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Promises ignored

Hans Lovejoy

Funding commitments for Byron Shire Council that have been ignored by the state government are causing 'reputational damage,' according to Council's general manager (GM) Ken Gainger.

Describing them as 'hollow promises,' Mr Gainger says there is yet to be action over promises by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to construct a 'multi-million-dollar bus interchange for Byron Bay.'

Meanwhile he says a National Party commitment to repair the crumbling Belongil Creek Bridge on Ewingsdale Road is yet to be addressed and a promise from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is yet to materialise for an upgrade of the St Helena lookout.

While these projects fall under the authority of government departments, the relevant coalition ministers who are responsible for those departments are RMS minister Melinda Pavey (Nationals) and minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance (Liberal). They were recently appointed after a cabinet reshuffle.

Mr Gainger's comments come just as NSW minister for tourism and major events Adam Marshall (Nationals) visited the Shire on Monday to announce a \$95,000 package for local events (see page three).

Mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo* he was disappointed that the minister failed to contact him and staff over the visit and supported Mr Gainger's views on state government inaction.

Mr Gainger said, 'Byron Shire contributes significantly to the state

and regional economy, yet we are largely ignored when it comes to receiving any financial support.'

'Byron ratepayers are becoming increasingly annoyed that they are being asked to fund infrastructure that is damaged and degraded by millions of visitors. 15,300 ratepayers cannot continue to support two million visitors without significant government support,' he said.

Surprised MLC

Parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin (Nationals) told *The Echo* he was 'surprised by the media release from Byron Council about their concerns.'

'Council made representations to me regarding the bus interchange issue. As they know, I have had formal communication with both the minister for transport's office and the minister for lands. Discussions have been constructive and we are working towards a positive outcome,' he said.

'Similarly, they also raised with me the Belongil Creek Bridge issue. Although this is a federal matter and outside of my purview, I have formally raised the issue with the federal minister for transport and am awaiting his response.'

'Byron Council know that these issues are being examined. I would have thought they should await the outcomes of these representations before running to the media to complain.'

'They are welcome to raise their other issues of concern with me if they wish and I will try to assist there too. Unfortunately, Byron Council have jumped the gun and appear to be playing politics with important local infrastructure issues rather

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Fukushima remembered



Local Japanese activists Yumiko Gooch and Saya Minami. Photo Jeff Dawson

With the sixth anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear disaster this week, a locally produced short film, *Good Fortune Island*, will screen at the Mullumbimby Drill Hall from 2pm till 8pm on March 11.

Starring local Japanese actress and anti-nuclear activist Saya Minami, the film will be part of a wider week of action planned to highlight the dangers of nuclear, the lack of mainstream media reporting and the Japanese government's secrecy.

On March 11, 2011 the Fukushima nuclear power plant, located next to the ocean, suffered a triple meltdown following a devastating tsunami that hit Japan's northeastern seaboard. 'Extremely high radiation levels' still

exist, *The Guardian* reported last month, while operator Tepco continues to try and decommission the plant. It's a process that is expected to take about four decades.

Current status

Ms Minami answered questions around the current status of Fukushima and the new film.

What is the short film about?

The film is a 17-minute drama/short film called *Good Fortune Island*. Fukushima in English is Fuku (good fortune) and Shima (island). It was made by a Gold Coast-based film production company and local Byron actors. People are always concerned about the environmental is-

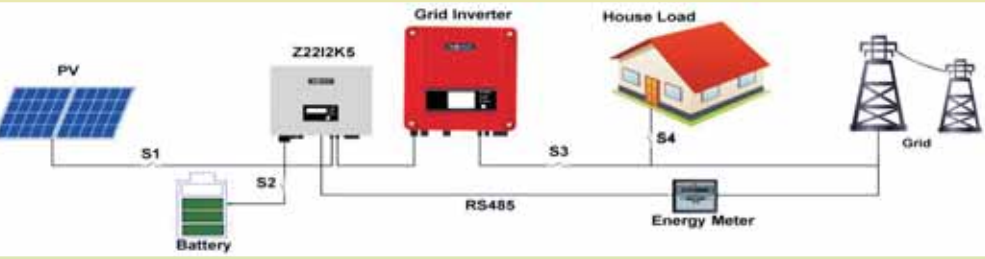
ssues around Fukushima, but I wanted to focus on the people, as they are still living in Fukushima and dealing with invisible fears and a hopeless situation. So we made this film about a [fictitious] boy from Fukushima who gets thyroid cancer. Many people are still living inside Fukushima, even inside of the 20km exclusion zone around the nuclear plant.

According to Greenpeace, the Japanese government is encouraging evacuees from Fukushima to return home, despite dangerous levels of radiation. They are planning to cut housing support for those evacuees at the end of this month. Greenpeace say the radiation levels

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Reactivating Byron's laneways

As part of the Byron Bay master-planning process, Creative Road and Fullerton Creative have brought together a collaboration of multi-artform artists to permanently transform Byron's Lawson Lane.

The project kicked off this week, thanks to key supporter Byron Shire Council, who have contributed \$20,000 to seed fund the project.

■ To get involved visit facebook.com/elysium2481.



Andrew Dennis is one of many artists who have started the Elysium project, which is the transformation of Lawson Lane, Byron Bay. Photo Jeff Dawson

Govt promises to council ignored

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than constructively trying to solve them,' Mr Franklin said.

Mr Franklin also took the opportunity to try and gain political points against local MP Tamara Smith (Greens).

He said, 'Everybody knows the local member is not a member of the government and has very little influence in Macquarie Street. So, as a local resident and government MP, I am always happy to step in, pick up the slack and help our region.'

'I am proud to represent the concerns of local individuals and organisations - particularly where it is clear that the local member cannot

achieve an outcome - and I will continue to do so,' he said.

In reply to the GM's claims, an RMS spokesperson said they are committed to upgrading the lookout at the intersection of Hinterland Way and Coolamon Scenic Drive. 'A safety audit and line marking at the intersection was completed before Christmas last year.'

'In correspondence received from Byron Shire Council on March 1, 2017, Council advised it had agreed to carry out an engineering survey to progress the project. RMS will continue to work with Council towards an outcome.'

Additionally a TfNSW spokesperson told *The Echo*

that 'TfNSW and Sydney Trains has been working with Byron Bay [sic] Council and Crown Lands to determine an appropriate site for a bus interchange at Byron Bay.'

'The first concept designs were presented to Council in December 2015; however, at Council's request, the proposed site for the interchange has been changed on a number of occasions, which has led to a delay in finalising plans.'

■ No mention was made of the critical Belongil Creek Bridge repairs that are needed.

Additionally neither department refuted the GM's claims of a lack of communication.

A secret nuclear disaster, six years on

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are comparable to Chernobyl's exclusion zone.

Do you believe Japanese people are aware of the dangers?

The Japanese government has spent a lot of money to control information about Fukushima on the internet. Also, they employed a famous professor as a radiation risk-management adviser and did a big campaign that 'radiation is safe' around Fukushima. They also spent a lot of money with Japan's biggest advertising company Dentsu to advertise that 'Fukushima is safe, let's eat Fukushima food and support them.'

So many people are confused with all the different information from the government, especially TV. We can't really talk about 'radiation' or 'Fukushima' in Japan; if you talk you will be seen as a 'stranger' or 'crazy person.'

The Japanese government still wants to sell the technology of nuclear power to global governments and tries to cover up all the problems in Fukushima.

I understand there is no independent assessment of this and there is no help from other nations.

I remember a few years ago the Japanese government or Tepco refused help from other countries. I am not sure of the current situation, but most Japanese people are unable to speak English, so it would be very hard for them to get help from overseas.

There is a working time limit for nuclear workers in Fukushima, so they need to keep sending many people to Fukushima nuclear power plant. They have started employing people from other Asian countries with the cleanup.

Why is there is so little movement on this major issue?

I think it's a cultural thing as well. Most Japanese people think that they shouldn't talk about Fukushima.

But there are also many activists (including many new citizen activists who started after Fukushima) trying to fix this situation or do something for children as well.

One of my friends, lawyer Toshio Yanagihara, is trying to set up a Japanese version of the Chernobyl legislation, a human-rights law (enactment of the right to be evacuated at the time of nuclear accident).

Is part of the issue that the government-owned Tepco has no transparency and that the Japanese are largely politically unaware of the issue? I understand the Japanese media do not ask any hard questions of politicians and that bureaucrats run everything.

Even I can't believe this, but although most Japanese people know about the Fukushima nuclear accident, they don't know how the radiation affects their body.

They get too much wrong information that says 'radiation is safe.'

