendour and Falls) currently utilise eight of these days, leaving the possibility of an additional event.

It should be noted that under the existing trial approval Parklands has had the right to host a third event; however, this has never been enacted, reflecting the market realities of events in Australia.

The requested remaining eight days would be for events under 25,000. As one example of such events, Parklands is currently negotiating with a group to bring a running event with 2,000-3,000 participants to the venue.

Is this a correct statement from Nessel: 'All were surprised to learn that Council has not received funds from

Parklands during the current trial and may get little to none under permanent approval as a state-run site?'

Parklands has always paid Council fees in relation to compliance matters that fall under its jurisdiction such as food-vendor inspections, waste water, etc.

In relation to the State Significant Development, Parklands will be required to pay a \$94 development contribution.

You previously said that North Byron Parklands contributed to a roundabout and that as the festival site has onsite sewerage, it creates fewer impacts.

Parklands pays approximately \$20,000 per annum in rates yet has no connections to Council water and sewerage systems and receives no waste, recycling or organics services. In 2014, Parklands secured Council approval for an environmental award-winning composting toilet system (246 composting toilets) and grey-water treatment plant which manages over 90 per cent of all wastewater and sewage onsite.

The remaining wastewater goes to Byron STP under a fee-paying licence. This is probably one of the most sustainable systems for

outdoor venues in Australia. Parklands has worked with Council and provided funding for the newly installed roundabout adjacent to the Yelgun interchange in addition to sealing sections of local roads for residential amenity purposes.

With Council crying poor and a 7.5 per cent rate rise approved, why would North Byron Parklands pursue an avenue where Council cannot receive contributions as the delegated authority?

Our advice is that the SSD would attract \$94 contributions payable directly to Byron Shire Council.

And finally - would North Byron Parklands consider a special levy on tickets to contribute to Council?

A \$1 per ticket levy has been in place since the first event held at North Byron Parklands with 100 per cent of these funds distributed to community and environmental groups predominantly located in the north of the Shire.

In the past three-and-a-half years Parklands and the two events have distributed \$194,500 to local groups.

I am not sure there is another organisation, government or otherwise that has provided similar support to such groups and organisations in the north of the Shire.

■ Parklands will hold a community meeting about the proposal on Sunday February 12 from 4pm till 5.30pm at North Byron Parklands.

All welcome - enter via North Byron Parklands' southern carpark at 126 Tweed Valley Way and follow signage.

Rates on the rise

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forward, which also seeks to pursue other avenues for revenue from tourism and government grants as well as letters to state MPs asking for assistance with the Shire's large visitor numbers.

A new committee is also planned, called the Byron Shire Revenue Exploration Working Party (BSREWP).

During morning access, residents spoke against the rise and implored councillors to look at other measures to find the funds necessary to address the infrastructure backlog.

A campaign led by general manager Ken Gainger claimed the Shire's infrastructure - mainly roads - are in steep decline and that a rate rise was the only way to address the issue.

Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) told *The Echo* that 7.5 per cent 'was lower than the lowest of the proposed rate rises and by no means an easy decision to make.'

'Perhaps the consultation could have been clearer, and it would have helped all of us if the time pressures didn't force it into the summer break, but the community engaged in robust discussion and it elicited more submissions

and responses than any other issue I can remember. You can be assured the submissions were read and the information taken on board during our decision-making process.

Short changed

'We have been short changed by the state government year after year when it comes to being able to provide the services necessary for our community.

'There were many suggestions made about ways to derive more revenue so let me address some of them. I was not part of previous councils but I know, from within the current council, we are unanimous in our support for continuing to pursue a levy, tax

or tariff to capture extra funds from our visitors to help address their impact on our infrastructure, environment and amenities. There is no guarantee this will happen, or if it does how much regular revenue it would create. The mayor has been communicating with other coastal councils and the appetite is definitely there to mount a campaign for it, but will the state government listen? Only time will tell.

'Similarly we can approach our local festivals and see if they will contribute to the cost to the community of facilitating these events in our Shire.

'Currently there is no legislation that compels them to, so we are reliant on the goodwill of our festival owners and operators.

'Again, this is only something we can hope for, not rely on.

'Saying "no" to a rate rise would have been easy - and popular. Given the timeframes allowable for SRV applications through IPART, putting this decision off for another year would have been irresponsible and any desire to do so should be seen for exactly what it is, political opportunism.'

■ Cr Ndiaye's full statement is at echo.net.au/cr-ndiayes-response.

A rates brief

Rates are based upon unimproved land values and Council has three broad categories: residential, commercial and farmland.

But within Byron Shire Council's business rates structure, there are two categories - one for general business rates in Byron Shire (which the ad valorem rate is 1.5 times higher than residential) and Byron Bay CBD business land, which the ad valorem rate is twice the rate of residential land. The farmland category is 0.73 times the residential ad valorem rate. This will now be reviewed by council.

Teen parties get out of hand

A Bangalow teen learned a valuable lesson last Saturday after gatecrashers raided a party she promoted on Facebook while her parents were away. Although she only intended to invite a few friends, the open Facebook invitation alerted

gatecrashers, who damaged the family home. Meanwhile on Saturday at South Golden Beach, young partygoers fled a beach party after police arrived, leaving behind backpacks, personal belongings and drugs.

Who voted for and against

Councillors in favour of left-leaning independent Cr Basil Cameron's motion to proceed with a 7.5 per cent rate rise were mayor Simon Richardson, Crs Jeannette Martin, Michael Lyon and Sarah Ndiaye (all Greens).

Others in support were left-leaning independent Cate Coorey. Nationals Party-aligned Alan Hunter also supported the rise.

Country Labor's Paul Spooner and Jan Hackett voted against. An alternative motion by Cr Spooner was to defer the vote, but was

rejected by fellow councillors.

A press release by Country Labor later in the day claimed the result would mean Byron Shire will have the highest residential rates on the north coast.

Cr Spooner said, 'The community response to Council's consultation has been strongly against a rate rise. People have asked me extensively why Byron Council hasn't done more to look at raising more revenue from tourists rather than residents.'

Byron Bay Train website launched

Byron Bay Railroad Company (BBRC) has launched a new website for the Byron Bay Train - www.byronbay-train.com.au.

The train will run a return shuttle service for the three-kilometre journey between Northbeach Station in Sunrise Beach and the Byron Beach platform adjacent to the Shirley Street level crossing.

Jeremy Holmes from Byron Bay Railroad Company says, 'The Byron Bay train will run from solar-generated power from the get-go.'

'We are proud to be able to

bring what we think is world-first technology to Byron Bay. 'The solar conversion will render the train significantly quieter than it would have run as a diesel service.

'So we are pleased to be able to address these concerns and we will work continuously to ensure that the train impacts as little as possible on the residents living alongside the rail corridor.

'As we have continuously stated, there will be an hourly return service. Unfortunately, there is both misleading and incorrect information being

distributed regarding the train, so please take the time to visit the website and become informed.

'There is a video circulating which is supposed to be our train but is in fact a different train operating under vastly different conditions from those we will see in Byron Bay.

'I sincerely encourage local residents to view the website and call or email us with any questions.'

■ BBRC's website says it is a separate and independent company from Elements of Byron resort.



CALLING FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

North Byron Parklands has entered the final year of its five-year trial approval with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and we are now looking to the future.

Parklands is currently preparing its submission to become a permanent home for arts and cultural events in Byron Shire.

We value community input, and to assist with our planning we invite you to provide feedback on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment available at <http://www.northbyronparklands.com/PEA-ESTIMATE.pdf>

Please send your comments to:
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Opening the doors to adulthood

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

How many enter adult life wondering why they learned few life skills in school?

Without the relevant guidance, it's hard to do small but important things, from registering your car to voting or budgeting an income.

Then there are bigger issues such as how to apply for a job, finding a home or how to deal with pregnancy.

Byron Youth Service (BYS) devised a survey aimed at year nine and ten students to find out what they needed to navigate a path into adulthood.

With those responses, BYSS were awarded a Links to Learning grant by the Department of Education for the program Skills4Life, which will begin later this month at the YAC (Youth Activity Centre).

Life skills

Skills4Life will provide 30 boys and 30 girls from local high schools, with 31 weeks, life-skills workshops, including financial literacy, resume writing, restorative agriculture, drama, budgeting and public speaking.

Byron Youth Service manager Teeya Blatt says the survey responses were astounding. 'In addition to rating listed workshops, young people were asked to write down



From left: Lindy Lou Smith, BYSS manager Teeya Blatt and Dale Shaddick.

what they want to learn,' she said. 'Their answers clearly revealed a theme: young people want to learn life skills such as how to vote, how to rent a flat, how to make money.'

As schools are bound by national curriculum criteria, Teeya says research shows that some students are at risk of disengagement for various reasons.

'The Skills4Life program is built around what these young people want to learn, and that's a large part of what won us the grant.'

Other interests were in having 'real' discussions about sex and drugs, how to write computer languages,

and how to prepare meals.

'At ages 14 and 15, young people are facing the transition to adulthood and they want skills for living an adult life,' said Ms Blatt.

'The Skills4Life team includes qualified BYSS youth workers: Lindy Lou Smith as co-ordinator, Dale Shaddick and Karim Kaufman as facilitators.

They are very excited about this program, which will indeed help to prepare young people for adult life with skills that will also transfer to further study.'

Community agencies and individuals will be invited to speak for most of the work-

shops, including representatives of Community Sexual Health and a Youth Liaison Police Officer for tips on safe partying and safe hitching.

Teeya says that a vital part of the program is building community bonds.

'Having community members interact with young people about relevant issues will go a long way to reducing feelings of intimidation about authority figures and feeling connected and competent in our Shire.'

■ For more information about any of the BYSS programs or the YAC activities, or to make a donation, visit www.bys.org.au.

Byron Hospital staffing level brouhaha

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'This means that the after-hours management role is done in conjunction with caring for a patient load, either in the ED or the In-Patient Unit and provides no leeway to have that staff member free to respond to just such emergencies as cited in the article without having to jeopardise the care of their own allocated patient load if other staff are unable to take over that care due to work pressures.

'To date, local and NNSWLHD management remain resistant to this proposal and have only increased nursing staff in the ED over peak-holiday and event periods.

Correction

Last week's story on holiday letting, *Send in the Spanish Inquisition!* incorrectly stated that Matt Hartley was a former mayoral candidate when in fact he was a councillor candidate. Mr Hartley also told *The Echo* he wants to stop illegal holiday letting, not all holiday letting.

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'The branch maintains that if the after-hours management role, either by a manager or an allocated registered nurse, was non-clinical, it would increase patient safety by having an experienced registered nurse available to assist in emergencies while fulfilling their managerial duties.'

Unsafe staffing levels rejected

In reply, chief executive of Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) Wayne Jones told *The Echo* that staffing levels at Byron Central Hospital (BCH) are constantly under review, 'and where required, additional staffing is provided.'

'NNSWLHD works closely with the Byron Central Hospital clinicians and management to ensure appropriate nursing and medical staff are rostered according to skill levels and patient mix at all times.

'The NNSWLHD rejects the claim that nursing staff levels at BCH are unsafe.'

Meanwhile NNSWLHD has apologised to a woman who waited 13 hours for treatment at Byron Central Hospital on January 22.

Last week *The Echo* reported that Ocean Shores resident Sue Harrison, who presented to the hospital with a bowel obstruction at about 10pm, was finally transferred to John Flynn Hospital on the Gold Coast at around 11am the following day.

Even then, she had to use her private health insurance to ensure treatment at the Gold Coast private hospital.

In a statement, NNSWLHD CEO Wayne Jones said an internal review had found BCH's staffing levels were 'appropriate on the night.'

'Seven patients, including Ms Harrison, attended the Emergency Department that night and all were triaged and treated within clinical guidelines,' the statement read.

'Ms Harrison received immediate triage and care by an emergency doctor and it was determined she needed to be transferred to John

Flynn Hospital.'

But this is at odds with what Ms Harrison told *The Echo*; she claims that within an hour of her arrival a patient arrived in cardiac arrest, which immediately swallowed up all the resources of the hospital, which at the time was one doctor and two nurses.

She added that one nurse was forced to work three hours past the end of her shift.

But despite Ms Harrison's praise for the ambulance paramedics, whom she described as 'incredible, fast, helped my pain and got me to Byron Hospital emergency quickly and safely,' Mr Jones said much of her inordinate delay was attributable to a wait for an ambulance to transfer her to the Gold Coast.

'NNSWLHD works closely with NSW Ambulance to provide the best possible outcomes to patients who need our care. We will ensure the timelines of inter-hospital transfers are addressed as a priority,' the statement concluded.

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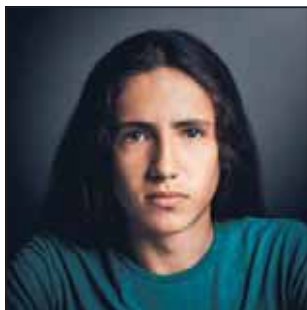
Youth activist Xiuhtezcatl Martinez in concert Feb 8

A special event Wednesday February 8 at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall will feature internationally renowned activist and artist, 16-year-old Xiuhtezcatl Martinez.

Since the age of six, Martinez has been a positive and inspiring voice for young people and is the director of Earth Guardians International.

Martinez is also youth ambassador for UPLIFT and recently appeared on *Real Time with Bill Maher*, a satirical political TV show on HBO.

Organisers say the event will 'provide the space for col-



laboration and will showcase local talent, while sharing a message of hope and pathways to local action.'

Local musicians also performing include Xi-tika, LXXE, Maple and others.

Doors open at 6pm.

Bangalow food precinct update

Byron Shire Council staff say they are still waiting on feedback from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) over traffic issues for a proposed Bangalow food precinct.

Chase Developments has a DA before Council which will eventually be decided upon by the state government's Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) owing to its being worth over \$20m.

Located opposite the Bangalow Industrial Estate on Lismore Road, the proposal would see three 5,000 square

metre buildings on a 26.6 hectare property which could be 'doubled in size to 10,000 square metres in later stages.'

Also included is a 3,000 square metre rural industry building, three rural industry buildings of 800 square metres plus a 1,000 square metre 'food excellence facility.'

Within a building would be a 'restaurant/cafe takeaway food shop,' which would primarily cater 'for onsite employees and limited public visitor use.'

While proponent Chase

Developments claims the proposal is 'driven by the legitimate and immediate demand' for large-scale food processing factories, many locals are not so impressed.

Sue Franklin told *The Echo* it would be the largest industrial development ever for Byron Shire.

'If this goes ahead it will be as big as Ballina Fair except it will be factories... It even has a three-storey office block hidden away in the DA.'

Traffic has been a major concern owing to the high

level of truck movements expected through Bangalow.

Director of sustainable environment and economy Shannon Burt told *The Echo*, 'Once we have finalised our assessment of the application, including the traffic issues, it will be sent to the JRPP.'

JRRP decision

'The JRRP will then advise people who have a submission of when the meeting will occur. The application will be determined by the JRPP and no meeting date has yet been set.'

Drunk cop ploughs into tree

A police officer has been charged with a high-range drink driving after allegedly crashing his car into a tree near Tweed Heads while more than four times over the legal limit.

Just before 1pm on Tuesday, January 31, police were called to Leisure Drive, Banoora Point, following reports a vehicle had hit a tree.

The driver, a 53-year-old police officer attached to the northern region, was

subjected to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result.

High-range PCA

The policeman, who was off duty at the time, was taken to Tweed Heads Police Station where he returned an alleged reading of 0.202.

He was issued a field court attendance notice for high-range PCA and will appear at Tweed Heads Local Court on Monday, February 20.

Residents left to fight it alone over NBN tower

Residents against an NBN tower in Coorabell will have to go it alone after Council's efforts to stop the project with a court injunction were abandoned at last Thursday's meeting.

The tower is currently under construction at 308 Coorabell Road.

Councillors had supported a motion by Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) to pursue legal avenues to stop the tower but, with the staff report suggesting it will be futile, councillors instead voted to note the staff advice and, 'Write to ACMA and NBN requesting that clear information is available publicly, clarifying whether or not an NBN tower requires a DA from Council.'

Cr Ndiaye told *The Echo*, 'I applaud

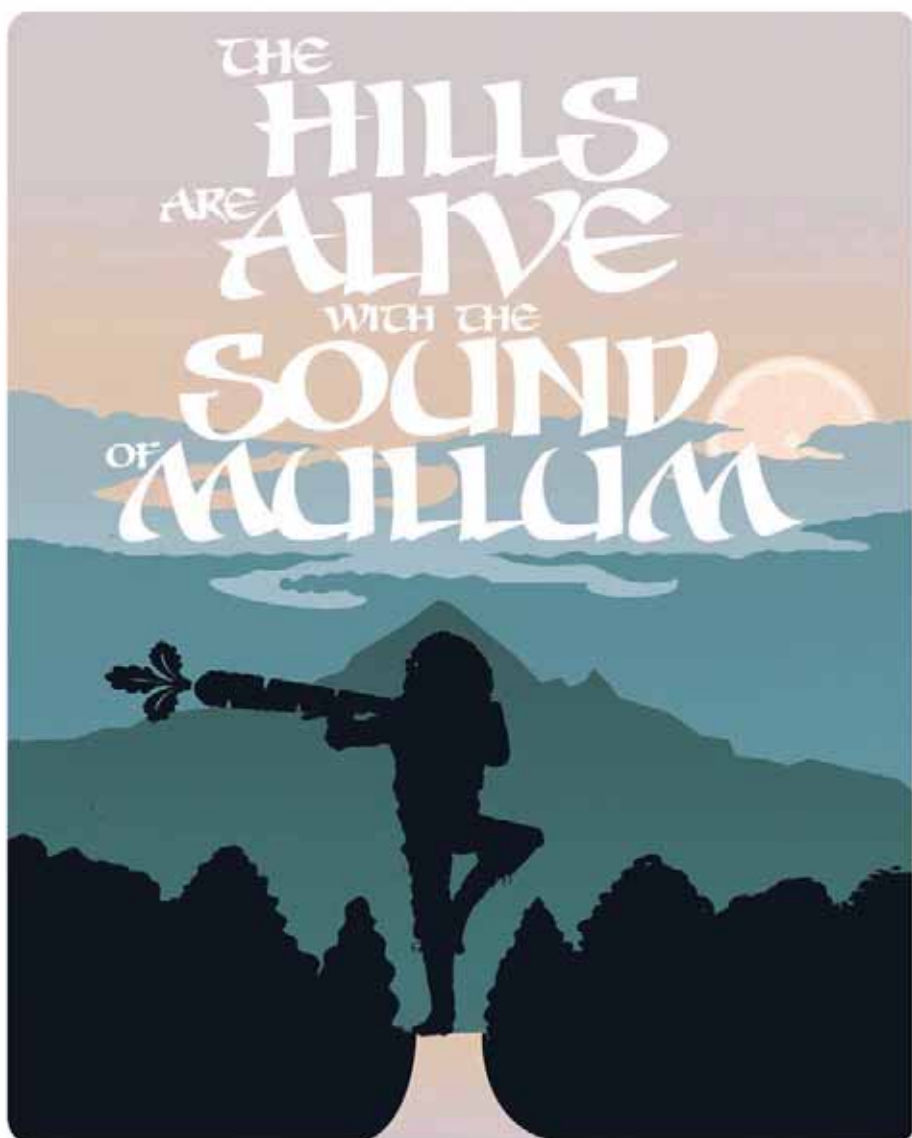
the Coorabell community and the action they have taken against the construction of an NBN tower at 308 Coorabell Road.'

'It feels awful to not be able to follow through with our original motion, but with Council a 'model litigant', and our legal advice from multiple sources indicating we would have little chance of success, Council's decision not to go to court seems to be our only option at this time.

