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V-day splash



The skies held their rain as more than 100 women learned a dance to rise for the annual V-day sunrise celebrations on Byron's Main Beach. It's a global activist movement, 'to end violence against women and girls.' After burning off some energy, many took to the waves in a clothes-optional cool-off before dancing away the morning. For more visit www.vday.org. Photo Tree Faerie

More doof dramas at Tallow Beach

Chris Dobney

Would-be organisers of yet another illegal doof at Tallow Beach were shut down after lighting a 'blazing' fire despite a total fire ban on the eve of the hottest day of the year.

A spokesperson for The Friends of Tallow Beach, the group organised to protect the fragile foreshore, said that a request to the organiser at around 8.30pm not to proceed was ignored and they had 'no alternative' but to call the police and fire brigade.

By 10.30pm police say they had received 'numerous phone calls' regarding the illegal party and when

they arrived at Arakwal National Park they spotted approximately 40 partygoers in the area.

'One male person was identified as being the organiser and had supplied the equipment for the entertainment/music,' said inspector Bobbie Cullen of Tweed-Byron police.

'Police seized the equipment and the party [was] shut down.

'Formal action will be taken against this male and any other organisers of such parties,' she said.

Inspector Cullen said, 'Those organising or attending such events in the Byron Bay area should be respectful of the local community

and be mindful of the disruption the noise has on others in the vicinity. Police with the assistance of National Parks and Wildlife will issue proceedings against persons involved in the organising of events,' Inspector Cullen said.

Requests ignored

Members of the Friends of Tallow Beach say they spoke to the DJs at 8.30pm on their way in, 'asking them not to proceed.'

Spokesperson Dailan Pugh identified the DJ as British, adding that judging by their accents 'most of the patrons were tourists.'

Mooball to boom

A controversial proposal to expand the Tweed village of Mooball at least fivefold has been given the green light after three years of negotiations and despite concerted community opposition.

The department made the announcement Monday, which will see around 250 new homes built on land south of the existing village. The result could see the town potentially grow from '170 to 750 residents.'

The department's executive director of regions, Steve Murray, said the expansion supports the *Far North Coast Regional Strategy*.

That policy, a department of planning and environment spokesperson told *The Echo*, 'has guided development in the region since December 2006.'

The latest – and controversial – *Far North Coast Regional Strategy* closed for public submissions in June last year and is yet to be approved.

As for the Mooball development, the department said Tweed Shire Council received 36 submissions objecting to a proposal to amend the

Local Environment Plan (LEP), and those were taken into consideration 'before arriving at its final decision.'

A voluntary planning agreement (VPA) has also been reached, say the department, 'which will ensure further studies on bushfire, flooding, Aboriginal cultural heritage and land stability inform the design of any future development of the site.'

A planning spokesperson added that the agreement requires that design guidelines be developed and further studies be undertaken before any development occurs.

Mooted in 2014

The plan was first mooted in 2014 and was sent by then-Tweed Shire councillors to the state government for a 'gateway determination' in April.

Just three weeks later, it passed the government's gateway process with conditions.

'The department took all concerns from the community into consideration before arriving at its final decision,' Mr Murray said.

Unwelcome all-night hinterland doof

An all-night doof party last Saturday has left locals less than impressed in Byron's hinterland.

Located on Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry, the event was heard as far away as Federal. Resident Diane told *The Echo* she called the police at around 3.45am. 'It's not the first time it's happened,' she said.

'Not everybody likes this choice of crappy music,' she said. 'They don't seem to have respect for themselves or others, let alone the wildlife.'

Another resident, Rod, lives in

Goonengerry and told *The Echo* it was heard down Mafeking Road.

He believes there will be more unless they are shut down.

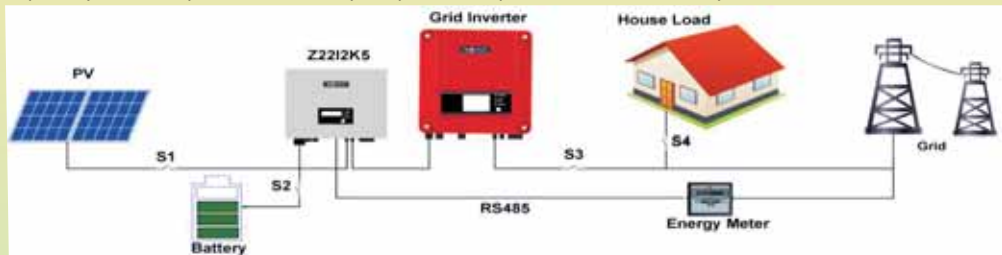
Wildlife concerns

'There was another on the same property on new years eve. It will make living here unbearable unless this stops,' he said. 'I went there in the morning but all that was left was a booth; most people had left by then. I'm concerned about the effect this has on wildlife and animal stock.'

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Byron business breakfast with mayor and GM, February 28

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson and general manager Ken Gainger will again present to the Byron business community on Thursday February 28 from 7.30am till 9am at the Byron Bay Golf Club.

Topics up for discussion

include the rate rise, Byron Bay bypass, road projects, the Byron Bay master plan and increases to paid parking.

Questions to the GM and mayor can be made via <http://svy.mk/2lZr78k>.

Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/2lGdqRY>.

Lennox takes to the street



Organisers say Sunday's crowd numbers were over 500, and that they received around 420 registrations from those wanting to attend. Photo Eve Jeffery

The planned closure of an access road to Lake Ainsworth in Lennox Head sparked weekend protests, with residents claiming they were not 'sufficiently notified or given a choice.' As part of the proposal by Ballina Shire Council, a new park is planned.

Becky Gee from the Lake Ainsworth community group says 'more than 95 per cent of 595 doors knocked don't want the end of Pacific Parade, the "eastern access road" to no longer be accessible by vehicles from the life saving club to the Leisure Centre.'

Another resident, Simon Jones, told *The Echo* that Ballina Council agreed at the last minute to delay works but have yet to indicate how long that delay would last.

He says Preserving Lake Ainsworth Incorporated, comprising locals, has instructed a Ballina law firm to act on its behalf.

Gee says, 'Thousands of cars a week will be re-routed along the caravan park, putting at risk kids who cross over there regularly. The cars will travel further up the dirt road to find a carpark through the turtle colony.'

Another plan is to remove eight established Melaleuca trees, a decision which Jones says came with little consolation with the community.

Cr Jeff Johnson

But one Ballina councillor in favour of the road closure and the creation of a park is independent Jeff Johnson.

The former Greens councillor told *The Echo* it was his belief the vast majority of the

Lennox Head community want a 'safe, car-free park.'

As for the tree removal, he said Essential Energy don't want to put the power lines underground, so some trees will need to be removed.

'My preference is that the trees remain, but council arborists - and other arborists - say that some have to be removed. I have asked staff to keep as many as possible.'

Cr Johnson says the group

represented a small percentage of around 8,000 in the Lennox community who 'overwhelmingly want the park.'

'This has been debated for two to three years by successive councils.

'Once it has been created and measures put in place I believe that they will embrace the park... there's also a mythbusters factsheet on Council's website - people have been misled.'

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Heat claims bat colonies

The cause of thousands of bats dying in the north coast owing to extreme heat has been traced to the loss of habitat and land clearing in QLD.

Wendy Attrill from the Northern River Wildlife Carers (NRWC) said black flying foxes are sub-tropical and according to studies are moving south because of the land clearing in QLD. At 42 degrees, the black flying fox starts to experience heat stress and their organs begin to shut down.

■ Bats are dangerous to humans and should only be handled by trained and vaccinated carers.

Hot, dry and dangerous

Police believe a fire that burned approximately 600 hectares before being brought under control at around 2am Monday was deliberately lit.

The Rural Fire Service first attended the bushfire north of Lennox Head, near the northernmost tip of Lake Ainsworth, at around 11am on Sunday. Firefighters' back-burning operations produced smoke that affected local roads and residents around Ballina, Broken Head and Byron Bay.

■ Bushfire updates are available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au, or call the NSW RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737.



A fire between Byron Bay Road and Camp Drewe Road in Lennox was eventually contained. Photo Dylan O'Donnell

Homeless elderly man bashed in Byron

A 69-year-old man living on Byron's streets was brutally bashed last Wednesday night, according to Veronica Rowe from the Northern Rivers Homeless Alliance.

Rowe said Bushy, who is well known in the town, remains in hospital after an operation at Tweed Hospital.

'We need to reduce the homelessness problem in Byron,' she told *The Echo*, add-

ing that the bashing serves as a warning of the plight of those who are homeless.

Rowe says that the Northern Rivers Homeless Alliance is not funded by any government department but receives small private donations to operate.

Formerly, Rowe says she worked with the homeless in the Blue Mountains before moving to Byron.

'In the one-and-a-half years I've been here, I have heard of a horrific stabbing, drug overdoses and a homeless woman being raped.'

'There are a lot of drugs and serious violence which, if not addressed, will become a bigger issue for the community.'

Rowe says she is on the streets with the homeless daily, and provides a homeless barbecue every Sunday on

Main Beach from 12.30pm.

Rowe said a few local businesses regularly donated food, 'but there can always be more.'

'Tents are also needed,' she says, as well as a safe place for them to camp. She added the drug ice is an issue and believes it is coming into the town from Brisbane.

■ To assist Rowe, call 0490 062 367.

Yelgun fest site unveils its plans

North Byron Parklands (NBP) management say that 51 people braved the heat and attended the Parklands community information meeting and Q&A on Sunday afternoon.

It was an effort to explain to the community its plans for the Yelgun event site to become fully approved.

NBP hosts both Splendour In The Grass and the Falls festival, and is currently in the final year of its five-year trial approval with the NSW Department of Planning and

Environment (DP&E).

'From the Parklands perspective, it was a really constructive and productive meeting that covered some wide-ranging issues and concerns,' manager Mat Morris said.

He says a submission is being prepared for the DP&E to make Parklands a 'permanent home for sustainable, world-class arts and cultural events in the northern rivers.'

Mr Morris says, '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 in the Grass and Falls Byron Bay) currently take up eight of these days, leaving the possibility of one additional large event.'

'The requested remaining eight days would be for events under 25,000; for example, Parklands is now negotiating with a group to bring a running event for 2,000 to 3,000 participants.'

In a prepared Q&A, Mr

Morris reiterated issues raised in last week's *Echo* article, and added that Live Nation had not bought into Parklands.

'Parklands is 100 per cent owned by Australians (many of whom are locals).'

He says that Live Nation's 51 per cent ownership of Splendour in the Grass and Falls will not affect Parklands.

'It is still operated by the same team who started the festivals and that will continue to be the case.'

■ For more info visit www.northbyronparklands.com.

Affordable housing summit ideas hatch

Hans Lovejoy

An affordable housing summit at the Cavanbah Sports Centre last Friday saw a healthy turnout and a full day of talks and Q&A with industry professionals, both local and interstate.

The event was instigated by Cr Paul Spooner, who told *The Echo*, 'If you leave it to market forces, communities won't be supported.'

'The predicament we are in will only get worse.'

'It's clear that most in the area don't want urban sprawls to develop, and I'd imagine few people would want more developments like West Byron.'

A Byron Housing Trust is proposed by Cr Spooner as one mechanism to break the dominance of market-driven housing unaffordability.

'We have social housing providers and private developers, but there's nothing in between. Council is a land owner and a major stakeholder in the community.'

'The best example of a trust that is operating is the Burlington Land Trust in the US. It's in Vermont and was instigated by senator Bernie

Sanders. It's still going and has morphed into a larger trust with around 2,500 properties.'

Highlights

One of the day's highlights, according to Cr Spooner, was a suggestion by the chief NSW planner, Gary White, to develop more mixed-use zoning and place more emphasis on strategic planning.

A mixed-use zone already exists in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate, where businesses and residential homes coexist. The idea was brought about by a council motion by mayor Simon Richardson.

But Mr White's talk was not entirely embraced by all; Cr Basil Cameron challenged Mr White's lack of public transport planning within his talk, to which Mr White replied that in regional areas such a service is not cost effective or the funds are not available.

Mayor Richardson meanwhile asked Mr White what can the state government do, 'other than talk about supply and demand and making it potentially easier for a developer to make things happen more quickly?'

In reply, Mr White talked

again about increasing supply, streamlining DA procedures and the importance of strategic planning.

He also said that templates such as the local environmental plan (LEP) could be more about 'telling a story' that is unique to a community.

Another question from the audience asked about new technologies and building materials and if they were considered as part of policy formulation. Mr White replied that the department does not interfere with the market in that way.

Mr White also spruiked major changes to planning law, which are now open for public comment until March 31.

Concerns have been raised over the amended laws, however; independent not-for-profit community legal centre EDO say, 'the disparity between developer and community rights to merit appeals has not been addressed, and appeal rights continue to be curtailed.'

■ For more on the proposed laws, visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Legislative-Updates.



Emmet Blackwell's solution to a lack of affordable housing is his self-contained tiny house, which is similar to a caravan. With a solar system, shower, grey-water system, water catchment/storage and small-scale compost toilet, Emmet says it is almost self-sufficient. For more info visit www.thewoodbutcherstinyhouse.com. Photo Eve Jeffery

Rape averted on Byron beach

Quick-thinking late-night beachgoers tackled and held back a man allegedly intent on raping a young woman at Main Beach, Byron Bay, in the early hours of Sunday morning (February 12).

Police report that at approximately 2am, a group made a citizens' arrest on a male aged in his 40s after an attempted sexual assault on a 27-year-old female British tourist.

The man was held at the beach until police arrived and he was later charged.

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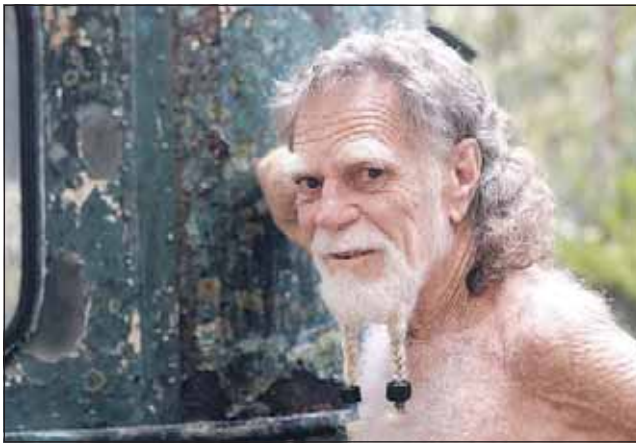
His letters to the editor show erudition, keen intellect and deep application of the ethical and philosophical, as well as the logical.

His uncluttered low-impact lifestyle suits him well and must be the envy of many a stressed and over-committed mortgage slave.

If you wanted to find the exemplar of 'living the dream' it would be hard to go past the sage from the hills, James Valentine Nutter.

Jim, or Jimmy, Nutter was awarded the *Echo's* own Eccentric of the Year award in 2006 and was one of the first hippies to move to the area and set up a community, Nerada, up the top of Main Arm outside Mullumbimby.

He had headed up from Melbourne in the early 1970s in his Beetle with old friend Kenny Moate and they stayed opposite his mother, who was



Jim celebrates his 80th birthday this Saturday February 18 at Durrumbul Hall from 3pm – with the reminder to please not bring your dog. Photo Jeff Dawson

living in Banora Point.

'He was one of the original shareholders in the Nerada community along with Kenny Moate, Jan Praetz and Damien Wilkinson,' said friend Liz Jackson.

'They called the company that set up the community the Cosmic Song and Dance Company. He's a mad doofer and dancer.'

'Doof parties – I bumped into them about 1993,' said Jim. 'I'd given up dancing to rock'n'roll it's too predictable. I like to freestyle. To me it is about illustrating the music. Dancing in the space.

'I don't like disco or house, and funk is very very boring.

'Good electronic music is going somewhere all the time and changing dynamics.'

Friend Ron Priestley recalls one morning when he was just about to turn onto Main Arm Road when he saw Jimmy coming past on his motorbike.

'He was going really slowly as he came up to the corner but then just kept going straight ahead into the bush.

'I jumped out of the car to check he was okay. He'd been off dancing all night and just fell asleep on his way back.

'He was going so slowly by that point he wasn't hurt – classic Jim.'

A passion for rocks and Aboriginal culture has filled Jim's life – and house – with rocks and he has provided parts of his collection to Southern Cross University for study. Around his house Jim has found plenty of evidence of Aboriginal culture.

'The pool is the first mirror of humanity, rocks are the second face,' said Jim as he shows photos of the many rocks he has collected over the years. The striking shapes of faces that can be recognised in them is remarkable.

'I think it is part of a cult of sharing beautiful stones, picture stones.

'You can see them best in the late afternoon in the tangential lighting. Most people tend to see the world as physical but it's all connected. We are really seeing a sea of consciousness that expresses itself in different forms around us.

'Serendipity is my favourite Goddess. I see our main function on Earth as explorers of both the environment and the inner realm.'

Shark net update: threatened species still caught

Aslan Shand

Out of 72 marine creatures caught by the five shark nets across the NSW north coast, only one was a white shark according to the second monthly report of the NSW North Coast Shark Mesh Net Trial.

Many of the creatures caught and killed in the nets

were endangered and included threatened species such as the Green Turtle, Great Hammerhead and Loggerhead Turtle.

Just over half the animals were released back into the ocean.

Greens MP for Ballina, Tamara Smith expressed sadness at the continuing un-

necessary deaths of marine life in shark-mesh nets off Ballina and Evans Head.

Shark spotting

'I call on the NSW government to commit to shark spotting by community groups and to continue with other non-lethal shark-mitigation technologies.'



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.

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OS playground update

Aslan Shand

The Waterlily playscape project in Ocean Shores is shaping up well, with a timber fortress planned for later this month.

Council will begin site excavations mid-February with a mid-March finish date expected. Made from mostly natural materials, the fortress is designed for three- to twelve-year-olds.

Chair of the Waterlily Playscape Committee Josie Tebo says, 'A basket swing that was put in at the end of last year has been a real hit; it shows there is a real need for public outdoor play for children and families in Ocean Shores.'

Support needed

This is only the beginning of the playscape and the group is calling on people who are interested to help support the project and drive it forward so that the tree house, storytelling chair, dry boat and shade sails can all be put in.

The group has funding for some of the playscape equipment and would like to involve the community with the ongoing activities in the park, including landscaping and planting.



Waterlily Park's new basket swing is similar to this one. Photo from goric.com

'If anyone has rocks, native plants or time to spare we'd love to hear from you,' said Alison Ratcliffe, the Waterlily Playscape Committee secretary.