Also they believe pollution called PM2.5 is coming from China... it's also media controlled by government to cause confusion to people to think 'your sickness is not from Fukushima, it's from China...'

But now we have hope with our government - his name is Taro Yamamoto.

He was a comedian but became a politician after the accident.

And he is revealing all the lies and problems of our government.

■ The film's social media page is at www.facebook.com/GoodFortuneIsland.

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Nearly \$100k injected into local events

Up to \$95,000 will be invested into far north coast events through the NSW government's 2017 Flagship Event Fund, while funding to support the region's ailing infrastructure has been promised at a later stage.

NSW minister for tourism and major events Adam Marshall and parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin (both National MPs) made the announcement Monday morning at the Poinciana Cafe in Mullumbimby, along with organisers of The Byron Spirit Festival.



Minister for tourism and major events Adam Marshall, Ben Franklin MLC and from Spirit Festival, Kate Little, Alex Grant, Alison Pearl and Kate Nelson. Photo Jeff Dawson

Infrastructure funding?

The Echo asked Mr Marshall if there were plans to also include infrastructure funding for councils who struggle under the weight of high visitor numbers and a low ratepayer base.

He replied that he was aware of the issue that faces Byron Shire Council.

'All regions face different tourism issues,' he said, 'and we are working on a package for this.'

'Some regions require improved auditoriums for example, whereas councils

such as Byron Shire obviously need road infrastructure.'

The Byron Spirit Festival, Ballina Prawn Festival and Sample Food Festival will all benefit from the Flagship Event Fund, says the minister, as 'part of our renewed commitment to boost regional economies through tourism and major events.'

He said the Byron Spirit Festival and Ballina Prawn Festival will receive an annual grant of \$20,000 with the Sample Food Festival receiving triennial funding of \$27,500.

'These events join the Australian Longboard Surfing Festival in Kingscliff, which continues its triennial funding in 2017, as key flagship events for the region.'

'Events play a fundamental role in attracting new and returning visitors to our regional towns, bringing with them additional business to restaurants and cafes, local tourism operators, attractions and accommodation providers.'

Marketing grant

Mr Franklin said the fund,

which is managed by Destination NSW, provides grants to support marketing activities that drive overnight visitation to regional NSW.

'The north coast has so much on offer. Events such as the Byron Spirit Festival, Ballina Prawn Festival and Sample Food Festival are a celebration of our community,' Mr Franklin said.

'I'm really excited that this funding will assist in promoting and growing these iconic events and benefit our tourism sector.'

Annual naked bike ride this Sunday

This weekend's annual World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR) will be held Sunday, with events locally being held in Byron Bay, Nimbin and Lismore.

Byron Bay riders will

meet at the Butler Street Reserve from 1.30pm onwards for body art and the ride starts at 3pm sharp.

Co-organiser Debra Conomy says all riders are required to obey road signs, to

wear helmets and carry ID.

The official (un)dress code for the ride is 'Bare As You Dare!'

Whether you choose to be fully clothed, partially clothed, costumed, painted

or completely naked, the decision is entirely yours.

Nimbin holds the region's record for the oldest ongoing ride (nine years).

■ Visit the WNBR Facebook pages for more info.

Residential strategy update

At its February 23 meeting, councillors passed a motion to add a number of new development controls to its Preliminary Draft Byron Shire Residential Strategy.

It had full councillor support, except from Cr Cate Coorey, and they have asked staff to include the following in the preliminary draft residential strategy:

i) Model controls that require affordable housing to be included in developments i.e. a bonus provision requirement to deliver a percentage of affordable housing in a development;

ii) Development controls and reduced contributions or other incentives that may boost construction of secondary dwellings as affordable housing but ensuring

regulatory controls are consistent with the provision of affordable housing;

iii) Promoting new caravan parks and manufactured home estates on unconstrained land in existing settlements and new land release areas in urban growth areas;

iv) Provide for greater mixed-use zones to enable a range of land uses including residential, commercial and industrial to be co-located in a way that support sustainable forms of transport such as public transport, walking, cycling and increased neighbourhood amenity. Such zones to incorporate a mix of housing types and affordability suitable to a diversity of needs.

A report into establishing a citizen jury will also be investigated.

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RSL member seeks help to protect memorial

Bangalow sub-branch RSL member and longtime local Col Draper is seeking other RSL members and/or members of the public to help protect and register the Brunswick Heads memorial pine trees, planted after WWI. Currently they are slated to become officially part of a camping ground for the North Coast Holiday Parks, a state-run corporation.

'These trees were carefully chosen to thrive in rather ordinary sand and are a living memorial to those locals who went off to the Great War.

'It's also a reminder of those volunteers who made the effort over many years to nurture the Memorial Park.

'Now its our turn to preserve that memorial.'

■ Col can be contacted on 0408 440 243.

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Woodburn's New Italy: home of Australia's first refugees

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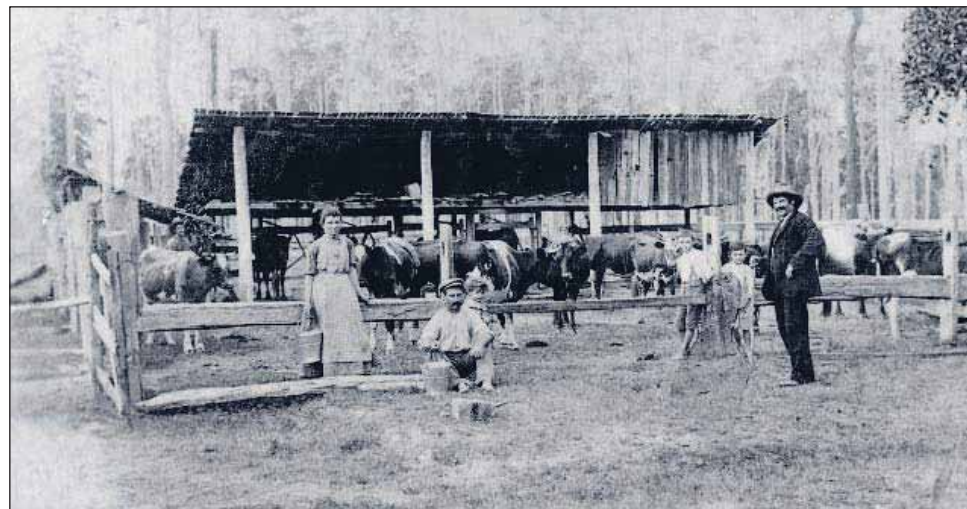
Australia's first refugees formed a successful settlement just south of Woodburn in northern NSW, now known as New Italy.

According to records held by the museum, in 1880 families and farmers from the Veneto region in northern Italy were sold homes and lands in the imaginary kingdom of the Bismarck Archipelago.

Though warned by the Royal Investigation Bureau in Milan, who refused to issue passports to anyone who was participating in the scheme, 50 families boarded the ship *The India*, in Barcelona in hope of a new life.

They were assured they would be landing at a colony that was already settled and established, but when they arrived they found that Port Breton had no housing and that people were dying of starvation and disease.

After four months at the colony the Italians departed on *The India*, finally ending



New Italy's Morandini dairy. Angelo Morandini came with his parents in 1882 to New Italy where they established a dairy. Photo supplied.

up stranded in Noumea at a penal colony when their ship was declared unseaworthy.

Sir Henry Parkes, the then-premier of NSW, arranged for their rescue and chartered the *James Paterson* to collect the survivors.

On April 7, 1881, 217 of the original 340 emigrants arrived in Sydney, destitute and in poor health.

Arriving ill and with no money, the Italians agreed

to spend a year in service throughout the colony. After their harrowing trip to Australia, they had formed close bonds and, with all the skills required to set up a new community, they came back together at the end of the year to successfully colonise land near Woodburn.

The location was chosen for them owing to the British colonists believing the land was too barren to work with.

Today, there is a museum complex that commemorates the lives of New Italy on the site and they are currently seeking to contact any descendants of the original settlers who still live in Australia.

Call out for descendants

■ Contact New Italy via their website: www.newitaly.com.au.

A C Grayling returns March 30

Philosophical heavyweight A C Grayling will be appearing at the Byron Theatre on Thursday March 30 from 6pm.

His new book, *The Age of Genius - The Seventeenth Century and the Birth of the Modern Mind*, explains how the seventeenth century became the crucible of modernity.

The synopsis says that in

this century, science moved from the alchemy and astrology of John Dee to the painstaking observation and astronomy of Galileo, from the classicism of Aristotle to the evidence-based, collegiate investigation of Francis Bacon.