'I feel like we've been "rolled" in the rollout and the concerns of our community are not being listened to by NBN Co or Vision Stream. I have asked that Council write to the governing bodies and request that the regulations around

this are made clearer to avoid the confusion we faced when trying to understand whether or not a DA should have been sought by NBN in the process, but that would offer little comfort to residents living close to the tower currently under construction.

'The community are in a different position from Council and if they are still really passionate about it they could perhaps take it on through the courts themselves. If a crowdfunding page were set up and the affected residents all contributed, they may have a different outcome, but it does really seem to be a David and Goliath type case, and we've seen over time that it's not always the giants who win.'



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Farewell Sandy, and thanks for all the gags and giggles

Mandy Nolan

There are remarkable things about people that we sometimes only identify as remarkable when they are gone.

It was only three days since my friend and colleague Sandra Ahrana, aka Sandy Gandhi, died suddenly at her Mullumbimby home, when the penny dropped for me about just how unique she was.

Okay, so I know she proudly declared herself Australia's Most Easterly Indian.

It was her favourite tag line. The irony that so many people live here with Indian names they bought in Puna, whereas she was a bona fide Indian christened 'Sandra,' never ceased to amuse her.

In 2009, she was selected to go through to the semi-finals of Seven Network's *Australia's Got Talent*. She was born in New Delhi in 1959, raised in Bangalore, then moved to Camberwell in Melbourne at the age of 11.

The second youngest of five, she knew what it was to be the outsider in suburban Melbourne in the early 70s, and it was her natural resourcefulness that enabled her to use her wit and charm to thrive.

As a performer, Sandra drew down hard on her multiculturalism and the experience of living as a black woman in a predominantly white culture, declaring, 'when I was a child I was afraid of the dark then I grew up and realised I was.'

Beneath that irony, that quick wit and self-deprecatory banter was a quiet intelligence that was not going to go unnoticed.

Sari-tire. She was full of it. Barely a sentence escaped her lips that didn't contain a clever pun.

She used to do the door for me at gigs but it became pretty evident that she was



Sandra Ahrana, aka Sandy Gandhi. Photo sandygandhi.com.au

meant to be in the spotlight. It was where she came alive. Although she'd be shaking like a leaf, often sick with terror, she had this stoic courage that saw her push through and claim the stage as her own. I just thought she was funny. Really funny. But I've only just realised it was something more.

Mutual cynicism

Let me preface this by saying both Sandy and I shared a mutual cynicism about New Age esoteric spirituality.

In fact, it was our ruthless disregard for all things cosmic that often had us rolling on the floor in tears of disbelief. In fact even Sandy's book was sarcastically titled *Enlighten Up*.

So Friday night I am leaving a gig. I turn the radio on and then I am frozen in my seat. This is a BBC broadcast about Indian women standup comics.

I don't think I've ever heard anything on the topic before.

The timing does not escape me. This is Sandy's story. The journalist is interviewing

an Indian woman comic who reveals that she is just one of six women standup comics in all of India. Six.

That is all. There are well over 1,000 men. What kind of courage does it take to be one of those women?

Gutsy and radical

She talks of the social stigma of being an Indian woman and a comedian.

The sense of her unmarried-ability and the 'shame' for her family. She is a gutsy radical woman with complex ideas and a disregard for convention.

She's funny. And smart.

And serious all at the same time. Like Sandy. Weirdly the cultural significance of her choice to be a comic hadn't ever occurred to me until then.

I just saw her like me: just another difficult woman who liked stirring up a bit of trouble! I had rather disregarded the importance of her identity.

I realised in the car, on that night that as a woman and as an Indian woman that Sandy wasn't just funny; she was brave and courageous.

She was a chain breaker.

She was living a life and doing things her way.

Just as she had done living 20 years in the UK, travelling and living throughout Egypt and Zanzibar, she had survived an horrific IRA bomb blast when working in Knightsbridge, had spent the last two decades as a personal carer for the elderly and the disabled, and who more recently spent her time delivering Meals on Wheels.

Sandy Gandhi aka Sandra Ahrana was an intense, kind, loyal, outrageous, funny, and generous woman.

She had a talent for friendship, with a web of connections that spanned the globe.

India may have six Indian women comics. But in Australia, we only had one.

Vale, Sandy Gandhi.

Sunday send-off

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Sunday rally planned for Lake Road, Lennox

Lennox residents are calling on their community to support keeping the Lake Road accessible for all at a public rally this Sunday.

Organisers say there will be a march as well as live music at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head from 10.30am.

Co-organiser Monique Pollock says, 'Council plans to close the road on February 13 and locals believe it may

be the last time visitors can enjoy the freedom of unrestricted access to the lake precinct, as well the last chance to demonstrate that people want the road left open.'

'The Eastern Lake Road is on NSW Crown Land, managed by Ballina Shire Council for the recreational use by all people.

'Newly appointed NSW lands minister Paul Toole has

been sent a change.org petition with more than 1,000 signatures, asking him to keep the road open.

'Previously, the decision has been criticised by the NSW minister of sport, who labelled the decision as "odd".'

'Locals are urging the council to upgrade the road and work on a best-practice functional plan to manage the whole lake environment

and the people who visit.

'Locals feel shutting the road, and not providing bins in that area, is not the answer in looking after the long-term health of the lake.

'There have not been environmental studies done on the effect of increased traffic through the western road and the effects of increased patronage to the fragile environmental area.'

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LAWYERS

New ministers lobbied over Bruns parks saga

Luis Felio

The new state lands and local government ministers have been lobbied by Brunswick Heads residents over the long-running battle to stop encroachment of public foreshore land under planned upgrades of the town's three crown reserve caravan parks.

Concept plans for the multi-million-dollar revamp of the three parks (The Terrace, Ferry Reserve and Massey-Greene) have recently been exhibited by the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSW-CHPT) which runs them, but ongoing boundary issues remain unresolved.

The Foreshore Protection Group (FPG), made up of locals keeping a running watch on the management of Bruns's popular public parks, has written to new lands minister Paul Toole and local government minister Gabrielle Upton in their quest for transparency over the proposed boundary options.

FPG convenor Michele Grant said the group was hoping to get some relevant information to new councillors on the boundary issue 'so we can re-open the conversation and get some proper maps so we can get the best outcome possible'.

'I don't think any one of the new councillors is up to speed on the issue and neither Council staff, NSWCHPT nor mayor Simon Richardson are providing any info on the

various options to help them sort it out.'

Ms Grant says the trust presented 'concept designs' during recent community consultation and council negotiations 'that focus on park layout, rather than provide information on boundary options'.

'We think the boundary issue and status of foreshore walkway needs to be clearly established before we're swamped with more design concepts,' she said.

Two thousand signatures

In the letter to the ministers, which included a petition with more than 2,000 signatures, she said the group supported Council's determined boundaries, which proposed 'soft camping' (tents) on the foreshore.

'There is widespread community support for Byron Shire Council's (BSC) operational boundaries and restricting the use of vulnerable riverfront land.

'We ask the ministers to endorse Council's proposed boundaries and licence conditions before any new Plans of Management (POM) or additional concept drawings are submitted for public exhibition. We also have a new council, not yet up to speed on this issue, and request a further meeting with key stakeholders and the provision of properly surveyed maps (as detailed below) so we can re-

solve these outstanding issues.'

A North Coast Holiday Parks spokesperson told *The Echo* that, 'In response to feedback regarding our park maps during the community information sessions, we are in the process of organising professional surveys of the parks, which will address these boundary concerns.

Surveys being organised

'We have reviewed community feedback regarding these concepts for our parks and look forward to presenting concepts incorporating that feedback to the community in the near future.'

The spokesperson said the community will again be able to provide feedback for their amended concepts. 'It is also important to note that it is not until after this second round of public consultation that approval to exhibit will be sought from the minister. During and after this public exhibition period, feedback will again be reviewed and used to revise our proposed concepts for the three parks.'

Preventing blindness one pedal at a time

Aslan Shand

A simple fundraiser for the Fred Hollows Foundation by local Byron Bay man Hugo Crabb has now blossomed into a commitment to ride to Melbourne in support of the foundation's work.

Crabb says he got the idea while riding a pedal-powered rickshaw, or pedicab, around town.

'I've learned a lot while staying in Byron; the people are so loving and supportive.

'It's such a great place and it has been really easy to get this off the ground.'

Hugo chose the Fred Hollows Foundation as the charity he wanted to support because he believes 'that it will put the money to good use.'

'I want every cent to go where it is supposed to go.'

The Fred Hollows Foundation aims to end avoidable blindness.

Four out of five people who are blind don't need to be, says the foundation.

The foundation 'trains doctors, nurses and healthcare workers, distributes antibiotics, raises money for much-



Hugo Crabb will set out on February 25 and ride to Melbourne to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. Photo supplied

needed equipment and medical facilities and performs eye operations, both around the world and here in Australia, particularly in the Aboriginal community,' says its website.

'The reason I'm travelling around is to see the world.

'I'm lucky to have all my senses and I find it incredibly sad, especially here in Australia, that Aboriginal people are less well off and more susceptible to these conditions.'

Hugo will ride 2,500 to 3,000kms in four weeks,

travelling from Byron to Melbourne, starting out on February 25.

'I will do the ride as cheaply as possible,' said Hugo.

So far Hugo has raised \$600; that is 24 eyesight saving operations, and he is hoping to raise more.

Restoring eyesight can cost as little as \$25, says the Fred Hollows Foundation.

■ If you would like to donate to Hugo's fundraising go to his mycause page at www.bit.ly/2kuidFW.

Regional plan aims to protect koalas

A regional plan aimed at protecting koala populations in the northern rivers was launched Thursday in Ballina.

With 12 months in the making, the Regional Koala Communication Plan highlights the regional approach needed to conserve the koala populations, a number of which are classified as nationally significant.

The plan has been developed by the Friends of the

Koala group with the help of staff from Ballina, Byron, Richmond Valley, Tweed and Lismore councils.

Friends of the Koala president Lorraine Vass said the aim of the plan was to highlight the challenges facing koalas in the northern rivers, as well as educating communities and individuals about what they can do to ensure their survival.

'Friends of the Koala ini-

tially received funding from the NSW Environmental Trust to develop a local communication plan for the organisation, but we felt that we should be working more closely with the region's councils because we share common goals about educating communities about their role in the long-term survival of koalas,' Ms Vass said.

'Our aim is show the regional community some of

the problems facing koalas and what people can do to protect them.

'We have developed two videos that show some of the common problems that koalas face in their day-to-day survival. They are quite hard hitting in their approach, but unfortunately they reflect reality.'

'We are hoping this is the first of many regional projects to be undertaken by Friends of the Koala and local councils.'

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- call 6626 7324 to talk to Council's staff or to make an appointment: 9.00 - 12.00, Tuesdays to Fridays.
- email your submission to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au or post to PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482.

Psyching up for surf fest



Wooden surfboard shaper Andy Ceglinski, Vallkree electric bike designer Jason Sanger and wetsuit designer Maria Nilsson are just a drop in the ocean of what to expect from February 24 till 26 at the Bay Surf Festival. For more info visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au. Photo Tree Faerie

Riding on sunshine



Local electric-bike hire business Sunshine Cycles launched what they say is a world-first zero-emissions transport alternative initiative. Pictured is the Lighthouse launch event last weekend. For more info visit www.sunshinecycles.com.au. Photo Vallkree

Ombudsman slams big banks over harming small business customers

The big four Australian banks have caused 'significant harm to some small business customers' says the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO).

ASBFEO's Kate Carnell released a report last week claiming that ANZ, the Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac 'consistently engage in practices that have caused significant harm to some small business customers.'

The inquiry found that 'circumstances surrounding a number of cases of alleged small business mistreatment by the banks, and concluded loan contract arrangements between banks and small businesses, put the borrower at a distinct disadvantage.'

Carnell said, 'Fundamentally, what we've found is that small businesses who take out a loan do so under the impression that if they keep up their payments they will stay

out of trouble.

'The reality is that this is not the case; that the clauses contained in standard small-business loan contracts give banks an inordinate level of power over the borrower, who has zero ability to do anything about it.'

'Basically, the terms in these contracts allow the bank to take action to protect itself from financial risk, by inflicting added demands on the borrower.'

Cosy Corner trashed by party, patrols up

A 'destructive' illegal beach party in the Cosy Corner area of Cape Byron State Conservation Area last Saturday has prompted the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to step up patrols and call for information in an effort to curb the behaviour.

NPWS area manager Sue Walker said Cosy Corner and Tallow Beach carpark was a mess on Sunday morning with rubbish, broken glass, human excrement and illegal camping, all damaging the environment.

'The safety of park visitors is paramount to NPWS, and illegal activities compromising people's safety will not be tolerated,' said Walker.

'Details of vehicles or descriptions of people involved in these activities can be made confidentially and all reports will be investigated.'

Walker said that cleaning up rubbish and human excrement after illegal parties 'places an unnecessary drain on staff resources.'

'Cape Byron State Conservation Area and Arakwal

National Park were created as part of a Native Title agreement between the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people and the NSW government and have enormous cultural significance to the local Aboriginal community.

'They are also special places for our wildlife and are a great place to enjoy the beach and the beautiful environment.'

'Illegal parties and those vandalising the park disrupt the tranquil nature of these areas and it's the last thing the local community and visitors

want to see or hear.

'Beach parties, camping, alcohol, littering and fires in a National Park are illegal under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, under which fines can be imposed.'

'Early morning and late afternoon compliance patrols will continue and fines for illegal activities including dogs in park will be actioned.'

'Anyone with information is asked to contact NPWS on 6620 9300 or police in the interests of the entire community,' Walker said.

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Forgiveness\$

The Royal Commission Into Child Sexual Abuse has again stirred emotion over horrendous acts perpetrated in God's name.

The Commission's latest public hearing, Case Study 50: Catholic Church authorities in Australia, found seven per cent of priests who were members of 75 surveyed authorities were alleged 'offenders' between 1950 and 2010.

Remarkably, the Lismore Diocese has been named as having the fourth largest number of pedophile priests in the country.

AAP reported that after the commission conducted 15 public hearings into the Catholic Church, counsel assisting Gail Funnell SC said much of it included 'depressingly similar' evidence.

'Documents about alleged abuse were destroyed or not kept', she said. 'Children were ignored, or worse, punished. Secrecy prevailed as did cover-ups.'

So what does the Catholic Church say about this?

A body set up by the Catholic Church in response to the commission – the Truth, Justice and Healing Council – released a statement on February 6.

It's grovelling and apologetic, and contains words such as: profoundly shaken, disgust, traumatised, hypocrisy, appalling, historic failures, indefensible, tragic...

CEO Francis Sullivan says, 'As Catholics we hang our heads in shame... The Catholic Church should never have put itself in a position to be at the very centre and major focus of an inquiry such as this.'

Yes – but it's nothing really new; this behaviour has most likely been happening for the last 1,700-odd years since the church rose to become a political/corporate entity.

On the bright side, it's a relief that as a result of this commission, fewer lives may be damaged in future by the church.

Sullivan claims the internal culture has changed.

'In the modern era, at both governance and operational levels, the organisations that run the education, health and social services of the Church are [now] predominantly lay led.'

The most important question is how can those who have been abused be compensated?

Within Sullivan's eight-page atoning reply, he says the church supports a national, independent child sexual abuse redress scheme – yet he didn't mention any figures.

The upper limit redress amount suggested at this stage by the commission has been pegged at \$150,000. A sliding scale is also suggested by the commission; if you suffered minimal fiddling by the clergy, that might get you a new car or a vacation.

Of course, nothing will heal the deep scar of sexual abuse, but cash sure does make life easier.

The church would surely agree, being a corporation that pays no tax and is able to hide its vast wealth.

And here's the key: Sullivan wrote, 'Broadly speaking, Catholics identify with the church not as an institution, but as a community based on a shared set of beliefs and values.'

In other words, the beliefs/values are separate from the institution of the church.

So let's dissolve the Catholic Church institution and end world hunger. Everyone abused gets a million dollars and the rest can go toward a world of rainbows, sparkles and unicorns.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Squalid, cynical politics in a shrinking top hat

Malcolm Turnbull declares determinedly that he is not a political animal.

Well, perhaps not: maybe he is a political vegetable, silent and immobile, fed on copious amounts of bullshit.

It is hard to imagine a week that went so far off the rails, or one in which the management of hope and expectation went so awry. It was supposed to be the grand overture for the year of delivery: a meeting of minds with his fellow businessman Donald Trump followed by a triumphal address to the faithful via the National Press Club in which the hopes, dreams and aspirations of the yearning masses would be turned into reality by the glorious leader.

We shall, of course, return to that phone call later, but at first it seemed to have gone pretty much okay, even if Turnbull refused to say what had actually been discussed. But the Press Club was initially a disappointment and ultimately a fiasco.

Turnbull spent much of his time berating Bill Shorten for ramping up the renewable energy target and spruiking the myth of clean-coal technology, a process in which the Australian industry has shown no interest at all unless it can be massively subsidised by a compliant government.

And the positive bits, such as they were, were a reprise on the need for corporate tax cuts and a revamp of the plans for childcare services, paid for, naturally, by other welfare measures. Turnbull no doubt considers these solid and worthwhile measures, but they are hardly likely to capture the imaginations of millions of disillusioned voters.

But then it got worse. The

rumours of Turnbull's massive gift to the Liberal Party on the eve of the last election had been around for a while, and it was believed that all would be revealed when the annual accounting was made public that week. But Turnbull, ever the lawyer, discovered a loophole and leapt through it.

If his own contribution could be counted as at the start of the new financial year – a couple of days before the July 2 election – disclosure could be postponed for another year. So Turnbull stood pat, telling the mugs nothing while insisting

deliberate attempt to make Trump look tough and decisive, and, by contrast, to make Turnbull look weak and vacillating. It put Turnbull in the worst possible light: the man who connived with Barack Obama to empty Australia's illegal immigrants from their prisons (Trump's words) and swamp America with terrorists preparing to bomb the next Boston marathon.

Turnbull had to plead, to talk about the great longstanding alliances in which Australia had committed to American wars, to kowtow shamelessly in

actually possesses because if it falls over he is in deep shit.

And it might yet collapse in a screaming heap: Trump, like any good businessman, in hedging his bets partly by insisting that he is still studying the deal and partly through the mechanism of extreme vetting, which may mean that few if any of the refugees qualify to enter America. Indeed, given Trump's predilection for torture, if the vetting is sufficiently extreme some may not even survive it.

It has been a thoroughly unhappy experience for Turnbull, and a humiliating one; in spite of his assurances that he would always stand up for Australia, he didn't – he didn't even stand up for himself.

In the bigger picture it need not matter much: even if Trump doesn't much care about alliances, the overwhelming mass of the American military-industrial complex does, and Australia is too valuable an asset to abandon: the station at Pine Gap alone makes an irresistible bargaining chip.

The alliance will lumber on, although it is more of a symbol than a real protection: our great and powerful friend will defend us if, and only if, it is in its own interests to do so.

And that goes double in the age of Trump.

The problem is not with America and Australia – it is with Trump and Turnbull, and more urgently with Turnbull.

Sooner or later he will have to decide: does he continue as the next in line of Trump's Aunt Sallies, punching bags and doormats or does he have a plan B?

Perhaps it is finally time to unleash his inner political animal – assuming, of course, that he actually has one.

In spite of his assurances that he would always stand up for Australia, Turnbull didn't – he didn't even stand up for himself.

by Mungo MacCallum



that he would do everything within the rules.