'We'd like to create an enjoyable space for our community and this will enhance the whole plan for the park.'

Donations of equipment, trades and landscaping are needed to help complete the plan alongside a crowdfunding campaign that will be launched very soon.

■ Email community@waterlilyplayscape.org to get involved or visit www.facebook.com/waterlilyplayscape.

Get ya smock on



The Renew Fest team: Paul Creber, Jaia Cerff and Ella Goninan. Photo Eve Jeffery

Renew Fest have launched a youth-artisan campaign and are on the lookout for six young artists to create a piece featuring the word *Renew* to express one of the six key themes of the 2017 festival.

These themes are renewable energy, nature's biodiversity, our food, human habitats, humanity renewal and ethical economics.

Renew Fest's creative director Ella Rose Goninan says the stories of each of the six

chosen artists and their experiences of personal renewal will be shared in the lead up to this year's festival, which will run May 6 and 7 at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds.

Youth co-ordinator Jaia Cerff said the festival organisers want to 'celebrate what inspired each artist to contribute a work, how they connect with the theme they chose, and why it is important to them when they consider renewal.'

Material expenses of each

of the six chosen artworks will be covered, and the chosen artists will receive two full festival passes and the opportunity to exhibit personal works in the gallery space at the festival.

The six winning artworks will be on display at the festival in the venues relating to their theme and will become an iconic part of the festival for years to come.

■ Submission forms are available on the youth artisan page at www.renewfest.org.au.

Artist collective looking for new home

After five years of operation, supporting many local creatives to start up their businesses and ply their wares from a shopfront, the Made in Mullum artist collective will be closing down on February 18.

Made in Mullum is a not-for-profit shop that is run by 11 locals who share the cost and work in shifts to run the shop themselves. Everything for sale is local and handmade, and all money made goes into the pocket of the artist.

One of the members, Crystal Wilkes, says, 'Unfortunately, we haven't been able to find and secure a new affordable lease anywhere else in Mullum, as of yet.'

'Made in Mullum would like to thank all their loyal customers in the community for all the support over the years. We are looking for a space to continue on and possibly to expand the collective shopfront to also include a creative community hub for sharing skills and running workshops.'

■ If anyone has any leads, please contact Crystal on 0407 579 378.

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In late 2015, I surveyed the community and heard your thoughts and ideas about the issues that were important to you. The top three local issues were: Coal Seam Gas, the need to protect our Marine Sanctuaries and the opposition to West Byron.

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Warm regards,
Tamara Smith
Member for Ballina

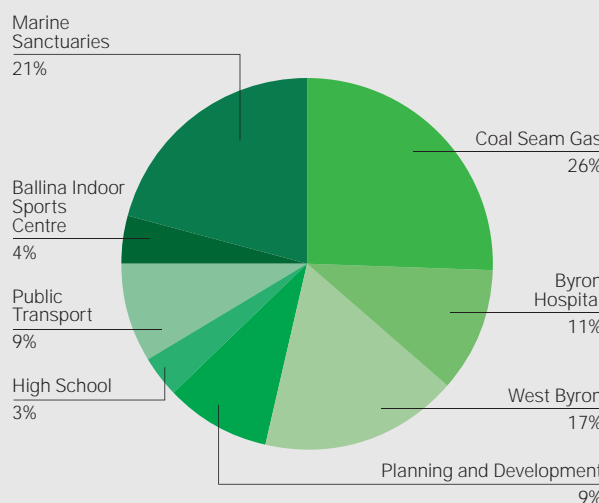
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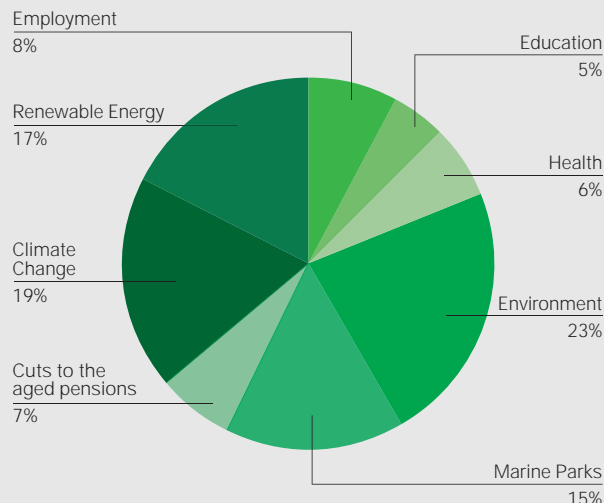
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Eshay-style thugs heading nowhere

Hans Lovejoy & Eve Jeffery

A serious community problem has been bubbling away in the north of the Shire.

The end result – from past experience – will be that some local young men will become sad statistics: dead, drug addled or in jail.

If you've driven around the Ocean Shores area lately you may have noticed the OSB (Ocean Shores Boyz), YTB (Yelgun Tunnel Boyz) and SGB (South Golden Beach Boyz) graffiti/tagging and wondered what it was all about?

Who is doing this and why? Every couple of weeks, Council pays to have the street-sign graffiti removed but it just keeps coming back.

These tags are a cry for help from Our Saddest Boys, who are now on the edge of manhood with insufficient support and guidance.

Sadly, the boys have not learned social behavioural boundaries; few of the boys have had a male role model available to help them take their place among men in the local community.

By stealing and assaulting as a group, these unguided boys have found a way to feel powerful and worthy.

During this year's Byron Schoolies, several of the youth gang members were identified on Main Beach, Byron Bay, starting fights and harassing schoolie revellers.

The local OSB youth gang appear to model themselves after the so-called Eshay movement, which is found in larger population centres around Australia.

Byron Youth Service response

Senior youth worker and program co-ordinator at the Byron Youth Service (BYS), Deb Pearse, says there is little for young people to do in the Byron Shire when many of the resources are focused on tourism.

'How can a single parent seeking work, a home and an education for their children survive?' she asks.

'The focus on tourism, dwindling funding, the lack of resources to reach young people in need and the difficulty of bridging the gap with parental involvement creates a breeding ground for negative behaviours, which significantly impacts on the community, other young people, schools and parents.'

Pearse says that over the



The disused railway tunnel near Mullum has become a party venue in recent times, with reportedly large piles of bottles and rubbish accruing. Photo from 2014 by Eve Jeffery

past 18 years, there is an issue that emerges again and again in different localities and within different 'tribes' of young people.

'While we tend to focus on the current issues, it's what lies beneath, what keeps creating these conditions that's important. What these young people mainly have in common is a lack of positive male role models, neglect, anger and a feeling that their "territory" is not their own.'

Pearse says the BYS has a model for a First Referral Program, which would significantly address the 'warning signs' and provide a means by which high-risk young people are subject to an intervention.

She says it would not only benefit the community, but provide a pivotal point at which appropriate support and a positive change in direction can occur.

'Right now, we need funding to get this new program off the ground as well as extend our current Street Cruise outreach program to the whole of the Shire.'

Mullum High School response

Mullum High School principal Donna Pearson told *The Echo* that the school's Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE) curriculum and its welfare and discipline code 'certainly teach the importance of self-respect and respectful behaviour'.

'In addition, students have access to a number of significant school and outside-agency wellbeing programs including the Chrysalis Girls Program, Crossroads, Young Men's and Young Women's group, Rock and Water Program and RRISK Seminars.

'We are aware of community issues and our staff use that knowledge in how they encourage students to

behave appropriately and be respectful to others in and out of school.

'To address the issue, the community needs to invest in getting these boys the help and guidance they need.'

'The younger boys below 15 that are modelling the Eshay behaviour need the full attention of parents, schools and the community.'

Police response

Detective Chief Inspector Brendon Cullen told *The Echo* that police are aware of a group of youths who have a collective title of South Golden Beach Boys.

'However, what police have observed is that this group of youths are little different from any other group of youths who congregate together socially.'

'The group is unorganised and lacks any lines of authority. The group does not display the characteristics of an unlawful gang as such. It would be false to label these youth as a crime gang.'

'Police in the local area are well aware of the youths that have been alleged to be causing trouble and have spoken a number of times to them and their parents.'

'There have been very few crime incidents reported to police attributable to these youth.'

'I am aware of one alleged assault, however; the victim to this day has refused to provide police with a statement.'

'This makes our job significantly more difficult as we can only take action for alleged crimes where those crimes are reported to us.'

'In most recent times, in particular Australia Day, police have interacted closely with these youths and their parents. There were no incidents reported to police.'

'We closely monitor anti-social and criminal behaviour in all areas of the Tweed Byron LAC including the Brunswick Heads, Mullum-

bimby and Byron areas.

'Very little has been reported to police in relation to youth violence in these areas.'

Support available

Parents have told *The Echo* they have learned the hard way not to host large gatherings for their teens' birthdays because OSB gang members have in the past showed up and 'punched on' – starting fights, intimidating and robbing others.

The Echo understands most of the boys' ages range between 15 and 18 and they no longer attend high school, but still live with their mums in the Ocean Shores/SGB areas.

Hopefully the community will alert the parents of these young men of the effect their children are having on others and offer them the help needed to change the destructive path these young adults are on.

Another established local program is Pathways To Manhood (www.pathwaysfoundation.com.au).

It's a contemporary, community-based rite of passage, where boys aged 13 to 15 years and their fathers (or a male mentor) camp in the bush for five days.

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Satan's good points?

While there's plenty to be alarmed about with Drumpf (which is his German ancestors' name), let's examine some of the positives. There must be something good, right?

- The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is dead, for now. For Australia, it was a 'dumb' deal, as explained by the Productivity Commission (www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/trade-agreements/report) and others.

- While Drumpf's vocabulary is limited to incoherent monosyllabic babble of fear and ego, larger words are now being used across the planet to help understand and describe him.

Narcissistic, pathological, sociopathic, misogynist and megalomaniac come to mind.

- Public knowledge of geopolitics will also continue to increase owing to his lack of geopolitical knowledge.

- Drumpf's head-on collision with fact and his denial of it (alt fact) will hopefully be thoroughly exhausted in his term making it harder for others to follow. Russian journalist Masha Gessen describes him as a five-year-old holding up another child's pencil case while the kid jumps up and down saying, 'give me back my pencil case!'

Drumpf's reply is: 'This is not a pencil case.'

- There were actually a few reasonable policy ideas on his website pre-election. Number one of his 100-point plan was imposing term limits on all members of Congress.'

Another was that for every new federal regulation, 'two existing regulations must be eliminated.' Others included a 'five-year ban on White House and Congressional officials becoming lobbyists after they leave government service; a lifetime ban on White House officials lobbying on behalf of a foreign government; a complete ban on foreign lobbyists raising money for American elections.'

- Drumpf appears to owe the presidency to no-one, which is unique except he stacked his cabinet with corporate financial raiders who seem to want to dismantle the departments they will lead.

- Those across the planet not aligned to racism and who want the earth's biodiversity and fragile atmosphere to remain intact have been activated. The illusion that Hillary Clinton would have been a better choice has all but vanished and the unfolding reality of a horrendously inept child-man trust-fund baby leading the world has seen town halls across the US packed.

- But a strategy is yet to emerge that will challenge him because he acts like this is reality TV and that's what he's good at. Once that strategy is achieved, entertainment-driven clowns like this will be prevented from holding power in the future. During the campaign, he treated the campaign like (fake) pro wrestling TV, whereas his opponents thought traditional boxing – with rules – would prevail.

While they and most of the media were wrong, it's apparent his vanity, hubris, lack of discipline, lack of sanity, lack of knowledge of anything but thuggery and autocratic proclivities will be his downfall.

If not that, it's likely he will just get bored with the job.

- It's a remarkable story of how one man's self-delusion and inherited wealth can threaten the planet.

- In the meantime, there's a new practical guide for resisting the Trump agenda (which is a useful tool to fight fascism in all its forms).

It's available at www.indivisibleguide.com/web and claims to be authored by former congressional staffers, who 'reveal best practices for making Congress listen.'

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Cory stumbles into the wilderness

In less exciting times, many in the Liberal Party – probably most – would have viewed the defection of Cory Bernardi with more relief than dismay. Understandably, they regard the South Australian senator as a royal (or at least monarchist) pain in the arse.

Apart from the nuttiness of his ideas, the man has been serially disruptive and distracting, regularly undermining and sniping at his leader, constantly demanding, hectoring and threatening to leave if he is not appeased (which, under the prime ministership of Malcolm Turnbull, has been the unvarying response).

Bernardi is not, to put it mildly, a team player. Few will regret the fact that he has jumped off the boat. Good riddance.

And in practical terms, it will make little difference to the tangled web of government. Another maverick in the senate is several more than Turnbull would like, but as long as Bernardi does what he has always done – support the government on everything that matters, which, given Turnbull's threadbare and increasingly conservative agenda will likely be the case – there will be no more problems than there would already be, which means plenty.

Bernardi would only become a crisis point if he is to be joined by others, but there is no sign of that: the most likely prospect in the lower house, the far-north, far-right populist National Queenslander George Christensen has made it clear that he is not going to play second fiddle to a South Australian ex-neo Liberal, and why would he? Christensen is comfortably ensconced in the waiting room, anticipating the next National Party ministerial vacancy. And, like Bernardi, he can apparently

get just about anything he wants from the leadership anyway.

And although Bernardi has nearly five and a half years to lounge on the red leather seats of the crossbench, it is hard to see what he can do to enlarge his Australian Conservative Movement – it is not yet, and may never be, a party. South Australia is a very crowded piece of political real estate: Nick Xenophon has corralled most, if not all, of the Croweater protest vote, and if there is any room on the fringe, Pauline Hanson is pawing at the ground.

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by Mungo MacCallum



Bernardi's brand of conservatism is not the same as either Xenophon's or Hanson's, but it is, if anything, less appealing: while they espouse nationalism, including protectionism, Bernardi is a hardline free-enterpriser.

He may pick up a few aliens from beyond the lunar right, but it is hard to see anything approaching serious support.

And as for his vision of turning his obsessions into a national movement – well, good luck with that. Given the gridlock of independents vying for senate positions, Bernardi's disciples would be trampled in the crush – unless, of course, he can bite Gina Rinehart, as the rumours have suggested. As Clive Palmer and Malcolm Turnbull can attest, even if you can't buy an election, you can pay for a sizeable chunk of votes. So although Bernardi's crusade cannot be dismissed out of hand, it should not cause a stable government to stay awake at nights.

But, as we said at the start, this would be the case in less exciting times. Malcolm Turnbull's is not a stable government; it clings on to a one-seat majority in the House of Representatives and a minority in the senate. This does not mean that it is in imminent danger of defeat, but it does mean that a split, however trivial, is a real threat to its internal structure: the schism has been laid bare, the pretence of unity is shattered. And more importantly, Turnbull's own authority, such as it is, has been weakened.

more in the mould of Mark Latham's conga line of suck-holes. This was no-holds-barred stuff, kicking, biting and gouging – a parliamentary cage fight. The message was that Shorten was an upstart, a parvenu who had no business moving in the same exalted circles that Turnbull inhabited as a right.

This was a trifle confusing: wasn't moving higher up the ladder of opportunity and ambition the highest ideal to which Australians could aspire? If not, what was the point of it all? Was Turnbull saying that Shorten and his like should stay in their places, that class and caste were divinely ordained? The rich man at his castle, the poor man at his gate, God made them high and lowly, he ordered their estate, as the old hymn reminds us?

But of course logic had absolutely nothing to do with it; it was all about aggro, and the government troops and their media supporters roared their lusty approval. And there was no doubt that it was a memorable performance. But – and it's a big but – it will probably not help Turnbull with the next Newspoll, where the coalition is now trailing by a dismal eight points.

All the evidence is that while parliamentary brawling may gee up the troops and can be a somewhat guilty pleasure for the masses, in the end the voters are not impressed: they would actually prefer a bit more gravitas, and (dare one say it?) a vision for the future. The great parliamentary brawlers, Keating, Latham and Abbott, all gained a sugar hit in the short term, but in the end they were resented and discarded.

But perhaps Malcolm Turnbull is simply taking his cue from Cory Bernardi – who cares about the bloody voters, it's all about me, me, me.



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Suffolk Park plans

The Suffolk Park community came together in an impressive show of unity in November last year to protest the sale of their last remaining open space and sportsfield. Collectively they took on the education department and won. Now, through the council, they own this land.

That was a great start. Now the Suffolk Park Progress Association wants to gather the community's ideas for the future development of their newly acquired parkland.

The SPPA is holding its annual community budget planning meetings on February 21 to develop recommendations to present to Council for allocation of Section 94 funds in the financial year 2017-18. There will be two meetings, the first at 10am at the Suffolk Park pub and the second at 7pm at the Suffolk

Park community hall. Both meetings should last approximately one hour. Coogera Preschool is also coordinating a meeting time for young Suffolk families to have their say.

Last year more than 160 community members attended these meetings to help develop the plan for the future of the village.

If a community wants to create and control its future it needs to get involved and speak up. SPPA urges people not to stand back and complain but to come to one of the public meetings and help shape the future of their community.

Donald Maughan
President, Suffolk Park Progress Association

Shark insight

Matthew Long is correct (Letters, February 8) – sharks are

repulsed by bony white English arses. I was told this telepathically by a hammerhead.

Steve Edmonds
Mullumbimby

Hospital blues

It was disturbing to read of Sue Harrison's shabby treatment at Byron hospital owing to lack of staff on duty (Echo, February 8). It's not staff's fault. We were promised the world with our new hospital by Northern Rivers Health chief Chris Crawford, who rode over local opposition with his 'Big is Best' grand plans, then retired on a golden-handshake super to join his wife on her six-digit state parliamentary income plus perks as our MLC.

All courtesy of us the mug taxpayers. Leaving our fast-growing community a hospital with no theatre, no helipad, unable to guarantee

local new mums a bed for delivery in the new maternity wing. Not even able to afford to have on hand any deadly-snake antivenin. Or staff trained in how to use it.

Two weeks ago, friend George Kyprianou, a fit firefighter from Brunz, was bitten by a baby tiger snake on our Wilsons Creek property while helping me put away the chooks. After 20 minutes he knew something was wrong as his breathing and heart pace quickened and he broke out into a sweat.

His wife drove him straight to Byron hospital where he was immediately put onto the machines and monitored. After six hours George was transferred by ambulance to the Tweed at 3am. No poisonous snake antivenin at Byron, he was told.

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Planning Act changes – March 31

Who has the most influence when it comes to shaping society? Planning. The NSW planning department are overhauling the Planning Act with six big changes – and three missed opportunities, according to independent not-for-profit community legal centre EDO.

The community has until March 31 to comment on the changes, which are available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Legislative-Updates.