■ For tickets visit www.byronwritersfestival.com or call 6685 5115.

Sunrise roundabout lacks ecological assessment

With construction already underway at the Ewingsdale Road roundabout for Sunrise, independent councillor Cate Coorey claims that it is being undertaken without ecological assessment.

Cr Coorey has drafted a motion to be tabled at the next

council meeting to 'rapidly' seek advice to 'mitigate koala roadkill at the intersection.'

She told *The Echo*, 'It is a logical [koala] crossing point between West Byron and the large stands of swamp mahogany to the east of Sunrise and SAE.'

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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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Eco-warriors independently assess govt's shark netting program

Mia Armitage

At least four of five north coast shark nets were hauled from the ocean on Sunday after Sea Shepherd activists found two rays entangled off Lighthouse Beach in Ballina.

The six-month controversial trial covers five beaches from Evans Head to Lennox and aims to reduce the risk of shark encounters.

Yet like other netting programs, the north coast program has seen a high percentage of deaths to marine life, some of which are protected and dangerously low in numbers.

Upon diving to inspect the nets off Ballina, marine scientist Scott Wallace said he saw two white spotted eagle rays entangled.

He dove with fellow Apex Harmony shark protection campaigner, Zaid Dillon and we were aboard Sea Shepherd's inflatable raft, *Grey Nurse*.

'They obviously haven't checked the nets for a while,' said captain Jonathan Clark when Mr Wallace confirmed one of the rays was dead and decomposing.

Mr Wallace said he was unsure how long it took the ray to reach its decomposition levels but guessed around two days.

A second caught ray, also believed to be a white spotted eagle ray, survived after Department of Primary Industries (DPI) contractors cut the animal free from the net some twenty minutes later.

Captain Clark reminded all aboard the *Grey Nurse* not to touch the shark nets, lest DPI authorities issue a \$22,000 fine to offenders.

Nets out of water

When the vessel *Wahoo* arrived to examine the nets, DPI contractors aboard told *The Echo* they removed nets from Lighthouse and Shelly Beaches around midday and said they had already taken nets out of the water at Sharpes Beach and Main Beach, Evans Head.

'They'll be out of the water all week,' said one contractor, 'we've got some bad weather coming.'

He said a fifth net at Seven Mile Beach in Lennox Head was under another contractor's responsibility and didn't know if it was to stay in the ocean.

One of the three men aboard *Wahoo* confirmed he was a DPI representative, paid to observe the contractors at work, as stipulated in the DPI's north coast shark management plan.

DPI authorities hired local fishers to check shark nets at least twice daily, but last month said poor weather was hampering regular inspection efforts.

Le-Ba Boardriders president Don Munro told media at the time that weather had been predominantly fine and should not have stopped net checks, while Ballina Councillor Keith Richardson said contractors were not being paid enough.

Nets were checked less



A white spotted eagle ray caught in the shark net at Ballina's Lighthouse Beach on Sunday. Sea Shepherd divers say they saw two rays, one dead and one later released alive by the DPI. Photo Sea Shepherd

than 1.5 times per day on average in the first two months of the NSW government's controversial north coast shark net trial with a third monthly report due this week.

Captain Clark, QLD coordinator for the Apex Harmony campaign, said activists planned to check nets again as soon as possible, but he was pleased contractors had removed nets temporarily.

'We're here to advocate for human and marine safety,' he said, 'we want the most effective, non-lethal shark mitigation strategies possible and

the shark net trial is not that.'

■ A national senate inquiry into shark mitigation began in mid-February.

Sleepbus project aims to provide a safe place for homeless

A fundraising effort is underway to get a sleepbus for the Byron Shire, which provides temporary overnight accommodation to people sleeping rough.

Sleepbus founder Simon Rowe says, 'It's an 'innovative and affordable solution' for tackling homelessness and that the campaign is being led by the Byron Chamber of Commerce and local business owners.

'Byron Shire mayor, Simon Richardson, plans to use the upcoming Mayor's Ball as the main fundraiser,' he said.

'The goal is to raise \$100,000, which pays for it to be built, delivered and begin service.'

'Each sleepbus is fitted with 22 individual, lockable sleep pods, complete with climate control, USB charging, free to air TV and a channel displaying all the services available in the area to help with pathways out of homelessness.

'There are two toilets on the bus and an overnight caretaker to ensure everyone

is safe and cared for during the night. There are even pet pods underneath for people with companion animals; they have aircon and an intercom to their owner, inside the bus. One sleepbus can provide 8,030 safe sleeps per year.

'Sleepbus offers a simple solution of temporary overnight accommodation to help provide safe sleeps to those in need around the country.'

Mr Rowe claims there are already 20 buses commissioned from around the country and the first will be launched next week in Melbourne.

Mayor Simon Richardson confirmed with *The Echo* that he is planning a 'mayor's ball' for early June, and says it would be a major fundraiser for a Byron sleepbus.

He says he is calling out for help or donations with organising the event.

The mayor can be contacted on 0427 076 834 or by email: simon.richardson@cr.byron.nsw.gov.au.

■ For more visit www.sleepbus.org/byronshire.

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FedTalks food

The future of food will be on the table for the next FedTalks, to be held March 16 at the Federal Hall.

The doco *Before the Flood* will screen from 7pm, while a short Q&A will follow with environmental scientist Prof Brendan Mackey and local commentator Mark Swivel.

Co-organiser Alan Goldstein says the pair will give an update on where Australia and the world are at with climate change mitigation and transitioning to a cleaner world.

'We last discussed this topic at FedTalks prior to the Paris conference and agreements.'

Stay positive

Alan also says another topic of discussion will be 'How progressives can remain positive and stay focused on creating positive change and a more peaceful world in the era of Trump.'

Dinner will be available at Te-Amim Cafe from 5pm

■ For more info visit www.fedtalks.com.au.

Mullum's biggest gateway restoration

Aslan Shand

In 1988, a dramatic entrance to Mullumbimby from the Pacific Highway at Uncle Tom's was created to represent the changing culture and identity of the town.

The Mullumbimby Gateway consists of a shingled rotunda with a roofline symbolic of the mountain forms of Byron Shire, and the Mullumbimby peace poles, designed and carved by local woodworkers and artists, stand nearby.

Project co-ordinator Richard Mordaunt said, 'The beautiful shelter was roofed by Stan Ceglinski from the Billinudgel Wood Working Company. He cut all the shin-



Council workers put the finishing touches on the Mullum Gateway pelican

gles for the roof. We thought that they wouldn't last and would frizzle in the sun but you can go and have a look today and there isn't a single

curl.' Three poles were carved on the banks of the Brunswick River over two years.

The largest, a 35-foot high nature pole, depicts the animal and plant life in the environment. The pole has tortoises, local birds, a 14-foot carpet snake, goanna, night-cap daisies, the barrel shape of a locally found Aboriginal nulla nulla (a hunting stick).

At its top stands an eight-foot-high pelican, whose wings were made from the timbers of the bridge crossing the Pacific Highway at Billinudgel.

The wings of the Pelican were recently repaired and finally put in place on Thursday February 9 by Council as part of a rehabilitation of the Mullumbimby gateway project.

Originally, there were three peace poles and a dragon seat; however, the seat and one of the poles were eaten by whiteants. 'The third pole, which was female in form, resembled an unfolding leaf and we called it the lady pole,' said Mordaunt.

The site is currently undergoing a facelift with the possibility of the third, lost, peace pole being replaced by another piece of public art. 'Park your cars and get out and have a look at them,' said Mordaunt. 'They are amazing pieces of art.'

■ Anyone interested in getting involved in the project can call Richard Mordaunt on 0407 466 461 or email richardmordaunt@bigpond.com.

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Long waiting times at Lismore Base Hospital defended by health chief

The Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) has defended its handling of a case involving a 52-year-old Ballina grandmother told by Lismore Base Hospital she had to wait a year for a colonoscopy to discover whether she had colon cancer.

The case was highlighted this week by shadow health minister Walt Secord, who wrote to health minister Brad Hazzard asking for an explanation over the lengthy waiting times at the hospital that affected West Ballina resident Sharon Gregory.

But in a brief statement

issued last week, NNSW LHD chief executive Wayne Jones told *The Echo* the hospital 'manages wait times for clinical procedures according to the recommended timeframes' set by clinicians.

'It is important to note that, at any time, a patient's clinician can, and will, change the clinical urgency category of their surgery if there is a medical reason to do so, like a change in their condition,' Mr Jones said.

The chief executive said Mrs Gregory was assessed and referred by her general practitioner, 'and subsequent-

ly categorised by the specialist gastroenterologist.'