All that proved, of course, was the rules were hopelessly inadequate; Turnbull had been, in the words of a previous generation, too clever by half and belatedly his advisers, such as they are, realised it.

So eventually he came clean on ABC TV of all places and admitted that he had slipped a lazy \$1.75 million to the party funds in the last year.

There was always going to be a backlash about his out-of-touch opulence, which duly arrived; but the delay and procrastination made it much worse: not for the first time the prime minister appeared mean and tricky.

In one sense, though in only one, it was almost a relief when the distraction was subsumed by the Trump tsunami.

The leaking of the phone call was a calculated and

order to keep his refugee swap still on the table.

Before Trump, exasperated, ended the call; presumably he hung up, although to say so was considered impolite.

And when the leak occurred, Trump immediately confirmed it by tweeting about the dumb deal.

And although his rhetoric was, as always, a bit over the top, the fact that it was, and is, a dumb deal is incontestable.

To spend millions ferrying the refugees from Manus and Nauru half way around the world in order to be bring back another lot of refugees from Costa Rica and install them in Australia is manifestly silly.

It has nothing to do with national policy or Australia's interest: it is a cynical, even squalid, political fix.

But it is one in which Turnbull has now invested far more political capital than he

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Room for refugees

Congratulations to Canada for taking in some of the refugees the US rejected. I wish Australia would be as humanitarian and take some. If we are short on space we could expel some of the Yanks to make room.

Ron Bay
Suffolk Park

Shark deterrent

I support Steve Edmond's proposal (Letters, February 1). His arse would make an excellent deterrent.

Matt Long
Mullumbimby

Re-word, please

I congratulate you on reaching so many readers. I also congratulate those who ex-

press their freedom of speech by writing letters to the editor. I enjoy reading these letters. I simply request that they stop cutting and pasting their important thoughts to the local free paper and simply re-word their thoughts, thereby possibly inserting other salient points into their (roughly) 200-word limit.

Sarah Smith
Mullumbimby

Wategos parking

What's good about losing 35-odd parallel, shaded, unmetered parking spots under the pandanus palms (planted by Craig and Jane McGregor) at Wategos Beach?

Ever see a major road accident on the roadway that became a walk to the light-

house? Ever hear of anybody being mowed down by a limping Kombi or Porsche in traffic as they jogged/ambled on the beachfront roadway?

No. We have accepted a formalisation, a restriction on a long-standing lifestyle that places further pressure on the permanent and visitor surfing population. The newly constructed pedestrian walkway has eliminated leisurely shaded parking for beachgoers at Wategos!

Could the roadway not have been boldly labelled as a shared walkway, painted yellow and included speed-reduction signs and speed bumps to avoid litigation?

This iconic beach should be 'unpressured' by a meter exemption and removal of

bollards that prevent parallel parking. It will make little difference to the four million-odd skimmed by the council in fines and be significantly preferable to the endless cars circling the entire Wategos circuit attempting (in vain) to discover a vacant four-hour zone.

The changes to parking are unacceptable to the surfing fraternity.

Don Opie
East Ballina

Vigilante proposal

Mayor says 'there's nothing we can legally do to stop illegal activities in Residential (R2, R3) Zonings'. Council lawyer says 'We can, but it's too expensive.' Both are either ignorant, foolish, or far worse.

My thanks to Frank Stewart for his lucid letter of last week. We have zonings. You can't open a pub, a brothel, or a heliport in R2 or R3 and you can't run 'tourist and visitor accommodation'. Mayor, read the damned LEP. It's on the Council website. Your ignorance is appalling.

As to enforcement, I have undertaken to do the job. If appointed as a special officer to investigate and prosecute, I will draw no salary, ask no costs. I will operate on commission, employ up to 100 local staff, provide rewards for information and, above all, pay all legal costs.

So, I have put my money

where my mouth is. I suggest the mayor stop putting his foot where his mouth is and obey the law.

Matthew Hartley
Byron Bay

Employment Lands

Shortly Byron Shire Council will start what it calls its Employment Lands Strategy. Just like food hubs, food collectives and rural industries precincts,

the term Employment Lands is wholly designed to disguise, sugarcoat what it is that Council will approve to be built on these lands: factories and plenty of them.

We are witnessing this now with Council's seeming desire to approve the largest industrial development in the Byron Shire, a huge eight-factory development covering

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The Legal Light

Kym Luke



Can you stop someone blocking your view?

You have just learned your new neighbour is going to build the "Taj Mahal" and the view of the Bay you have had for decades is about to disappear. What can you do?

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However, there are some things you can do to preserve a view.

Firstly, make sure you do your homework before you buy. Understand what can and can't occur on neighbouring properties. Talk to Council and consult with an experienced lawyer. The Vendor also has a duty to disclose any knowledge they have of factors that may affect the value of the property, if not they can be liable.

Then once you own a place - stay aware. You will get early notice of development applications, make sure you understand what the development involves. Once you see a building going up in front of your view - it is too late!

If the development will adversely affect your property then, if you have good grounds, you can object before it is approved.

Another clever idea is that you can "buy" your view from your neighbour by applying to lodge an easement over their property to limit the height of buildings which might affect your view.

Or you could just make sure you buy that golden property right on the beach "never to be built out"! We can only wish...

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Residents and nature overwhelmed

■ These holidays thousands of tourists inundated Brunswick Heads - it was overwhelming. The fireworks, carnival and woodchop brought noise and chaos. Why do we need tacky man-made machines to entertain people, when we have the beautiful river, mangroves, bushland and parks to enjoy? Does anyone care that the pelicans have disappeared, the nesting terns, oyster catchers and curlews? Has anyone seen a sea eagle or brahminy kite lately? And what about the swamp wallabies?

Why do we lower our standards to entertain the tourists when we can raise their awareness of this special environment by loving our trees and birds and caring for nature? By limiting access to certain areas we can protect the wildlife that call

this place home.

Please ban the fireworks and move the carnival rides to another place. Ban dogs from the river and protect vulnerable areas.

Nature is our strength; let's love and respect her. She's the most beautiful thing we have.

Deb Kayes
Ocean Shores

■ I loved the cartoon in *The Echo* highlighting a very large, unhygienic and smelly problem for our Shire. Campers are growing in numbers in proportion to their droppings.

We are at the height of summer and most of us are aware that with the heat comes a high risk of bacteria forming and spreading disease, but these ignorant free-loaders just drop their pants and let rip.

As depicted in the cartoon,

doggy owners pick up the dog droppings but not only don't the campers pick up after their dogs, they do not think twice about leaving their own droppings.

This is the free life, they say, and what a fabulous place to stay, we just love it! Well, not sorry, we do not love the calling cards they leave behind.

The other more sinister problem is the sheer ignorance of their lighting campfires in the face of complete fire bans. A complete fire ban means that not even a barbecue is to be lit.

Why should you shit all over our neighborhood, chop down trees for campfires, clear land that does not belong to you and say, I can't afford to live here any other way? Come back when you've earned some money

and have respect for others around you, as well as for the environment.

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Bouquets and brickbats for Council

■ Yay! Council has bitten the bullet on a rate rise (even if it was the most modest option 7.5 per cent above the cap) despite flak from naysayers. Congrats for having the courage to do the right thing for Byron's future. I want to offer my strong support. Why?

We need to get our heads out of the sand! If we want our potholes filled, our infrastructure maintained and our council business conducted in a timely manner (and we do – plenty of whining letters) then Byron desperately needs this rate rise.

Cost reduction has been pressing on councillors since the 1980s when visitor-impact costs started to outweigh locally fundable costs. The state government has perversely refused new ways to support these shortfalls no matter their own reports saying they must.

The latest of these stress tests 'Fit for the Future' (or be amalgamated) has seen Council staff cut to the bone, DAs and other services stalled and roads falling apart. All the pots of money available have run dry and the only one that councillors have the power to top up is the rate pot.

They needed this rate rise

not just to do the basics but to keep Byron safe from forced amalgamation. Our conservative NSW government would love the excuse to dilute Byron by amalgamation, so be careful what you wish for, people.

We elected councillors to take these tough decisions, not to bend in the wind to populist whims of Facebook and letter-writing bullies. I know it's all so easy and so popular to whinge and bluster in the twittersphere over paying more for anything (and you don't have to fix the problems later, do you?) but hey, you live in the best place in the world, for god's sake. And what do you think – you're not going to have to pay a bit more to keep it that way?

Good on the mayor for showing leadership. Good on the majority of councillors for having the heart to do the right thing for Byron. Thanks for the rate rise and assuring Byron has a future.

Dorothy Mullins
Byron Bay

■ After having been able to attend a council meeting for the first time in a long time I vow I will never vote for flakey Green councillors

again. Councillors seem to talk in foreign languages because they certainly don't seem to understand each other and the only agenda running should be service to the ratepayers. At least Labor councillors appear to have listened to ratepayers somewhat; however, I don't believe any party-aligned councillors should ever be elected again.

One can only wonder at the backroom deals or state agendas which make a bed tax so difficult, and how can the mayor say he looks into things without initiating paid parking in the top tourist spots of Bangalow and Brunswick Heads? The council is treating residents like fools. Is this an example of 'community driven' decision making or consultation?

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

■ 'Bah! Humbug!', a most appropriate quote I had never previously even imagined using in relation to the Greens.

Here we have a political grouping which nationally espouses progressive taxation but locally uses one of the most regressive taxes with the Byron Shire rates hike.

Here we have a political

grouping which nationally espouses the use of public transport but locally we have the Green mayor saying (ABC North Coast 6.30 News February 3) 'when I drive my children to school' – not even 'when I drive my children to the school bus stop!'

Here we have a political grouping which nationally espouses community consultation/listening to the people but locally totally ignores the Shirewide 'option' consultation and survey. (Additionally, such decision being made in the context of the foreshadowed state government policy 'adjustment' in relation to local government.)

Here we have a political grouping which nationally espouses the encouragement of fresh approaches but locally continues with the same old revenue-raising methods and could not even act more nimbly by simply saying, 'If you operate a business (eg Airbnb rental) then you have commercial premises and so pay the appropriate commercial/business rates.'

The question arises – are the Byron Greens 'fit for the future'?

R Rose
Mullumbimby

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The Employment Lands Strategy emanates from a Byron Shire Council department called Economic Development. Interestingly the same department five years ago was called Community Economic Development but alas they have removed 'community' from where it really matters: the development of our lands. Let's put the community back into Economic Development and tell Council how we want our regions to be developed.

Good employment strategies don't just cover the lands that get developed to offer a few low-skilled jobs. Good employment strategies look towards well-paid jobs in innovative industries. Let's build real job opportunities and not think that allowing developers to build factories is going to do the job.

Council, if not stopped, will support the huge factory development in the heritage village of Bangalow, forever changing the rural amenity of the town.

But this development and so many more like it planned for the Byron Shire can be stopped. Ring Council and ask to speak to Ken Gainger,

tell him you are not happy with a so-called Employment Lands Strategy and you want the community to have a say about what gets built where.

Ean Jones
Bangalow

Opposing Zionism

I generally don't reply to replies to my letters but the disingenuous and overbearing distortions of the pro-Israel lobby (Letters, January 18) warrant a riposte.

I am accused of 'looseness with the facts' and it was claimed by my detractors that Israel was formed not by terrorism but by UN Resolution 181. I've never heard of such resolution, but I do know that Jews had started to seriously infiltrate Palestine during the 1930s, buying land from absentee Arab owners. They were certainly not waiting for the UN to agree.

After WWII the Irgun and Stern terrorist outfits bombed and assassinated those opposed to Zionism, including the British Governor of the region at the time. Palestinian landowners were also systematically executed in their homes – ethnic cleansing by any other name.

I'll also point out that in **continued on page 12** ►

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22 acres on state-significant farmlands just 100 metres from the nearest residential home and less than 500 metres to the nearest housing estate.

Council is dancing with the development devil because it has failed to adequately plan for industrial development over the last ten

years and private developers will now get them off the hook. Developers will ride into a town near you on their pretty white ponies throwing gold coins all over our streets. But don't be fooled by their sparkling gold-tooth smiles, their promises of riches and their tired old mantra 'jobs for everyone'. It is just not true. Factories get automated

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

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

It was rushed through by former premier Baird, who was eager to use populism to deflect from his sociopathic community-destroying agenda. Over there, a shark distraction!

Nets are the antithesis of a science-based approach and are unsupported by marine experts. Nets will no doubt catch sharks, just as they will other marine life.

The independent Cardno review, commissioned by the Department of Primary Industries, found that shark spotting was the best method for shark mitigation.

However, this strategy is yet to have full government support and funding. Shark nets give the illusion the water is safe rather than it actually being safe. The proven result elsewhere creates marine collateral. Collateral for ugly political point scoring and an ugly former premier.

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Things come apart so easily when they have been held together with lies.

– Dorothy Allison

CHESS by Ian Rogers

The latest issue of the magazine *50 Moves* features former Australian Champion Robert Jamieson looking back on the last 50 years of Australian chess.

Jamieson ends his article by speculating whether the new generation of Australian players would compare to the stars of decades past, including the American Walter Browne, who escaped the Vietnam war draft by moving to and representing Australia from 1968 to 1973.

Jamieson also wonders how the best juniors of the past would fare against the prodigies of today, but here there is little room for doubt: the modern juniors would win easily.

At 15, the top juniors of the 1970s were barely competitive with the leading Australian players, with 17 being considered a young age for an Olympic debut.

In contrast Bobby Cheng won the 2013 Australian Open at 15, while Anton Smirnov is close to becoming a Grandmaster at the same age and has already represented Australia at two Olympiads.

Modern juniors start younger,

have better access to information through the internet, and have more opportunities to compete, over the board and online.

That the new young Australian stars do not progress to becoming world class players like Browne is likely because, whereas professional chess player was an attractive career forty years ago, it is a less viable option nowadays and very few Australian juniors aspire to play chess full time.

The one modern player to have done so is Max Illingworth, and the Sydney Grandmaster earns as much of his income through coaching as playing. However, 24-year-old Illingworth has enjoyed a good January, winning the Australian Open and last week taking first place in the Australia Day Open in Sydney.

North Sydney 2017

White: M Illingworth

Black: J Montenegro

Opening: Owen's Defence

1.d4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.Qe2 e6 5.Nf3 c5?! Too provocative. 6...d5 or 6...d6 were preferable. 6.d5! Be7?! 7.d6! Bxd6 Making the best of a bad situation. 7...Bf8 8.e5 was too ugly to contemplate. 8.e5 Be7 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.c4 0-0 11.h4! d5 Walking into a winning combination, but 11...h6 12.g4 Nc6 13.Rh3 is also huge for White. 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg8 14.Qh5 Re8 15.Qxf7+ Kh8 16.Qxb7 1-0

The joy of old-school caravanning

Story & image S Sorrensen

Wooyung. Tuesday, 6.15am

This is a personal view, but – there aren't many good caravan parks left. They have become infected by corporate management style and infested with signs proclaiming so many rules a person could have an anxiety attack. Airports are more relaxed. At least in an airport you don't need a password to use the toilet.

A little boy waving a plastic spade chases a blue kelpie. The dog doesn't mind. Its tail wags as it looks back at the child, a pink tongue hanging out. A young woman, the child's mother I reckon, wrapped in a sarong and holding a cup of something, emerges from a camper trailer and calls out to the dog. The dog turns and trots towards the smiling woman, bringing the kid with it.

Modern caravan parks have written contracts to sign, super-neat gardens, key-card-operated amenities, and rows of concrete pads where vans are docked, rather than parked, connecting to mains power so that television can be watched, the web accessed and the air conditioned. People may leave their caravan – but it's hot outside and a bit boring...

I'm sitting outside my little caravan drinking apple juice



from Tasmania. A cool breeze wafts through the copse of trees I'm camped in, drying my salty skin, making a pleasantly prickly sensation. I'm just back from the ocean where I welcomed the rising sun by dipping into the silver water. Not too deep – I'm scared of sharks. Great start to the day.

Caravanning used to be the poor person's holiday. If you couldn't afford to fly to Europe for your summer holidays, you could load up the Kingswood, hook up the Franklin, and head for the beach. There, for a modest fee, you could park your van, set up the annex, crack open a beer and listen to the cricket while the kids joined other caravan kids in roaming the

park and swinging from the clothes line. It was a simple pleasure, caravanning.

Now, there are fewer caravan parks. The valuable beachside land that they sat upon caught the eye of developers and the parks gave way to apartments where richer people from the city can enjoy views of the Pacific from their spa.

Caravanning has changed. A modern caravan now costs a bomb. They have dishwashers and clothes dryers, electric slide-out extensions and motorised jockey wheels. And forget towing them with a regular two-wheel drive car; you need a 4WD – a big one. This once simple pleasure is now an expensive and complex one. But it needn't be: I

have an old van with a solar panel. Simple.

A topknot pigeon sits in a nearby tree, looking down at a scrub turkey scratching around the fire pit. The turkey is busy, but I'm happy to just sit and sip.

Fortunately, there are still a few good caravan parks around, and this one is my favourite. It's old school. You can have a fire, bring a pet, camp among the regenerating forest. The only signs I can see are ones signalling which bin is for compost, which for recycling and which for landfill. The park is family owned, surrounded by bush, and has squatted here beside the ocean for decades. When I'm a bit stressed (and who isn't in these changing times?) I like to visit the sea. Where land meets ocean is a place of meditation. Of relaxation.

The woman smiles at me and makes a small waving gesture with her cup. I nod, and raise my juice to her.

It's taken a day, but I'm unwinding. I'm falling away from the rising global tension and slipping into the salty here and now. This place reminds me that living, like caravanning, is a simple pleasure.

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

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1947 nearly all third-world countries were still colonies of European powers; they had no membership of the UN and therefore no vote. Certainly in the 1960s the UN voted that Zionism was a form of racism, ie that the idea of a Jewish state was inherently racist – a position that seems to me to be self-evidently true. Zionists like to point out that there are two

million Israelis who are Arabs. They neglect to mention that these people are barely tolerated and are made to feel like intruders.

My other claim that got up the Zionist nose was, 'There are many Jews who would kill every Arab on sight.' I point to the recent television footage of that Israeli soldier who calmly executed an unconscious and wounded Palestinian alleged attacker and was filmed doing so.

On later being led to court said soldier was grinning like a national hero and his 'jailers' seemed very relaxed indeed.

Certainly there were calls from within Israel for soldiers to be given legal immunity. The murder of Arabs by armed civilians in rural areas, always just as the military happen to be looking the other way, is a regular event. 'The Old Testament made me do it.'

As for my being a racist (which is what anyone who criticises Israel or the alleged 'right of return' obviously is, right?) I have this to say: In

light of their long experience the Jews, of all people, ought to know better. Accordingly I no doubt expect a higher standard of behaviour from them than I do of Arabs. If that's racist, so be it. Stop whingeing and complain under Sec 18(c) of the Racial Discrimination Act, why don't you.

I will conclude by saying that, unlike the pro-Israel lobby, I'm quite content for *The Echo* to print the absolute self-serving garbage of those who disagree with me, mentally ill or not they may be.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Any vetting?

The Attorney-General's Department informs me that it has no documents that pertain to my Freedom Of Information request – Are Australians in the Israeli Defence Force and Israelis migrating to Australia vetted for possible human rights abuses committed by them in the occupied Palestinian territories? – but will transfer my request in respect of points

2 and 4 to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

I sought the following information: 1. Statistics relating to Australians serving in the Israel Defence Force (IDF) over the last decade. 2. Statistics relating to the migration of Israelis into Australia over the last decade.

3. The process of vetting Australians in the IDF for possible human rights abuses committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. 4. The process of vetting Israelis, either migrating to or visiting Australia, for possible human rights abuses committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

And 5. Recruitment procedures for the IDF conducted within Australia.