In short, the EDO say, 'firstly, the updated objects make no reference to climate change responses or reducing greenhouse gas emissions.'

'Second, there is no general power to keep consent conditions up-to-date with modern standards. Third, the disparity between developer and community rights to merit appeals has not been addressed, and appeal rights continue to be curtailed.'

Like the recently controversial biodiversity overhaul, these are major complex changes and require legal comprehension.

It is similar to a 'shock event', which is a political strategy to overwhelm the public with information so they are easier to control and divide.

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CHES by Ian Rogers

The death of Dutch billionaire Joop van Oosterom, announced this week four months after he lost his long battle with illness, allows the chess world to speak openly of one of its dirty secrets.

To the general public, van Oosterom was the generous sponsor of the annual Melody Amber tournament which invited some of the world's top players to entertain van Oosterom by playing rapid and blindfold chess in lavish surroundings in his adopted tax haven of Monaco.

Van Oosterom was for many years the top ranked correspondence chess player in the world, twice World Correspondence Champion and sponsor of a number of elite correspondence tournaments.

It was van Oosterom's use of his wealth to win those correspondence laurels which could not be spoken of publicly until now.

Van Oosterom hired two of the Netherlands' most hard-working International Masters to work full time on his correspondence games. The IMs, using computers and their own analytical skills,

passed on the brilliant moves they had discovered to van Oosterom, who then used them to win two World Championship titles.

Van Oosterom's use of a team to win the world correspondence title does have historical precedent, with the first World Correspondence Champion, Australia's Cecil Purdy, alleging that in the 1960s top correspondence Grandmasters from the Soviet Union enjoyed help from other Soviet players.

However, there is an ethical chasm between having your friends take a look at your position from a correspondence game and paying players to (effectively) play the games for you.

Certainly van Oosterom was a big fan of the game, sponsoring chess clubs and also supporting the 'Youth versus Experience' tournaments in Amsterdam which blooded future stars such as Nakamura, Caruana and Hou Yifan.

How van Oosterom will be viewed in decades to come is hard to say but in the opinion of Veselin Topalov, 'he gave the chess world a lot more than he received from it.'

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. – W B Yeats

Struggling to keep Bangalow special

■ At the proposed stage 1 \$24 million, 21,400m² food hub at Bangalow the principal activities will include 'live-stock processing', commonly known as an abattoir and associated facilities and activities including the lairage, slaughter, boning, value adding (retail ready/smallgoods processing, etc), chiller and freezer areas, distribution facility. Other businesses will be a restaurant (steak, anybody?), food tourism, training facility, local produce, etc.

Bangalow residents in the western section of the village need to be aware that abattoirs give off smells (google it) including manure/urine smells as well as a stench derived from blood and guts, wastewater, etc which will affect the western section of the village on a regular basis – affecting their amenity, real estate values and quality of life.

There will be noise from

the cattle/pig trucks and the lairage. Bangalow as a tourism town will be affected as the village is considered to be 'on the nose'.

Considering that livestock production on the coast has been in decline for many years now owing to the proliferation of plantations, this means this location would be less than desirable for a major abattoir. The expectation that the majority of workers will travel from Lismore, Casino and Kyogle (for a round trip of 70–130 kilometres a day) would also indicate that this location is not a good business decision. This development is also only 500 metres west of Bangalow village, and the lower section of the site is flood-affected.

Stephen Welstead
Coopers Shoot

■ Bangalow is a very special place, at least those of

us lucky enough to live here think so. It is frightening to hear of what is happening in other areas of our Shire: the overload of tourists, the trashing of national parks and beaches and the huge increase of traffic, destroying residents' amenity.

I think it is too soon to say that Council wants the proposed rural-industrial development close to Bangalow on the Lismore Road to go ahead – it is still being assessed by consultants – but Ean Jones aptly described what this DA proposes in last week's letters and there is no doubt that, if the development were approved, it would totally change Bangalow and turn living here into a nightmare of traffic and tourists.

The people of Bangalow don't want this; we value what we have and welcome developments which complement and add to the charac-

ter of the village. Our visitors feel the same way as shown in a survey carried out not long ago. The argument that the proposal would provide jobs probably contains some truth but the DA tells us that employees are expected to come from Lismore and beyond and those currently employed in the various businesses involved would expect to be retained.

One of the worst aspects of this proposal is the loss of good farming land. We have an industrial estate across the road from where the DA is located and there is plenty of room there for a smaller, more appropriate development. Good farming land should not be taken over by huge sheds and a massive car-park; we need our prime agricultural land and will need it even more in the future.

Jenny Coman
Bangalow

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'Too expensive' and it has a short shelf life. Cost of the antivenin? \$300.

In our old hospital in Mullum, much quicker reached than Byron now, antivenin was on hand because we are surrounded by snake territory. When a child dies from a bite from a deadly brown, a Clarence roughscale or tiger snake, will State Health then allow Byron hospital to stock the antivenin?

David Bradbury
Wilson's Creek

Solar train hopes

I had a meeting with Jeremy Holmes of the Byron Train and Elements last week. As far as I can remember the details, he told me that the train running from Bayshore Drive to the platform behind Simmo's in town would be an

electric train. Meaning it will have solar-charged batteries running the two electric motors in the train. The remaining single diesel engine would be used for emergencies only.

He said that the train will be electric from the beginning. Which is counter to the 2015 plan to have two diesel engines running it. I consider that, with the effective action from the Byron community to pressure for the conversion from diesel to electric, this train will now be of some benefit to Byron.

The project was launched in 2014 as a 'solar train.' In 2015 the train was reconditioned as a diesel.

In 2016 it was to be a diesel with the possibility of electric conversion in vague terms. It is highly satisfactory to me that if Byron is to

have a train in 2017 that it is as 'green' as possible and as least polluting as possible in terms of noise and exhausts.

Jeremy told me that the excess solar electricity from the shed and platform will be fed via the grid to Enova and when the days are without sun they will take the electricity from the grid from Enova to charge the batteries. The train will just need half an hour to get a substantial recharge after four to six trips.

He said that the frequency of the train would be to serve passengers probably two return trips an hour 8–9am and 5–6pm, less in the remaining times. And probably not run after 6pm in the off season.

On days like the Writers Festival it would be more frequent, which I think would

hopefully stop the Bayshore Drive traffic jams and the associated parking problems.

I sincerely hope that this system is the one that is fully implemented and which will put Byron – indeed Australia – on the map with the first solar-charged, battery-supplied-electric motors in an electric train in the world.

Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Holiday-letting law

Matthew Hartley (Letters, February 8) provokes me to come to the defence of our mayor, Simon Richardson, and his legal adviser.

Firstly, it was asserted by a contributor a fortnight ago that holiday letting was likely prohibited within an R2 Zone because 'commercial premises' appears in the LEP

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What happened to a fair go?

Story & image S Sorrenson

Societies have always been built on beliefs.

The Maoris believed in tattoos and tapu. Aboriginal people believed in maintaining country. Egyptians believed in Isis (the goddess, not the thug club). The British believed in their superior civilisation (as did the Romans, who borrowed much of that from the Greeks). The French believed in liberty, equality and fraternity (after they'd believed in servitude, noble privilege and the king). Americans believed in the American dream. Indians believed in a thousand gods. Jews, Muslims and Christians believed in one god – the same one.

A shared belief is what binds members of a society together. If you and I believe the same thing, we are a society. If a thousand of us believe in the same values, we can live together. If we don't, we can't, no matter how many police, warriors, soldiers or sheriffs try to maintain social cohesion. We probably couldn't even get a census together.

We don't need to have all our beliefs the same, but a shared core belief is essential. When that belief is shattered, then society can start counting its days.

The 500 nations of Aboriginal Australia believed in maintaining country – 500 nations, with different languages and customs, shared a belief in country wherein were the stories, creation and culture. (And still are.)



White Australia does not believe in maintaining country. We never felt like we belonged to the land (because it didn't belong to us). We didn't believe in country (we believed in the 'old country'), but, born from convicts and immigrants and in a difficult strange land, we found a new core belief: a fair go. (Unless you were Aboriginal.)

I am not a patriot. I don't stick an Aussie flag on my car on Australia Day (or reindeer antlers at Christmas). I think the national anthem is awful. I think that if Gallipoli was the making of the Australian spirit and Ned Kelly a national hero, then we are condemned to being losers forever.

But I am Australian because I share a belief in 'fair go for all' with my fellow Australians. Or at least that's what I thought.

Apparently, my belief in a fair go is not shared by the

rulers of this country. The atrocities that are happening to refugees on Nauru – people seeking shelter from a breakdown of their society; a breakdown in which Australia has often been complicit – and the abuses in Australian juvenile detention centres make me wonder: What happened to a fair go?

Apart from its popularity in the Orwellian speeches of politicians, the socialism of 'fair go' is being replaced with the capitalism of 'me first'. Empathy is replaced by expediency, mercy by money.

When a government actively supports climate change, grows income inequality and degrades country, one has to ask, what's next?

I tell you what: child abuse.

The children on Nauru are Australia's responsibility and they're being abused. The children in Australian detention centres are Australia's responsibility and they're be-

ing abused. The government knew about this for ages but, hey, it had a business to run.

It's convenient for me to blame the government. Unfortunately, we are all involved. How can I sip coffee, munch on a wholemeal savoury muffin and discuss Australia's medal tally when children in Australia's care are being abused? It's weird.

So, what is the Australian shared belief now? A toilet for every bedroom? Another gold medal in Rio? Faster internet downloads? A tax cut? Me, I still believe in a fair go for all. But, I see it's not a shared belief. Oh dear.

Every society has its day, I reckon. The American dream turns to nightmare; the French liberté turns to martial law; and child abuse is the Aussie way. Oi oi oi.

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Zone Table as a prohibited use. In my view it doesn't necessarily follow that a business activity undertaken within a residential zone makes the subject premises 'commercial premises'.

A number of business activities are permissible within an R2 Zone, like B&B establishments, boarding houses, home occupations and home industries. 'Commercial premises' are shops, offices and business establishments.

Secondly, it was rather

tartly asserted by Matthew Hartley a week ago that 'tourist and visitor accommodation' was prohibited in an R2 Zone, and so it is, but does that exclude renting out part or all of one's home? I'm not persuaded that it does. I suggest that 'tourist and visitor accommodation' is accommodation provided by hotels, motels, backpacker establishments, and the like.

Understanding planning law is challenging, as those practising in this area would attest. I respectfully suggest that wannabe planning law-

yers thoroughly research their case before shooting off at the mouth.

Syd Craythorn
Byron Bay

Grandstanding

Why is your letters section always dominated by Gareth W R Smith and Fast Bucks in practically every edition? Whether one agrees or disagrees with their views the fact they are printed so often makes one question the views of the paper. Many of the residents of Byron Shire are Israeli or Jewish and usu-

ally the letters are racially targeting Israelis as well as outrageously anti-Semitic.

And don't forget the van of said Smith. Funny, Byron Shire banned Wicked Vans for inappropriate signage yet this disgusting van drives freely through Byron. Not what I would think a council would encourage

How in all honesty can you keep publishing these letters and letting your paper be used as a grandstanding platform week after week? How can the council justify letting Smith drive his van in

the Shire? It is just as disgusting as the slogans that were on the Wicked Vans.

And don't quote to me about free speech in newspapers or freedom of demonstration. This is not about free speech; this is about what could be seen as 'mates rates'. Are there no other contributors who write letters? Wonder why? Are they totally sick and tired as I am of knowing that the letters division of the paper will be dominated by these two?

Fellow readers, how would you feel if your birth country or religion was under attack week after week in the local paper? And that your local council would allow a van denigrating your race and religion to be driven around where you live?

S Kleiman
Ocean Shores

■ While their presence is substantial, Messrs Bucks and Smith hardly dominate the pages – 15.3 per cent of all letters published last week, 11.7 per cent the week before and five per cent this week. Anyone is welcome to defend Israel in these pages, as Vic Alhadeff of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies regularly does. Anyone with a serious complaint about what *The Echo* publishes can contact the Australian Press Council (presscouncil.org.au/complaints) or the Australian Human Rights Commission (humanrights.gov.au/complaint-information) – Ed

A bed tax

I have no objection to the bed tax that is being suggested by Paul Spooner et al; in fact I think it is an excellent idea. However, to equate holiday letting to a commercial activity, as some suggest, is a long bow to draw.

Perhaps a registration fee for holiday lets is do-able as suggested by Michael Lyon but a distinction must be made between those who rent a room in their own residence (which is on average only one day/week) and those who rent the whole house. Also, renting out a room does not affect the long-term rental market at all and guests are well behaved owing to the fact the owner is present.

The other thing that seems to be forgotten is the amount of money that is brought into the Shire by people staying overnight. Tourists do bring benefits as well as problems!

Ruth Dare
Bangalow

Rates uses

So, pending IPART approval, Byron Shire rates will be

increased by seven per cent cumulatively compounding over three years. This figure will likely end higher as valuations used for rating purpose will surely rise over this time. Real estate prices are continuing to go up and the Valuer-General is not afraid to let this be reflected in yearly valuation changes. This means rates in four years time will increase by more than 33.5 per cent.

An easier way to swallow this would be to allocate the extra monies received straight into a road/infrastructure fund, the sole purpose of which would be to maintain existing roads, paths and cycle ways. The exact amount contributed should be displayed on the rates notices. I dread the thought of these increases going straight into general revenue, only for them to be mismanaged again.

Timo Sadler
Coopers Shoot

Palestine woes

Further to my admission last week that I'd never heard of Resolution 181 of the United Nations that 'created Israel', I now know why: Zionists seldom mention said resolution because it also purported to create a parallel Palestinian state. Everybody knows that while Israel has thrived, there is still no Palestinian state in sight. Now why is that?

I don't know how many times over the past 40-odd years I've heard the Zionists come up with the following trumpism: 'We are prepared to discuss an end to the violence, but before talks can take place the Palestinians must first end the violence.' Many Zionists no way want a Palestinian state; every time talks have commenced it's been the Zionists who have sabotaged them.

Also there is a strain of thought in Israel that 'Palestinians' are a fake entity of convenience – despite those peoples being well mentioned in the Old Testament (as Philistines). Some early Zionists actually proposed grabbing all the land up to the Euphrates, large parts of which are currently Syria, Egypt and Jordan.

Lebensraum anyone?
Fast Bucks
Coorabell

Church follies

After summarising the Catholic Church's child abuse and cover-up record, Hans Lovejoy's editorial asks, 'So what does the Catholic Church say
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Minimising risks of elder abuse

Aslan Shand

Megan Haines was sentenced to 36 years in jail for killing two patients in a Ballina nursing home in December last year. They were two of three people who had brought complaints against Haines regarding rough treatment, rude remarks and an unwillingness to help. She injected both patients with lethal doses of insulin.



Age, disability and mental health can make people vulnerable to abuse at the hands of family members, friends, carers and others they trust. A recent discussion paper on elder abuse released in December 2016 by the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRFC) identified common areas of abuse as 'psychological or emotional abuse, financial abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse'. Unnecessary sedation is referred to as chemical abuse.

Creating a safe environment in the home and community for older people has to address a number of areas, including laws that can be used to protect the elderly and greater awareness of elder abuse that is perpetrated by family and friends.

In the home

Families and friends are key to the wellbeing of older people and provide a significant amount of aged care, from children looking after their parents to neighbours and friends keeping an eye out for each other as they age.

The most common type of elder abuse is financial abuse and can come in a variety of forms. The term 'inheritance abuse' has been coined to describe children who want their inheritance before their parents die. Family, friends and neighbours can force older people to change their wills through guilt, emotional pressure or direct threats to leave their houses and money to them. People whom the older person trusts and have given power of attorney or

guardianship to – this can include control of their finances and lifestyle choices, particularly if they are suffering from memory loss or other debilitating conditions – can potentially use these powers to take advantage of the older persons' money and assets.

The ALRC have identified a number of actions to reduce elder abuse.

Families often bear the brunt of care for older people and arrangements are commonly made where children agree to look after parents if the parents will sign over houses and money to the children to help with the costs; this is called an assets-for-care arrangement. Often there are no written agreements in these set-ups and if things go wrong elderly people can be left with nothing. Creating a written record of both the financial and care expectations of everyone involved is a key way to avoid this type of abuse.

Setting up tribunals that can resolve family disputes in assets-for-care arrangements has been proposed so that families don't have to go through formal court proceedings to resolve disagreements.

Consistency

Creating consistent laws across the country would reduce confusion for older people, their families and carers as well as ensuring people are no longer able to skip states to avoid prosecution. 'We have members who work across state borders and who find differences between state legislation and processes

widen the risk of abuse,' said Helen Macukewicz from the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA).

National registers

There is also the recommendation to set up national registers for:

1. People working in aged care. This would record criminal history and log disciplinary and complaint actions that have been taken against people working in aged care. This will assist in stopping workers and volunteers being able to move between states and territories committing further abuse.

However, the increasing drive towards privatisation of care for the elderly is seeing an increase in workers who are independent contractors in the home and flexible care area. The NSWNMA points out that they are not covered by any regulations and that this needs to be addressed by ALRC's report and recommendations.

2. Registering enduring documents and court and tribunal orders of guardians and financial administrators. This would help banks and other institutions confirm that those taking control of older peoples' finances and affairs have the right to do so.

3. Identifying people and organisations that can identify possible elder abuse.

For example, Centrelink has regular contact with many older people and could play a significant role in identifying elder abuse. However, the report also identified Centrelink strategies that place debt recovery of potential overpayments to older people as a higher priority than their welfare, potentially compounding elder abuse.

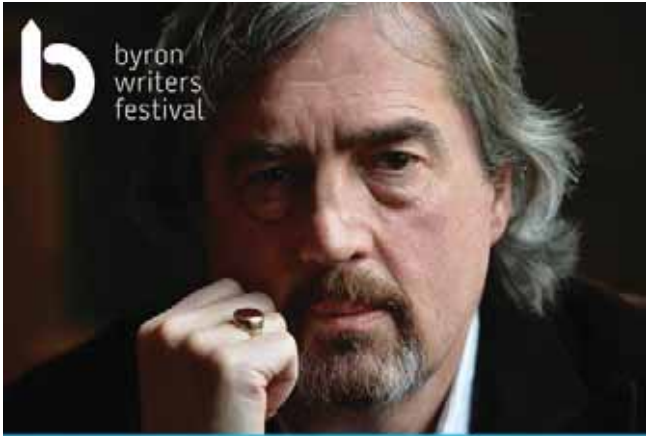
For many people in the aged-care system it is often a matter of weighing up the possible risks of complaining about staff and management in what is inevitably a vulnerable situation for the older person. If people are receiving any type of government-funded care service, including care in the home, they can take concerns and complaints to the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, who is able to launch an investigation.