He added that 'information about NSW Health Waiting Time and Elective Surgery Policy is available online at <http://bit.ly/2mJjM6F>.'

Mr Secord has called for an immediate investigation into the delays for non-urgent elective surgery and other procedures at Lismore Base Hospital, which should 'include whether there is an appropriate level of resources and staffing for the region.'

'Taking into consideration the seriousness of cancer, this waiting time is excessive,' he

told the minister, 'especially as health experts agree that discovering the cancer earlier can save lives.'

Mr Secord added that recent independent Bureau of Health Information research reports that Lismore Base Hospital has some of the longest waits in the state and the second-longest waits outside Sydney - for non-urgent elective surgery with 1,593 patients waiting for elective surgery at the hospital.

■ Mr Hazzard's office was contacted for comment but no reply was received.

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Tyagarah airfield tree clearing underway

Further to concerns raised by resident Matthew O'Reilly over expansion plans at the Tyagarah Airfield, Council staff have confirmed 'selective tree removal' is being conducted at the site.

Council's open space and resource recovery manager Michael Matthews said, 'About 560 trees have been identified as encroaching on the Obstacle Limitation Sur-

face of the airfield within the space needed to provide safe aircraft approaches for take-off and landing.'

'It is not land clearing. Stage one of the program within the maintenance zone of the facility included 214 trees of which half have been removed and half pruned.'

'Out of these, eight were confirmed as koala-food trees four of which were re-

moved and four pruned.

'No koala-feed trees have been selectively treated within the primary Koala habitat.'

Tree saved

'And one tree scheduled for removal was excluded from the works owing to a bird nest sited within the canopy.'

Mr Matthews added a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was completed for the

stage-one works and will also be completed for stage two.

While Mr O'Reilly claims that the cost of upgrading the airfield is high and the potential returns low, the mayor told *The Echo*, 'it's not a money-making exercise; it's about safety and we are required to do it.'

'There was nearly a serious accident there around ten years ago,' the mayor said.

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Renew Fest 2020 vision is 'to make Mullumbimby and surrounds 100 per cent renewable-energy run.'

Director Ella Rose Goninan says the festival has grown to two days, 'and

broadened the themes to encompass the major pillars of full sustainable transition.'

'It's also a great honour to announce that this year's festival patron is Robin Grille, author of the internationally acclaimed book *Parenting for a Peaceful World*.

■ For more visit www.renewfest.org.au/tickets.

Roses are not red kids' book launched

Local author Scott Rheuben is launching his first kids' book *Roses Are Not Red* from 10am Saturday March 11 at the Lismore Library.

Rheuben says it is a 'playful story that at its heart emphasises that things are not always

what we've been led to believe.' 'Life is not black and white; it's all a matter of perspective.' Artwork for the book is by Joanna Cuskelly and Little Steps.

■ For more visit www.scotter.com.au.

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Choose your bastards

It is probably not entirely kosher, halal or PC these days to refer to the bad guys as 'bastards', given that being born out of wedlock – the marital version of the headlock – carries no moral stain, especially when the church that invented the wedlock is drenched in immoral stains. However, I shall persist with it for this week only, perhaps to be replaced next week by 'cad' or 'scoundrel'. After all, 'you old bastard' was once a term of endearment among Australian males incapable of wearing muslin drawstring pants and intoning mantras.

First bastards off the rank are Byron Shire Council. It's like shooting fish in a barrel – don't try this at home – but it has to be said. Council are bastards because they want to increase rates to such a level that we'll all be living in humpies at White Cliffs by the end of the decade.

All up, eight NSW councils have applied for rate increases above the pegged level of 1.5 per cent for 2017–18.

Only Lockhart Shire, with a bid for a 37 per cent cumulative increase over seven years, comes close to our council's bastardry of 33.55 per cent cumulative increase over four years.

You can still have a shot at stopping these bastards by bothering IPART by March 13 at <http://bit.ly/ipartrates>.

Of course it is the state government that are the real bastards because they won't allow a bed tax or extra funds to repair infrastructure, and because the bastards will blame councils for being unfit for the future. The bastards started off with the *Imperial Act of 1842, An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land*, devised over a cask of amontillado – what a debt Spain owes to Poe! – and went on to the *Local Government Act 1993*, successfully preserving the irritating tension between bureaucrats and elected representatives. It's bastards all the way down, really.

Moving up bastard-wise we come to the federal government, the Queensland Labor government and the global carpetbaggers Adani who wish to impose a huge coal mine on the countryside despite the objections of the local Indigenous people and anyone with common sense. Opposing these bastards is the latest rendition of grey power, Grandparents For The Galilee. Armed with Scrabble boards and pizza, these old bastards have occupied Queensland ALP HQ: [facebook.com/GalileeBlockade](https://www.facebook.com/GalileeBlockade).

And it's an embarrassment of bastard-riches when you move on up to the international level. So much so that a bastard entrepreneur has come up with '21st Century Bastard: Asshole Action Figures For The Darkest Timeline', viewable in all their plastic glory at <http://bit.ly/21bastard>. They all come with adjustable limbs and morals.

Lack of space – and possibly defamation law – prevents me from including all the bastards I can conjure up over the second cup of coffee, but I'm sure you can think of some of your own, you old bastards.

– Michael McDonald

Thin pickings as Turnbull sinks further

A corner has been turned, a bridge has been crossed, a line has been drawn. Australian politics has changed: the idea that Malcolm Turnbull could be replaced as Liberal leader is no longer unthinkable.

Of course this does not mean that it is inevitable, or that it is likely to happen soon; Turnbull is still a strong favourite to head his party into the next election. But the mere fact that some who still regard themselves as Turnbull's supporters are prepared to talk about it signals a new paradigm for the debate.

Quite suddenly it is no longer just the Delcons, the Monkey Pod Group, The Deplorables – however they brand themselves according to the fashion of the moment, they are basically the same bunch of recalcitrants – who are talking regime change. They always do and they always will, seeking what they regard as vindication but what more normal people know simply as revenge.

But apparently sober commentators are now discussing the possible candidates if, just if, it becomes necessary to throw Turnbull under a bus. And, as always, the Turnbull group seem paralysed with indecision, blinded by the glare of a real, rather than a confected, threat.

Last week's polling did not help, obviously, and nor did Turnbull's lame and lawyerly response to the Fair Work Commission on penalty rates. But paradoxically the trigger for the new direction came not from anything Turnbull did or did not do, but from his pretended nemesis, Tony Abbott.

Abbott's outburst (for once Turnbull named it correctly) last week was not just unhelp-

ful – that, obviously, is Abbott's preferred stance, and has been from the moment he was deposed. His declaration of war was an ultimatum from which there could be no turning back.

Turnbull's claim that it was designed to coincide with a disastrous Newspoll was conspiratorial in the extreme – Abbott seldom if ever has a considered strategy, he just says whatever he wants to, whenever he can grab an opportunity, which last week's book launch fortuitously provided. But whatever Abbott's immediate motives, the party room has

could command a respectable majority between the warring factions.

So, said the pundits, bugger the factions – what about Peter Dutton? Well, what about him? Divisive, gaffe-prone, unwilling to compromise and as thick as two short planks.

But, say his boosters, he would take it up to Bill Shorten, you just see. And he can speak in short, easily understood words – indeed, he can't speak in any other kind of words. Surely he is worth a try?

This plaintive appeal is the silliest leadership sugges-

suddenly shot up, for a while.

Now the idea seems to be that because of the threat of extremists melting away in the direction of One Nation, the way to bring them back to the fold is to promote a Hanson lookalike – hence Dutton.

Of course, it may drive moderates away in droves, but for many Liberals they are never more than time servers anyway – what matters is securing the base, meaning the formerly rusted-on right.

Perhaps fortunately, for what is left of our sanity, none of this is serious yet – apart from anything else, there is an acknowledgement that dumping still another leader is hugely risky, that what is delicately called 'the transactional cost' would be too high a price to pay to regain the lost votes. And there are those in the party room who cannot regard Dutton as having the needed range of knowledge, gravitas or even simple brains to endorse him as even a possibility, let alone a frontrunner.

But in the absence of anyone else – and what an indictment that is of the Liberal Party – he retains the star billing. This may well be the best thing Turnbull has going for him. As long as there is not even a marginally credible challenger, he will remain leader by default; it will simply not be worth the effort and the angst of toppling him unless the polling can show that this is the only way to save the furniture, if not the government.

So for the moment Turnbull still has breathing space, even the chance of returning to the glory that was once his. But it has to be said that this is now a remote and dwindling possibility. The world has changed for Malcolm Bligh Turnbull – and not for the better.