It is astounding if Australians who are either settlers or members of the Israeli Defence Force can commit human rights atrocities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories with impunity.

Gareth W R Smith
Palestine Liberation Centre
Byron Bay

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Prime Minister Trumble, it's time to get real

Phillip Frazer

This week Australia's anxious secret fear came out of its closet: the US really just loves us for our body. Mounds of ore and energy, sweeps of fertile soil, all on a water-bed spanning half the southern hemisphere. President Trump has now made it clear that Australia's good for that stuff, also for tagging along to every war America loses, hosting US military bases and their most important spy satellite down-station this side of China, at Pine Gap – and that's about it.

Other presidents have implied as much before, but Trump doesn't mince words – he whacks 'em with a meat hammer and spews them down the phonline. Take 1,250 refugees from Australian concentration camps? 'Why should we?'

While our last six governments have asserted that our right to vet whomever wants to join the lucky country overrides any and every humanitarian right they might have, the USA has more or less gone along with the Statue of Liberty declaration: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your

huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me...'

The telephonic Trumping of Turnbull – or Trumble as the president's spokesgown called him – released a gush of Australia's-terrific-despite-Vegemite editorials and declarations from Congress-people and talk-show hosts across the USA. But in all that gushing few have asked, and none have answered, the underlying question: why did Obama let Turnbull's government off the shameful hook it had hoist itself on?

Promises

Some commentators suggest it was a gift for all our troops who've fought in America's shameful invasions. More likely Turnbull promised more marines and bases on our shores and/or an agreement to join the US Navy in confronting China in the South China Sea. Because Turnbull and his entire crew don't get that Trump really wants to fight two wars with China: one with weapons, the other with trade.

Trump shredded the



Prime minister Malcolm Turnbull reflects on the nature of reality at the CSR Viridia Glass factory in Dandenong on Thursday February 2. AAP Image/Joe Castro

Trans-Pacific (Trade) Partnership on Day One in the White House yet Turnbull keeps bleating about saving it.

There are many reasons to trash 'free trade agreements'. Fundamentally, they are created to increase the power and fortunes of large global corporations, with small inducements to Australian beef exporters, and enforced by secretive courts overruling laws and regulations of mere nations. So why did Trump's

gang ditch the TPP? Because they don't believe in any laws and regulations, pretty much. They like trade that's free of rules, so the biggest and best bullies win.

China winning

In fact, China is already winning Trump's crusade to put America back on top of the world because his dumping on NATO and the European Union has launched planeloads of bureaucrats and company presidents off to Beijing where everyone still agrees that free trade is the holy grail. After Chinese president Xi spoke to global business barons last week, one baron told the *New York Times*: 'We just heard a Chinese president becoming the

leader of the free world.'

As to the actual bombing-type war against China, Trump's svengali Stephen Bannon said last March: 'We're going to war in the South China Sea in five to ten years.' That's the guy who's now almost running the US (and who might run for president if/when Trump carks it/is dumped), and he's talking about blowing up Australia's largest trading partner, China.

How serious is this? Trump's new secretary of state, former ExxonMobil chief Rex Tillerson, told the Senate that China cannot be allowed to 'keep pushing the envelope' in the South China Sea. There's a lot of oil and gas in those seas. 'We're going to have to send China a clear

signal that first the island-building stops and second your access to those islands is also not going to be allowed.'

China has said unequivocally and irreversibly that will mean war.

As the late former PM Malcolm Fraser kept warning us, and the still-alive former PM Paul Keating keeps warning us, in a war between the US and China (or anyone) Australia would be high on the list of places to bomb, to take out Pine Gap and other American 'intelligence' facilities on our fair soil.

Get out now

New Zealand had the guts to effectively quit the ANZUS pact in 1985. We should get out now.

It's time to face the new real world. The ANZ signage behind Rafa and Roger at the Australian tennis final was in equal size English and Chinese characters; 40 per cent of residential land purchases across Australia last year were by Chinese developers.

That's the real world we're in, with Trump and Bannon loading their cannons, while the coalition still believes America loves us for our... something... and Bill Shorten sounds like a hedge fund. And it's too damn hot.

■ Phillip Frazer hopes he can still visit his daughter in Florida without facing the Trumpish Inquisition. His website is coorabellridge.com.

Millions facing food crisis: Oxfam

More than 15 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya are facing serious food and water shortages in a crisis which could have catastrophic consequences in coming months if left unaddressed, Oxfam has warned. The three countries, located near the easternmost tip of the African continent known as the Horn of Africa, have been gripped by severe drought for months.

Lack of rain

A lack of rain late last year, following on from one of the strongest El Niño events ever recorded in 2015-16, has compounded an already dire situation for millions of people living in poverty. Many communities have been unable to recover from the combined impacts of these events on food and water supplies.

Oxfam Australia humanitarian emergency manager

Meg Quartermaine said new reports indicating the worst may be yet to come were concerning. 'The forecasts are suggesting the next rains from March to May are also likely to be below average,' Ms Quartermaine said.

Famine

'Food supplies in Somalia in particular have deteriorated significantly in recent months. Should the spring rains fail, and humanitarian aid be unable to reach people in need, famine could be a real possibility there.'

Oxfam has begun responding to the crisis, trucking in water for 150,000 people, including 50 schools and health centres, in the Southern Somali region of Ethiopia, and has plans to reach 300,000 people in the broader region.

Making sure highly affected areas are reached as

quickly as possible with the right humanitarian assistance and support to build people's resilience to drought is critical, Ms Quartermaine said, especially in light of the major food crisis which unfolded in the region just over five years ago.

Resilience

She highlighted that much work had since been done in the Horn of Africa to build people's resilience and prevent the worst impacts of drought. But these gains had been hampered by the cumulative effects of a particularly strong El Niño in 2015-16 and other climatic shocks.

Oxfam encouraged the Australian Government, which was one of the most generous country donors to the Horn of Africa crisis in 2011, to provide funding to support early action.

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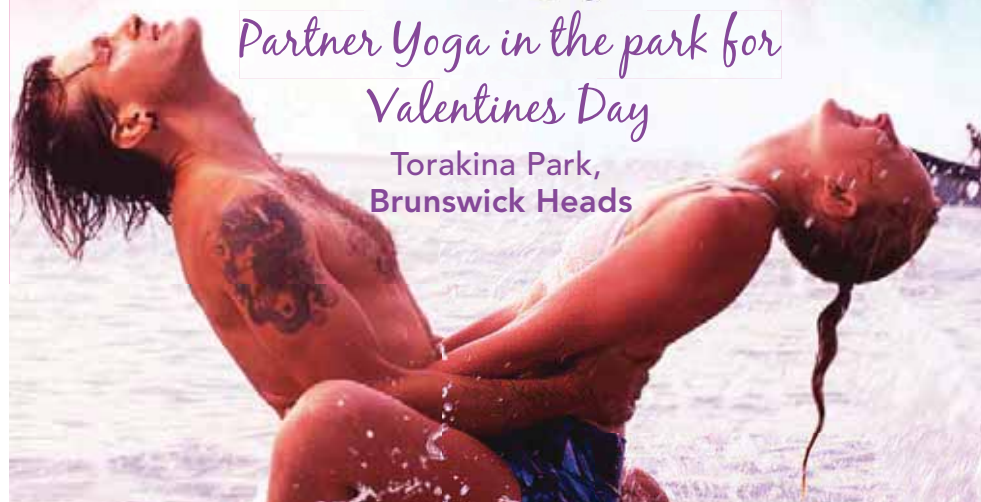
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Conjuring up the London fog for The Donald's visit

Daniel Sage

Last week, for the first time since introducing modern equipment, London's air scored a perfect ten for pollution, exceeding even Beijing's famously foul fumes. We were warned to stay indoors and basically not move or breathe much.

The air stank of diesel. The sky was leaden grey. Many streets were empty.

I remembered the talk around the table at my grandparents' when I was a kid, which often turned to the intense smog they had experienced in the 1940s and 50s. 'Peasoupers', they were called, or 'London particulars', and sometimes plain 'killer fogs'. Thick black, sometimes yellowish or greenish, and always dirtying and darkening the sky, the smog filled the city, stopped transport and poisoned the air.

The worst incident was in December 1952. For nearly a week, the city was paralysed by a noxious cloud that, according to medical services at the time, killed 4,000 people, a figure later revised to more than 12,000.

Buses were all cancelled. Cars stayed mostly parked. Even the ambulance service gave up, so anybody sick had



Trump Royale. Source: M Krauthammer

to make their own way to hospital. At worst, you couldn't see more than a metre or so into the gloom. If you had to be out in your car, best go with someone to walk in front with a lamp to show the way. Even then, it was Laurel following Hardy and you could end up anywhere. My grandfather followed the wrong lamp home one day to someone else's house entirely. But the wartime spirit was still strong, and you had to give it a go.

We could do with some of that spirit now.

The queen is in a frightful pickle because Donald Trump

is coming to tea. Caught in a rush of mutual realpolitik, the UK and the US exchanged a flurry of romantic messages in the president's first few days. He called us first. Our leader is the first going there for a visit.

And then he's coming over here for a right royal knees-up with a full-blown state visit. Downing Street invited him literally twenty minutes after he entered the Oval Office, the red carpet rolling out across the Atlantic, over the waves and through the storms, all the way up his red tie and into his smiley red maw.

He'll be in good company.

We've had bad apples before. Oppressors, embezzlers, murderers, the lot. Robert Mugabe, Nicolae Ceauşescu, Mobutu Sese Seko, to name a few from a long list.

The queen will wear her best frock and smile and do the royal business but already there are murmurs she's not best pleased. It's the prime minister who sends the invitations but the queen must hold the party. Theresa May should have waited a while, some say, to see how Trump turned out.

However, when the date draws near I don't think he'll

dare to come. He'll bottle it, as the locals say. I've never felt Londoners so stirred to anger by a foreign leader. It's a worldwide phenomenon, I realise. But here, as the song puts it, I predict a riot.

London is what New York was. More than 50 per cent of the population were born overseas. Our mayor Sadiq Khan is a Muslim and rightfully proud of it. And we are proud of having a Muslim mayor, especially at a time of so much kneejerk sensationalism. Much as he follows the etiquette and protocols of public office, there's no way he's going to keep his thoughts to himself, or indeed his city on chillout, when the planet's most notorious racist rolls into the planet's most ethnically diverse town.

Perhaps it's unfair how so much of the media has lined up against the new prez. After all, half the voters wanted him. And to them, he is doing everything he promised and more than they hoped for so far. But the other half can smell the ordure. Many noses have been put out of joint by politicians so opposed to the liberal blossoming of the last decade or two.

It's true there is a widening gap between haves and have-nots. It's true there is a mas-

sively rising world population. It's true there are millions of refugees in need of help.

But as my maths teacher sometimes used to say, the lowest common denominator is not the answer, and that seems to be the solution proffered by the far-right swings we see around the globe. Raise the drawbridge, sharpen the knives, throw off old allegiances that drag us down with too much sharing and caring. Look only to your own.

Perhaps what's happening in the States is a coup, as some have suggested, and the anti-immigration decree is a smokescreen for some other moves that will be even more unpalatable.

Hmm, smokescreen. Perhaps there is time for one last heavy fog. The Great Fog of 2017 that shall fill London's streets for the days of Trump's visit. Masks on. Engines revved. Diesel buses at the ready. Burst the pimple as it emerges from the plane. Squash it like a fly. Metaphorical maybe, but let's see. Could be two fingers to your one, Mr President.

■ A former Byron resident, Daniel Sage is a London journalist and author of the novel *Fall Curve*. See more at danielsage.co.uk.

Majority of Aussies unprepared for close encounters with venomous creatures

New research commissioned by antivenom maker Seqirus (seqirus.com.au) finds just one in five Aussies is familiar with emergency treatment for venomous bites and stings while younger Australians, aged under 25, are at greatest risk, showing the least amount of knowledge in treating bites and stings.

Despite Australia's being

home to some of the most venomous creatures on the planet, many Australians are not familiar with basic first aid to treat bites and stings.

The research found as few as one in ten Aussies packs a first aid kit when planning a day out in the bush or at the beach and as many as one in three respondents admitted that they did not know how

to perform CPR.

The research also found one in four Australians wouldn't know what to do if they were bitten or stung by a venomous creature in its natural habitat and a majority (81 per cent) of respondents had never developed an emergency plan in preparation for a day outdoors.

'Too many Australians are

relying on luck and chance to deal with a first aid emergency instead of having a plan and real-time access to potentially life-saving resources,' said Associate Professor Julian White, head of toxinology at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

'When it comes to emergency treatment, timing is critical. Knowing how to

respond immediately can be the difference between survival and death.'

The research also found some groups are much better prepared for encounters with venomous creatures than others.

Men (27 per cent) are nearly twice as likely as women (14 per cent) to believe they would know how

to treat bites and stings while one-third of baby boomers said they would know exactly what to do.

Seqirus has developed a free smartphone app, *Australian Bites & Stings: First Aid Guide to Australian Venomous Creatures*, which contains information about Australian venomous creatures and basic first aid.



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This workshop is presented by Ayla Garlick of HeartMatters, renowned for her professional experience in mental healthcare and wellbeing. Holding counselling and psychology degrees, Ayla specialises in individual, family and couples' therapy where you can navigate the challenges of life and inspire your fullest potential to live wholeheartedly.

For further information: 0448 559 968.


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Launching on March 8 at Beach Byron Bay, and emceed by Mandy Nolan, S.H.I.F.T is a residential transition program for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It provides educational programs within a supported stable housing environment to support women in shifting from disadvantage to confidence, and to motivate for wellbeing.

By 2020, Byron will have a self-sustaining, integrative community of women who have transitioned out of disadvantage.


The ongoing three month curriculum will cover topics such as physical wellbeing, communication skills, social networking, relationship building and more.

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In celebration of International Women's day
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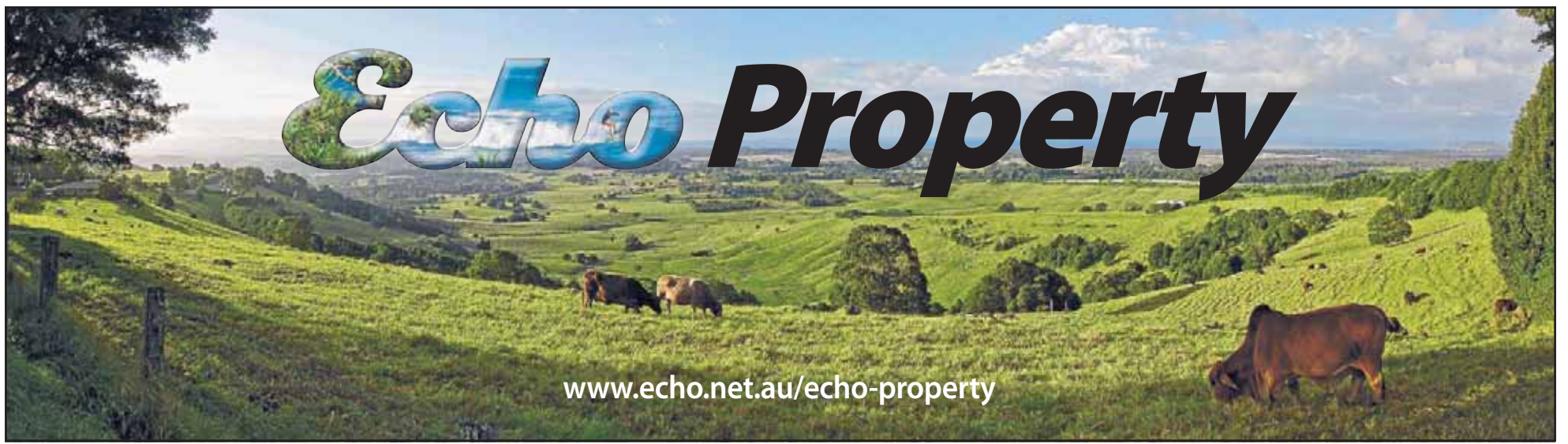
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The appeal of Suffolk Park

Suffolk Park, a 10-minute drive from Byron Bay, was named after George A Suffolk (1876–1952), who dedicated a large parcel of land to the Byron Shire Council for community use on 16 November 1922. Suffolk Park has grown to a point of having its own identity. Tara Torkkola from Byron Bay First National has recently moved to Suffolk Park and so Property Insider checked in with Tara about its appeal.



Tara Torkkola

‘Our family love Suffolk Park. It is relaxed and not too commercialised and it’s a pedestrianised and quiet dog-friendly village with beautiful, unspoiled beaches. We have lots of friends close by; my son Art goes to a wonderful day-

care nearby, and there is just a strong sense of community. We are really happy to be living in Suffolk Park.

Of course it is impossible for me not to look at things through my ‘real estate eyes’.

We are not the only family moving into the village. Suffolk Park is becoming increasingly popular and, during the last six months of 2016, there were 52 sales in the Suffolk community, 22 of which were made through our office so I do understand the dynamics of the area.

I have worked at Byron Bay First National for more than eight years and in this time I have never seen a more buoyant and active market than the present one. I am looking forward to helping more people find a home in my new community or whichever community feels right to them because, while Suffolk Park is now home for me, I help people buy and sell across the Byron Shire.

Real Estate – Industry or Profession?

The real estate industry is pushing for higher professionalism to protect itself against the potential of a disruptive takeover by a technology-led company.

‘Disrupters exist to fill gaps in a marketplace of dissatisfaction. But when you have a professional, trusted adviser providing a valuable and expert service at a higher level – one who provides the right services and solutions – consumers won’t need to look elsewhere because there will be no gaps,’ says John Cunningham, REINSW president.



At the real estate industry summit in November last year it was said that over the past 20 years standards in the industry have slipped, and that one of the key ways to counter the threat of disruption is, as agents, to start thinking of themselves not as part of an

industry but as a profession.

In the Byron Shire we have many agents who do conduct themselves in a highly professional manner. We also have some who do not, so please, when you are making the decision to sell your home, talk to your agent about how they go

about their job and speak to people who have had experience dealing with them. There really is no digital substitute for an agent who is skilled in negotiation and is working for you to get you the best possible price for the sale of your property.



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Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads 6680 5000

View Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am

Agent
Caitlin Hellyar
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0428 883 815
Julie-Ann Manahan LREA
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4 Hart Court, Ocean Shores Stylish Master Built Lifestyle

A stylish beachside lifestyle could be yours in this bright and airy, master-built home with room for extended family to come and stay. Set in a peaceful cul-de-sac, 4 minutes drive or a 15 minute stroll from pristine South Golden Beach.

A wide hallway enhances the sense of spaciousness, while high ceilings combined with a multitude of high-set windows bring natural light streaming in. There are four generous bedrooms with built-in robes, a walk-in robe and ensuite to the oversized master, plus a separate study.

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3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores Space, Style & a Feeling of Home!

From the minute you enter through the front door you are greeted with a sense of space, style and a feeling of home. Beautifully renovated townhouse incorporating open plan living that blends seamlessly with the peaceful outdoor space.

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

A Stroll to Beaches

1/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay

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Auction



Immaculately presented in a prized position this light filled, east facing single storey duplex is located in the popular Byron Bay area.

The property features a large well-appointed kitchen, light filled open plan dining/living areas and bamboo floors throughout. There are 3 spacious bedrooms with built-ins, 2 bathrooms, a covered alfresco area with barbecue perfect for entertaining, hot tub, reverse cycle A/C, 5kw solar system, solar hot water and single lock up garage.

Located towards the end of a quiet cul-de-sac with tranquil views across the Arakwal National Park. It's a leisurely stroll through the national park to pristine beaches or enjoy an easy bike ride to shops, cafes and downtown Byron.