However, if you are in a private service such as a retirement home you 'should contact their state or territory government. In New South Wales, the relevant body is Fair Trading (<http://bit.ly/FTretire>), according to the office of the aged care commissioner.

The discussion paper highlights a wide range of issues and provides some possible solutions, but the ALRC often shied away from the more expansive approach that has been taken in countries such as Canada.

The report often deferred to existing law in areas such as fraud and criminal justice while acknowledging that these laws have been little used in the past in relation to elder abuse.

■ A copy of the report is available at <http://bit.ly/elderdoc>. Comments and feedback need to be submitted by February 27.



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NORTHERN RIVERS & THE GOLD COAST

► continued from page 12 about this?' (*Echo*, February 8). More to the point, what does this say about the Catholic Church?

The Church's business model has always been to recruit immature, gullible young men to its clerical 'vocations'.

Before any chance to mature sexually, let alone socially or intellectually, they are required to take a life-long vow of celibacy.

This unnatural absurdity alone keeps them frozen in adolescence. Meanwhile, they see their former peers developing relationships and

maturing into adult life. They must suffer excruciating cognitive and emotional dissonance.

Suppressed resentment and rage would hack a short path from Why? to Why not? And it is powerfully in the interests of the organisation to aid and abet its perpetrators, since it bred them in the first place.

Since the Enlightenment and the rise of science, it has been nigh impossible for an educated mind to buy the archaic product the churches sell.

The metaphysical propositions at religion's core are

simply silly – a good 'god' who loves you, heaven, life after death. Not a scrap of evidence for any of it. Doubt must tear at the sanity and stability of many clergy even while they promote and serve the hoax they are trapped in.

Time, as Hans concludes, to 'dissolve the Catholic Church' – and the rest. They are way past their use-by date: little wonder they stink of corruption.

Their assets came from the people through the state. Now their schools and hospitals should be taken back by government as public assets. Alas, as the attendance of

Turnbull, Shorten and many others at a Catholic mass to open Parliament shows, it will not happen – yet.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

New blood needed

Whisky, Tango Foxtrot – name of a recent-release movie definitely worth watching. More importantly though is my response – if you get the meaning – to the recent Byron Shire Council's pleading and threats aimed at the ratepayers.

To paraphrase, 'Please agree to paying higher rates than approved by state government or else Council will go broke.' Financially unmanageable, they said.

So to be clear, Council is asking the ratepayers to provide them with more funds so the same level of performance can continue. However, this has led to the present poor state of affairs in this Shire. Not at any time have ideas been brought forward which have had any success in tackling issues facing residents. Oh yes, there is one: the extra lane past Simmo's has made a difference to the congestion into Byron Bay and I am ever so grateful for that.

What is required is an injection of new blood to

bring ideas and expertise in the management and future planning of this town. To whoever stamped the DA for the two holiday complexes near the Belongil turnoff – I can guarantee that over the next peak period the cars from those guests will cause a gridlock in Byron. So thanks for that bit of town-planning expertise.

The solution to the traffic congestion is not a bypass and the poor financial affairs will not be solved by a rate rise. How about utilising some of the Shire's assets and increasing their profitability?

For example, the Tyagarah airfield from which Sky Dive Australia fly their numerous small aircraft over the Shire. I am sure they run a very profitable business, unlike Council, which I believe collects a laughable \$36K per annum from this prime asset. It probably costs Council double that to administer it.

Ah, bureaucracy at work and our rate dollars being used to their fine potential. If the arms dealers performed like this there would be no war.

So perhaps there will be no Byron Shire Council soon. 'Amalgamation', they call it.

Susana Gardavsky
Mullumbimby

Bad smells

Some things stick around like a bad smell, such as the experience that is walking down the south wall in Brunswick Heads these days. Every third rock is covered with blood and fish guts.

Instead of sitting around enjoying the view and pondering life, we turn around, a bit traumatised, pondering death and wondering how this place became so grotty.

It's getting worse and it's not the local fishermen. Those guys are lovely. They're a part of the scenery. It only became noticeable over the peak psychotic season that has just passed.

Perhaps a sign here and there and a fine for being unthoughtful might be enough to remind people how to respect the place that they're visiting.

Brunswick is amazing but it's being damaged by the constant influx of people with their crown chakras stuck up their base chakras. Maybe we need a sign for that, too.

Sheri Hutchings
Brunswick Heads

Upgrading perils

When you change the roads, you change the places they go to. I think a lot of people

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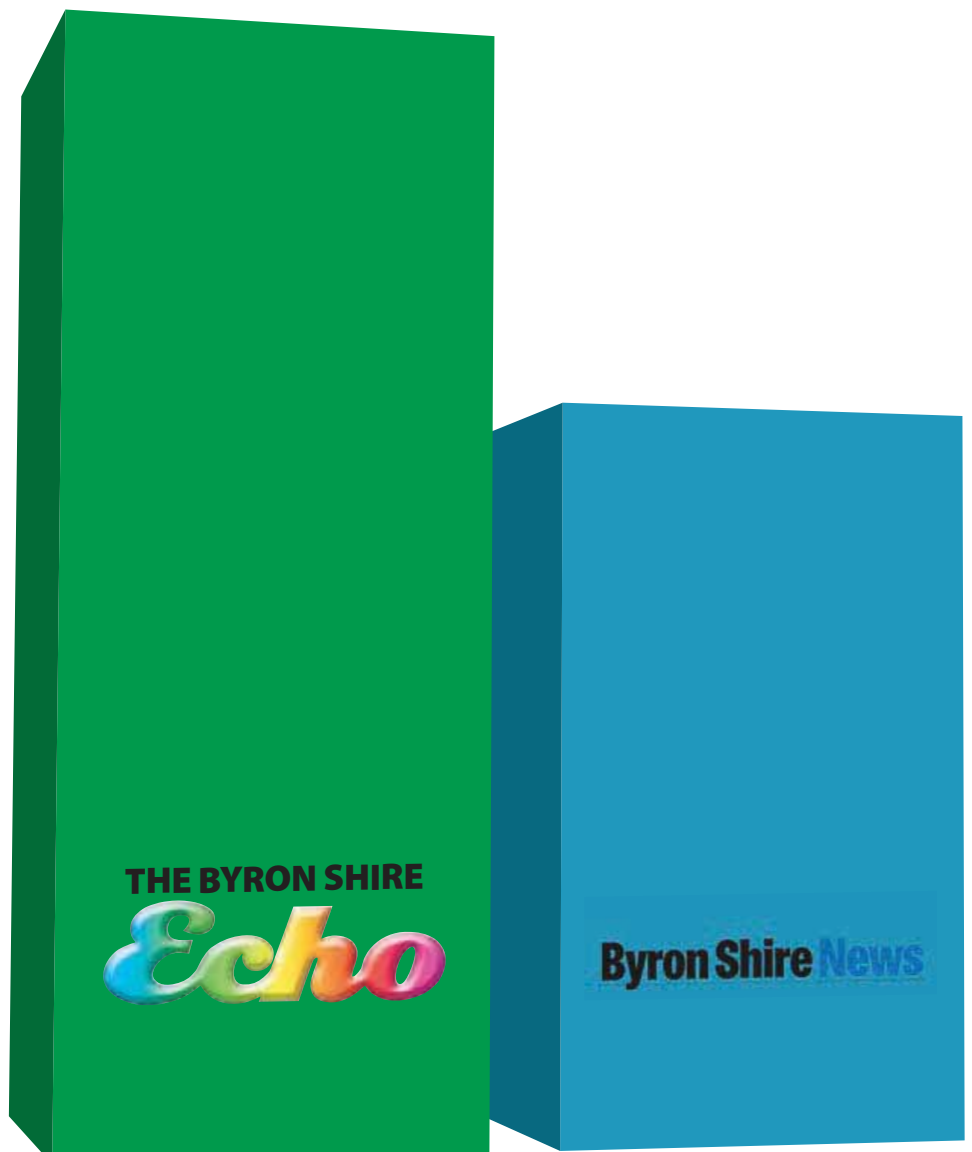
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Helping children to be humans rather than machines

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The reality of a lot of high school education is that children are pushed to use the reasoning part of the brain when the relevant neural pathways for reason are still not fully developed.

The educational philosophy of a technocratic society is that it is this push that stimulates the joining of these neural pathways. It is the civilised conception that nature is inadequate or incomplete and it is thanks to modern education that this insufficiency of nature can be overcome.

An alternative to the technocratic view is that, provided humans have had a reasonable human upbringing, the neural pathways concerned with reason will automatically complete at adulthood. This point of view, following the work of neuropsychologist Allan Schore, accepts that, if children are exceptionally stressed, there is less likelihood of their neural pathways connecting to the prefrontal cortex where reason is accessed. Instead the brain will put greater energy into



Robot children from the 2001 film *Spy Kids*. Image spykidsmovie.net

connecting neural pathways to the older, reptilian part, the part associated with fight and flight.

It is possible to see here that NAPLAN testing or indeed any testing that adds to a child's stress is not facilitating an educated (as in reasoning) humankind, but one more inclined to fear. Conveniently for capitalism, a fearful society consumes exceptionally.

The technocratic society currently is engaged in

redoubling effort towards maths and science because these stimulate the production of technologies. Ironically, this is done without science being able to rule that the side effects of all technologies are not killing the planet.

Part of the questions asked in regard to maths, according to the *Newcastle Herald* (6/12/16), are 'When will I ever use this stuff?' or 'How will maths help me later in life?'

Lecturer in mathematics education at Griffith University, Kevin Larkin, answers these questions in the *Herald* mostly in terms of maths aiding in the prediction of future events. As an example Kevin suggests maths can assist in solving 'puzzles to assist the heroine unlock the next level in the latest video game'.

However, it is doubtful that children should be encouraged to play with video games rather than go outside

and play, or relate personally, rather than technologically, to someone else.

Moreover, enquiring children need to know that most of them are walked through the comparative uselessness of secondary-school maths in order to find the relatively few mathematical prodigies who will further the work of Lockheed Martin, NASA or what is oxymoronically called technological progress.

Kevin reasonably points out that most occupations use maths. Nevertheless, most occupations only require primary school maths.

The above argument is not maths nihilism. Mathematics, like science, will always be of use to humans.

However, like everything on the planet, it presents a darker side when in excess, when devoid of balance. Currently, Australian society is out of balance in insisting maths needs to be the interest of every child. This way, in line with a machine-dependent culture, is toward homogenising children's talents and abilities to make them more conveniently a cog. It is the opposite of educating children by acting as

midwife to what they bring to the world, the opposite of the Latin root of the word *education*, *educere*, which means 'to lead out'.

Not facilitating each child's abilities, talents and yearnings is a complete waste of talent, a complete waste of an emerging resource, a complete waste of time. The waste of time can be seen in some high schools offering a Higher School Certificate alongside barista, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Responsible Gambling Services courses.

This is the contradiction of high school and the requirements of a technocratic society. Children are exceptionally stimulated to the reasoning part of the brain, and are then expected to be content with comparatively brainless occupations as though they should be machines rather than human.

■ There is an interesting interview with Dr Allan Schore at <http://bit.ly/schorekids>. Some scientists dispute the notion of a 'left brain' and 'right brain': yourbrainhealth.com.au/left-brain-right-brain-myth.

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SGB meeting on NBP plans: both heat and light

■ On Saturday February 4 I attended a meeting at South Golden Beach 'community' hall regarding North Byron Parklands' application for permanency. My brother-in-law came with me. We have both recently purchased homes at South Golden Beach.

I am also employed by North Byron Parklands as a groundsman – not a political lobbyist, not a strategist of any kind, a groundsman.

After a short time, anyone who profits from NBP, or any of the events held there, was asked to raise their hand and consequently asked to leave. So I had to go, and my brother-in-law came with me, even though I had received an invitation to the meeting and I am a property owner and pay rates.

I have since been informed

that a number of the people at that meeting, including some of those who called for me to be thrown out, don't actually live in or own property in South Golden Beach. They were allowed to stay, yet I wasn't? And this happened in the presence of a number of Byron Shire Council members who remained silent.

The thing that really struck me was the hostile and very aggressive manner in which the meeting was conducted. There was something incredibly ugly about it all and I'm now very glad that I didn't take my children along as I was truly shocked by the way some of the people in that room behaved.

I'm not sure what happened after we were asked to leave but I can only imagine that there were calls to 'build a wall and make NBP pay for

it' and 'make SGB great again.' Sound familiar?

Stephen Nuske
South Golden Beach

■ I'm disgusted at the misinformation that is being circulated in letters from the employees of North Byron Parklands who were at the meeting at South Golden Beach Hall. To set the record straight:

SGB Community Association hosted the day, but residents outside of the village of SGB were welcome. This event invitation was sent to all councillors and the mayor and was posted on several Facebook sites. An experienced facilitator was there to make sure the meeting ran in a smooth and orderly way. The hall was packed to capacity with concerned residents. Approximately five

NBP employees turned up.

One of the speakers refused to speak in front of NBP, and others were also concerned about their presence, but some wanted to ask GM Mat Morris questions, and the group agreed to that.

When Mr Morris first spoke, he first complimented the presenters on having given an accurate and balanced presentation of the facts of the latest Parklands proposal. His response to questions then turned into a presentation about Parklands, and the group felt they had heard enough at that point.

When people had no more questions for Mat Morris, the moderator asked if the group wanted the Parklands people to stay, and the overwhelming majority voted that the Parklands employees should leave.

The moderator noted that

Parklands was holding its own meeting the following weekend and asked Mr Morris if the people in the room could come to that. Mr Morris said that invitations had been sent to a small number of people but that anyone in the room was welcome to come.

The Parklands employees left the meeting at that point. Two of the Parklands employees were very disturbed by being asked to leave and later claimed in a local paper that they had been mistreated. They did not seem to appreciate that the group simply wanted to speak freely, without Parklands employees in the room and without having to listen to the Parklands GM make presentations.

After the Parklands employees left, the rest of the meeting was devoted to sharing the information that has

been made public about the Parklands development and their aspirations for future growth. People also shared the impacts they had experienced because of the festivals. At the end, many people expressed great appreciation for being better informed because of the meeting.

What is clear is that this development is quite controversial and is arousing emotions among the many people who are most affected by it. That some of these people are just now learning what Parklands is planning to do is very unfortunate, but it indicates that Parklands has not done nearly as good a job of community outreach as they claim they have been doing.

Kathy Norley
President, South Golden Beach Community Association

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don't realise this.

In my recent trip to Broken Head, I noticed the council had 'upgraded' the road by sealing it part way. (I quote the word 'upgraded' from their latest Council newsletter.) I was not surprised to

find the parking areas for the beaches were full, with many people parking (illegally) along the road. Not long ago, these beaches were little used and delightful.

It's rather similar to the situation of the highway from the Gold Coast to By-

ron. It used to take two hours on winding hills to get here. Now the Gold Coasters make the trip in less than an hour, which means they can easily come for a day.

The result is our little town is inundated. Is this also an 'upgrade'?

Places are worth getting to in proportion to how hard it is to get there. There's another aphorism for you. I think a lot of people don't realise this one either.

I'm just a little worried that if we keep getting 'upgraded', eventually there may not be any fun left at all – not for us locals anyway.

Charles MacFarland
Ewingsdale

inspectors having to enforce various legislations when necessary – further costs to the community.

Ratepayers want transparency (and to be listened to) and so far we haven't seen any. Answers please ASAP, councillors, state and local members.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

Barrow-pushing

In reference to dear Dorothy Mullin's letter cheering the council for electing to raise the rates (*Echo*, February 8). Well, hooray for her. As she said, the council didn't 'bend in the wind to the populist whims of Facebook and letter-writing bullies'.

Well, we know who the bullies are now, people who don't respect those with different views.

Views of those who I know really haven't got their 'heads in the sand' (just stuck in the Shire's potholes!) who honestly know that the real problem is a council that continues to have financial mismanagement, no matter how much they raise the rates.

This mooted rise also won't necessarily 'assure Byron has a future'. She's just been listening to the mayor's squeaky barrow that he keeps pushing till he gets his way.

John Jones
South Golden Beach

Fake energy news

After a crazy round of insulting Bill Shorten, great leader Turnbull indulged in a massive fake-news smear session against renewable en-

ergy, using a power outage in SA as an excuse to slam SA premier Jay Weatherill, Bill Shorten and Labor's more urgent and realistic renewable energy target.

We knew it was fake news because within minutes environment minister Josh Frydenberg and two other coalition members jumped onto the air waves, parroting the PM with the same misleading information – blaming SA's too rapid roll-out of renewable energy for the blackout. (They were obviously waiting for the next Adelaide heatwave to spring their trap!)

The coal industry must have leaned on the coalition again with that tired old oxymoron 'clean coal'. An excuse to grab billions in taxpayer dollars for futile 'research' – sequestering carbon blah blah blah.

Coal is sequestered carbon – we just have to leave it in the ground. It is so difficult for hard-nosed capitalists to leave a resource unexploited, even if it is fucking up the planet.

The coalition wants to slow the rollout of renewables as long as they can and are quite willing to use South Australians as a punching bag to push their dinosaur-energy agenda.

I think Turnbull is making some big mistakes. Insulting Shorten just to bolster his own image as a 'tough' leader, and underestimating how much Australians want courageous leadership in taking action on climate change.

Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek



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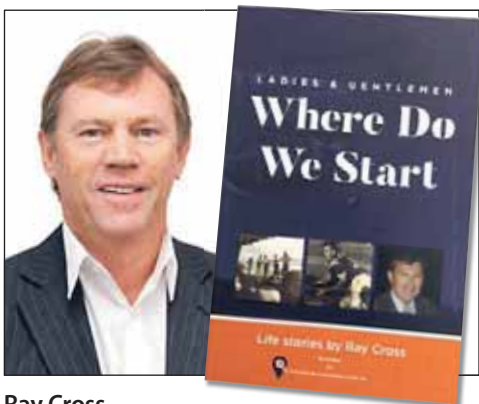
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Ladies and Gentlemen: Where do we start...