[Dutton is] Divisive, gaffe-prone, unwilling to compromise and as thick as two short planks

by Mungo MacCallum



finally cried enough.

When Matthias Cormann called time, so did any right-wing waverers who realised that the Abbott crusade was now dead, buried and cremated. This does not mean that a handful of zealots – Eric Abetz, Kevin Andrews, and no doubt Cory Bernardi and George Christensen – will give up their dream.

But it does mean that the party as a whole will move on.

The question, of course, is move on to whom? Initially, the usual suspects – Julie Bishop and Scott Morrison – were back on the list, but the consensus was that they were both too damaged by the last coup and could not be forgiven or trusted by the hard-line conservatives.

This may well be true, although Bishop is still popular with many of the rank and file. But it is clear that no-one else currently in the mainstream

tion since a few nutters in the media were spruiking the credentials of Bronwyn Bishop to replace the hopeless Alexander Downer as leader back in 1995. It was never going to happen; even at their most desperate, those in the party room would never have voted for the mad woman of Mackellar. And it is almost as unlikely that a majority would coalesce behind the unlovable ex-drug cop attempting, vainly, to reposition himself as some kind of conservative statesman.

But the problem is that there does not seem to be anyone else. The approved wisdom is that to rescue the government, the party has to move decisively to the right. This may or may not be true – the sole evidence we can glean is that when in 2015 Turnbull took over the leadership from Abbott, the voters actually liked the idea of a move to the left – the polls

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Spare us public art
Oh spare us, Creative Mullumbimby Inc (*Echo*, March 1). Lowly basic survival-oriented Mullumbimby residents who lack the time and/or stamina to be involved in joyously public art-provoked argument would be well advised to be sceptical about this group's agenda.
As for the Sculpture Walk, the masses aren't that lacking in imagination or exploratory instinct that they need 'public art to mark entrances and exits' or need to rely on others' creativity to 'know where we are'. No more gaudy-gold-

coastish fiddlesticks statements such as the existing sculpture please!
I for one, in the face of merciless maximised urban consolidation of Mullumbimby, would still like to take refuge by the riverside to find sustenance from its existing state of natural beauty. Indeed, some minions are planning to erect nesting boxes in the flora and fauna reserve of Heritage Park in the hope of attracting the birdlife that man and his dog have driven away over time.
One of the 'philosopher kings' has in the past advo-

cated a commercial building by the river and others do not discount some 'commercial activity' on our public riverside land.
Lest we be sold down the river.
June Grant
Mullumbimby

Landclearing
An open letter to Premier Gladys Berejiklian:
Dear madam, congratulations on becoming premier of NSW. In your first speech you promised 'to govern for everyone' and I hope that you will indeed represent the peo-

ple you serve, hear our voices and care for the state. In this regard please revoke Baird's draconian landclearing laws before they come into effect this July.

Enclosed is a copy of Dailan Pugh's excellent article from *The Byron Shire Echo* 22.2.17 which explains scientifically how vegetation generates rainfall and conversely how landclearing reduces rainfall, thus creating higher temperatures and climate change.

Please read this fascinating article! Our survival depends upon the protection of our vegetation.

Deborah Lilly
Mullumbimby

Rate submissions
If you are one of the 70 per cent of residents who do not support a rate rise of 33.5 per cent over the next four years and feel a bit helpless, do not despair yet. There could be help on the way from the NSW government.

The independent regulator IPART has to approve this excessive, unconvincing and incomprehensible Council proposal.

Repeating the mantra that the roads are bad, more money is needed otherwise we face amalgamation, does not make it right.

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Other vulnerable animals, Wallum Froglet (*Crinia tinnula*) and Eastern Grass Owl (*Tyto longimembris*) are known to inhabit different areas of the wetlands.

Over the last ten years, Byron has had an influx of thousands of visitors far more exotic than the familiar day-trippers and backpackers. It is the annual migration of birds, some of which have flown from other parts of the world like Japan to get away from the harsh northern winter. They come to breed or to feast on the abundant food on our beaches and in the wetlands. Snipes, Whimbrels, Dotterels and Sandpipers have all signed the overseas visitors' book.

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Bangalow development plans slammed

■ While Bangalow residents may not agitate like other residents in the Shire in response to the wrongs done to them, it would be wrong to underestimate the fury and anger the prospect of the Bangalow food precinct development has created.

Many people feel that their voices haven't been heard and also feel that the vast number of revisions to this development application, including new traffic studies and the like, should require a new exhibition period.

I greatly respect the businesses 'earmarked' as tenants for this development. Politically, local government will consider that because these businesses were born here, they should be retained here. I agree with this view.

However, this is not a relevant consideration in determining the appropriateness of this development per se.

Tenants are temporary while development consent is forever.

Employment opportunities created by this development are lower-quality jobs with little or no relevance to a region with high levels of creative industries, economic plasticity and above-average levels of education. Any employment gain is likely to be temporary.

Any objective person realises that these companies are of a size and scale that will result in the current local owners divesting in time. This will inevitably lead to the relocation of jobs elsewhere.

Further, it is clear these jobs are of a nature that will be replaced by technology and automation in time.

Why can't we have a vision in this Shire for the types of jobs that we want for our community, that provide util-

ity and meaningful outcomes for the future?

Council would be better served identifying a more appropriate location to implement this strategy in consultation with the state government and the community.

Our sense of place as a village is the cornerstone of our Bangalow community and is entitled to be preserved.

Adrian Kennedy
Bangalow

■ It is heartening that Matt Corbett from Clunes has no problem with the mega-development proposed for Bangalow. After all, most industrial traffic will go east through our town and he will not be bothered.

Also Colin Clarke of Ocean Shores will be likewise untroubled by this factory as he seems to adhere to the last council doctrine that ownership of land confers the right

to build anything on it. (Nuclear waste dump, anyone?)

Interestingly, no-one has mentioned sewerage. The Bangalow plant will not be able to handle the volume so a private STP will be required. Considering the problems of the council plants and the mess that was Sunnybrand, this one will almost certainly become a major environmental problem in our small, high catchment.

With few exceptions it has been made clear that the locals are not prepared to see their town severely impacted upon by this factory/abattoir – but let them eat muesli!

The record of the JRPP (state-appointed mates) who will make the planning decision does not engender a lot of confidence that politics and influence will be entirely absent.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow



Local rockologist Jim Nutter reckons this is a simulacrum of Donald Trump's head found in the wild. We particularly like the hair.

all councillors is for them to really start regularly and consistently communicating with all of Byron Shire's residents.

Terry Hudson
Byron Bay

Matt replies

Dear Lee Cass, thanks for your letter of last week referring to our ad that drew responses from as far away as Sydney! I am very pleased to provide the answers you requested. You asked:

1. '...what powers Council has to go to real estate agents and demand confidential records...' The answer is in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* No 203: 'Requirement to provide information and records (1) An investigation officer may, by notice in writing given to a person, require the person to furnish to the officer such information or records (or both) as the notice requires in connection with an investigation purpose.' (EPA 79, Division C, Subsection 119J.) Check online: legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1979/203

2. You asked: 'What "crime" would a real estate agent be committing if they didn't hand over confidential files?'

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3. You ask which law is

clear about fines for illegal holiday letting. The schedule of fines is online here: legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2000/557. *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* Schedule 5 Penalty notice offences '...in the case of a person referred to in clause 243 (3) (e) or (d), Individual, \$3,000. Corporation \$6,000.'

I'd love to share more, but there is only so much space!

Unfortunately you did make a few errors.

I ran for councillor, not mayor. I wrote about Belongil for years, not recently. My book on Islam has been out since 2015. It is not learning about, understanding, and engaging with belief systems that leads to dangerous ideas; it is ignorance. Your views may differ.

On immigration? I think the world needs humanity to stabilise its numbers, and that education and employment for women is the key, and we can lead by running a balanced immigration program.

The 'we' to which you refer is 'us', my colleagues and me at *The Rational News*, and also those of us who have begun coming together to explain the law, and persuade our good councillors to enforce it. Join us! You'll be very welcome. Write to: therationalnews@gmail.com.

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

War on drugs

Full marks to Jason Patrix for writing about 'Sniffer Dog Madness' in *The Echo* last week.

If you missed it, Jason related a story about police with sniffer dogs invading a Mullumbimby pub and subjecting patrons trying to enjoy a mid-afternoon schooner to a thorough sniffing. Mandy Nolan related a similar event in a recent Soapbox column.

So what is it with this current iteration of the war on drugs? Drivers are subject to 'random' drug tests which

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to afford this rate rise. You might not believe in Council's competence to manage the extra funds to the benefit of the residents.