Auction this Saturday.

Inspect: Thursday 5.00 – 5.30pm, Saturday 9.30 – 10.00am

Auction: Saturday 11 February 10.00am

Contact: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649
McGrath Byron Bay



Secluded family home

95 Tristran Parade, Mullumbimby

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Auction \$790,000 – \$850,000



Tranquil and privately set on 7,100sqm of beautifully landscaped grounds, this stylish home is superbly designed to embrace the elevated setting. The property offers elevated living and entertaining areas plus a tropical aquarium, wraparound all-season entertaining deck includes café blinds and it enjoys leafy vistas and hinterland glimpses through tree tops. There is a central gourmet stone/gas kitchen overlooking 2 living areas, ambient bedrooms and a sleek three way bathroom with a bath tub, ducted music system with 8 speakers, ensuite master and walk-in robe, spacious air conditioned family living area and a quiet study, terraced gardens, lawn plateaus with a children's playground, 4 x car accommodation, huge undercover storage and vegetable garden. It offers an idyllic rural lifestyle near Shearwater Steiner School and in easy reach of vibrant Mullumbimby.



Inspect: Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am

Auction: Saturday 18th February 3.00pm

Contact: Heidi Last 0416 072 868, Stuart Aitken 0419 242 432
McGrath Byron Bay

Space, style & a feeling of home!

3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores

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Just Listed



Julie-Ann Manahan of Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads is proud to present this beautifully renovated townhouse.

From the minute you enter through the front door you are greeted with a sense of space, style and a feeling of home. The open-floor-plan living blends seamlessly with the peaceful outdoor space.

All-white, classic gourmet kitchen with quality appliances, dishwasher, under-bench oven and 40mm Caesarstone benchtop, looking out to a low maintenance entertaining courtyard; the perfect place for a young family to feel safe, an entertainers wish, or a perfect spot to seek refuge from a busy life and relax in your own private retreat.

Upstairs features 3 bedrooms, the master bedroom with walk-in-robe, ensuite and treetop balcony, plenty of storage space as well as main bathroom with separate toilet.



Inspect: Saturday 9.00 – 9.30am

Contact: Julie-Ann Manahan 0411 081 118
Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group Ocean Shores

 Hillcrest - Eureka asking price \$2.95 million	 R & R Ranch - Bangalow asking price \$4.5 million	 Willanna - Federal asking price \$1.95 - \$2.15 million	 Sunnybrook Farm - Binna Burra asking price \$1.5 million	 Magnolia House - Mullumbimby asking price \$1.45 million
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Property

Friday Sabai

25 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar

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\$2.35 million



Flawless design and unrivalled attention to detail define this enticing rural residence located in Tintenbar, just 20 minutes from the beaches of Byron Bay and 10 minutes from Lennox Head.



Set in the heart of the Byron hinterland, Friday Sabai is a five bedroom, three bathroom home that offers a level of luxury whose stunning aesthetic is duly matched by the breathtaking beauty of its hinterland surrounds. Barely two years old the home is nestled on five acres of flat useable land, this entertainer's delight has been specifically designed for modern contemporary living.

The retreat's separate guesthouse is equally impressive, boasting two generous bedrooms with ensuite while also appealing to savvy investors seeking to make the most of the home's prime position and allure to domestic and international visitors, returning an income in excess of \$20K in its first year.

Coming complete with 400m of creek frontage, Friday Sabai offers an enviable lifestyle.

Open: By appointment
Contact: Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237
Agency: Unique Estates

Elegant Beachside Cottage

10 Glasgow Street, Suffolk Park

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Price on Application



This stylish, renovated cottage is situated in beachside Suffolk Park, backing onto a tranquil nature reserve.

The cottage is filled with natural light and surrounded by lush tropical gardens.

Positioned in a quiet street, just 150m from the very popular Suffolk Park bakery and a flat 600m walk to the golden sands and surf of Tallow Beach.

The 581m2 property also features a 7m in-ground pool, a separate, multi-purpose studio/extra bedroom and a single carport.

Being sold fully furnished.



Open: Inspection by appointment
Contact: Vicky Innes 0414 339 229
Agency: Byron Bay Property Sales

Rayner Lane Surprise

6A Rayner Lane, Lennox Head

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\$1,595,000



If you are looking to relocate from Byron for a more relaxed lifestyle but still want to enjoy the coastal living for half the price you need to view this property.

From the front of this unassuming beach house you have no idea of the pleasant surprise that awaits you after you enter this very private 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home.

Every room leads to the great outdoors – a courtyard here, a balcony there, a private spa area, a swimming pool and a great undercover entertaining area. The top floor is the master suite with a full bathroom, walk-in robe, a sitting room, two balconies and small ocean view. The space and privacy are enhanced by the elevated ceilings in the formal lounge area and the front courtyard completes the surprise.

Located between the beach and the shops, what a unique location.



Open: By Appointment
Contact: Jason Crethar 0422 575 008
Agency: Elders Lennox Head



15 Wollumbin Street Byron Bay

4 Beds 3 Baths 2 Cars

Capturing breathtaking 180 degree views of the Byron Bay coastline to Mount Warning this luxurious self-sufficient home merges beautiful finishes and ultimate lifestyle flexibility. It backs onto a lush bushland reserve in a quiet no-through street, and is just footsteps from Main Beach and the CBD.



Auction Saturday 18 February 11am
View Saturday 11am-11.30am
Agent Ian Daniels 0457 341 111
Nick Dunn 0448 301 111

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Miri Miri

756 Trees Road, Tallebudgera Valley, QLD

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Price On Application



Private and secluded yet close to beaches, Miri Miri occupies a commanding position overlooking the Gold Coast. In a secret pocket of Tallebudgera, Miri Miri offers the lifestyle you have dreamed of.



A modern architecturally designed home with stunning views from Currumbin to North Stradbroke Island emerges from your rainforest driveway. The north-facing 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, is designed with Queensland lifestyle in mind. Living areas that open to the outdoors, swimming pool and a fire pit all embody the relaxed outdoor life. Sparkling ocean views by day and twinkling lights at night, this is resort living in your own home. Peaceful, spectacular, and spacious, within easy reach of trendy urban beachside suburbs. A hidden retreat close to the famous Burleigh and Currumbin surf breaks, and Gold Coast International Airport. Don't miss this opportunity to make Miri Miri's enviable views, beautiful home and outstanding property your reality.

Open: Saturday 11th February 11:00am - 12:00pm
Contact: Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049
Agency: Unique Estates

The House on the Hill

605 Goonengerry Road, Montecollum

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Expressions of Interest



The unparalleled architectural and eco sensitive design, combined with striking landscaping, stunning location and remarkable quality of the build make this property something absolutely special in the market place.



Located on the prized ridgeline, but just off Coolamon Scenic Drive, the combination of easy access and privacy are of great appeal and the 270 degree views are some of the best in the region. Set atop 16 acres and surrounded by beautifully manicured, lush lawn and tropical, low maintenance gardens, complete with salt water swimming pool.

This impressive, stylish, timber and steel framed, rammed earth home is the inspiration of talented architectural designer Claudia Dotch. The design encapsulates the magnificent views and utilises passive solar design techniques to create a cool, well ventilated house in summer and a warm cosy home in winter.

All this surrounded by the natural earthy toned palette of carefully chosen materials to complete the presentation.

Open: Inspection by appointment
Contact: Christian Sergiacomi 0400 221 653
Agency: Byron Bay Property Sales

Stylish master-built lifestyle

4 Hart Court, Ocean Shores

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Just Listed



A stylish and relaxed lifestyle could be yours in this bright and airy master-built home with room for your extended family to come and stay. Set in a peaceful cul-de-sac the quality property is just 4 minutes drive or a 15 minute stroll from the pristine sands of South Golden Beach.



From the moment you enter this inviting residence you'll notice an ambience of space and light. A wide hallway enhances the sense of spaciousness with high ceilings and a multitude of high set windows to bring the natural light streaming in. There are 4 generous bedrooms with built in robes, walk in robe and ensuite to oversized master and a separate study or private home office.

Open plan living areas flow effortlessly out to the large covered alfresco area overlooking the glistening salt water pool and spa.

Inspect: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am
Contact: Caitlin Hellyar 0428 883 815
 Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group Ocean Shores



'Possum Creek Ridge'
Bangalow

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

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

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Property

Villa del Sole former B&B

133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar

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\$2,000,000 – \$2,200,000



Set in a beautiful valley, 12 minutes from the beach, with gardens and architecture inspired by the beauty of Tuscany, 'Villa del Sole' (formerly a successful B&B), offers a rare opportunity to acquire a luxurious residence with income potential, views and peace and privacy assured. The property features quality finishes throughout, with imported terracotta roof and floor tiles, five ensuite double bedrooms, expansive living areas, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, north facing verandahs offering a serene vista over countryside, and a luxury pool adjoining an alfresco area with handcrafted stone walls. There is also separate self-contained accommodation for guests or manager, landscaped picturesque gardens, crushed marble driveways all set on one and a half acres (6,244sqm). It's situated 25 minutes to Byron Bay, 15 minutes to Ballina/Byron airport and 10 minutes to Lennox Head beaches.



Inspect: By appointment
Contact: Tim Miller 0411 757 425
McGrath Byron Bay

Hidden Retreat

292 Arthur Road, Dorrroughby

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\$949,000



Located in the green rolling hills of the Northern Rivers hinterland is this hidden treasure.

Well presented, this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home will hold a lot of appeal for a large range of people looking to find that special lifestyle property or retreat.

Sitting on a manageable 5 acres with expansive northeast views the home boasts a light and airy open plan living configuration with high ceilings, polished timber floors and wood fire combustion heating.

Full-width bi-fold doors open out onto covered timber decks overlooking the panoramic view and are perfect for entertaining guests.

Bedrooms are spacious and the designer bathrooms are near new. A separate one bedroom studio has potential for extra accommodation for when friends or family come and stay, while a 9 x 6m shed has ample space for extra storage.

21 solar panels provide 4.7kw of power with back to grid so that your power bill is kept at a minimum.

All this on 5 beautifully kept private acres.

Inspect: By appointment
Contact: Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412 / 6687 1500
Elders Bangalow

Breathtaking contemporary home

2/33 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park

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Auction \$910,000 – \$990,000



In a secluded nature reserve setting, this striking home provides two custom designed levels complemented by sleek contemporary inclusions. The property features spacious ambient interiors with a seamless open plan layout, a vast lounge and distinct dining area featuring high ceilings, wide bifold doors which effortlessly connect onto alfresco zones, and the chef's kitchen with gas cooking and a gather around meals bar. There is an indulgently appointed main bathroom, powder room for guests, the peaceful family living zone extends onto a breezy balcony, overlooking sunlit lawns and it enjoys a tranquil leafy outlook, ceiling fans, stylish décor, bamboo floors and double garage. It's a captivating sanctuary on a desirable 474sqm north to rear facing block.



Inspect: Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
Auction: Saturday 25 February 11.30am
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McGrath Byron Bay

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FOR SALE

891 Main Arm Rd, Main Arm



Village Vibes

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Original character timber home with freshly polished floors, 1930s era on level 1592m2 prime village block. Lovingly updated with new paint inside and out, new roof, new kitchen, two new bathrooms, two bedrooms plus a sleep-out and an office. There is also a carport and to add to the charm of the property there is an original garage/shed and a pottery studio.

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AUCTION

Onsite - Saturday 4th March 2017



Astutely Designed Home with Income Options

45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay

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- Spectacular, elevated home in tranquil neighbourhood
- Well appointed with timber floors and high ceilings
- Large double garage adjoining a covered workspace area
- Minutes to the heart of Byron Bay and the beach
- Separate 1 bed studio with private entry + option to lease downstairs space

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Old Mill Timberyard - Manns Road, Mullumbimby

For Sale: \$1.4M

- Market leading North Coast business - established 30 years
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- Solid business, proven performance, no direct competition
- Secured on a long lease this large 5829m² site includes - machinery shed, drying kilns, admin building, hardstand, parking & open yard
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New luxury ocean view duplex

When nothing but the best will do. A premier location, excellence in design and lavish finishes put this luxury residence in a world of its own. This three-level masterpiece offers an elegant low-maintenance home in an exclusive central location. Superbly built on 3 suspended polished concrete slabs the home takes advantage of the large ocean outlook with views from each level. No expense has been spared from the copper roof to the bespoke timber window frames and carpentry. A central light well through the home draws in the natural light and filters through to the interiors. Ducted air-conditioning, separate outdoor living areas and a sun drenched plunge pool further enhance this position-perfect home.

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1/5b Pinnacle Row, Lennox Head

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- 18 Brooklet Road Newrybar. Sat 3pm onsite

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- 38 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Auction 5th March 2pm onsite

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- 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11th February 12 noon

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Hot Sauce from Lennox

By Vivienne Pearson

Have you heard of the Carolina Reaper? It is not related to the Grim Reaper, though if you don't have much tolerance for chili, you might disagree.

The Carolina Reaper is currently the world's hottest chilli – it has an impressive rating of 2.2 million on the Scoville Scale (a measure of heat; for comparison, a Tabasco sauce or Cayenne pepper gets a rating of around 30,000). I say currently, as this is a title that is subject to change, thanks to plant breeders who are keen to up the temperature even further.

Lennox Head Hot Sauce offers Carolina Reaper as the hottest sauce in their range. Rated on the bottle as 'Insanely Hot', it is not for the faint hearted. 'You only need a drop or two,' says Tristan Smillie, hot-sauce aficionado and co-owner of Lennox Head Hot Sauce.

Tristan maintains that his Carolina Reaper sauce tastes great: 'It's an earthy flavour, with a chocolate overtone,' he says before explaining that this is not a sauce for everyone. 'If you're not used to chili, you only get the heat, not the flavour,' he explains.

For the less chili-hardened, other sauces include a 'mild' Jalapeño and Spanish Onion, an Habanero (a chili that has



previously held the world's hottest chili title), a 'hot' Chipotle (smoked Jalapeño) and an 'extra hot' Mango.

'You'd think that the mango would calm it down, but it doesn't!' laughs Danielle Luck, Tristan's life and business partner, who confesses to be a newcomer to liking hot sauce.

Taste-testing is a fun part of Tristan and Danielle's market stall. 'Guys come up and say: "What's your hottest?"' says Tristan, who adds that, after trying the hottest, they not infrequently go pale. Some cry. 'They'll just stop talking – all their energy has gone into dealing with the heat,' says Danielle.

Danielle adds that people's capacity for chili heat is hugely variable and knows that her own tolerance has grown over the past few years. They've even had one teenager who was clearly missing some taste receptors, as he could eat the Carolina Reaper sauce without any effect.

For a while, the pair made people sign a disclaimer of responsibility before tasting. It wasn't serious, but did make people stop and think.

Lennox Head Hot Sauce, available at Byron, Bangalow and The Channon markets as well as a growing number of local retailers. Facebook @lennoxheadhotsauce.



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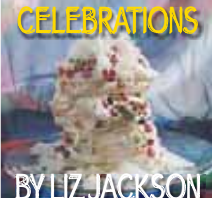
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AFTER THE SUCCESS OF TWO SOLD-OUT EAST COAST SHOWS MID 2016 BETWEEN RECORDING COMMITMENTS, SMITH STREET BAND'S WILL WAGNER RETURNS TO THE STAGE IN SOLO MODE FOR WHAT WILL BE HIS FARTHEST REACHING TOUR TO DATE.



GOING TO CHURCHILL

He's alone, but not really alone because he's bringing with him an ensemble of friends whom he has acquired through years of overseas touring. Support will come from Laura Stevenson (USA), Ian Graham (USA) and Iona Cairns (UK).

Playing solo is something of an artistic respite for Wagner who's usually up front in his rock band.

'It's not quite as loud,' he muses. 'It's how I started; I was playing solo shows before the band came to be.'

'I like that it's more spontaneous; I don't have to stick to a set list, so I can play different versions of my songs.'

'I think it's a different way for people to hear the songs.'

Of course Wagner will be playing Smith Street songs.

'People would be annoyed if I didn't, although this show is a bit different because it's me and three other people. We work out a little set at the end and all play each other's songs. It will be a bit collaborative. It's campfire stuff, except everyone at my campfire can play!'

Wagner is a gifted songwriter. His strength lies particularly in his lyrics. Take *Song About Why I Suck* for example, where he laments: 'Before if I fucked up anything I only hurt me. I'd never hurt anyone but now there are real people my actions are fact and I cannot stand it.'

'I cannot handle it. I smoke too much weed and watch too much TV. I always run out of cigarettes. I lie about everything. This used to be me but now it's feeling stale and friendly and I hate what I've become...'

This is a songwriter who's prepared to write about hard stuff.

Wagner reflected on *Song About Why I Suck*. 'If I tried to rewrite it, it would have changed. It had to come out like that. It's not poetic; it's basically a list of reasons I suck. There is a fine line, I think, when you make music, to know when to work on something and when to leave it alone. Sometimes if you produce a song it's better, sometimes it's not. You have to know.'

Depression is a subject that Wagner also sings about. He also goes into schools and speaks on the topic and shares his strategies for wellbeing, or just getting on with stuff.

'I have got serious depression and anxiety and have had forever, and I guess my angle is that music is therapy and writing is therapy, and I like to talk to people about how important expression is if you struggle with things. I am mainly talking to kids in different situations and encouraging them to use creativity. That's why I started writing songs.'

'No-one gets into the music industry because everything is great. It's not an industry full of high school prefects. You write because you have things to get out. The most important thing is using music as therapy - it's freeing.'

It's something Wagner finds amusing. He has made a career writing about his inadequacies and struggles.

'I was talking to a friend the other day because I hadn't been on tour for a while, and complaining that no-one had applauded me for my mistakes for months!'

'There is nothing more amazing than going onstage and saying this is why I dropped out of uni, and afterwards people come up and say, yes me too! Even in places such as Berlin. I have a community of like-minded people everywhere.'

Wagner has given up smoking. Ironically so many of his songs are about smoking that he is often approached by fans after the show wanting to have a cigarette with him.

'I haven't smoked for 18 months. I was so ready to stop. I thought it was going to be harder. There are three or four higher notes on the new album I couldn't have sung while I was smoking. It's funny though, one of the high points of the Smith Street Band is when people throw ciggies onstage and then they come back afterward, saying, I have always wanted to have ciggy you; I don't want to do that! I thought oh no, I am encouraging people to smoke!'

Smith Street Band's new album is out in April, and Wagner will be giving a sneak preview of some of the band's new tracks in solo acoustic mode.

'It's a great way to get a taste of the songs to come,' says Wagner.

Will Wagner and friends at the Hotel Great Northern on Thursday 16 February.

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

You have found a more unconventional pathway into music. What made you decide to take the route of the troubadour?

Well, I grew up down on the far south coast and there wasn't an enormous music scene. I made a lot of friends and learnt from some great mentors down there, but as far as the global music industry went I was pretty much completely in the dark. So I bought a camper van and hit the road, playing anywhere people would listen, and sleeping in the back of my van. I just thought that's what everyone did. I also had a quite strict classical guitar background and went to a fairly harsh Catholic school. I was ready to bail and do things my own way.

Why do you make music?

Because it is the perfect combination of everything I love, everything I'm good at and everything I dream of giving the world. The world can be a pretty messed-up place. Going around playing music and making people happy is a pretty foolproof way to know I'm offering the world something good.

What is the essence of good songwriting for you? How do you approach composing or writing music?

I think a good song finds a harmony between structure, pragmatic musical and poetic understanding, and communicating with an honesty deep enough to resonate with other people on levels they cannot reach on their own. If you get all that right the song will fly off on its own accord and help guide people back to themselves.