Ray Cross, former director of of LJ Hooker Byron Bay, has written a book entitled *Ladies and Gentlemen, Where Do We Start*. Ray is a former Byron local. Many will remember Ray from his community involvement during his 14 years here. He was involved with Byron Bay Rugby League and ran the Melbourne Cup Calcutta at the Beach Hotel for nine years. Currently Ray is with DJ Stringer at Coolangatta.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Where Do We Start is a personal memoir of a magnificent life for which Ray seems truly grateful. Ray says, 'I have been extremely fortunate to be able to fulfil my dreams in my sporting and working life and have competed with and against some of the finest most talented individuals in the areas of rugby league, auctioneering and real estate services. The opportunities to travel have provided me with introductions to a vast array



Ray Cross

of people from all walks of life and many have become lifelong friends.'

Ray's book will be launched at Coolangatta/Tweed Heads Golf Club on Friday 10 March at 6pm NSW time. All welcome!

Acceptance Finance's Russel Shaw has sent his latest newsletter on the back of the RBS's leaving official interest rates on hold last week. He says that with property markets in Melbourne and Sydney continuing to grow strongly, there have been expectations an interest rate increase was on the cards to cool down the property market. But some economists are predicting that the next move could be down, given the recent inflation results being well below the RBA's target and the RBA's preference to keep the Australian dollar at its current low levels.

Russel goes on to say that irrespective of where rates are headed, they believe it will get tougher and more expensive to obtain investment property loans in the short term.



Russel Shaw

Government regulators will likely force banks to:

- reduce the loan to value relations for investment loans
- continue to make borrowing standards for investment loans tighter
- keep increasing investment rates above home loan rates.

These changes are aimed at cooling down the property markets in some areas,

allowing first home buyers back into the market.

As you may know, everyone has their own credit file, which lists their recent credit enquiries. Recently it was announced that your credit file will also include any outstanding tax debt you have with the Australian Tax Office (if the amount outstanding is greater than \$10,000, and you haven't effectively communicated with the ATO on how you will be repaying the debt). From Russel's experience most lenders don't look kindly on clients with tax debt, so it may affect a person's ability to obtain finance in the future, or at least greatly limit the number of lenders he can approach for you. Russel would suggest having a chat to your accountant to get more clarity on the situation.

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- 16 Browns Crescent, McLeods Shoot. Thu 2–2.30pm
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- 14 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby. Fri 11–11.30am
- 9/39-41 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
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- 37 Shirley Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
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- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 2 Silky Oak Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2/33 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4/55 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 53 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am–12.00pm
- 61 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 1.15–1.45pm
- 95 Tristran Parade, Mullumbimby. Sat 2.30–3pm

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- Possum Creek Ridge, Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Thurs 23rd February 6pm
- 2/33 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 25th February 11.30am
- 61 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 25th February 12pm
- 2 Silky Oak Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 4th March 10am
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It's hot! Get chili by reaching for the hot sauce

By Vivienne Pearson

It's chili harvest season! Here are other ways to get into the flavour of these brightly coloured packages of heat.

Byron Bay Chilli Co

Initially growing chilis in the Byron region 25 years ago, Byron Bay Chilli Co now sources their produce mainly from Central America. Their hottest sauce is their Heavenly Habanero but owner/director John Boland (who still lives locally) says that Byron Bay Chilli Co is not about extreme heat. 'It's about complementing food, not dominating it,' he says. www.byronbaychilli.com



Byron Bay Chilli Co's first label sketch from 25 years ago

Church Farm

Based in Billinudgel, Church Farm started making hot sauce accidentally. After using excess produce from their garden then being asked for more by friends, a bottle found its way to a distributor. Their sauce has a smoked flavour, with ingredients roasted over coals by Andrew Morris before being sauced. With ginger and turmeric among the ingredients, this one is a bit different. Mullum and New Brighton Farmers Markets or www.churchfarmgeneralstore.com.



Byron Bay Pepper Co

After first getting into hot sauces during his years in the US, Trent Costin started making them for sale on his return to this region. Trent grows all his chilis from seed and has added some appropriate 'glamour' to his sauces, going by names such as Voodoo Serum and Pineapple Inferno, by using 1950s B-grade horror-movie images on labels.

South Golden Beach Chilli Sauce

Another new player on the block and in the tradition of naming a brand after where it's created. Available from The Shop (South Golden Beach) and the New Brighton General Store. sgbchillisauce@gmail.com

The Green Bistro

Nathan Sheehan is another who names his hot sauces so that the bottle labels have almost as much punch as the sauce within. Krakatoa and Is There a God seem apt for sauces that Nathan describes as being for hardcore chili fans. 'They're 99 per cent pure chili,' says Nathan of his creations that are available by the jar or, for the right person, can be served up in house with a curry. Byron Bowling Club, www.thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au.

Byron Steve

As well as being the Earl of Preserve, Byron Steve is also known as the Raj of Relish and the King of Chili. Following the trend of evocative names, Steve's hot sauces include Deadly Toughie Pants, which despite its name is more about flavour than heat. The same cannot be said for his Hellish Relish. 'If you know someone who has never had the hottest, this one wipes them off the planet,' says Steve. A new item is his Troppo Harissa, a Moroccan chili paste with dried mango, date and apricots ground through.

Byron, Bangalow, Bruns, Mullum, The Channon and Byron Artisan markets or 0410 109 993.

The Stockpot Kitchen

The crew in the kitchen at the Bangalow Bowling Club love cooking up their Big Red sauces. They have two fermented hot sauces. 'A lot of southern-style hot sauces have a fermented element,' says Graeme Stockdale (aka 'Big Red'). 'The chili mellows and gives a sour-saltiness.' People in the know (consider yourself one) can buy it by the bottle, though at times Graeme has trouble keeping up with demand! **Facebook: The Stockpot Kitchen**



Cooking up hot sauce

The Chilli Factory

This one is a bit out of our region but is worthy of a mention as they held the title for the world's hottest chili for three years (2011-2013) with the evocatively named Trinidad Scorpion Butch T! A rumour that they were developing a new variety to again challenge the title was confirmed by Alex De Wit, one of the owners. 'We're working on it but it's nature so we don't know 100 per cent,' he

says. 'We need good weather. The previous two years had too much rain. This year is looking better.' www.thechillifactory.com

Chile Banditos

Using the spelling most common in Latino cultures is a Facebook group that all chili aficionados are welcome to join. It was created by northern rivers hot-sauce aficionado, Aaron Hargreaves, who also sells sauces (and custom-built smokers) under the same name. 'It's a co-op for chili lovers,' Aaron says. 'We're trying to build the chili industry in the region.' Given the current growth of chili growing and hot-sauce production, I'd say this is an aim well on its way to being met.



A world of chilis – credit Josh Mitchell (fromChileBanditosFBGroup)

Chili Events: If you want to combine chili eating with a holiday, check out Sawtell's Chilli Festival (Sat 1 July) or Sydney's Chilli Challenge (Sat 25 Feb).



Eight Bar

Goodness knows how they came up with the name, but **Eight**, a new food bar, has recently opened at 8/8 Fletcher St Byron Bay in the new building just along from the new Egyptian Safya Café.

Open from 11am till late **Eight** offers modern Australian-Asian fusion, takeaway or eat in.

Visitors to Byron like restaurants

It seems like there are more visitors coming to our region every year, and 'Eat out, dine at a restaurant or café' (65.9 per cent) is the most popular activity undertaken by visitors to the broad north coast region, followed by 'go to the beach' (49.4 per cent) and 'visit friends and relatives' (45.3 per cent).

The 'north coast', on which these Destination NSW September 2016 visitor statistics are based, includes the area from Coffs Harbour to Tweed and inland as far as Grafton, but the profile for Byron LGA is quite different from the regional profile. For example, those 'visiting relatives and friends' on the north coast are 32.8 per cent of visitors, in Byron they make up just 22.8 per cent.

As you'd expect, those on 'holiday' make up only 52.3 per cent of 'north coast' visitors, but make up a whopping 77 per cent of Byron LGA visitors.

Many of those visiting our region are coming for weddings and functions, and there is a steady demand for not only venues, but also the services such as event management, catering, flowers, transport, entertainment and associated activities that go along with hosting a function.

A new Echo publication, *Byron Venue*, collects in one booklet these services from the far north coast region surrounding Byron, and this week made finding those services

even easier by launching its new website byronvenue.com.au.

According to the website, 'If you are considering Byron Bay or the surrounding northern rivers region as the destination for your event or function, Byron Venue is a quick and easy reference to the best locations on offer.'

Having a coordinated approach to promoting the region, and a professional approach to fulfillment, will be an important factor in capturing a bigger share of a previously untapped market for larger conferences.

What is currently missing from the Byron LGA statistics is the business market. Across the whole north coast about 10 per cent of visitors are traveling for 'business', but in Byron LGA this figure is too low to be reliably measured. However, business and conference visitors are often high yielding (big spenders) and, because a lot of them come at once, this market is considered very valuable, and is the focus of a concerted campaign by a partnership between Byron Shire Council and the visitor industry, primarily funded a few of the major players (Elements, Byron at Byron, Ballina-Byron Airport and Flashcamp).

The Byron Business Events Bureau will be officially launched at the industry conference AIME 2017.



Yummy food in a yummy space

By Vivienne Pearson

How would you like to go to a dinner party with thirty of your best friends? It doesn't matter that you haven't met any of these friends before; that's all part of the fun.

The bonus is that both the food and the space you'll be eating in are yummy!

Yummy Nights are set to launch next Friday (24 Feb). They are the creation of Lara Yakimishyn, who will offer a three course Ayurvedic inspired banquet of organic vegetarian food.

The feast will take place in a new Byron space, Yummy Studios. Located in the Arts & Industry Estate (look out for the 67 painted on the building wall as there is no signage yet), Yummy Studios is a warehouse that has been lovingly converted into two spaces ideal for workshops, classes and events.

Yummy Studios is the new home of Lara's work in cooking for events, cooking classes, workshops and individual wellbeing consultations – all based on Ayurvedic principles. 'Tastes can inspire things in you,' she says. 'People have got used to food being predominantly sweet and salty; we've forgotten the other tastes – sour, pungent, astringent and bitter.' Lara loves introducing people to how to eat according to the seasons and their unique body type.

The nights are billed as vegetarian but Lara will ensure that vegan options available. 'Ghee, butter and milk are all big in Ayurveda,' she says. 'But I understand that there are growing numbers of people looking for vegan food.'

Yummy Studios are the combined creation of Lara and her partner, Ra'shiym Christos. Ra'shiym, who has previously been a professional polo player and horse stuntman in Hollywood, is now a teacher of The Divine University, the culmination of a lifetime of exploration and study after first being introduced to meditation at the age of 11. He is also handy with a needle, having created all the soft furnishings for the studios, the centrepiece of which is a crystal altar.

Ra'shiym has experienced the benefits of an Ayurvedic diet since meeting Lara (they met through her recently finished work at Santos Organics). 'More conscious eating has cleansed my body and opened up my energy system,' he says. He is also Lara's biggest fan: 'She infuses beautiful, loving intention into food.'



Green salad with edible flowers



Lara and Ra'shiym in Yummy Studios – credit Vivienne Pearson

Lara makes her own ghee and spice mixes and will shop for the night at that morning's farmers market. This first Yummy Night will be for the current season; full of light, refreshing and low-pungency dishes. It is an alcohol-free event, with fresh kombucha available.

The atmosphere will be further enriched by the music of Tim Stokes and the company will be provided by those friends whom you may or may not have met yet, meaning that you are fully welcome to come on your own.

'It's a place of coming together,' says Lara of the Yummy Studios. 'The food will be a catalyst to inspire great conversations.'

Yummy Studios: 1/67 Centennial Court (Arts & Industry Estate). Yummy Night: 24 February, 6–9.30pm, then likely monthly. Bookings essential: yummyLara-eventbrite.com Facebook: Yummy Studios

Upbeat vibe at St Elmo

When you live in the area, and get to eat out a fair bit in Byron, you can get a bit fussy. So it's really exciting to experience the upbeat vibe at St Elmo two Saturday nights, six weeks apart, and have such a cool time that my partner and I are looking for a chance to go back again.

The first was around New Years Day and Byron was really jumping. It's always a good sign to see a crowd of diners on the footpath unable to gain entry, despite their big-city negotiating tactics, but we'd arrived just a bit before the rush. Without a reservation, we managed to squeeze up to stools at the bar. From the bar, you can just sip cocktails and consume bar snacks, but we were dressed up to make a night of it, and ordered from the full menu.

The second time we came, last week, again the restaurant was fully booked, but a late cancellation meant that we could come straight from the beach and get a table. Apparently there is a whole women's clothing style catering for situations just like this and, speaking of women, there were quite a few tables of just women, and couples, on the nights we visited, with some grey nomads and groovers at the bar.

I love a restaurant that's relaxed and friendly, but also modern and sophisticated enough so that you can, if you want, find something you've never tried before that you really like.

Here, the wine list will not let you down. It's not full of wines that are \$20 a bottle in the local bottle; think more tempranillo and Spanish wines in a substantial 'global' wine list. There are some interesting moderately priced wines but if you're thinking of spending \$100 for something special you'll be rewarded.

However, sometimes it's good to just start with cocktails and see what you feel like next. Not only are the cocktails taken seriously at St Elmo (my barrel-aged Negroni was terrific, and the staff made me feel like it was somehow a healthy choice), but with around 15 wines available by the glass you can



relax; you won't be forced to drink some kind of unpleasant 'house red'.

As a vegetarian with a meat-eating, gluten-free partner I often find it difficult to fully embrace the 'share plate' style of eating, but St Elmo, with an emphasis on modern Spanish tapas dishes and share plates, effortlessly delivered dish after dish: delicious Padron peppers (with one in ten much hotter than the rest, this made a fun game), Batata Asado with salt-baked local sweet potatoes, and Besalada de Higo, a wonderful black fig, goats-curd, honey and hazelnut salad perfect for summer.

The Setas (roast Portobello mushrooms and local oyster mushrooms with polenta, manchego and burnt-onion puree) and the Pollito (crispy-skin baby chicken) were great, and the ceviche, apparently taken very seriously in the Croatian extended family of our fellow diners from Melbourne, got the full thumbs up.

There's a really upbeat vibe to the place too; the music's at a good level, you can hear your partner talking, with friendly bar and floor staff doing lots of quick 'checking in' in a low-key way, and plates just appearing at the right moment, and a willingness to give advice. You can see through to the kitchen, if you really want to, where the chefs looked cool and collected despite the fully booked night.

St Elmo is licensed to serve liquor without food, and while we've called in for an after-dinner drink before, there's a whole dessert menu and pre-dinner experience untapped for us, as if we need an excuse to rediscover St Elmo.

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CAN YOU HERD ME?

WHEN GRITTY AUSSIE HIP-HOP OUTFIT THE HERD HIT THE AIRWAYS WITH *SCALLOPS* BACK IN 2001, THE BAND FORGED THEMSELVES INTO THE AUSSIE PSYCHE.

This was Aussie hip-hop, from a crew composed of Ozi Batla, Urthboy, Berzerkatron (MCs), Unkle Ho (beats), Traksewt (piano accordion, clarinet and beats), Sulo (beats and guitar), Toe-Fu (guitar), Rok Poshtya (bass) and singer Jane Tyrrell. They didn't emulate American stylings, but instead pioneered a distinctly Aussie hip-hop sound and presented music that predominantly featured politically oriented lyrics.

One of their better known political pieces was 77%.

It declares: '77 per cent of Aussies are racist,' and according to Dale Harrison, aka Rok Poshtya, 'Ozi Batla wrote the lyrics in an afternoon after the Tampa incident. He was sitting in his backyard; his neighbour who was just over the fence started spouting anti-asylum-seeker rhetoric and he argued with him for a while and went home and wrote this song and pretty

much had it finished within the afternoon; it was one of those that keeps getting more relevant. The lyric in that song particularly gets me: 'take Aussie from my name'; it was a full-on statement and now it's even more so because there's a real thing that you can't say anything negative about Australia and not be bailed up with this patriotism thing...

I am Australian too and I can have that opinion too; it's part of that freedom to to say what you please, unless it impinges on the dignity of someone else.

The Herd are a multicultural crew, so they're pretty passionate about issues such as this.

'We have always been a multicultural crew; we are first-, second- and third-generation Australians. That is what Australia is to me - we are a multicultural nation, with different religions and different languages. We are bunch of people of all different colours. We sing songs about Australia from where we are but they are not gung-ho Aussie Aussie Aussie, Oy Oy Oy songs. We like having a political aspect to our lyrics to bring people to the next level.'

You certainly won't find The Herd rapping about hos, or the size of their dicks.

'If we put something out like that,' laughs Dale, 'it would be an EP at most. Probably just a seven inch!'

Although it's 16 years now since The Herd stepped up, getting crowds jumping along with songs like *We Can't Hear You*, with subjects that ranged from their well-known anti-war stance and anti-corporatism to more personal topics such as divorce and the slow death of the Australian outback/country.

What happens when that comfortable kid becomes a middle-aged man?

Does that come to the stage as well?

'We realised this when we started out,' laughs Dale. 'At that time most of the rappers had been doing it for a while. You look into the future and there weren't many people. The culture was so young in Australia and commercially it took off a lot later. It wasn't until 2001 or 02 that people made a living in a meaningful way, and I remember us looking forwards and going wow, what does 10 or 15 years away look like? Because at that time no-one had done it that long. But hip-hop is a tool; it's culture and a lifestyle rather than a subculture. Subculture is something you do when you are 18-25 or it's something for 12-15 whereas hip-hop is much more a set of a way of doing things. Folks in rural Germany will have their own way of rapping now, or writing or... and basically it's stories. When it comes down to it, if you are telling stories about your street corner and dealing drugs, or Urth Boy's latest album, your mother's history and growing up in Australia. Middle-aged stories need to be told as well...'

Yes they do.

The Herd are featured at **Earth Frequency Festival** this weekend - Friday till Monday at Ivory's Rock.

For more details go to earthfrequency.com.au.

LIVE MUSIC



THE LOVEYS AT CLUB MULLUM AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES ON SATURDAY

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SHARING ISN'T ALWAYS CARING

Last week lots of my lovely friends on Facebook asked me to share a heart on my wall. Some sort of hold-your-finger-down, share-with-your-gal-pals etc to raise awareness for breast cancer. It's hard to check your breasts when you're sharing your contact lists. Sorry, but my finger's too busy sending love hearts to be detecting lumps. Fuck you, Facebook. Get your dirty mitts of my tits. I am all up for checking my breasts. I don't need you to tell me. Stop patronising me with these pseudo-health-awareness campaigns to get your cyber fingers into my contact list. And using cancer as bait? That's just wrong. I have given my time

to raise money for research, for support services, and to provide some help for women living with breast cancer. I have many friends who have survived breast cancer, and very sadly a few who have died. It's an emotive issue. Something I care about.