You might take issue with an orchestrated campaign or

a manipulated process in order to come to this current issue before us.

You might believe in the incompetence of our current councillors to make an informed decision. You might just have some of the many

unanswered factual questions which bug you. You might feel betrayed by the flawed community consultation. Or you want Council to go a different path to look for extra revenue.

Or you might want to give

Council the benefit of the doubt and give them some extra money, but not as much as they would like, such as reducing the rate hike from four to two years, then show us a report card and ask us for more money.

In any case make your frustration known to IPART by March 13. IPART has been known for knocking back proposals or reducing proposed rate rises. See www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Jens Krause
Byron Bay

Wategos fiasco

I can't congratulate our council for really stuffing up our once-beautiful atmosphere of Wategos with its latest parking and walking-track fiasco. Now, just to put another nail in the coffin, Cr Paul Spooner is proposing that the parking fees be raised to \$5 per hour.

What an insult when we are still looking at our potholed roads, and missing parking spaces! How about a spreadsheet in the papers about where all the parking fees have gone?

We pay our councillors to represent the wishes of their constituents. Where and when do they sit down regularly and take in the majority's views? Cr Spooner may have lots of ideas, but really what matters is how he reflects the views of all ratepayers, not just his views.

Also it looks like Matthew Hartley has finally lost the plot. Luckily he didn't get elected.

What we really need from

detect residual traces of illicit substances without reference to impairment and those enjoying legal drugs on licensed premises are intimidated and scrutinised for illicit substances.

It's weird, given the abject failure of the current war on drugs and its historical precedents. And it's especially weird when one considers the focus in this area on cannabis eradication and the fact that America, which generally seems to inspire our policymakers, is moving towards legalisation for both medicinal and recreational purposes (albeit in a hesitant, piecemeal manner).

After reading Mandy's riff on drug prohibition I delved into the official data and discovered that these local anecdotes are consistent with what is happening across Australia.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's latest *Illicit Drug Data Report* is essentially a boast about how many people are arrested for drug offences. An organisation ostensibly concerned with 'a safer Australia that is better connected, informed and capable of responding to crime and criminal justice issues' seems to think that arresting drug users is the means to such an end.

In the 2014-15 reporting year there were 133,926 illicit drug arrests nationally, of which 66,309 related to cannabis. And here's the good bit. The Commission's arrest statistics helpfully distinguish between 'providers' and 'consumers'. Eighty-four per cent of all drug arrests were 'consumers' - defined as those 'possessing or administering drugs for their own use'. Of those arrested for cannabis, 88 per cent were users.

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Story & image S Sorrenson

Cobargo. Saturday, 11.15pm

My self-inflating mattress is also self-deflating. What goes up, must come down: Newton's law of gravity. I can feel the earth beneath the mattress. Not only the earth, but each twig, stone, grass clump, hoofprint and ant poo on it. It's imprinting on my skin.

My back has become a detailed three-dimensional geophysical map of a square metre of the Cobargo show-ground. Roll me over and I'm a flesh-coloured parallel universe to the one below. If ants took DMT they would end up here, trekking through a strange place weirdly familiar, but with moles and scars.

Not far from me is another inflatable mattress. It belongs to my comedy partner. He's not here. Maybe I could do a quick swap... I reach out and touch it. It too has deflated.

Outside, the Cobargo Folk Festival rumbles on, but I'm too tired to party with it. But,

This is patently ridiculous. While Jason Patrix sees this as money talking I prefer sociologist Loic Waquant's slightly richer explanation. He suggests that such 'diligent and belligerent' law-and-order programs are the response of political elites attempting to reassert the authority of the state and their own legitimacy, which have both suffered since the abandonment of the mission of social and economic protection.

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby



despite the blanket-that-used-to-be-a-mattress, I feel happy. Why? We had a good gig.

For me, the stage is therapy. There, I'm here and now. There, my head is no longer filled with the awful consequences of dickheads with power. There, the past disappears, the present is all-engrossing, and the future a cold beer.

For 50 minutes, I inhabit a space where reality is just people and me. That's all. No phones or televisions. No tortuous mutilation of language by an insincere politician

feigning sincerity. No worrying about ageing, death, deadlines or tinnitus. No anxious reactions to pings, rings, dings or chimes. No fears of a future of fascism, famine and fire.

For 50 minutes, it's just my comedy partner and me having a chat to the people in front of us, creating something special, something human (and something silly, of course) just for me, him and them. It may not be the greatest art in the world, but it is art. Art is humans talking to each other. And art is all we have...

Or maybe I just love adrenalin.

Not only is my self-inflating mattress deflated, the tent is on a slope. The skin on my back is stuck like velcro to the geographic corrugations of the deflated mattress, but the bulk of me, a slave to Newton's gravity, is sliding slowly down, like a glacier, grinding past my spine, towards the tent wall. It feels weird, my shoulders near my ears, my belly near my knees. I'm pinned, like a fat wingless butterfly, to the sloping floor of the tent.

I'm happy, sure, but I'm sure sore, so I rip myself off the mattress into a sitting position. I feel the micro-geographic indentations in my back slowly morph back into the smooth slouch of normality.

Wrapping on a sarong, I emerge from the canvas pouch into the floodlit festival night. Around me is a retirement of large motorhomes and expander caravans belonging to festival punters

and better-paid artists. This afternoon, I laughed at them. Now, I'm envious.

I sit on the little camping chair. My comedy partner returns from wandering the festival. I open a bottle of Nature's Harvest shiraz and pour us a wine each.

'It was a good show tonight,' he says, his eyes telling me he's happy too.

'Yeah, it was,' I say, and we touch plastic cups noiselessly, and drain them.

We are good mates, he and I. You have to be, two big blokes sharing a tent. And a stage. Love is what makes the art, all art.

He lives closer to this gig than I. He drove; I flew. So he brought the tent and the mattresses.

'How's the mattress?' he asks.

'You'll need another one of these,' I say, refilling his plastic cup.

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Climate changing

Earth is warming up and it could warm by 10 degrees C in the next ten years according to Malcolm Light (<http://arctic-news.blogspot.com.au/p/extinction.html>).

Water vapour, which is the most important greenhouse gas, has risen by seven per cent because of the warming caused by the carbon dioxide humans have put in the air. As a result, over the next ten years Earth could warm four times more because of this extra water vapour, then be-

cause of future rises in carbon dioxide. That's called runaway warming.

The crops we grow cannot grow if the world is even three or four degrees warmer.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

The climate-change debate, important to most people aspiring to a sustainable future, has reached the pinnacle of achievement for our adversarial democracy: total ideological log-jam. Over 90 per cent of scientists think it's im-

portant and yet the almighty POTUS is a denier and our current Prime ULP (unprinci-

pled, lying puppet) is ideologically bound to agree. After all

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The Legal Light

Nathan Luke

"Every artist is a cannibal, every poet is a thief"

...sings Bono in U2's 1991 hit "The Fly". Did he know something? Some 26 years later an unknown musician has now claimed that in about 1990 he gave U2 a demo tape of a song he wrote and performed. He claims they have stolen his music and used it in "the Fly"! We had a listen, sounds a bit similar (like a lot of 90s rock!). Strange that he waited so long (but U2 did gross almost a billion dollars on their most recent world tour!).

The case will no doubt again look at the difference between uncredited copying or simple inspiration. In the case of our beloved "Downunder" by the band "Men at Work" they were found by the Courts, many years after their own 1981 song with that flute solo hit the airwaves, to have breached the copyright of a Company that had purchased the rights to the old "Kookaburra in the Gum tree" song.

Musty Copyright laws, originating in 1710, struggle to keep up with a new band of Pirates who steal from Entertainment Company juggernauts and stream for free to the masses. No doubt those actions will force changes to the laws, just as they forced change to the entertainment industry itself. The law seems many years behind reality in this regard.

But what is Copyright? Everyone who creates an original work whether it is a poem, a book, a film, song or computer game is automatically covered by copyright. It doesn't cost anything, and you don't have to register it anywhere. However you would be wise to keep a good record of a creation and protect your Copyright. Copyright lasts the life of the creator, plus 70 years. Trademarks and Patents are a different thing altogether.

If you believe your copyright has been infringed you'll probably need legal advice on what to do about it. If the "thief" has benefited from deliberately breaching your copyright you may be entitled to damages. However there are exceptions such as if the material were used for research, news reporting, parody or satire.

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Kudos for Byron Bay surf festival

■ I feel compelled to share my views on the creative art, amazing craftsmanship and positive vibes of the recent Byron Bay Surf Festival.