Tell me about your time in Europe and in Sri Lanka. How has that influenced the music you make?

Sri Lanka was an odd time for me. It was the most beautifully colourful and spiritual place. But I was somewhere else emotionally. I struggled to find peace of mind as I travelled around and a lot of things stressed me out.

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VAGINA RISING

Having a vagina is hard work. It's also poorly paid. If you have a vagina, and you work full time, the median wage gap compared to people without vaginas is 21.4 per cent. Vaginas earn less. Clearly we vagina bearers are not only still cleaning the glass ceiling, we're stuck to the floor. It's stupid. There is no rational explanation why the presence of a vagina should provide social and personal disadvantage, but it does. Historically and now, vagina ownership is equated with discrimination and lack of equity, abuse and death. If you don't believe me, then consider this: If you have a vagina, when you become a parent you will be less likely to be promoted

than a non-vagina bearer. This is fact. Backed up by the stats from the last census. In fact vagina-deficient persons are actually more likely to be promoted after children than before.

It's the opposite for the vagina-laden. If they don't have children then they can stay on a relatively decent career trajectory – although never with parity to the vagina-free operators. If you have a vagina and you go back to work six weeks after your baby is born people will judge you as a bad parent. If you don't have a vagina they won't even blink. You get to 'abandon' your offspring, put in ten minutes a day and still be considered

devoted. If you have a vagina you will do at least three times as much housework as people without vaginas. Every week. And that's even if you are a working vagina. If you have a vagina you are much more likely to vacuum, clean the bathroom and do the washing. Statistics also show that vagina owners will also tend to manage children's lives, buy presents, take them to birthday parties, buy clothes and pack school bags.

Vagina owners turn up for canteen duty. They'll even take a day off work. If someone without a vagina does canteen everyone goes, 'Wow, isn't he amazing! He's doing canteen and he doesn't even have a vagina!' Vagina bearers do boring menial stuff all the time and no-one ever calls them amazing.

Vagina owners are used to being overlooked, while ironically their vaginas are pornographised and looked over. A lot. So much so that those blessed with vaginas will have bits of their vaginas cut off so they look like the vaginas people without vaginas make in Photoshop. Pretend vaginas. This makes real vaginas sad.

Embarrassed. It makes them socially anxious. You can find people without vaginas on telly every week playing sport. Nobody wants to watch someone with a vagina play sport unless they wear something really short and revealing where you can almost see a bit of vag, like beach volleyball or lingerie gridiron. People without vaginas are admired for what they do. People with vaginas are predominantly admired for being decorative.

To have a vagina and be considered beautiful is still some sort of achievement in the western world. Hence the tabloid interest in photos of women showing off fancy dresses or reality comps such as *Search for a Supermodel*. In some countries if you are born with a vagina you will be given up for adoption. Or killed. The United Nations estimates that about 200 million girls are missing from the world because of 'gendercide'.

During the witch-hunt years it was predominantly those in the possession of a vagina who were executed. Even now, in our privileged western world, having

a vagina still leads to death. Every week in Australia almost two women die at the hands of their partner. Someone without a vagina.

If you have a vagina you are 91 per cent more likely to be raped. Every vagina owner faces the fact that one in four will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime. In 99.9 per cent of the times you will be raped by a person without a vagina. If you go to court the person with the vagina will be asked what they were wearing. Basically, how did you cover that vagina of yours? What time did you have it out? Was your vagina alone? The person without a vagina will be made to feel that it was their responsibility to keep their vagina locked up at home, making them somehow complicit as the real 'instigator' of their attack. If you have a vagina you are more likely to be a victim of child abuse. Ninety-six per cent of people who sexually abuse children don't have a vagina.

I have four daughters. They all have vaginas. In a world that still offers up these kind of 'norms' for those with vaginas, we still have a long way to go. And the

word that encapsulates this, that mobilises people with and without VAGINAS towards social change is called FEMINISM. If you are frightened, offended, or find the word *feminism* irrelevant, then it's a pretty good indicator that YOU are a big part of the problem. Freud was wrong. We vagina bearers don't have penis envy. We have vagina grief.

Please join us in **1 Billion Rising – V Day** at Byron's **Main Beach** at 6.30am (**Tuesday**). Wear red. Bring placards.

Vagina Conversations at the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30. Tickets at the centre.



Read Mandy's interview with Zenith Virago online at echo.net.au/talking-out-the-vagina

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It definitely injected a beautiful dose of colour into my melodies and lyrics, but I think I needed to come back to Australia and find some real grounding before I could utilise any of it. Europe was one massive party and I grew a lot and made a lot of friends but wrote very little. Again though, when I got back to Australia I had songs flowing out of me quicker than I could write them down. I think all of the adventuring just didn't leave much room to write and I had to stop to let it all out. But each place inevitably encourages the music to take specific forms and vibes, and I hear it as clear as day in hindsight.

Tell me about your follow up record to *Silence/Win*.

The new album is a lot more groovy I think. We went more in a beats direction, but also in a very acoustic direction. The songs were all picked from about 60 candidates and the whole album took me more than two years. I have never grown as a person as much as in this album-making process and

the result is something I will look back on forever more with a tickle of pride. I can't wait to share it with everyone – or anyone!

Surfing is a big part of your music as well.

Surfing has always fascinated me – how it's the one 'sport' that seems to wrap itself in music culture.

How do the two intersect for you?

Both are so fluid. No performance can ever be the same. A different collection of people are gathered in a different place and you have a completely unique emotional reaction to all of this, while also dealing with where you are naturally at internally. It means every time you pick up an instrument the results will be different, which is terrifying, and liberating and in an odd way calming, as it forces you to let go of the outcome. Surfing is kind of identical. No wave is the same; there are infinite variables and conditions and the fluidity of it all leaves you equal parts in awe and in control. I think on a spiritual level they go hand in hand.

Who are the songwriters who have

influenced you most?

Dylan and Nick Drake initially. Then later Neil Young. I love the Lennon/McCartney combo also. Chris Martin for a contemporary.

What's in store for 2017?

Lots of touring – to release this new album and to have a very wonderful time playing music to whomever out there wishes to respond.

What should we expect for your upcoming local gig?

I'm playing the entirety of the new album just on an acoustic guitar. It's very 'unplugged'. I think new songs need to be introduced to the world in their most raw and essentially vulnerable state. I also wanted to go out there and find people whom I love and love to play to and show them the songs in person first, before the album comes along. It's like a performance/listening party.

Kim Churchill plays at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Friday 17 February**.

Tickets: musicglue.com/kim-churchill.



CHOIRBOYS TIP THE HAT TO AC/DC

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Bon Scott's joining AC/DC, Choirboys are thrilled to announce they will be paying homage to their idols AC/DC and Bon Scott by performing two of the greatest rock albums of all time: AC/DC's *High Voltage* and *Highway To Hell*, track by track from beginning to end.

Mark Gable talks about his band's homage to Australia's greatest rock band.

Our readers would love to hear about the first time you saw AC/DC live.

I had asked Crispin Dye, who worked at Alberts Productions and was tragically murdered in an incident in Surry Hills in 1994. I went in to Crispin's office in late 1980 and asked if Choirboys could get complimentary tickets to see AC/DC perform at The Sydney Showground on 23 February 1981. Crispin said No. I have to tell you I was a little disappointed. The day came for the show and Brad Carr, our then-lead guitar player, and I decided we were going anyway and there was 'NO WAY we were going fucking pay for tickets' so we decided to break in through a hole in the wire fence. This we did with great success. After all these years there we were watching AC/DC with the 'new guy' on vocals, Brian Johnson. We did miss Bon though. Everything went well till we looked up at the VIP section and there was George Young with Alberts Productions' new signing, Cheetah. Cheetah were the two Hammond sisters and had just signed to the label a couple of months before. I'll be honest, we were pissed off as we had been slugging it out for two years with the label and I would have liked to have been the one being cuddled by Angus and Malcolm's brother George up with the VIPs. AC/DC were great. I bought beers for Malcolm some time later to pay back the ticket fees. ▶

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► **Enthusiasts of Bon Scott era AC/DC love to hear about whatever hilarious things he pulled while onstage, or offstage. Was there anything that you remember from the time/s you saw him play?**

The story told to me in the late 70s by Fifa Riccobono, the office manager with Alberts Productions: The first time Bon sang with the band he did not know any of the lyrics to the songs, so, in true Bon style he made the lyrics up on the spot, and also in true Bon style all the lyrics he made up were full of profanities. If it were today it would most probably be unacceptable, but back in the early 70s it was absolutely normal behaviour for a singer in rock'n'roll band to be totally disgusting. Bon did it better than most.

Musically, will you be playing the two albums to mimic the style of the originals or with your own or Choirboys slant on them?

The answer to this question is very simple: No-one can replicate Whitney Houston, no-one can replicate the Beatles, and no-one could possibly even come close to sounding like AC/DC. We're a band that started in Australia in the 70s in the pubs, just like AC/DC, and we will sound like Choirboys playing AC/DC music; it's as simple as that.

Outside this homage show, where is your music taking you these days? Any new albums on the horizon?

We have three albums in the pipeline. One is already complete and will be out in April 2017. The next two albums I connected to the first album; they are in fact a trilogy and are all interlinked. I can't say more than that at this time, as we would like it all to be a surprise because we what have planned with these albums is very different.

Saturday 11 February at Ballina RSL. Tickets at the club.

Live Music

ACOUSTIC LOUNGE ADVENTURES WITH PETE C & FRIENDS AT CLUB MULLUM

After running a successful and well-loved electric jam in Mullum, local music identity Pete C is back with the new Acoustic Lounge Adventures – teaming up with Dr Baz on keys and in association with Club Mullum to create a friendly space for singer/songwriters to present their songs in a supportive environment. Be in the Ex-Services Lounge from 7pm on the second Thursday of each month beginning this Thursday. Free entry – all music lovers welcome.

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PETER C AND FRIENDS AT CLUB MULLUM AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES ON THURSDAY.

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LAUNCHING MUSIC FOR 2017

Byron Music Society is looking forward to an exciting 2017, and to celebrate new partnerships the crew will be launching their new program on Sunday 19 February and also a dinner by Francisco's table pop-up restaurant.

Francisco's Table is a roaming restaurant popping up at different locations around the Byron Shire, regularly appearing

at Coorabell Hall, Federal Hall, Corndale Hall and the Bangalow A&I Hall. Francisco's food is inspired by local produce that is sourced from a wide community of growers and farmers. You will share a table loaded with delectable dishes with your neighbours, friends and fellow food lovers.

The event will begin with a screening of the delightful film *Le Concert*. Twenty-five years after losing his position as the conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra for his refusal to fire Jewish musicians, a once-famous musical director (Aleksei Guskov) attempts to stage a late-career comeback. Laughter and tears as the seriousness of music-making is unpacked. Following the film, BMS president-elect Nicholas Routley and committee can be joined in St Martin's Hall for a glass of bubbles and some beautiful music by chamber choir Dynasty8. Nicholas will talk through the coming year's program and announce our very exciting big 2017 surprise. Cellist Louise King will then perform a solo concert. Louise is musically adventurous

and her daringly diverse performance projects explore a dizzying array of music. Whether it's early music, historical informed performance practice, cutting-edge experimental, folk, or Australian music, Louise will surprise us with her program but not with her virtuosity, expression and musical excellence.

In 2017, under the presidency of Nicholas Routley, the Society is planning to present great music-based events. Once again the Society has partnered with internationally well-known Nadine Abensur (of *The Cranks Bible* fame and a half dozen other cookery books).

Come along to the program launch day on **Sunday 19 February at St Martin's Mullumbimby**. Non-members are welcome so bring your friends!

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Live Music

MERRYN MAKING MUSIC

Things are moving fast for singer songwriter **Merryn Jean**. She heads to Paris next week to work with her new band just on the tail of finishing up recording her debut solo release with Museagency's Gyan and Si Greaves. The songs are very simple and stripped back, mostly recorded live in a take or two with no beats at all, with the intention of creating a record that is gentle, honest and 'reflective'. She has decided to release independently with help of a Kickstarter Crowdfunder.

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HEART FULL OF MUSIC

ELENA B WILLIAMS AND ANDREA KIRWIN AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON SATURDAY WITH PACIFIC HEART

Pacific Heart Tour is three Pacific songwriters coming together to share original works.

Andrea Kirwin (Fiji), **Tom Francis** (NZ) and **Elena B Williams** (Samoa) will be performing and promoting new albums together.

For a great night of smooth folk, soul and blues for the whole family get your island shirts and skirts on and come out for an evening of Pacific arts.

Saturday at the **Byron Brewery** from 7pm.



SUFFER FOR YOUR BLUES

Their performance at New Orleans Jazzfest 2016 was hailed as one of the best of the event. And now it's Bluesfest's turn in 2017. The Suffers are coming this Easter for the first time. We took five minutes to catch up with Kam Franklin from The Suffers about the soundtrack to her life!

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

Dammit by Blink 182.

They literally say 'I guess this growing up' throughout the song, but the reason I love it is that this song just tells what happens after a breakup when both sides decide to be civil. It's hard, but it has to be done.

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

Sweet Thang by Chaka Khan. It's one of those songs that just makes my soul feel good!

What song gives you goosebumps every time you hear it?

Since I've Been Loving You, Led Zeppelin.

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

I'm in love with Chance The Rapper's *Coloring Book* album, as well as Anderson Paak's *Malibu*.

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

Island in the Sun, Weezer.

Your favourite song/s to cover at the moment?

We like a little bit of everything, but recently we had a lot of fun covering *All Night Long* by The Mary Jane Girls.

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

I always had a fantasy about covering *Fire and Desire* with the late, great Prince. I'd want to do Rick James's parts, and Prince would sing Tenna Marie's.

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

There're too many to list, but for now, we'll say Mr Stevie Ray Vaughn.

The Suffers perform at Bluesfest 2017 on Thursday 13 April, Friday 14 April, and Sunday 16 April.

For program and ticket info go to bluesfest.com.au.



PLAYING WITH BUNYIP & IGUANA

The upcoming Byron Bay Surf Festival presents a unique presentation of cinematographer Jack McCoy's iconic surf films *Bunyip Dreaming* and *The Green Iguana*, with festival musicians featured at the Saturday Slide live-scoring segments of the film by playing chosen tracks.

But before we reveal too much more about what's in store, let's catch up a little with Jack, and the mindset behind the man swimming out deep with the camera.

'I grew up in Hawaii, on the beach, and you know it doesn't take much to fall in love with rolling around in the water,' says Jack.

'At an early age I saw some things that really inspired me. One was actually letting a wave come over me and not closing my eyes and seeing what is inside. It was blue and green, the most amazing thing I had ever seen; I had never thought about it before, this thing. I tried to tell my mum and she didn't get it, and I remember thinking if I could just take a picture of this then I wouldn't have to explain it! At around 12 or 13 I went to my first surf movie, Bruce Brown came to my school; it was such an amazing experience back then. He made it, sold the tickets, changed the roll, narrated, and I remember coming home and I thinking that guy lives a cool life, and the more surf movies I saw, the more I thought I might like to do that!'

'There is something very different about the quality of *Bunyip* and *Blue Iguana*. It's film - 16mm - rather than digital. Somehow it just adds to the poetry of the image, knowing just how much work it took to get a shot.

'You have to remember we started back in the day of film. You had to load the camera; you didn't have an auto focus; you had to read the light; you had to focus the camera - the longer the

lens the more critical the focus - and then for the water we put simple cameras in warehousing and shot three minutes of film and then swam back to the beach and changed the film and did it all over again!'

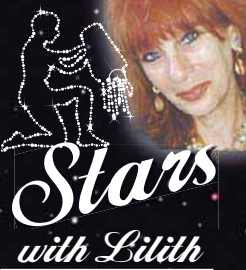
McCoy is not a huge fan of digital. 'I hated the look of digital. I shot everything on film until 2004. But my sponsor Panasonic showed me how to use digital to get the same affect.

'It's quite simple; film is taking individual pictures and putting them together. Video takes two fields of vision for each frame and marries them together, thus you get an extremely hard-edged shot; film is softer, because it has an individual picture - it has a shutter. With film you can't see it but there is actually a shutter that goes past every frame. It's subliminal; it's like blinking. Now with video cameras you can add shutter and that's what I do - I shot my last film on high definition on the lowest resolution I could and I put shutter in there so that it has its own unique look. It's how I like films to look. Kind of dreamy.' But it's not just the filming. According to McCoy, 'The music is 50 per cent of the movie experience, in my humble explanation. I pick all the songs in my movies.'

And that's what makes *Saturday Slide* just so special.

'It's going to be interesting if nothing else; the musicians will play the same song as what's in the films, because I use the music and the lyrics for the storytelling. Rastaovich is going to do the Concrete Blonde song *Over Your Shoulder*. But I don't know how he'll do it. He may decide to do instead of 120bpm may be 60 bpm. I like that. I hope they don't try to mimic the track!'

To create this show the musicians were sent the two movies and were asked to pick which track they wanted to play.



A whole lotta moving and shaking in the celestial sphere this week, with Mars/Venus in adventurous, entrepreneurial Aries and Sun/Mercury in sudden-change Aquarius...

♈ ARIES: Mars and Venus in Aries advance your personal projects through meeting new people, supporting communal causes and being available for radical changes of perspective or attitude. A fabulous week if you can avoid obsessive, one-directional thinking. Resist over-sharing. And gossip. Step away from power struggles. Maintain the vision splendid...

♉ TAURUS: You're an earth sign. This month's fiery Mars/Venus and airy Sun/Mercury energies launch a rocket boost in your activities area that has you stepping out and/or up to new responsibilities. This week's gift is a Pied Piper personality who demonstrates how to downplay the strain and make it a game.

♊ GEMINI: This week could shift gears pretty quickly on several levels at once. Tread carefully, because hasty decisions made from impulsive reactions could destabilise or undermine your professional and financial future. If discussions turn feral, aim at remaining calm. Take time to think things through before crystallising plans and sealing deals.

♋ CANCER: This week's best utilised for organising resources, mending fences and renewing contracts. With midweek moon in your sign approaching an eclipse, you lunar lovelies are likely to be extra sensitive; if the warm winds of change turn towards scorching, hang a Do Not Disturb sign on the Crab shell till energies settle.

♌ LEO: February's emphasis is on relationships. All kinds: public alliances, professional competitors, personal interactions, private lives. Jupiter's presently ramping up interpersonal learning, with immediate feedback on how you're doing. Mars and Venus in firecracker mode, plus full-moon eclipse in Leo, throw explosive exchanges into this weekend's mix, so handle difficult situations diplomatically.

♍ VIRGO: While Virgos like to be thoroughly prepped for any venture, don't immediately believe everything you hear this week. People may mean well, but might not have their facts straight. Making decisions based on assumptions rather than accurate information could leave you between a rock and a hard place. Mercury in Aquarius can be tricky.

♎ LIBRA: Mars and Venus probably have you feeling pretty chipper right now. But Jupiter retro in your sign can seesaw moods from flagrant optimism to dire disappointment. Calling for yes, that old familiar dance along the median strip of balance yet again. But despite inconsistent trends and strange behaviour, this week's challenges are still exhilarating...

♏ SCORPIO: Mars and Venus in Aries light a fire under precisely the kind of passionate, assertive, ardent climate you thrive in. Just don't let adrenalin excitement override tact, because this week's people will be hyper-sensitive. Home base is your featured venue right now, with a family and community cast. Expect interesting visitors and exciting innovations.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Sagittarian planet ruler Jupiter retrograde in your zone of communication, conversation, information and local activity suggest unexpected news, with possible family issues brewing. Best approach? Staying open to new points of view. Cautions? Speaking sharply or before editing, or just simply saying too much – any of which could work against you this week.