Something my community of friends cares about. So fuck you, Facebook, stop milking the compassion of the sisterhood under the guise of 'spreading the message'. Facebook doesn't give a shit about our tits. Facebook wants our wallets. And to get to that little sweet spot Facebook needs your data.

In the world of social media, data are the drug. They underpin

the algorithms to create unique marketing campaigns. They know you. They know what you 'like'. They know what you 'look' at. They know what you buy. So for god's sake, people, wake up! Stop participating in these stupid data-collection campaigns. It's awkward when someone I like forwards me one of these share-and-care FB sweeps.

I don't want to be rude but I think if my friends wanted me to check my breasts they'd just tell me. Over coffee. It's chain mail. And Facebook is full of it. When I was a kid, you'd get a letter in the actual mail, loaded with passive aggressive threats. 'Mr Smith in Essex ignored this letter, and he was dead in a week, but Beryl Goodman in the USA forwarded her letter to nine friends and she won the lottery just days after licking her last

stamp.'

I remember tediously writing out letters by hand, and sharing these veiled threats of good and evil to wreck the days of people I knew. I never won the lottery. And just a week after sending the letters out my dog died. They said not to use carbon paper. It had to be handwritten. For years I thought I'd killed the family dog with my laziness. Chain letters, like technology, have evolved. They tend not to use threats of death to make us complicit in these stupid group send-outs. Instead Facebook uses emotional manipulation. Like this one I received a few weeks back:

'Everyone says: "If you need anything, don't hesitate, I'll be there for you". I'm going to make a bet, without being pessimistic, that out of my Facebook friends

that fewer than five will take the time to put this on their wall to help raise awareness of and for those who have mental health difficulties. You just have to copy it from my wall and paste it to yours (hold down on my post and you will be given the option to copy... then go to your status and hold down to paste). Please write "done" under my comments when you do! I've done this for a friend for Mental Health Awareness DONE!!'

Okay so now we are raising awareness for Mental Health by using online bullying. It's Manipulate for Mental Health! Share shaming. If you share, you care. If you don't share, you don't care. Ironically, bullying is an emotional technique that has been linked with creating mental illness. I don't want to underestimate the importance of mental-health awareness.

But I can't see how posting this changes lives. It's insulting.

People living with schizophrenia do not have their lives altered because you shared a post on mental health. It's what we actually do in our lives with real people that makes a difference. If you actually want to do something about mental health, go volunteer at a soup kitchen, stop in the street and have a chat with the guy talking to himself outside the IGA, donate some money to BeyondBlue.

By the way, if you like my rant, share it. Share it by not sharing shit.

Want to learn to write opinion? Mandy Nolan still has two spots left in her opinion writing workshop conducted at her home on **Tuesday 21 Feb** from 9.30am-4pm. Enquiries to mandy@mandynolan.com.au



BLACK RABBIT GEORGE AT THE BREWERY ON SATURDAY

BLACK RABBIT GEORGE AT THE BREWERY

Black Rabbit George is another incarnation for Tijuana Cartel's guitarist and frontman Paul George. It's an opportunity for Paul to further explore the acoustic guitar that is at the heart of Tijuana Cartel and to pursue his longtime passion for folk and roots music.

From the wellspring of childish fantasy and a lifetime of musical evolution emerges the Black Rabbit. This is the storytelling talent of Paul A George, the musician whose guitar drives the unique sounds of Tijuana Cartel, one of the tightest and most sought-after bands on the Australian festival circuit.

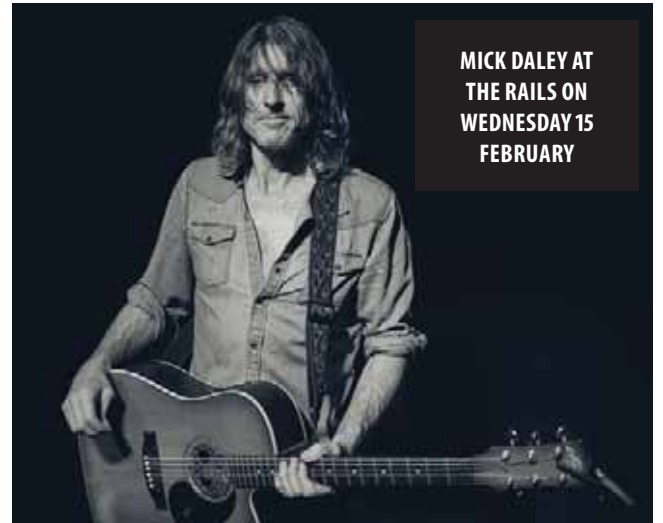
If Tijuana Cartel ever lacked anything for its guitarist

and vocalist, then it was the open door to a subconscious demand to tell stories – any stories – with the strings of a guitar and the words of a born storyteller.

Black Rabbit George is the culmination of a need that could not be resisted forever. Black Rabbit's first solo track, *Muse*, was a melodic and emotional ode to his first great love: his guitar. And the guitar has remained a passion with him ever since, through a lifetime of highs and lows, triumphs and failures that drive the stories of all our lives.

The Black Rabbit mines these experiences with a guitar that threads itself into every line of every lyric, paying homage as it goes to the great folk storytellers and the great folk musicians.

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



MICK DALEY AT THE RAILS ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

RE-MAINS FRONT MAN AT THE RAILS

The Re-Mains came out of Nimbin in 2001 and blazed a banjo-shaped country rock'n'roll trail across Australia, Canada and Europe. Now frontman **Mick Daley** returns to Byron Bay as part of an east-coast tour on Wednesday

15 Feb with his band the Don Cossacks. With two solo albums and a swag of political dirges and invective under his belt, you can expect some melody and lots of mayhem with your acoustic musical mélange, from 6.30pm.

Wednesday 15 February at the **Rails**.

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MUSIC FOR LIFE AFTER THE ARMY

The Walking Wounded is a charity that assists in the psychological rehabilitation and recovery of returned Australian service personal who experiencing hardship after their time in service. Their primary objective is to intervene and prevent the concerning incidents of suicide in young veteran community through counselling and other support. They show them that there is Life After the Army.

There is a fundraiser for the Walking Wounded with The Soul Shakers and the Camel Tones at **Crabbes Creek Hall** on **Saturday** at 6pm.

Finger food – BYO. Tickets \$20 (Kids under 14 free).

FESTIVAL OPENS WITH CARAVANA SUN

Described by *Rolling Stone* magazine as 'soul-baring', Caravãna Sun has been touring the world festival and live-show circuit with joyous abandon, doing 500 shows in five years, and have earned themselves serious accolades in the music industry. Their seamless mix of world-fuelled rebellious surf rock and explosive performances gets their audiences grooving every time. Nature and the Australian way of life inspire the four members to write euphoric songs filled with summer, arranged with highly evolved instrumentation. These guys are the real deal.

See them for yourself when **Caravãna Sun** take the spotlight on **Friday 24 February** at 8pm at the **Beach Hotel** for the opening night of the Byron Bay Surf Festival.



BULLHORN AT THE MULLUM CIVIC HALL ON SATURDAY 4 MARCH



BRAZILIAN NIGHT AT THE BYRON BREWERY, SATURDAY 4 MARCH

MUSIC BY THE BULLHORN

There's an old saying, popularised by The Breakfast Club: 'you mess with the bull, you get the horns'. What does it mean? Not much really. Mostly that if you do something dangerous, you might get hurt.

One dangerous thing you could do would be to miss the crazy, brass-based, MC-led explosion that is **Bullhorn** at **Mullum Civic Hall Saturday 4 March**.

Joining them onstage will be 80s disco boogie eruption, Vaudeville Smash, who recently launched their new single *Laura* to massive acclaim and thrilling crowds everywhere they go.

Get ready for a massive night of musical mayhem and the irresistible urge to cut hectic shapes on the dance floor!

\$22 pre sale and \$25 at door. Child (under 15 – over five) \$12 pre-sale – \$15 at door. Tickets at redsquaremusic.com.au.

BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY LAUNCH THEIR YEAR

Byron Music Society have an exciting 2017 scheduled, and with new partnerships they promise to provide music events that will thrill ears, eyes, and tastebuds.

The Society has a jam-packed and festive Program Launch Day planned, including dinner by Francisco's table pop-up restaurant.

With the screening of *Le Concert*, about Aleksei Guskov attempting to stage a late career comeback after losing his position as conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra for refusing fire Jewish musicians, an address by BMS's president Nicholas Routley and a concert by cellist Louise King. This fabulous day will be finished off with dinner by Francisco's Table.

Francisco's Table is a roaming restaurant popping up at different locations around the Byron Shire, regularly appearing at Coorabell, Federal, Corndale and the Bangalow A&I halls. 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.

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* and a half-dozen other cookery books). Many concerts will be followed by delicious apéro prepared by Nadine.

Come along to the **Program Launch Day** on **Sunday** at **St Martin's**, Mullumbimby, 3pm. Non-members are welcome. Bookings essential. Don't miss out! Bookings and 2017 program information available at www.byronmusicsociety.com.

Contact admin@byronmusicsociety.com.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST PAUL



The charismatic lead singer Paul Janeway from St Paul and The Broken Bones takes five minutes to share with us some of the music and artists that have shaped his life and musical career.

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

It is Well with My Soul always brings back such good memories. It is a really good hymn.

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

Well I don't go dancing really but Outkast's *So Fresh, So Clean* will definitely get me moving no matter what.

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

Probably Kendrick Lamar's *Backseat Freestyle*. I don't want to bust that out when kids are around but I love the song.

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

I am an albums guy so the album I have been playing constantly is Angel Olsen's *My Woman*.

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

My wife and I did our first dance to Sam Cooke's *Nothing Can Change This Love*.

Your favourite song/s to cover at the moment?

My favourite cover that we are doing right now is Radiohead's *National Anthem*. It is fun to throw that at our audience.

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

Kermit the Frog and the song would have to be *Rainbow Connection*.

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

For straight blues music it would be Howlin' Wolf. I love the grit he sang with.

St Paul and The Broken Bones perform at **Bluesfest 2017** on opening night, Saturday 15 April and Monday 17 April, and are also touring.

For ticket and gig info at Bluesfest go to bluesfest.com.au.



KIM CHURCHILL AT THE MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL ON FRIDAY

WISDOM OF CHURCHILL

Drawing inspiration from his time in Europe and sojourns to Sri Lanka and Canada, **Kim Churchill** will take the new songs to some of his favourite regional Australian towns and cities – places where he has spent time in his formative years travelling and busking, surfing and sleeping in the back of a van.

On the *Raw_Files* tour, Kim will play tracks from the

forthcoming album in an intimate environment. Tickets are very limited for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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

A HELL OF A CAREER

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HOW TO BE AN ACTIVIST

DURING THE BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL, SURFER DAVE RASTOVICH IS BRINGING SOME OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND EXPERIENCED HUMANITARIANS AND ENVIRONMENT ACTIVISTS HE HAS MET ALONG HIS 12-YEAR CONSERVATION PATH TO PARTICIPATE IN A UNIQUE EVENT: THE ACTIVISTS' TOOLKIT.

What can attendees expect at this event that they might not see anywhere else?

What will be available for participants is direct access to some of the leading activists in Australia, an opportunity to hear their up-to-the-minute strategies and tactics for carrying out successful social/ecological campaigns. We feel like people will walk away from the afternoon with more tools in their activists tool-kit and a clearer understanding of how their care and compassion can be expressed both personally and politically. Owing to the state of the world right now there are more and more people engaging with social and ecological issues, and it feels essential that we all share our experience and knowledge with each other, to avoid 'recreating the wheel' and to also build strong community movements.

What does grassroots activism mean for those who have never tried it?

Most people in the northern rivers have an experience of grassroots activism every week. Going to the farmers market, growing your own food, running a local business, participating in community events are all forms of healthy activism. The definition of activism is changing everyday. The old image of activism simply being protest and blockading is much broader these days. Also the activist character is much broader; we only have to look at the Lock The Gate movement to see how much diversity there is... Knitting Nannas, Surfer Against CSG... there too many groups to name.

Why is activism at the local level so important?

It is clear for us in the northern rivers to see why activism is so important. We look around and see trees, long natural seascapes; we breathe clean air, and view a skyline filled with birds and natural hinterland rather than highrises and mansions. They are all the result of people being informed, engaged and active in their community. The intact beauty of our area didn't stay that way by chance...

What do you think of the panel of speakers coming to town?

There is an encompassing range of speakers for the afternoon who will cover the whole spectrum of activism. Helena Norberg Hodge will illuminate the economical angle; Hugh De Kretzer from the Human Rights Law Centre will reveal precisely how the legalities of activism are being challenged in Australia and how we can move within those boundaries; Millie Telford (a Byron local) comes from an amazing angle of youth and Indigenous activism that is truly inspiring. There are many other speakers attending who will hopefully bring something for everyone to be inspired by.

Why is having this event at the Byron Bay Surf Festival so special or important?

The Byron Bay Surf Festival is THE most inclusive surfing event in the world. Unlike every other big surfing gathering/event there is no competitive event at the core of the festival; there are no barricaded areas where only the 'rich and/or famous' have access; there is no heavily branded commercialism within the festival. It is run by the community for the community. The health of our community is directly linked to how involved we are in relation to social and ecological issues. Having an activists' afternoon within the festival gives us an opportunity to bolster our community and feel stronger than ever in our solidarity and care.

What is your background in activism?

More than twelve years ago I co-founded a group Surfers For Cetaceans to focus on activating surfers around the world on marine threats, specifically relating to whales, dolphins and porpoises. We continue our work in that realm. Also partnering with Surf Aid International for the last fifteen years has been really exciting and rewarding; their work in remote Indonesia bettering living conditions for isolated communities has been very successful. And working with Patagonia is just incredible; their mission statement says it all: 'Build the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis.'

How did you get started?

Surfing brought me close to social and ecological issues around the world. Direct experience with shark finners in the Galapagos Islands, super trawlers in the Pacific, dolphin killers in Japan, mining giants in Queensland and CSG threats in Glenuggie, Kyogle, and Bentley have all been firsthand experiences that I couldn't turn my back on.

Who should attend this workshop?

The afternoon is totally relatable for people of all ages, genders, races, religions and interests. We are aiming for a great afternoon of humour, creativity, empowerment, education and talking story.

The **Activist's Toolkit** presented by Patagonia, **Saturday 25 February** 2-3pm at the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre.

Tickets at byroncentre.com.au.

For more info about the **Surf Festival** and associated events go to byronbaysurffestival.com.au.



Byron Music Society's 2017 Season Launch – Sunday February 19 at St Martin's Mullumbimby.

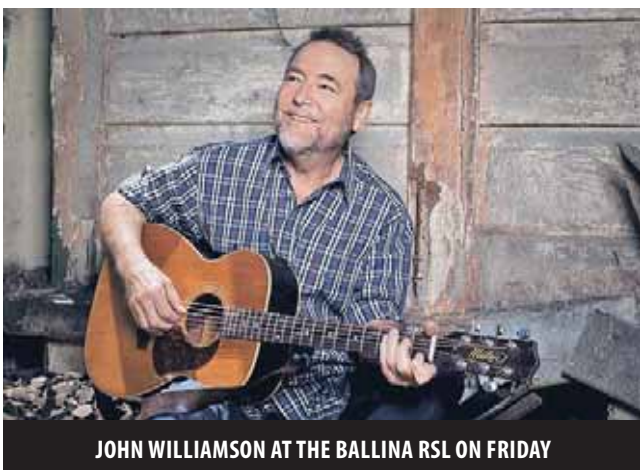
Film screening – Le Concert | 3pm | \$15
The event will begin with a screening of the delightful film *Le Concert* (comedy/drama/music, rated PG).

2017 Program Launch with Dynasty8 – 5pm | Free
Join BMS's president-elect Nicholas Routley for a glass of bubbles and music by chamber choir Dynasty8. Nicholas will announce a big surprise for 2017!

Louise King – 5.45pm | \$35 | \$30 Members and Seniors
Cellist Louise King will surprise us with her program but not with her virtuosity, expression and musical excellence.

Francisco's Table pop-up restaurant – 7pm | \$50 | BYO
Finish off a fabulous day with dinner by Francisco's Table. You will share a table loaded with delectable dishes with your neighbours, friends and fellow food lovers.

Visit byronmusicsociety.com for tickets and more info



JOHN WILLIAMSON AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY

Very few artists have experienced and earned the longevity of such a career as John Williamson. It's quite rare but when you review his albums and songs you can see why. After 43 years in the music industry, touring continuously for that period, John's career is stronger than ever and he is still writing and recording new songs. But during this time, he has shunned celebrity and

resisted offers to take his music to the international stage, preferring to stay true to his passion: Australia. John is not only an artist of unbelievable musical poetry but also a man of integrity. He has always stood firm to his own beliefs and his courage of his conviction regardless of the outcome and without regrets. He is truly proud of his country and stands and sings tall with each note.



BOURBON STREET AT OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB ON FRIDAY

John Williamson is, without question, an Australian icon. His voice and sound are as recognisable and important to Australia as the Southern Cross is to the flag. He's performed at some of

Australia's most historic and nation-stopping events, and to battlers across this vast country. His songs and music are simply for everyone. He performs at the **Ballina RSL** on **Friday**.

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Stars with Lilith

Love goddess Venus in Aries wears her best red dress to celebrate one of our enduring and renewable resources. Yes, the L word. Why not extend Valentine loving for a whole week... year... lifetime?

♈ ARIES: Venus in Aries warms everything you think, say and do this week with your own unique love-style. According to Aries author Leo Buscaglia, *The word most conducive to love is yes. A lover says yes to life. Yes to joy. Yes to people. Yes to differences. And if not yes, then maybe...*

♉ TAURUS: Earth-sign Taurans favour what they see, smell, taste and touch over intangible realities. But there's more to love than meets the eye – it's as necessary a nutrient as water, food or sleep. This week's planetary cocktail offers spunky Valentine vibes for the sensual, tactile joy of loving hugs, perfumed blooms and fleshy pleasures.

♊ GEMINI: In the same way we need oxygen to live, we need love to live happily. You're an air sign, so do whatever it takes to keep the love molecules percolating in this week's atmosphere. Think with your heart and let your loved ones, family members, friends and colleagues know how much they mean to you.

♋ CANCER: While The Beatles sang *Money Can't Buy You Love*, Cancerians were probably secretly thinking *But it does cheer you up when nobody loves you...* Nice try Crabs, but no panatella. Money can't buy love because amour isn't material, it's energetic. And the more you give this week, the more you'll get.