From the beginning, a powerful beautiful respectful Welcome to Country set the tone for a weekend gathering full of conscious, healthy, community minded people. It wasn't just surfing that was showcased; there was a strong emphasis on healthy living, family, environment, fun, art, craftsmanship, kindness, connection, stories, pride and respect for country through sharing and learning from its history.

The Uncle Project had a fundraising stall at the festival on the Saturday. It felt

nice to earn some valuable funds and to run an activity that brought the boys and men together at a festival that didn't seem financially motivated or commercialised. It was refreshing.

Bringing the Uncle tribe (eight boys, five men) to a place that had culture, to a festival that supported the local people and to a place where creativity was showcased and appreciated was a winner for us.

We hope to collaborate with them next year.

Chad Kolcze
Coordinator, The Uncle Project

■ There has been information circulating around the com-

munity that the Main Beach foreshore was trashed during the Byron Bay Surf Festival's (BBSF) Surf Art Markets event on Saturday February 25. Photographs were taken by a member of the public on Sunday morning in Apex Park of overflowing bins and litter. Most of the waste pictured included alcohol bottles and single-use plastics.

First and foremost, we were very conscious of our impact on the local Byron Bay community over the weekend. With such a large event over multiple locations in public and private venues, we worked really hard to ensure our footprint was minimised.

For this year's festival we implemented a whole range of environmental initiatives to make 2017's event the most sustainable BBSF yet. The Surf Art Market at Apex and Denning Parks was an alcohol-free, family-friendly event and largely single-use plastic free. Twenty not-for-profit charities with a focus on community and environmental initiatives were

invited along to the Surf Art Market to fundraise and spread awareness of their cause. One hundred and sixty hand-picked stallholders showcased the latest in surf culture, ethical fashion, handmade designs and fine craftsmanship, all while using sustainable products.

The BBSF believed in promoting and initiating sustainable principles in all aspects of the festival, including low-waste and low-impact initiatives. We aligned ourselves with a number of national and international groups who shared our ethos, such as Sustainable Surf, R Certified, Plastic Free Byron, Byron Shire Council's waste ambassadors and Clean Coast Collective, who assisted us in achieving these goals.

We would like to thank all of our hard-working staff, volunteers, stallholders, sponsors, supporters and associated businesses for helping the festival to move forward sustainably.

Caitlin Weatherstone
Byron Bay Surf Festival

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this time, the best our political system has managed is a 'stand around muttering' ideological standoff.

On second thoughts, however, to beat a political system, almost wholly owned by 'business as usual' and dedicated to obstructing any change, to a 'stand around muttering' ideological standoff was quite an achievement. Well done, everyone, and we seem to be lining them up for the next bit.

That was the science; now here comes the money – superior economics.

Renewable energy infrastructure and electric-vehicle costs are approaching, and in some cases exceeding, parity with fossil-fuel generation and internal-combustion-engine vehicle costs and getting cheaper. It's an inevitable, unstoppable transition and, owing to the rapidly reducing costs, happening a lot faster than most people think. We can probably expect the industry and its puppets to get increasingly dirty and desperate as the fossil-fuel age comes to a close.

This energy transition gives support to the notion that sustainable practice is an economically smart thing to do. Applying this to other sectors could result in similar rapid transitions.

The sector most in need of radical reform is the one that

dictates how we humans live with each other and our earth: the housing development marketplace. All the currently available development models, variations on suburbia, are completely unsustainable and we know where that leaves us. We upgrade that sector or we humans don't upgrade to a sustainable future.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

China plots

It's been clear to me for a long time that China is behind Islamic terrorism, using it to distract the US as China itself plots to take over the world. China's self-image as 'the Middle Kingdom' is more accurately translated as 'Land at the centre of the world', ie a beacon of civilisation surrounded by barbarians.

In this brave new world of fake news and alternative facts I can now confidently assert that Donald Trump was in fact never elected to the US presidency; this is merely an elaborate fiction propagated by China to demoralise and confuse the US.

That's why the pixels we describe as 'Donald Trump' have not followed up on his promise to get tough with China, and the focus has instead been on Russia, a country which these days has nothing to do with anything but which tries to attract at-

tention to itself by being a nuisance.

You'll also note Donald's use of the term 'the people', as in 'the media are the enemy of the people' and as in 'People's Republic of China'. One day these mysterious 'people' will resolve a lot of questions by identifying themselves and pronouncing judgment on the various barbarisms committed in their name. I say this, of course, on behalf of the people.

On the subject of irrel-evancies I now refer to Paul Keating, dredged up by Fairfax Media last week to commentate as though he had credentials other than being a smartarse. According to Paul, Australia should suck up to China because China's rise is 'completely legitimate' and because China pays more heed to suckholes than it does to critics. Interesting theory that; certainly China will use his words in its own media propaganda to justify its actions wherever applicable.

For that reason alone Paul would benefit from 30 days' introspection in solitary confinement. This is the bloke who in the 80s sold Australia off to international monetarism and called it a 'reform'. The human intellect is infinitely resourceful when it comes to self-deception, eh?

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Provide the credit

What is going to be the effect of the anticipated Byron Shire rate rise on elderly pensioners, and people on fixed incomes who acquired their properties years ago, when houses and land in Byron Shire were reasonably priced, and were calculated to be within their means?

The shire general manager, the local government treasurer, and other people still employed, will at least be able to ask for 'increased cost of living' adjustments, and may get them, but the pensioners, and fixed-income people have no such recourse. They are in many cases going to be faced with the worry and trauma of having to sell, and then finding a district they can afford, and is to their liking. This is no small problem. It is a very serious social and financial one.

On what sort of argument does officialdom justify this automatic theft from people's income simply because real estate values have increased? It is in the same category as the unfortunate farmer who is asset rich but cash poor, and who in far too many cases is driven to suicide. The crime, because that is what

it is, is compounded by the fact that such impositions are totally unnecessary.

All the financial credit needed by governments, and I presume that means federal, state, municipal and local, explained by Mr Justice Napier in his inquiry into banking in 1935-37, Sect. 504-505, can be provided by our Commonwealth Bank, now the Reserve Bank of Australia, without any debt attaching to it.

Perhaps under this present assault on our security, the local ratepayers association will be disposed to ask the minister for local government why this wonderful facility at government's disposal is not used.

I wonder if the minister is even aware of Mr Justice Napier's inquiry, and the explosive ruling he made?

We had better prepare to do something for ourselves in this matter, because nothing is more certain than that local government officials will say that there is nothing they can do.

Jim Inness
Mullumbimby

Viva Murnane!

There's a general and slowly-increasing buzz that Australian author Gerald Murnane just might win the Nobel prize. What began as an outside shot five or more years ago is, according to London bookmakers, now not unlikely, while Peter Carey and David Malouf have all but dropped out of the running.

For those who don't know Murnane's work, it's challenging. Wilful, relentless, pedantic, austere (autistic, my wife suggests). Nevertheless a win for Murnane, I think, would be a major win for Australian letters – an encouragement of anybody who has risked obscurity for a deeply felt vision, and a sign that, no matter the mercenary trends in education and arts administration, somebody somewhere still values sheer selfless creativity. It would, I hope, help usher in a new maturity in Australian literature, and in how it's perceived across the world.

To the curious, I suggest 2009's *Barley Patch*, or 2014's *A Million Windows*; 1985's *Landscape with Landscape* (re-released last year) is also dense, perplexing and mind-blowing, as all of Murnane's best work seems to be. Ask for Murnane's books at Mary Ryan's; they seem to have a commitment to stocking him and any bookseller who'll take a punt on this kind of material is well worth supporting. Viva Murnane!

Ben Winch
Ocean Shores



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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Unheralded Chinese 25-year-old Tan Zhongyi is the new Women's World Champion after winning the final of the knock-out tournament against Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine.

Tan achieved the title the hard way, defeating top seed and compatriot Ju Wenjun in the quarter-finals, fourth seed Harika Dronavalli in the semis and second seeded Muzychuk in a final which went to tiebreakers after the players were 2-2 in regulation time.

Having won the world titles for rapid and blitz, Muzychuk was favourite but Tan's experience in surviving playoffs round after round during the tournament held her in good stead and she prevailed.

Since winning the World U/10 Girls title twice in 2000 and 2001 and then the U/12 title a year later, Tan's progress has been steady but only enough to make her an occasional member of the powerful Chinese Olympic team.

Having a knock-out version of the World Women's Championship is controversial, frequently generating surprise

winners. The randomness of the KO format has caused the world's strongest woman player, Hou Yifan, to drop out of the women's World Championship cycle. (The Tehran winner has to defend her title in a ten game match in six months' time against world number two Ju Wenjun.)