♑ CAPRICORN: Fast change, while not your forte, is a feature of this week. Unstable isn't your favourite operating mode, but it does tend to stimulate major breakthroughs. If others are moody, defensive and irritable (or you are), a playful approach will lift everyone's spirits and attract more support than serious ultimatums and weighty obligations.

♒ AQUARIUS: Know that quote about the futility of always doing the same thing and expecting different results? Results are your truest guru, so if something you keep doing isn't working, try the absolute opposite. A different outcome's one hundred per cent guaranteed. It might even be one you wanted, because this week the force is with you.

♓ PISCES: If you're in the creative arts where imagination can be put to professional use, this is your week; as the zodiac's primo emotional juggler you could work up something worthy of Cirque du Soleil. But if you rely on cold hard facts, best check them, because present deceptive, illusory trends aren't assisting clear thinking.

CULTURE



THE FINAL THREE SHOWS FOR *THE INCORRUPTIBLE* AT THE DRILL HALL IN MULLUMBIMBY, 17, 18, 19 FEBRUARY.

INCORRUPTIBLE COMES UP TRUMPS

After a record box office, *The Incurruptible*, a play by Louis Nowra, returns for three more shows at the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby. Director Greg Aitken says, 'The theatre has been full or near capacity for every performance. It's a stunning ensemble production that resonates with the audience.'

At a recent Q&A some of the feedback included: 'I've lived in Paris and London and this show is up there.'

Another theatre-goer remarked: 'The quality of performance is something I would expect to see at Belvoir Street Theatre in Sydney.'

The final three shows for *The Incurruptible* are on 17, 18, 19 February.

Bookings: The Bookshop Mullumbimby or online at drillhalltheatre.org.au.

YOU CAN ACT NOW

The Drill Hall's Monday Acting Workshops will commence their ninth year on Monday 27 February. The workshop runs from 6.30pm till 8.30pm at The Drill Hall every Monday from the 27th. The aim of the workshops is to have fun while freeing up our imagination, imparting some performance skills and generating interest in the theatre. Participants will get a chance to act in the

upcoming Hot Shorts series, the ten-minute-play competition. All are welcome and no previous acting experience is necessary. Workshop facilitator Mike Russo has a degree in Theatre Studies, studied acting at the Independent Theatre and The Drama Studio, and has 40 years' theatre experience. Workshops are free to members and membership (\$15 per year) is open to anyone.

For more information please call Mike on 6684 4886.

RYSE UP

The youth of the Byron Shire unite for special event this coming Wednesday 8 February at Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

The event will feature internationally renowned youth activist and artist, 16-year-old Xiuhtezcatl (pronounced shooTEZcatl) Martinez, who has been catalysing positive action amongst youth for more than 10 years. He is the director of Earth Guardians International and is a youth ambassador for UPLIFT. The event will provide the space for collaboration and will showcase local talent, while sharing a message of hope and pathways to local action. Artists will include Xiuhtezcatl and local musicians Xi-tika, LXXE, Maple and many special guests.

Suggested donation of \$10. Under 16 free. More info at www.facebook.com/events/731344237040841. Doors open at 6pm.



WOMEN LIKE US TAKE THEIR HIT COMEDY SHOW TO THE REGENT THEATRE IN MURWILLUMBAH, SATURDAY 4 MARCH

WOMEN LIKE US AT THE REGENT

After 32 shows around the country, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs bring their smash-hit comedy show *Women Like Us* to the Regent Theatre in Murwillumbah!

Having performed to packed houses at Brisbane's Sit Down Comedy to sellout shows at Melbourne International Comedy, Adelaide Fringe and Perth festivals, the girls have also taken their comedy stylings off the grid, performing to packed houses in Orange, Bathurst and Katoomba. *Women Like Us* is a riot. Audiences have complained of aching stomach muscles, sore jaws, and at one show a woman actually injured herself when she laughed so much she slipped from her chair onto the floor! Says Mandy Nolan of the show: 'We want to make you laugh, but most of all we want you to go home feeling good about yourself. Women spend too much time not liking themselves, beating themselves up for being too old, too fat, a bad parent, a terrible cook, but we just say, hey, it's what makes us human! Celebrate Your Imperfection!'

Women Like Us at the Regent Theatre in Murwillumbah, Saturday 4 March, 2017 at 8pm. Doors at 7.30pm. Tix \$30/\$28. Tickets can be bought online at cinemaregent.com.

TEMPLE OF EXPLORATION

Get yourself in the mood for Earth Frequency Festival this week with the 'Harmonic Temple'. This is the perfect way to experience the intentional exploration of visionary music and art, and also features a visionary art gallery, dance temple and artist talks. **Sunday** at the **Byron Theatre**, Community Centre, from 6pm.

CONCHITA CARAMBANO

The Thom Gallery in Byron Bay launch their new show this week, featuring the work of **Conchita Carambano**, a world-renowned Spanish abstract artist from Sydney. They will also be looking forward to a new delivery of sculptures by Christian Maas, including a life-size horse and foal, a life-size art deco stag, and a four-metre aluminium crocodile, among other larger-than-life sculptures. The exhibition opening will also feature a food truck, and a bouncy castle for the kids, as the crew at the gallery want to ensure that the space is accessible to families who might be unable to attend evening sessions. So be there from 2pm, enjoy the art, the adult conversation while knowing the kids are having a top time as well.



TOM GLEESON, ONE OF THE FEATURED COMICS AT LISMORE LAUGHS, 10 MARCH AT LISMORE CITY HALL

Thom Gallery is 1/6 Fern St, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. For enquiries call 0411 813 999.

Tom Gleeson (Friday 10 March, 7.30pm), Andy Saunders (Sat 11 March, 7.30pm) and Frank Woodley's show for kids (Sat 11 March, 12.30pm). Lismore is the place to be on the weekend with Lismore Laughs coinciding with Eat the Street and the Lismore Music Festival, so you can fill up on giggles, gourmet food and great music! For tickets and program info go to www.norpa.org.au.

THE LAUGH IS ON LISMORE

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Louise King moved to Australia in 2003 after working extensively throughout the UK, Europe and Asia with the BBC Philharmonic, the Hallé Orchestra, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, and as a cello, chamber music tutor and conductor of the Royal Northern College of Music Junior Department, Manchester. Louise is a multi-award and competition-winning graduate of the Royal Colleges of Music in London and Manchester.

Louise performs for the Byron Music Society on 19 February as part of its 2017 Program Launch Event. For bookings and details visit byronmusicsociety.com.



Conchita Carambano exhibition at Thomgallery

Thomgallery, situated in Byron Bay's industrial estate, opened its doors on 11 November last year, with the intention of bringing high-end art to the people of Byron Bay and surrounding areas.

Thomgallery showcases some of Australia's finest established and upcoming artists, with sculpture by Christian Maas, and will be hosting six-seven shows per year.

For its second show, in association with Harvey Galleries in Sydney, Thomgallery is exhibiting the works of Spanish abstract artist Conchita Carambano.

Utilising mixed media, oil, acrylic and wax, Conchita draws inspiration from nature to produce engaging artworks characterised by organic forms and a sensuous use of space, colour and symmetry.

The opening launch starts at 2pm and runs till 9pm on 11 February with a bouncing castle and food truck. Exhibition ends 4 March.

'We want everyone to be able to come and be part of the day and to witness the art and sculpture we have on show at Thomgallery.'

Thomgallery hours are Midday-5pm Thursday till Monday.

Private appointments can be made outside these hours on 0411 813 999.

Browse the website at thomgallerybyronbay.com.au.

New BSA courses starting soon

BSA has a great selection of short courses starting soon, including classes in printmaking, life drawing and figurative and abstract painting.

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BIG BOSS - THE STORY OF A LEADER

Big Boss: Last Leader of the Crocodile Islands is a powerful documentary about 97-year-old Baymarrwangga, or as she is affectionately known, 'Big Boss', who was honoured as Senior Australian of the Year, 2012. *Big Boss* is the story of this Aboriginal elder and her challenge as the remaining leader of the Yan-nhangu people to pass on her traditional knowledge to the next generation. The film outlines Baymarrwangga's life story, from her time as a young girl on Murrungga to the time she saw the arrival of missionaries, witnessed the arrival of Japanese and European fishermen, and then experienced war and tumultuous change. The story documents a historical legacy of government neglect, and suppression of bilingual education and how the language and culture of the Yan-nhangu came to be in a precarious position.

One of Baymarrwangga's greatest achievements is the Yan-nhangu Dictionary. The dictionary's main aim is to preserve Yan-nhangu language and local knowledge from the potentially damaging consequences of rapid global change. Through the words of the Big Boss herself and members of her community, we learn about the unique lifestyle of the Yan-nhangu people. Following the screening will be a talk with the linguist who has made a substantial record of language and culture over a 20-year period.

Saturday at the Civic Hall at 7pm.

WATCH FOR THE BIG BREAKS AT SURF ART MARKET

This year's **Surf Art Market** at the **Byron Bay Surf Festival** is presented by SurfStitch and is bigger and better than ever, with more than 160 amazing artists, shapers, clothing brands, accessories, food vendors and not-for-profits to peruse. Saturday's beachfront market is going to be a fully immersive experience, so forget eBay, shop in the BBay!



GOLD

Coming hard on the heels of last year's *The Founder*, this robust but bumptious movie has continued with the resurrection of the 'greed is good' philosophy - or, as its protagonist Kenny Wells (Matthew McConaughey) argues, 'When you're making money, nobody gives a shit'.

Both films are outstanding studies of unbridled ambition, but each is burdened by an obnoxious central character. It was not impossible, however, to feel a little grudging sympathy for Michael Keaton's Ray Kroc, for he was, in his own bent way, socially aware. Wells, on the other hand, is just a loud-mouthed bully who wants it all simply for the sake of having it all, rather like the new baby-man president. For him, the great American dream (can we please excise this expression from the lexicon, along with its Australian copy-cat?) is not about achievement, it is about winning at any cost.

Wells, a 'prospector', has seen the mining company inherited from his father decline to the point of near-insolvency. Desperate to save his business, he teams up with geologist Michael Acosta (Edgar Ramirez) for one last throw of the dice in the Indonesian jungle. They strike gold and Wells is as seduced by its lustre as were the Spanish conquistadors.

It is a fairly typical story of underdog makes good, but Wells is so gauche, so boorish and bad-tempered, that it is hard to care one way or the other if he succeeds. McConaughey, with a bald wig, a gut and saggy Y-fronts, is relentlessly in your face, chain-smoking and drinking whisky like there's no tomorrow. His Wells is the classic ruffian whom I suspect we are meant to admire when he comes up against the smooth-talking suits of Wall Street. It is a brilliant performance, with Ramirez's subtlety and calmness a perfect counterbalance, but Kay (Bryce Dallas Howard) is no more than the woman who stands by her man. The surprise that awaits Wells is perfectly concealed, and explained, but the concluding scene, devoid of any moral 'rightness', suggests he has learnt nothing.

cinema Reviews

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



PATRIOTS DAY

The esprit de corps engendered by the Boston Marathon (and similar events, including Sydney's City to Surf) was put to the test in April, 2013, when bombs made by home-grown terrorists exploded near the finish line, killing three bystanders and maiming many others.

Peter Berg's movie opens with a sequence of scenes that introduce you to the innocents who will be directly affected by the attack, as well as Tommy Saunders (Mark Wahlberg), the cop who is destined to be at the coalface of the subsequent investigation and pursuit of the two brothers responsible for the atrocity. Berg is not one for understatement, so the glowing ordinariness of victims and police is reiterated time and again - there are more confirmations of 'I love you, honey' than you might reasonably expect to hear in the hokiest rom-com. But that is not to diminish the horror of the event, which, following the buildup, is filmed with stark, shocking realism.

Owing to its news coverage, we knew the explosions were coming; what we were not aware of were the immediate and intensely focused procedures that were enacted to hunt down the perpetrators. The Massachusetts governor, the mayor of the city, as well as numerous levels of law enforcement hierarchy and a phalanx of computer geeks studying security camera footage of the area, around the clock, in a giant warehouse, were involved under the authority of the painstaking FBI agent Richard DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon).

For the sake of the through-line, Saunders, who has temporarily been demoted from detective to uniform after a misdemeanour and is hobbling around with a bung knee, happens to be present at every crucial moment. It is riveting, as Berg spends increasingly more time with the killers while the entire city of Boston is shut down and the web closes in on them. An interview with the wife of one of the bombers is a stark reminder of religion's heinous grasp over those gullible and resentful enough to buy into its poppycock in a fantastic movie that is only slightly marred by a postscript of unnecessary triumphalism.

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- CLUB MULLUM 7.30PM **PETE C & FRIENDS**
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- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **KINGY COMEDY WITH MEL BUTTLE & MANDY NOLAN**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **DAN CLARK**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE FIRETREE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 12.30PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **HUGH JONES PRESENTS LIQUID AMBER**
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **LIEF MORRIS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **ERIC GROTHE & THE GURUS**
- 11.30PM **KOBY BRADLEY & CREW**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT WITH HAT FITZ & CARA, FIONA BOYES**
- BALLINA RSL 9.30AM **MORNING MELODIES**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **EPIC**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **INO & CREW**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7PM **LONDON KLEZMER QUARTET & OUT OF RANGE**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **GARRETT KATO**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **TROY COX**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **MATT TURNER DAUNCEY**

FRIDAY 10

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE STRIDES, DROP LEGS, 4'20' SOUND, SALT BRAINS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **WANDERING EYES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES** 9PM **PINK ZINC**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **LGBTI CABARET**
- STICKY WICKET 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SHAG ROCK**
- THOM GALLERY, BYRON 2PM **CONCHITA CARAMBANO EXHIBITION OPENING**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 7PM **MAPSTONE, MARK RIDOUT & THE RHYTHM, PETER HUNT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE GOOD OIL**
- SOUND SHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **A SILENT**

SATURDAY 11

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LOVE DANCE, DRO CAREY, THE POSSE, DREAMS, DJS OI, RIFRAF, DAD BOD, WEBBER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAVE ORR BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **BYRON VIBES**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **NO MAN'S LAND SCREENING**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **PACIFIC HEART WITH ELENA B WILLIAMS, ANDREA KIRWIN & TOM FRANCIS**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- THOM GALLERY, BYRON 2PM **CONCHITA CARAMBANO EXHIBITION OPENING**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 7PM **MAPSTONE, MARK RIDOUT & THE RHYTHM, PETER HUNT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE GOOD OIL**
- SOUND SHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **A SILENT**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
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- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DUE WAVE**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **MILO GREEN**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **THE CHOIRBOYS**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **EMILY DAWN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **LOOSE ENDS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7.30PM **ADAM HOLE BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB **ADAM BROWN**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **STEVE MANOA** 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- ILLAWONG HOTEL, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **RUMBLE JUNGLE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MESCALITO BLUES**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **SMASHED CRABS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **KATIE WHO, DOGTAGS, DAVID AURORA, ANONYMOUS CLUB**

SUNDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BUNYA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT** 8PM **SAFARI DJS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **GREG LYON & THE HIP OPERATION**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **HARMONIC SPACES & SONIC TEMPLE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **THE TEMPEST SCREENING**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON 2PM **DAVID SPARKES TALKS**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **DJ EVA J & FRIENDS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
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- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 2.30PM **B-TOWN COLLECTIVE DJS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **GUY KACHEL**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **RETROMONES**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 4PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- WHIAN WHIAN HALL 12PM **GALAPAGOS DUCK**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **KIM BANFFY**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 3PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20' REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MUSICAL BINGO**

TUESDAY 14

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- MAIN BEACH, BYRON 7AM **V DAY: 1 BILLION RISING BYRON FLASHMOB DANCE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE VAGINA CONVERSATIONS**
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- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- TORAKINA PARK, BRUNSWICK HEADS 6PM **PARTNER YOGA IN THE PARK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 6PM **JAMIE SULLIVAN**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 6.30PM **WHEN HARRY MET SALLY**

WEDNESDAY 15

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT ROGERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MICK DALEY & THE WAYSHOGUES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ BAND**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE VAGINA CONVERSATIONS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
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7.6.1966 – 28.1.2017



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He is survived by his sister Virginia and mother Barbara Turner and numerous cousins.

Peter was loved by so many people who were inspired by his courageous fight to the end.

A memorial ceremony and a scattering of his ashes will be held in Byron at a date to be notified.



Jean Sindel

of Mullumbimby would have celebrated her 100th birthday on February 12.

On Sunday afternoon her daughter Bronwyn will place her ashes in the ground at their home and remember the joy and sense of fun she brought to those around her.

Please come share the occasion if you would like to say a final farewell.
Call Bronwyn to confirm.

FUNERAL NOTICES

Warren, Patricia Ann

Late of Mooloolah formerly of Brisbane and Mullumbimby. Passed away peacefully on Friday 3rd of February 2017 aged 75 years.

Much loved daughter of Vera Warren (Dec) and Harry Warren (Dec). Loved Niece of Ruth Slattery. Beloved sister of Helen Keeble, John Warren and Ron Warren. Sister-in-law of Anne Elliott, Fay Warren and Wayne Keeble. Adored aunt of Brett, Jolon, Robert, Amanda, Eliza and Courtney and great-aunt to six much loved nieces and nephew.

Loved friend of Troy Taylor.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 45 Cedar Street Maleny, Queensland on Friday the 10th of February 2017 commencing at 1.30pm.

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2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
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☉ First quarter	February 4	15:18
☽ Full moon	February 11	11:32
☾ Third quarter	February 19	06:33
☀ New moon	February 27	01:58

FEBRUARY 2017 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 W	0616	1942	1003	2230	1217,1.66	0538,0.32; 1836,0.29
2 T	0617	1941	1103	2310	0045,1.38; 1300,1.56	0629,0.40; 1921,0.32
3 F	0618	1940	1204	2351	0140,1.38; 1347,1.45	0728,0.49; 2011,0.35
4 S	0619	1940	1306		0245,1.40; 1446,1.33	0841,0.57; 2109,0.38
5 S	0620	1939	1410	0036	0359,1.44; 1558,1.24	1008,0.60; 2215,0.38
6 M	0620	1939	1512	0124	0515,1.53; 1719,1.20	1135,0.57; 2322,0.35
7 T	0621	1938	1614	0216	0623,1.63; 1834,1.22	1251,0.48
8 W	0622	1937	1713	0313	0721,1.74; 1936,1.26	0024,0.30; 1350,0.39
9 T	0623	1936	1807	0413	0813,1.82; 2029,1.32	0120,0.24; 1440,0.31
10 F	0624	1936	1857	0514	0900,1.86; 2115,1.36	0210,0.19; 1523,0.26
11 S	0624	1935	1943	0616	0944,1.86; 2159,1.39	0257,0.17; 1602,0.24
12 S	0625	1934	2024	0716	1023,1.82; 2239,1.40	0340,0.19; 1640,0.25
13 M	0626	1933	2102	0815	1100,1.75; 2317,1.40	0422,0.24; 1715,0.28
14 T	0627	1932	2139	0911	1134,1.65; 2355,1.38	0502,0.31; 1747,0.32
15 W	0627	1932	2214	1006	1207,1.54	0543,0.41; 1819,0.37
16 T	0628	1931	2249	1059	0033,1.35; 1240,1.42	0626,0.51; 1852,0.42
17 F	0629	1930	2326	1152	0116,1.32; 1315,1.31	0715,0.60; 1930,0.47
18 S	0630	1929		1243	0209,1.30; 1400,1.20	0815,0.68; 2016,0.52
19 S	0630	1928	0003	1335	0316,1.29; 1500,1.11	0933,0.73; 2116,0.56
20 M	0631	1927	0044	1426	0432,1.32; 1621,1.07	1103,0.71; 2225,0.56
21 T	0632	1926	0127	1516	0540,1.39; 1739,1.08	1212,0.65; 2331,0.53
22 W	0632	1925	0213	1606	0634,1.47; 1840,1.14	1307,0.58
23 T	0633	1924	0304	1654	0721,1.56; 1929,1.21	0027,0.47; 1349,0.49
24 F	0634	1923	0357	1740	0803,1.65; 2012,1.28	0113,0.40; 1426,0.41
25 S	0635	1922	0453	1824	0843,1.72; 2053,1.36	0154,0.32; 1500,0.34
26 S	0635	1921	0552	1906	0921,1.77; 2133,1.44	0234,0.26; 1535,0.28
27 M	0636	1920	0652	1947	1000,1.79; 2214,1.50	0315,0.22; 1611,0.24
28 T	0637	1919	0753	2028	1038,1.77; 2256,1.55	0358,0.21; 1646,0.22

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



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Life is short. So do the things that make you happy. Be with those who make you happy. Look for the good in every day - even if some days you have to look a little harder!