♌ LEO: Leo's sign rules the heart and Lions love to be loved. But never forget that you always have as much as you need at any given moment, available and accessible, there inside you. So pump up the royal love muscles and extend that aloha beyond your chosen few, as far as you can this week.

♍ VIRGO: Sometimes attitude adjustments are needed to let more love into our lives, and this week's challenge for you perfectionistas is to love what's in front of you, just as it is. While Virgos express their love by making life more organised for others, be your own Valentine and do something yummy for yourself as well.

♎ LIBRA: As beauty-loving Venusians you adore gorgeous possessions, but can stuff give you a hug? As you know, the art of love's cultivated the same way actors and athletes perfect their expertise: by constantly practising and exercising your lovecraft. Midweek Libra moon offers an unbeatable opportunity to make life beautiful for others.

♏ SCORPIO: Ovid, the Roman poet of passion, believed love requires more enterprise, courage, subtlety, flexibility, sensitivity, understanding, tolerance and strength than any other human endeavour. In other words, not for the faint hearted. If that doesn't throw down the gauntlet for you Scorpios, I'll eat my Valentine roses. Now break out the chocolates and champagne...

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Each star sign writes the book of love in their own way. Fun-loving Sagittarians like making others laugh and lifting their spirits: joyful energy that expands the amount of love in our world. So play the love game for all you're worth this week with everyone you meet, even strangers passing in the street.

♑ CAPRICORN: While Capricorns love status and prestige, you already know the car, house and bank account can't love you back. And understand that love's a decision. It takes discipline to put it first in everything. Business included, because you're in business to spread love: through your performance, product, work or service.

♒ AQUARIUS: The cosmos is currently blitzing you Aquarian humanitarians with oodles of wow power, so this Valentine's Day offers a grand chance to enhance planetary love vibes in whatever uniquely personal fashion you choose. A clue? Tender talk's important, so expand your love vocab and tell those you love and appreciate just how much.

♓ PISCES: Selfless love that doesn't ask for anything in return can never be painful, because if nothing is expected we can't ever be disappointed. Remember a smile costs nothing, and can change someone's whole day. There's a wealth of juicy opportunities for soaking up this week's free-floating luurve molecules.

CULTURE

BRINGING BUDDHISM TO THE WEST

Hannah: Buddhism's Untold Journey – the award-winning documentary by co-directors/producers Marta György Kessler and Adam Penny, which chronicles Hannah Nydahl's story of bringing Tibetan Buddhism to the West, makes its Byron Bay debut at **Ballina Fair Cinemas** on **15 February** with a Q&A with Marta. Filmed in India, Nepal, the Far East and Europe, *Hannah* is the untold true story of a young Danish

woman's life, searching for greater levels of perception in the 1960s until, as an adult, she becomes a pillar of living Buddhism with her husband Ole Nydahl.

HYPNOTISE ME

The last two **Wayne Donnelly Hypno Comedian** shows have been a riot. He's back again at **Club Mullum** to crack you up with his hilarious hypnotic fun. Whether you come just to see the show, OR maybe BE in the show – either way you will have an hilarious time. His goal is to make you laugh until you cry. **Friday 8pm**. Entry \$20 on the door.



HYPNO COMEDIAN WAYNE DONNELLY AT CLUB MULLUM AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES ON FRIDAY



INCORRUPTIBLES HAS ITS FINAL RUN AT THE DRILL HALL IN MULLUMBIMBY THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY



JACKIE LOEB AT THE BYRON SERVICES CLUB ON MONDAY 6 MARCH



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Photo: The Men's Show presenters Dan, Caspar & Andy

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INCORRUPTIBLE

The season for the Drill Hall's **Incappable** has been extended. Marika Bryant reviewed the show, showing just why audiences are coming in their droves! She says, 'No stone is left unturned and the brilliant actors carry us through some scary moments of reality. I A powerful look at how evil can take a hold, without any of us even knowing. Megalomaniacs abound, insults following injury and all that that entails. This play is so contemporary it physically hurts.'

The audience for the final three shows of *The Incappable* this **Friday** and **Saturday** at 7.30pm and **Sunday** at 2pm.

Tickets at the Mullumbimby Bookshop or online at drillhalltheatre.org.au.

CRAFT YOUR LAUGH

The laughs are on tap at the **Byron Brewery** this month with **Home Crafted Comedy**, Byron's very own boutique comedy gig that sees emerging and wannabe comics on the open mic.

Emceed by Mandy Nolan, open mic comedy is the place where new comics take their first baby steps towards what could be a career, a hobby, or... certain death! With lots of crowd chat, and a great outdoorsy vibe, come and celebrate the end of summer on **Thursday** from 8pm with Home Crafted

Comedy at the Brewery. Like love, the laughs are free!

LOEB YRSELF

Australia's 2016 MO Award winner for Best Standup Comedian Jackie Loeb headlines the Byron Services Club with the stars of Women Like Us, Ellen Briggs and Mandy Nolan.

Described as 'gobsmackingly eFor the past five years Jackie has been living in LA, performing alongside the best in show. In fact she was one of only 15 international comedians to progress to the comedy showcase round on NBC's *Last Comic Standing* filmed in Miami and one of the few Australian acts to appear on the UK comedy series *The World Stands Up* for Paramount TV.

Jackie Loeb headlines at the Byron Services Club on Monday 6 March with Ellen Briggs as support and Mandy Nolan as MC. The stars only align once in every decade, so catch three of the country's finest women comics for one night only!

Monday 6 March. Byron Services Club. Doors 7pm. Show 8pm. \$20/\$25

Tickets online at mandynolan.com.au or at the club. Enquiries to 6619 0529.

OUTSIDE CINEMA

Held on the Byron foreshore, the Sunset Cinema is the opening-night event for



SIGNS OF THE TIME
EXHIBITION OF STREET ART BY WORLD-RENOWNED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ARTISTS ON SHOW AT GOLD COAST CITY GALLERY FROM SATURDAY UNTIL 9 APRIL. AMY JADE BY BAMBI.



MANDY NOLAN IS THE MC AT THE BYRON BREWERY'S HOME CRAFTED OPEN MIC COMEDY ON THURSDAY

SIGNS OF THE TIME

Exclusive to **Gold Coast City Gallery**, Signs of the Time is an exhibition of street art by world-renowned, national and local artists. This gallery-curated exhibition features an impressive selection of artwork from both private collections and newly commissioned artwork. Including urban art megastars Banksy, Bambi and Blek Le Rat, the exhibition explores how street art reflects our society, times and culture.

Signs of the Time is on display in the Main Gallery from 18 February 2017 till 9 April 2017.

BOOK TALK

Byron Writers Festival present Irish novelist Sebastian Barry and acclaimed academic and philosopher Professor AC Grayling at Byron Theatre

Come down to the Byron foreshore on Friday 24 Feb for a starting time of 7pm.

CINEMA REVIEWS

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT ANDY SAUNDERS

ANDY SAUNDERS IS ONE OF THE FEATURED COMEDIANS AT LISMORE LAUGHS IN MARCH.

So just what makes this funny man tick?

My favourite dance move is the... conterpretive, cross between interpretive and contemporary, it's hard to not watch.

The song I like to play when no-one is listening is... *Spider Pig*, artist Homer Simpson, so relaxing.

My guilty secret is... dancing conterpretively to *Spider Pig*.

When I was a kid I thought... I could never make up a new dance called *Conterpretive*.

My mother always said... stop doing that stupid dance.

My perfect day involves... laughing.

The best thing about me is... seriously don't take anything free, no wait, don't take anything seriously but take anything free, that's right.

The worst thing about me is... I don't take anything seriously.

When I drive I... wave to everyone with two hands at a time.

I worry about... my kids.

I am frightened of... my kids.

One day I'd like to... open my own conterpretive dance studio.

If I could change the life of one person... I would make Donald Trump a more natural colour, he looks ridiculous, I can't take him seriously but see answer to question 8.

When I offend people I... make sure I have my offensive eyebrows on because it's hard to offend anyone with normal eyebrows. My offensive eyebrows involve an upwards angle on the outside with a steep decline towards the middle of my face; it's very effective.

I get a real thrill when... I use my offensive eyebrows. It's hard to maintain for a long time, takes a lot of energy; they call it 'extreme eye-browwing'.

When you come to see me at Lismore Laughs... you will not be on the receiving end of my offensive eyebrows. You will have the pleasure of seeing my funny, weird, surprised, engaging, interactive, friendly, ridiculous, enjoying-life, happy, entertaining, stoked and last but not least can't-wait eyebrows. I know that's a lot of eyebrow action, people of Lismore, but you are worth it. Might slip a couple more in if ya play ya cards right.

Andy Saunders performs his show *Asms and Isms* for *Lismore Laughs, NORPA* at Lismore City Hall **Saturday 11 March**, 7.30pm. \$25-47. Bookings 1300 066 772 or norpa.org.au.



PERFECT STRANGERS

With the baby-man president indulging in government by Twitter (ffs!), we are surely witnessing the digital age nearing its nadir. Whether there will be a groundswell of opposition to the tyranny of the smartphone (in the same way that the slow food movement emerged) is problematic at best, but brilliant little movies like this might go some way towards pulling the rug from under the narcissistic posturing of the social network. Six couples and a fellow whose partner couldn't make it are at a dinner party in a well-off part of Rome. To enliven the evening, they agree to place their mobiles on the table and read aloud any messages that they might receive - 'we have nothing to hide! Well, of course they do. Paolo Genovese's film starts off light heartedly while we become familiar with his characters. The banter is sharp and typically unguarded and, to allay any ennui that might arise from being stationary too long, the camera follows the group as it splinters from time to time and moves from dining area to kitchen to balcony. But sooner or later wedges will be driven into the facades of marriage and old friendships as texts and calls arrive that cannot be shrugged off with jokes. Nobody in the outstanding cast is given a role that carries more or less weight than the others - there is no grandstanding - as the characters are led by a script that is coruscating and subtly subversive to almost unbearable catharsis.

Homosexuality and infidelity are treated with humour that quickly turns to despair and brutal rejection, while a call from the hosts' 17-year-old daughter is tearfully poignant. Have our mobiles - 'they are the black box of our lives,' fumes Peppe - instead of connecting us, merely resulted (with our eager consent) in the annihilation of privacy? We are all breakable and we need our secrets as a refuge. Eva removes the same pair of earrings twice within minutes (an eye-catching glitch), otherwise this is flawless and uncomfortably relevant.



FENCES

Whether consciously or not, the first question you have to answer in any movie is 'do I like the central character? Do I really care what happens to him or her?' When that central character is played by Denzel Washington (who, in this instance, is also the director) he has a head start, for who doesn't love Denzel? To be straight up, however, I struggled with it a bit because I thought the protagonist, Troy Maxson, was a self-pitying, boorish pain in the arse. The sort of bloke who only has ears for his own stories and is not so much deaf to everybody else's but idiomatically unaware that there are others that might even be heard. Set in Pittsburgh shortly after WWII, Maxson is a garbo who spends a lot of his time whingeing about the baseball career he missed out on. He drinks a lot of gin in the backyard with his work buddy Bono (Stephen Henderson) and occasionally Lyons (Russell Hornsby), the ne'er-do-well son from his first marriage. It's in these scenes that August Wilson's script (based on his own play) is most stagey and unconvincing. Maxson dominates the conversations (as the level in the bottle of gin varies disconcertingly) and although Washington and his support players deliver their lines with conviction and timing that is a little too precise, it is hard to escape the feeling that you are watching three blokes acting. Transferring a play from the boards to the screen can be a clunky business without the detachment of a contributor who is not as close to the work as its author. Notwithstanding the manufactured naturalism, it still comes back to Maxson. As a cloth-capped working-class hero with a chip on both shoulders, his blinkered self-absorption will not let him see the wrong that he does to his wife Rose (Viola Davis), who, for her part, pulls faces and has a frightful moment of heavy snot-crying (I wanted her to wipe it off her mouth much sooner than she did). And the last shot is pure guff.

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in March to whet literary appetites in the lead up to the Festival in August. Sebastian Barry is a playwright, novelist, and poet and is considered one of Ireland's finest writers. He has twice been shortlisted for the MAN Booker prize and was named number one in *The Guardian's* list of top ten writers to see live. His latest novel *Days Without End* recently won the Costa Fiction Prize. It tells the story of two young men in the US Army in the 1850s and is

described by *The Guardian* as 'one of the most compelling, bravura and heart-wrenching fictional projects of recent memory'. Sebastian Barry will be in conversation with Byron Writers Festival founder Chris Hanley on Thursday 2 March, 6pm. Tickets \$30/\$35 www.byronwritersfestival.com or 6685 5115. AC Grayling will be at **Byron Theatre on Thursday 30 March**, 6pm. Tickets \$30/\$35 www.byronwritersfestival.com or 6685 5115.

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THURSDAY 16

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS BAND**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **HOME CRAFTED COMEDY WITH MANDY NOLAN**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **TOMMY CASTLES**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PAT TIERNEY**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICKY CONVINE**
- CASINO RSM **TROY CASSAR-DALEY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS FLASKAS**
- CIVIC HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **KIM CHURCHILL**
- CLUB MULLUM 8PM **HYPNO COMEDY WITH WAYNE DONNELLY**
- MULLUMBIMBY DRILL HALL 7.30PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **STEVE MANOA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8.30PM **BOURBON STREET**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE** 11.30PM **KOBY BRADLEY & CREW**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **JOHN WILLIAMSON**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **BROADFOOT**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **ANDY BUCKLE**

FRIDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **POWER LUNCH, BLISTER, CLOCAS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOULSHAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **DU-EAST DUO** 9PM **SCREAMFEEDER + GUESTS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **COTTON CLUB ELECTRO SWING**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS** 9.30PM **RAY RED**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **FEEDING FAUNA**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **TESS LATU**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **ANGELO PASH**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- THE CHANNON BUTTER FACTORY TAVERN 7.30PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- IVORY'S ROCK, PEAK CROSSING **EARTH FREQUENCY FESTIVAL**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **GREEN ROOM RIOT**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **KAFOA MCOY**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **COASTAL LIGHTS, SALT & STEEL, JADE PETERSON, CATCHPOLE**

SATURDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **HEADS OF CHARM, FEELING DAVE, JUXTA THOUGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BURNING HANDS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **CUTLOOSE & FAINT ONE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **BLACK RABBIT GEORGE TRIO**
- BYRON THEATRE 2.30PM **PURSUE YOUR PASSION**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON 4PM **JAGWAR MA, JACK RIVER, THE BABE RAINBOW**
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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
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- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BOURBON STREET**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **KIM CHURCHILL**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **STU BLACK**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 8PM **MERCY-MERCY**
- ILLAWONG HOTEL, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **STUNNED MULLET**
- ITALO-AUSTRALIAN CLUB, LISMORE 6.30PM **BEYOND VENICE WITH DOMENICO**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **TOMMY CASTLES** 7PM **CHRIS FLASKAS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE DUO**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7PM **THE PIGEON BOYS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN DORRINGTON**
- IVORY'S ROCK, PEAK CROSSING **EARTH FREQUENCY FESTIVAL**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC** 9PM **ELEMENTALS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **JOCK BARNES**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **DJ EVA J & FRIENDS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **BARELY STANDING**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 10AM **CUTUCADA TRIO**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **THE INCORRUPTIBLE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **LE CONCERT SCREENING, NICHOLAS ROUTLEY, LOUISE KING**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
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- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 4PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- UKI MARKET 10AM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG, SCRUBBY PETE, EUPHONIUM PHOENIX, THE TROMBOMBONE GALS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **SWEET MIXJAH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **ADAM BROWN**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **MATT STILLERT**
- IVORY'S ROCK, PEAK CROSSING **EARTH FREQUENCY FESTIVAL**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **GEORDIE LEACH BAND + THE GIANTS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **BOURBON STREET**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 3PM **DIVISION 4**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LEELI**
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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAX HAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **AKOVA**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **POLITICS IN THE PUB: ALGORITHMS OF CHANGE**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE W DEAN DOYLE**

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ARTHUR, George Gavin

Passed away peacefully at home on 8th February 2017.

Sadly missed by family & friends.

Family & friends are warmly invited to attend a celebration of Gavin's life to be held at the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday, 18th February 2017, @ 10am.

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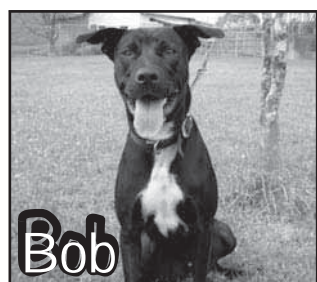
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1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	0431 524 044
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
5th SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
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Each WED	7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
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Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
2nd SUN	9am-2pm Tabulam	6688 6433

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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POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	132 500
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Sport

Soli unleashes at Pipeline



Soli Bailey gets ready for the blueroom at Pipeline. Photo WSL/Freesurf/Keoki.

Crystal Cylinders

Soli Bailey, a 21-year-old Byron Shire local, has won the prestigious Volcom Pipe Pro.

Bailey scored a remarkable underdog victory against Pipeline veterans to secure the highest-profile win of his professional career at the World Surf League Qualifying Series (QS) 3,000 event.

The competition featured some of the best surfers in the world including current World Champion John John Florence and Kelly Slater.

At one of the most famous venues on the planet Bailey came out on top, well ahead of his competitors Adriano de Sousa, Griffin Colapinto and Bruce Irons with a combined heat score of 13.26

'This is definitely the biggest win of my career,' Soli said.

'There have been a few tough losses last year and what not, and I think I've just learned from them and to come here and stay cool, calm and collected right through the final then take it out. It's a dream come true and one step closer to where I want to be. It's pretty surreal right now.

'All I know is something amazing just happened and there were some great waves

ridden and I'm just super stoked right now,' he said.

Big barrels

During the final the biggest set of the day came through and snapped both Bailey's and Irons' leashes and forced them back to shore to fix their equipment.

De Souza took advantage of the cleared out lineup and scored a 4.50 on a small left, but soon after Bailey dropped the first proper ride of the final, a 5.67 for a reeling right.

The best wave of the 35-minute final went to Soli for a double barrel combined with a solid frontside turn, scoring a 7.33 from the judging panel.

He backed this up with a 5.93 that put him points ahead of runner-up de Souza, who ended with a combined heat score of 8.43.

Bailey advanced in first from every round in the competition.

Much to the dismay of the local crowd, Florence went home early, sent packing in the first semifinal by Bailey and Colapinto.

The Volcom Pipe Pro has only seen four winners in its eight-year history: Jamie O'Brien, John John Florence, Kelly Slater and Soli Bailey.

Dragon boaters compete ahead of Open Day

Monica Wilcox

Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club was one of 22 clubs that raced at the first regatta of 2017 at Broadwater on the Gold Coast.

In blistering conditions, the Rainbow Dragons raced in the hotly contested Women's 10s division against 15 other teams and won all their heats before placing 4th in the finals.

The club's Mixed-20 team with three men and 17 women performed strongly, too. They were up against other crews with 10 men and 10 women so they managed a respectable third place, in both their heats.

A total of three clubs made the trip north from the northern rivers.

The Rainbow Dragons

started 2017 at their Lake Ainsworth base with demanding training for the Broadwater regatta and also got a new (secondhand) boat back in working order to bring their fleet to three boats.

Club members have also been undergoing individualised motivational training development by the Club's experienced coaches.

This Sunday February 19, the Rainbow Dragons are holding their 'Come and Try' day where all comers are welcome to get on the water and learn about dragon boating.

It's about becoming and keeping fit, making new friends and having fun.

Venue: Sport & Recreation boat shed via Camp Drew Rd, Lake Ainsworth. (Monica: 0408 776 171)

Ocean Shores win district bowls triples



Triples champs: Jason Haywood, Neil McLeod and Kirk Olive. Photo supplied.

Ocean Shores beat Bangalow in the final of the Tweed Byron District President Reserve Triples held at Condong on February 5.

The Ocean Shores team of Jason Haywood, Neil McLeod and Kirk Olive had to launch repeated fightbacks until they ended up winning 22-18.

Skipper Neil 'Steel' McLeod kept his team in touch with pressure bowls throughout the match, but at the end it was a team effort that secured the win.

The Ocean Shores Women also had a fun morning last Friday when they played two spirited games.

The team of P O'Connor, J Williams and B Sprengel defeated M Hosie, G Johnston and J M Quirke. And M Flesser, J Howell beat J Busch, N Gartner.

Winner on secret score was the team of O'Connor, Williams and Sprengel. The latter also picked up the raffle win.

Mullum Singles

The first round of the Mullumbimby Bowling Club 2017 Major Pairs continued on Sat-

urday in blistering conditions as the temperature on the green exceeding 40 degrees.

George and Adam McKenzie defeated Michael Lardi and Trent Foreman 29-17. Ross Graham and Sean Doherty held off Errol Boyter and Jean-Claude Canabou 21-13, with Doherty claiming a shot with his last bowl when his opponents were holding a possible match-tying seven shots.

Mark Holton went to the 'blood bin' and received medical attention after an accidental facial injury, before he and Larry Henry went down fighting 16-13 against Scott and Mark Hogan.

Brunswick Heads

In the women's social bowls of February 7, Sherril Pearce, Kerry Dexter, Jenny Lofts (20) defeated Rosa Kinnear, Bev Gawned, Blossom (6).

Also Marcia Crichton, Maureen Bertoli (vis), Judy Wright (18) beat Marcia Crichton (swing), Jenny Meinel, Darilyn Guest (9).

Winners: Pearce, Dexter, and Lofts.

League greats help Mullum Giants return to the NRRRL

The Mullumbimby Giants rugby league club is ready to get back on the football field in 2017 and will mark its re-launch with a star-studded Sportsman's Lunch this Friday at the local Leagues Club.

League greats Laurie Daley, Paul Sironen, Graham Eadie and Danny Buderus will all be special guests.

Neil 'Bing' Pringle is master of ceremonies and NSWRL chief executive David Trodden will be there too.

'The luncheon is already fully booked. Interest was immediate as soon as flyers were posted and it did not take long to fill to capacity. The quality of guest speakers has certainly added to that interest,' organiser Steve Butler said.

'We would like to thank Dave Trodden for his assistance in arranging the speakers for the day. When he heard of our situation he

could not have been more helpful,' he said.

Daley, the current NSW State of Origin coach will also be running a junior skills clinic from 10am this Friday at the club, while he is in town.

The Giants had to have a year's break from the NRRRL in 2016 because of a lack of players, but have been working hard to amend that situation.

The club has appointed a new committee to ensure its return in 2017, and player numbers have been encouraging.

Prior to Christmas the club had three informal training runs attended by approximately 30 players.

Since January 17 the club has resumed official pre-season training and numbers are slowly building. The club now trains Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Women's tag comes to Byron



The Byron Bay Red Devils are looking to field a women's league tag side in the NRRRL competition which will be played in conjunction with the normal men's comp.

To be eligible you need to be fifteen or older and officially registered, which also includes insurance cover. The club will provide playing strip

and training gear and will help with registrations.

Tag is played over 25-minute halves with unlimited interchange under international rules on a full field; there are no scrums or tackles.

Anyone wishing to participate in the fastest-growing arm of Rugby League can contact Shanay (0411 349 673).

Local athlete wins four silver

Mullumbimby's Matilda Vial won four silver medals at the Regional Athletics Carnival held in Ashmore (Qld) in early February.

Around 80 competitors from the Tweed Little Athletics were involved in the Regional carnival.

Matilda is in the under 10s and competed in the long jump, 70 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres, and came home with silver medals in all

'Matilda is working hard with her trainer twice a week, and ready to come home with gold in the State Carnival,' mum Fernanda Vial said.

Matilda achieved personal best times in all the events and she was very happy with the results.

Overall the TLA Seagulls had a great weekend with 59 athletes qualifying for the State Championships on March 17-19 at the QPAC.

In the u/16 girls the Seagulls won every gold medal on offer at the Regionals, and overall the Seagulls came second.

Matilda's inspirations are Usain Bolt and Sally Pearson, and would like to win Gold for Australia in the Olympics one day.

Winning streak pushes Byron XI into finals contention



Caelan Maladay contributed to Byron Bay's imposing total on the weekend with this hook shot. Photo Charly Hicks

Byron Bay Cricket Club held off a rampant Tintenbar-East Ballina to claim a two-run victory last Saturday, and has moved into fourth place on the Coastal League table.

The Byron team got off to a strong start with both openers doing well until they lost three quick wickets. After regaining its composure the side went to post a score of 227. Chris Zygmunt contributed with 43 runs, backed up by captain Toby Schott's 36 not out.

D Freer was the pick of the bowlers with 3/56 off three overs.

'It is a big total for our home ground,' Schott said. 'We went out to bowl feeling pretty confident.'

Byron Bay picked up two early wickets and had Tintenbar-East Ballina at 2/69 at drinks. The side needed a further 160 off just 20 overs and seemed all but finished.

But they fired up and got to within two runs of an unlikely victory.

If it weren't for a run out

on the last ball of the innings they could have tied the game.

The Byron side started to lose their mojo in the 40-degree heat as the pressure started to mount.

'We dropped one batsman four times. The fielding also went to pieces towards the end of the innings,' Schott said.

Byron were good enough in the end, and very relieved to be able to put together back-to-back wins and move into the top four on the Coastal League ladder.

They are closely followed by Cudgen, who managed to beat competition leaders Teranora, to stay just three points behind Byron in fifth place.

Both teams play sides at the bottom of the ladder next week and are expected to win.

If so, that will leave them to play each other in the last game of the regular season, which is shaping up as a minor semifinal as it will most likely determine the team to go through to the final series.

Sensei teach self-defence



Byron Shotokan Karate: George Rhodes, Jean Boussard, Ben Ruble, Jason Miles and Fabio Quijano. Photo supplied

Australia's top-three Kase Ha Shotokan Karate instructors are in town next weekend to run self-defence seminars.

Sensei Mark Smith, Mark Johnson and Terry Rafferty are all Shotokan Karate Godan (5th Dan).

Dedicated Karate and other martial artists are invited to attend the seminars organised by Jean Boussard, chief instructor with Byron Shire Shotokan Karate.

'This is an amazing opportunity to benefit from the

teaching of some very advanced sensei,' he said.

The seminars will also suit novices and are designed to be as open as possible.

'It is practical self-defence, based on breathing and circulating the energy properly in our bodies,' Jean said.

The local Shotokan Karate school has roughly 45 practitioners aged from six to 72.

Where: St Finbarrs Primary School in Byron, Saturday 3pm till 6pm and Sunday morning, February 25 and 26.

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Suffolk Park meetings

Suffolk Park Progress Association public meetings on Tuesday 21 February – community consultation on spending of Section 94 funds next year, and to gather ideas for the use of the recently acquired park, 10am at the hotel or 7pm at the hall.

Shopping bus

Community Transport Shopping Bus: We have seats available on our fortnightly shopping bus from Suffolk Park/Byron Bay to Byron town centre. The door-to-door bus costs \$6 and is available to eligible people who can't access mainstream transport owing to age, disability or other reason. Enquiries Amanda 1300 875 895.

Heart circle

Community singing/inspirational quotes, meditation group, meets weekly in 5th Golden Beach Hall every Sunday at 10am. New members welcome.

U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 21 February 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Milton Carter, 'The Rug Man from Bangalow', talks on his journey through Iran. Visitors welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Prostate Cancer Support

Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group meets Monday 20 February 10am until 12 noon at Alstonville Bowling Club. Enquiries Gordon 0415 664 649 or Pat 0411 667 104.

Art in the Pub

Art in the Pub at the Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby, at 6pm for a 6.30pm start on Monday 20 February. Internationally recognised artist and Badtjala woman Fiona Foley with her talk: 'A Quintessential Act'. Free, all welcome. Info: casemullum@gmail.com

Dunecare Day

Green and Clean Awareness Team's Dunecare Day Sunday 19 February 9am–12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

OS Garden Club

Ocean Shores Garden Club meeting Monday 20 February at 1.30pm at Baptist Church, next to Target in Ocean Shores. Speaker is Adam from Fogladders speaking on aquaponics and how to grow your own healthy vegetables and seafood in your back garden. Phone Laurel 6680 2455 for more info.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Gertie Krebs will conduct a musical appreciation session on the life and work of George Gershwin at our meeting on 20/2/17 at 10am in the RSL, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market Saturday 8am–2pm, cnr Stuart and Myocum Streets.

No-interest loans

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

Budgeting Support

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

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.

Lou Bradley playing. No dogs please.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Snow on the Camino Real: author James Cowan will read from the first of his Kingdom Trilogy, Thursday 16 February, 1–3pm, at Unitarian Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

OSCA meeting

Ocean Shores Community Association meeting 1.30pm on Monday 20 February at the Ocean Shores Tavern. Discussion includes council rates rises, public transport and new sportsfield. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Hospital Auxiliary

Monthly meeting of Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary at Byron Central Hospital, 54 Ewingsdale Rd, on Monday 20 February at 1pm. New members welcome. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Friends of Palestine

Byron Friends of Palestine's stall on Jonson Street near Fundies is in solidarity with the 8th Annual International Open Shuhada Street Campaign (<http://bit.ly/shuhada>). Thursday 23 Feb 12–3pm. We invite you get informed and enjoy some Free Palestine/Free Felafels with us.

Bangalow Park AGM

The Bangalow Park 355 Committee of Management Annual General Meeting for 2017 in the Show Secretary's Office, Bangalow Showgrounds, Station Street entrance, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 February.

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.

Mullum CWA sale

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

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.

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 essential: 6620 2999.

Fermentation Festival

Fermentation Festival Blue Knob Market 4 March, 9am–1pm, stalls, demos, samples, 719 Blue Knob Rd. Enq: 0448 685 925.

WIRES is recruiting

NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service 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://wiresnr.org/Helping.html>.

MullumMagic Toastmasters meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

CoDA

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

Byron FLEA

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

Bridge Club

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

Byron Girls Group

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

Bay Community Singers

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

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall, is open every Tues & Thurs 10am–2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am–4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

CWA Bangalow

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

Mullum CWA

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

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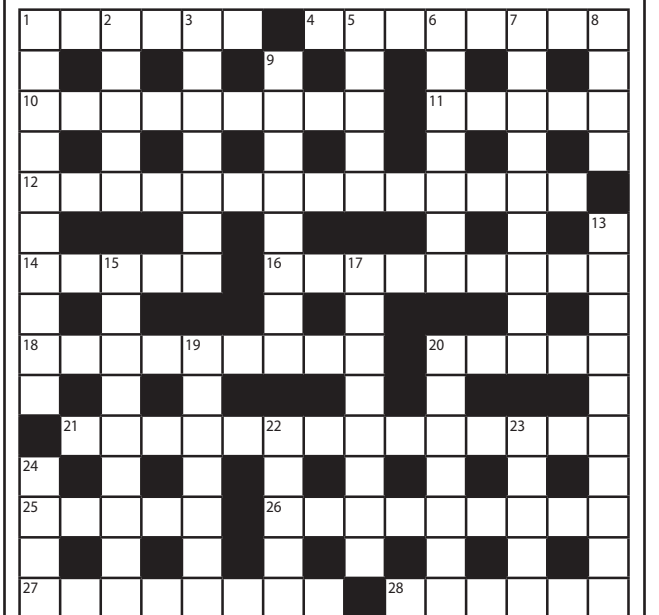
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ACROSS

- 8 more like a pig's arse? (6)
- Trunk maniac – an old joke (8)
- A grave chant? Bullshit! They cause terrible destruction. (4,5)
- Acid for Idi circle (5)
- Multi-purpose 8 – swami infers sky will disintegrate (5,4,5)
- My ear reveals a World War II English traitor (5)
- Against Left? It's back to performers! (9)
- Little wrong in the leftovers they could be bandages! (9)
- A stew goes bad – it's to be thrown out (5)
- Flagellator's child. 8 – it's a trimmer! (7,7)
- It's popular: help backward nation! (5)
- A pretty father in agony (5,4)
- 8 spied on Arab, for example (8)
- Little confused cheep – but it's a statement (6)

DOWN

- Master gets up to acrobatic feats (10)
- I wander up to a Polynesian (5)
- I object turning up to very low unknown mission (7)
- Shy, confused about American tart (5)
- Bridge 8 (7)
- Small 8s underpin records ... (4,5)
- ...to look up a feature of this puzzle (4)
- Nationality for us (8)
- Steal around church seat about 8 (4,6)
- Mascara, said the private detective (3,6)
- Veto: emergency workers strike wins narrowly (5,3)
- Parson involved with circle above 16 (7)
- Review legal document, European Union page (5,2)
- Quarter around Gillies, rising to the tests (5)
- Transport 8 (5)
- 8's parts (4)

Quick Clues

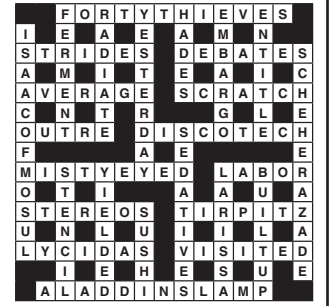
ACROSS

- Tool for driving in nails (6)
- Sweet kernel, marron (8)
- Nuclear weapons (4,5)
- Acid found in genes (5)
- Easily portable multi-purpose tool (5,4,5)
- English traitor in World War II, John will disintegrate (5,4,5)
- Female singers (9)
- Surgical bandages (9)
- Litter, leftovers (5)
- Hedge or lawn trimmer (7,7)
- Large country to our north west (5)
- Agony, severe trauma (5,4)
- Beam used to support planks for cutting (8)
- Oration (6)

DOWN

- Acrobatic poses involving inversion of the body (10)
- New Zealander (5)
- Diplomatic mission (7)
- Brazen woman (5)
- Tool used to tighten bolts (7)
- Small tools used to grind down cuticles (4,5)
- Implement, utensil (4)
- Citizen of US or Canada (8)
- Tool used by plumbers to join and adjust fittings (4,6)
- Cosmetic such as mascara or kohl (3,6)
- Narrowly defeats rival in a race (5,3)
- Female singer (7)
- Review, publicise (5,2)
- Academic tests (5)
- Tool used to smooth wooden planks (5)
- Fragments, parts (4)

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On the weekend at Tallow Beach partying idiots lit a fire in what has been described as 'catastrophic' fire conditions. Fortunately police shut the party down and seized the DJ console. Get a grip, people, your transient pleasure is not worth the potential disaster to native vegetation and wildlife. Many thanks to the locals who care.

Given that the heat is on, Lismore City Council is reminding people that portable pools with a water-depth capacity of 30cm fall under the same regulations as in-ground pools, which require a child-resistant barrier. Failing to install a barrier could result in a \$5,500 fine. According to the council, portable pools are responsible for a fifth of all backyard drownings. Royal Life Saving offers pool safety advice at royallifesaving.com.au/programs/home-pool-safety.

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library now has an app for your phone, iOS or Android, and for the iPad. You can access all their services, except for real-life friendly librarians, and read free ebooks – as long as you're a member. Find out more at rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

Robyn Lillian, a young teacher in Bedfordshire – we're taking her word for it that she's a teacher – demonstrating to her Year 6 charges for the purposes of cyber safety how easily a photo could be shared on the internet, uploaded a mundane photo of a bag of apples and asked people to pass it on. There were 218,000 shares within a week. See Ms Lillian's mapping of the event at facebook.com/robyn.lillian5.



Thanks to Warren L Kennedy who sent us this photo, along with the question, 'Is this poor quality control or has the wicked sign fairy been around?'

The Australian government offers advice on internet safety for young people and teachers at staysmart-online.gov.au/youth.

If you want to know how thoroughly the US/Mexico border is guarded already, go to Upworthy's Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/realdealUS-Mex>. And rather than spend billions on Lord Dampnut's wall, here's a wild idea: since a percentage of US citizens have a lust for drugs, why not treat it as a health problem rather than a criminal activity to be banned – because that hasn't worked since Prohibition (1920–33). Legalise heroin and cocaine and have the government tax the importation and retail outlets – it's no worse than selling arms to Saudi Arabia. That would raise billions, some of which could be spent on education and harm minimisation. We bet fewer people would die of overdoses, adulterated drugs, bullets and beheadings than

under the Mexican cartels' desperate for a fix. The down-side is it would disrupt the 'business model' of corrupt officials and congressmen.

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In the recent case of *Cohen NSWSC 336*, the poorly drafted POA gave the Attorney unnecessarily wide powers to confer benefits on himself.

He sold his mother's property (to himself) for \$1.00, then resigned as her Attorney; left her for dead in a nursing home; leaving her without anyone to manage her legal and financial affairs.

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal held that the transfer of the property to himself was an abuse of the power and ordered him to transfer the property back to his mother; and to account for costs.

A poorly drafted POA (and/or a poor choice of Attorney) can have serious consequences, some of which can only be resolved by legal intervention.

If you have questions around your POA, or you have concerns about someone who may be abusing their powers, please call Stuart Garrett Lawyers.

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