McDonagh leads charges for Lennox Head junior surfers



Mikey is just one of the region's junior surfers with a big future. Photo SNSW/Smith

Ross Kendall

Lennox Head junior surfer Mikey McDonagh is sitting on top of the JQS Subway Pro Junior Surf series ladder, and is relishing taking his surfing to the next level with a fresh, clear and determined attitude.

'I have started the new year refreshed and in a really good headspace,' he said.

The seven-event series has the full support of Surfing Australia and the World Surf League and forms part of the 2017 WSL Australasian Junior Qualifying Series.

The winning athletes get an opportunity to compete for a coveted title at the World Surf League Junior Champion-ships in 2018.

The soon-to-be 16-year-old has had a great start to 2017, after last year was plagued with injuries and

other issues.

Mikey won the first event at Bells Beach, and reached the semis in the second at North Narrabeen two weeks ago.

Taking on older competitors is all part of the challenge. 'It is a tough playing field. All the best surfers in Australia are there. You really have to bring your A-game, every time.

'Whoever gets the right waves will win the heat, [but being bale to get on top of the older guys] is definitely a self-esteem booster,' he said.

Lennox Head is producing some other really good surfers, notably in the 11-14 year old age group.

'It is excellent to see them coming through,' he said.

Nyxie Ryan and Jai Glinderman won their events, and Jack O'Brien was a finalist, at

the recent Rip Curl Grom-Search National Final.

There is great support in the area for developing surfers from family, friends and many others.

'Everyone knows everyone in the water, and the older surfers are stoked to see the young guys coming through,' Mikey said.

Event three in the series is in March in Sydney before the surfers head off to Western Australia.

Mikey is concentrating on this series and will 'see what happens for the next half of the year,' he said.

Mikey does home schooling to fit in his travelling and surfing commitments and is totally focused on further developing his professional and hopefully international surf career.

Men's pairs underway at Mullumbimby

Michael Burke

The first round of the 2017 Major Pairs started on Saturday at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club.

The five matches of the round were played in hot and windy conditions which proved testing for everyone.

The defending champions Leigh Rickert and Richie Northcott saw off the early challenge from Ben Leeson and Gary Porter to prevail 27-16.

Abraham and Merv Esau took the lead on the tenth end and ran out 23-18 winners over Geoff Flick and Terry Fenwick, while Mike Nicholls and Michael Burke defeated a gallant Jamie Ewin and Andrew Moroney 23-15.



Pairs action at Mullum last weekend. Photo contributed

Troy Creighton and Bernie O'Hearn won a seesawing affair 22-18 over Phill Brassington and Allan Bartlett, while Dave Moor and Jeff Morgan powered home over Bob Rose and Glen Abbot, 27-13.

The first round continues next weekend.

Tight golf for Teven medal

The 18 holes Stroke competition for the Monthly Medal played at Teven last week was decided on a countback.

Winner Bill Wayte (Net 51) just pipped runner up John Selwood (Net 51).

Frank Jamieson (Net 52) was next inline followed by, Geoff Colnan (Net 53), Robert Tillman (Net 54), John Harbisher (Net 54), Ian Coochiroff (Net 55) and Ian McDuff (Net 55).

NTPs: 4th: Ray Griffiths; 8th: Steve Blackmore; 14th: Will Wayte. Putting: Paul Gumbleton (26 putts).

Next comp: Saturday February 11, 9 holes Stableford, 6.15am for 6.30am tee off.

Byron takes third after Cudgen dominates Country SLSC finals

The Cudgen Headland SLSC won double the points of their nearest rival at the 2017 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships at South West Rocks last weekend.

The victory by Cudgen ended the Byron SLSC's six-year winning streak at the event.

Cudgen lost to Byron last year by just seven points.

While sheer numbers helped the Cudgen crew to victory, some outstanding performances from key competitors saw the Cudgen stakes rise rapidly over the weekend.

'The Cudgen club has put in a lot of work since the last Championships and have been determined to get the victory and to do it so convincingly this time round is a credit to the team and the rest of the club,' Cudgen Headland director of surf sports Matthew Bell said.

'We had around 70 nippers here this weekend and our more experienced athletes like Scott McCartney and Nadi Canning are big mentors for the kids and push the whole team to give their best,' he said.

Cudgen secured a trifecta in the beach relays winning the U/17, U/19 and Open event in both male and female divisions. Wins in the premier team event, the Taplin Relay, were also recorded in Open Male and Female, and U/17 and U/19 Male.

The U/15 Male and Female Cameron Relays also fell to Cudgen.



Caitlin Callahan (Byron SLSC) finished 2nd in the U/19 Ironwoman event at the Championships. Photo contributed

Stella performances were seen by Anthea Warne who won the U/17 Board, Surf and Ironwoman, then backed up to win the Open Surf Race as well.

Points Results

Cudgen Headland SLSC 1105
Sawtell SLSC 541
Byron Bay SLSC 473
Port Macquarie SLSC 352
Lennox Head-Alstonville

SLSC 301
Warilla Barrack Point SLSC 259
Coffs Harbour SLSC 202
Tacking Point SLSC 183
Cabarita Beach SLSC 175
Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC 174

The surprise result of the championships was Sawtell SLSC that finishing second on the overall pointscore.

It was the best result ever for the club at this event.

Local futsal star still needs help to fund tour with national team

Ross Kendall

Krista Ruehe has been working hard to raise funds and hone her skills so she can travel to America to represent Australia in the U/19 national futsal team.

The former Mullumbimby High student competed for the Far North NSW youth women's team in the national futsal championships held in South Windsor in January.

'Unfortunately our team didn't make the finals this time; however, it was a great experience. I can't say I've played in such extreme heat (46 degrees) before, but it was a good test,' she said.

The team was made up of younger girls playing together for one of their first times and the team had trouble gelling together.

'It wasn't the same team as last year. It was all a bit different,' she said.

'Four players got heat stroke.'

Krista started out trying to raise \$6,600 to get to America for the self-funded



Krista (shirt 13) with her Far North NSW team in January. Photo contributed

national team tour that starts in June this year.

After some successful fundraising events before Christmas she has been able to drop her crowdfunding target to \$4,000. She has received pledges totalling \$600 on the www.gofundme.com platform, so far.

Despite being keen to get together with the national squad Krista won't get a chance to train with them until they all get to America.

Once there they will play a game every day as they build

up the American national futsal championships in July.

Krista started playing the full-field 11-girl-a-side version of football, and made representative teams when she was younger. She decided to have a break from the sport while she concentrated on high school, but decide to go in one last competition before she left school last year.

Her performances for the state team earned her a position in the national squad.

To donate see: www.gofundme.com/kristausa.

Girl Surfriders sign on this week

Lennox All Girls Surfriders pride themselves on promoting the advancement of women's surfing throughout all levels, in a safe and supportive environment.

The sign-on day for 2017 is this Saturday February 11 between 8am and 10am at Lennox beach, opposite the pub.

The Lennox All Girls Surfriders is in its 26th year and

runs monthly club rounds providing the opportunity to get together with a fun group of like-minded girls/ladies who share the same passion for the ocean.

Other activities throughout the year include a weekend annual camp-out, the hardcore winter prize round and an inter-club tag team challenge.

They are all fun and exciting events to be involved in.

The All Girls Surfriders have many members from the Byron and Tweed shires.

Anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to head down for the sign-on.

Contact co-presidents for 2017: Jane Collins 0427 930 699 or Melissa Wright 0429 876 601.

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Going for Bronze at Brunswick



Previous graduates of the Bronze Medallion course with Club president Craig Reid (far left). Photo contributed

Brunswick SLSC is running a Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate course starting February 26.

The course goes for a day and a night for eight weeks. Once completed the Bronze medal allows people to be-

come an Active Patrol Member who can be assigned to a friendly patrol. Patrol duties occur every four weeks.

For more details visit www.brunswickslsc.org or contact Braeden at training@brunswickslsc.org.

BUD enjoy success at Beach Ultimate Championship

The Byron Ultimate Disc team had a 'successful and happy' Australia Day Beach Ultimate Championship at Coolangatta in January.

A team of 12 players, including four women and two father-son combinations ventured north for the event, according to spokesperson Paul Glennie.

'There was a good ages split. It is great to see the kids coming through,' he said.

The BUD finished fourth out of seven after narrowly losing the battle for bronze by two points, 12-10.

The side was down 9-5 at half time and made a huge comeback ensuring an exciting finish, but just couldn't get over the line to claim a

place on the podium.

They also played a semi-final against one of the tournament's top 'all-star' sides.

'We showed we could match the best by holding the game to five all at half time,' Paul said.

As fatigue set in the fitter players pulled away to win the game 12-5.

BUD also played against the Stoners 'Far North Coast', an ultimate Frisbee-side based in The Channon.

'It was very enjoyable and exciting to see the sport, and talent pool, growing in the northern rivers,' he said.

BUD player Emma Sweeney was awarded Most Valuable Female Player of the tournament.



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Bangalow Park AGM

The Bangalow Park 355 Committee of Management is holding the Annual General Meeting for 2017 in the Show Secretary's Office, Bangalow Showgrounds, Station Street entrance, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 February.

V Day

V DAY One Billion Rising Tues 14 Feb, Main Beach, Byron Bay 7am, flashmob dance against violence towards women. Dance rehearsals Thursday 9th, 12-1pm, Saturday 11th, 11am-12 noon, at Future Dreamers, 24 Marvell Street, Byron Bay.

U3A Ballina/Byron

At our meeting at 10am on 14/2/17 in the RSL, Mullumbimby, Sally Archer will speak on Mission Australia. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tuesday Forum 14 February 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Des Wann presents 'Wunderbar! The Best of the New Year Ballets'. Visitors welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Animal Justice Party

Animal Justice Party Northern Rivers Supporters Group meets Saturday 11 February at 2pm in Bangalow RSL Hall. All welcome. Enquiries christina_hart1@hotmail.com or 6687 0607.

OS Art Competition

Artists, get your paint brushes out and start painting for the 11th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition. Entry forms are available at www.oceanshorescc.com.au after 15 Feb. Enquiries Marilyn 6680 4907.

Ballina Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club print meeting Thursday 9 February at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome. Enq Mark 6686 6915.

Get spiritually fit

Free energy-awakening Events at Ballina and Byron 11 Feb 1.30pm and 12 Feb 10am. Bookings: Living Illumination, Leiza 0417 965 542.

Bowls and Scrabble

Social bowls and Scrabble afternoon Friday 10 Feb at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads. All welcome. Enquiries 6685 1661.

Byron Bay Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club lunch at 12.30pm followed by our meeting at 1.20pm on Saturday 11 February at Byron Services Club. Info: Jeni 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281.

World Day of Prayer

Mullumbimby World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March at 10am at St John's Catholic

Church. Theme: Philippines - 'Am I being unfair to you?' All welcome.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: A New 'Origin' Philosophy, presented by Gavin Greenoak, Thursday 9 February, 1-3pm, at Unitarian Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 02-6684 3623.

Women's health

NSW Health Women's Health Matters presents free Out of the Blues workshops for midlife and older women, Tuesdays 21 Feb till 28 March, Girl Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Bookings: Living Illumination, Leiza 0417 965 542.

BFVC AGM

Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC AGM 12 Feb 11am at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Enquiries 0422 946 914.

WIRES is recruiting

Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service 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.

Fermentation Festival

Fermentation Festival Blue Knob Market 4 March, 9am-1pm, stalls, demos, 719 Blue Knob Rd. Enq: 0448 685 925.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. The next one will be on February 9. Phone Elaine 07 5580 8215.

VIEW Club AGM

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club AGM 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

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.

Mullum CWA

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

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.

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.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au.
Dzogchen Meditation Group - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info.
Mindfulness Meditation with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15-9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron.com). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com.
Healing Meditation - 7.30pm Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Call Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

Landcare

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

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Library fun

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

No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people

on low incomes with safe, fair interest-free loans of up to \$1,000 for purchasing essential goods and services. Contact the Byron Community Centre to find out more.

Budgeting Support

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

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history.

Bangalow Museum & Tea Room open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

Drug support groups

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

Quota Club

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

Repair Cafe

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

Rainbow Dragons

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, mazzerrat2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni:

6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-2pm.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Low-cost food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** - log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

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

0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

CoDA

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

Byron FLEA

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

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

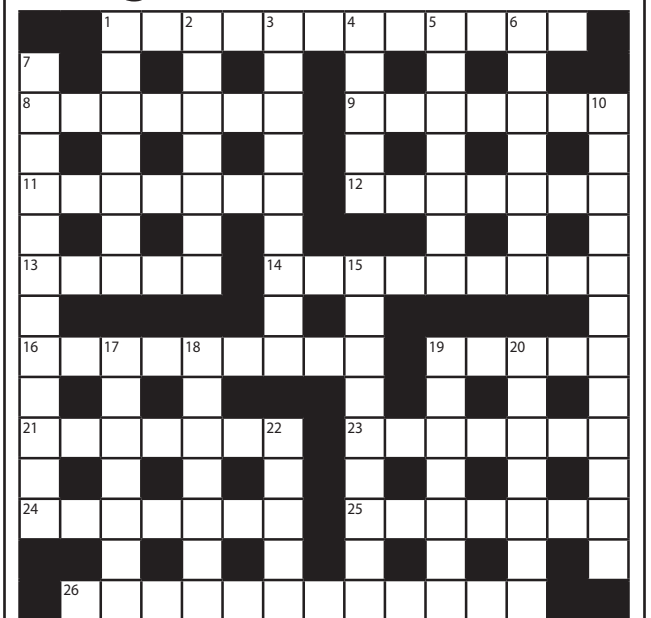
Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5-7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday-Saturday 9am-noon.

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

N165



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- The Ivy Forest Mob - Ali's gang, according to 10 (5,7)
- Steps into trousers (7)
- Coming-out girl consumed by small considerations (7)
- Hail Fury - can be mean (7)
- Money can be the devil if it's old (7)
- Unpopular matter - not proper (5)
- Hectic sod wrecks night spot (9)
- Note: horse carrying two unknowns is showing unhappiness (5-4)
- Scientific institution, or a political party? (5)
- Unsteadily steer very large sound systems (7)
- Strange trip with object unknown - it's a German warship! (7)
- Massacred 101, sadly mourned by John Milton (7)
- Dropped in on six, in place (7)
- Found in damp Dallas - precious object mentioned by 10 (7'1, 4)

DOWN

- We hear that sable, perhaps, signified agitation (7)
- Shed light on estimate about a princess (7)
- Eve, agreed, trade around axis (9)
- Uneven shade? Hell; ... (5)
- ... thus, graduate inside bar (7)
- Give right to obscene teen lit (7)
- Chaotic Somalia focus for one of 10's heroes (5,2,5)
- Reveal he's a crazed storyteller? But it's a woman! (12)
- Three directions about a case - they'll send you to sleep (9)
- Supply an outline for confused clients (7)
- Unknown journalist covered up, lied badly, and threw in the towel (7)
- Ms Giddings is second inside a northern Greek city (7)
- Strengthened a characteristic of most cities (5,2)
- South American greeting Japanese food (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- All Baba's fellow criminals, according the 1001 Nights (5,7)
- Long steps or paces (7)
- Formal arguments or discussions (7)
- Arithmetical mean (7)
- Attend to an itch (7)
- Not within proper bounds (of behaviour) (5)
- Dance club (9)
- Wistful, close to tears (5-4)
- Australian political party (5)
- Sound systems (abbrev) (7)
- German battleship sunk by the RAF in 1944 (7)
- Shepherd, subject of an ode by John Milton (7)
- Called upon, sojourned with (7)
- Household artefact rubbed to evoke a genie in the 1001 Nights (7'1,4)

DOWN

- Decay, turmoil (7)
- Spread out from centre, illuminate (7)
- The day before today (9)
- Hell, or the god of hell (5)
- Ban, stopping of trade (7)
- Give a right to, allow a claim (7)
- Jewish citizen of a Persian city, hero of a story in the 1001 Nights (5,2,5)
- Female narrator of the 1001 Nights (12)
- Medicines to induce drowsiness or sleep (9)
- Cut out of a letter or design (7)
- Ceded, surrendered (7)
- City in Northern Greece, also given name of Professor Behrendt (7)
- Reinforced, also heavily urbanised (5,2)
- Popular style of Japanese food (5)

Last week's solution N164



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While Byron Shire Council seeks to give us the rate rise that not too many people wanted – and the state government refuses to give us something like the bed tax we really need – there is no guarantee Council will get the full rise requested from the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). IPART has pegged the 2017–18 rate rise at 1.5 per cent (see how it's done at <http://bit.ly/ratepeg>), so Byron's 7.5 per cent – compounded over four years! – is a big ask. By comparison Ballina Shire sought public input recently on a proposed rise of 4.9 per cent.

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In the great Australian tradition of facing problems head-on by holding a summit, often mistakenly referred to as a gabfest, Council is summitising the thorny problem of 'affordable housing' on Friday February 10 at the Cavanbah Centre, 8.30am–7.30pm. You'll need to register at <http://bit.ly/byronaffhousing> for a chance to participate. We reckon investing in Ikea's award-winning refugee shelters (<http://bit.ly/ikeashelter>) – in this case for refugees from free-market speculation – might be the way to go. Council could throw in some free Allen keys.

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The Blue Carbon Lab at Deakin University is using teabags, kindly donated by Lipton, to measure carbon sequestration in wetlands – as you do. It is also looking for citizen teabaggers to participate in the experiment. Read the *Guardian* article at <http://bit.ly/bluecarbontea>. Friends of *Backlash* immediately pointed out a sticking point – the teabags might not be biodegradable. And while on the



Intrepid photographer and artist Peter King tracked down this pothole on one of his morning walks in the wilds of The Pocket. He's named it 'Terror Nullius', which he says means 'undriveable'.

subject of teabags, the good folk at Qwestacon show you how to make a teabag rocket at <http://bit.ly/teabagrocket>. Science, ain't it grand?

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NSW Chief Justice Tom Bathurst remarked recently that while the Supreme Court's Twitter account is not nearly as popular as those of Lord Voldemort and Depressed Darth Vader the court's work is 'far more noble than disseminating dark magic or fighting for an evil galactic empire, albeit quite sadly' – <http://bit.ly/tombath>.

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A canny observer on Facebook has pointed out that an anagram of 'Donald Trump' is 'Lord Dampnut', which fits in with the feeling he is an incarnation of Lord Voldemort. So shall he be now for evermore. That, or #Twitler.

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