The final was a dramatic affair, Muzychuk losing her first game of the KO tournament only to bounce back immediately with the following convincing win.

Tehran Women's World Ch. KO, Final Game 3

White: A Muzychuk

Black: Tan Zhongyi

Opening: French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Qa5 11.a3 Be7! A trendy retreat but the older 11...Rb8 is more reliable. 12.Bd3 12.h4 was more accurate as now Black could play 12...Nc5. 12...a6 13.h4 b5? Allowing the legendary Greek Gift. Muzychuk thought for half an hour, fearing a trap, before playing the winning sacrifice... 14.Bxh7+!! Kxh7 15.Qd3+ Kg8 16.Ng5 f5 17.Nxd5 Flashy and strong, but 17.Qe2! g6 18.h5! was immediately crushing. 17...b4 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Bd2 Rb8 Only 19...Nd5 20.Qf3 Qa4 21.Qh5 N7f6 keeps the game alive. 20.Qd6! Qc5 21.Bxb4 Qxd6 22.Bxd6 Ng6 23.Nxe6 Re8 24.Bxb8 Rxe6 25.g3 The rest is easy for Muzychuk. 25...Bb7 26.Rh2 Nc5 27.Rd8+ Kh7 28.Bd6 Ne4 29.h5 Nh8 30.h6 Nf7 31.Rd7 Rxd6 32.Rxf7 1-0

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Mallaysia: not a destination but a state of mind

Daniel Sage

Money is making the world go around faster than ever. Shopping salves the modern soul and offers an easy fix for the blues, many believe. But it's never too late to look the crazed beast in the eye and say, Que?

You may or may not have been to Malaysia, but if you have you will have gone shopping. No-one in Malaysia does not shop. It's retail Mecca, especially in Kuala Lumpur (KL), a city bent on deploying more brands per head of population than seems humanly possible. In fact, it ranks fourth in the world, far ahead of all its regional neighbours, and behind only New York, Tokyo and London.

Playing mall

Many people have shops in their own homes, one local jokingly told me. And, while in other places around the world kids play shop in the front room to learn about grown-up life, here they play Mall, often taking over the whole house.

Downtown KL is a giant retail web that spreads out in a glut of glossy, pitch-perfect boutiques interconnected by walkways to whisk you above the traffic on brisk, soundtracked escalators and shop your day (life) away.

Three national festivals are devoted to the art of the spree. Known as 'carnivals', they offer discounts of up to 75 per cent in most shops around the country.



Shopping KL Style. Source: Indigo

For those interested – and this is not an advertorial but dedicated anthropological research! – the GP Sale in March coincides with the Malaysian Grand Prix; the Mega Sale Carnival stretches across June, July and August; and the Year End Sale starts in November and lasts all the way to the end of the year. Roughly six months of state-regulated incentive. Hagglng is still acceptable and if you're really good, what with all the discounts put together, you may end up having shopkeepers pay you to take stuff home.

The more curious feature is that what's on offer is almost without exception the

same goods you might find in shopping centres anywhere, especially at the premium, luxury or branded end.

Superculture

From TV to music to food and fashion, we are swirling towards one homogenised superculture. Of course there are exceptions and there is resistance.

Tribalism is permitted. You can be a hippy, a vegan, a bookworm, an actor, an interior designer, a restaurateur. You can opt out of the mainstream and know that Prada ads are always bull. But the baseline of tools available and ways of seeing the world are



The Cassandra Don't Buy Project. Source: Cassandra.co

getting narrower all the time.

In investment banks worldwide, spotty Excel kids fresh out of grad school hunch over their terminals until the small hours adjusting spreadsheets to move around numbers with precision financial engineering. They are tinkering among the deepest innards of our way of life. Individually, the results may look trivial. A takeover here, a rebranding there. But together, during the last twenty years and alongside a perfect, enabling storm of technology, travel and media, they have propagated the systematic erosion of great swathes of the world's cultures.

Meanwhile, the marketing arms of great corporations spend billions of dollars figuring out how to make this so, finessing the psychology of material desire for whatever they have to sell.

Perhaps we have become

used to the glut of billboards and films and stories that make this all seem okay, that make it desirable. Drive that, wear this, choose the right label, and you will be happy.

Hard to escape

Our lives almost never look like the ads but still we fall for it. Or rather, we cannot easily escape. It is not surprising that depression is rising in many otherwise prosperous countries.

A study in 2015 by Girlguiding UK showed almost half of women in Britain aged 17 to 21 had sought help for mental health problems. They readily admitted to wanting to be slimmer, prettier, to look like models and have loads of easy friendships, and although they knew their expectations were to a degree artificial they couldn't help feeling bullied by them anyway.

Modern life brings many other pressures but this one is peculiar. The aggressive demands of globalised consumerism is a force arguably out of control. And it is very precisely and intentionally constructed.

Financiers should be required to visit the fruits of their work, the real-life outcomes of their charts and borrowing structures and holding companies. Perhaps it would foster balance or conscience or more sensitivity to local ways.

Meanwhile the old rules apply. Hug your local shopkeepers. Take up a craft. Grow your own veg. Throw your TV into the creek. But you know this.

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CSIRO says Australia can get to 100 per cent renewable energy

Giles Parkinson

The Australian government's chief scientific body says there is no apparent technical impediment to reaching 100 per cent renewables for the national electricity grid, and levels of up to 30 per cent renewable energy should be considered as just 'trivial' in current energy systems.

The CSIRO estimate was made in the Senate select committee into the 'Resilience of electricity infrastructure in a warming world'.

Of course, the whole proposition of the committee was considered absurd by One Nation senator and climate conspiracy theorist Malcolm Roberts, who repeatedly insisted that global warming was not happening and constantly badgered the energy

experts on this point.

But what did emerge was a consensus that the electricity grid was in the midst of a rapid and massive transformation, and a change of rules and regulations could likely accelerate that transformation and make it cheaper.

And amid the toxic political debate about the level of renewable energy, specifically wind and solar, that can be accommodated into the system, CSIRO energy division's principal research scientist Paul Graham said there were no barriers to 100 per cent renewable energy, and lower levels could be easily absorbed.

This is despite contentious claims from conservatives, and many in mainstream media, that even having 23.5 per cent renewables (the 2020 target) would 'force feed more

... instability into the grid,' as the *Australian Financial Review* editorialised.

Graham's testimony indicated that such fears and scare mongering were bunkum. 'We could probably add that introducing renewables at a share of ten, 20 or 30 per cent is fairly trivial on the basis that the existing generation capacity has a lot of flexibility to deal with the variability,' Graham told the committee, noting that existing backup and redundancy for the current coal-dominated grid was already in place.

'Traditional approaches around peaking gas, using the dispatchability of coal and the interconnection between states allow renewables to contribute to the system. That has generally been the approach in most states.'

Graham said the challenges could start to emerge when the penetration of wind and solar moves above 40 per cent – as it has in South Australia, which explains why it is focusing on storage and is finally getting traction on its call for changes to energy-market rules.

'When we do modelling where we increase the renewable penetration above around 40 per cent of the energy delivered [where South Australia is now] that starts to force out some of that existing dispatchable generation, and then we find that you need to add other technologies to support renewables.'

'That can include storage, as we have been talking about, and there are a number of different storage technologies. It can also mean adding other

dispatchable renewables. We often think about solar thermal as a dispatchable renewable, and there are geothermal technologies.'

And Graham, a co-author of a landmark report with the country's network owners last year that showed high levels of renewable energy could be incorporated into the grid, and produce a \$100 billion cheaper outcome than business as usual, says renewables could go much, much higher.

'When we have done modelling that goes to very high renewable penetration, getting close to or up to 100 per cent, we have done calculations of very, very high battery deployment to achieve that, and we are also using technologies like biogas, which is dispatchable, and dispatchable biomass.'

'But I should add that that takes care of the sort of energy-balancing on a half-hour basis. There are also other issues around the need for frequency control and so forth, where you need additional technologies that provide inertia. That could include things like synchronous condensers and more advanced inverters for the battery technologies, and so forth.'

'So generally there appear to be engineering solutions for lots of different levels of renewable penetration. The only uncertainty is that we have not actually seen them deployed, but, in theory and in simulation and modelling, there do appear to be solutions going forward to achieve whatever is desirable.'

– excerpted from reneweconomy.com.au

SHARON McINNES

MCGRATH ESTATE AGENTS, BYRON BAY

Sharon McInnes works in property sales in Byron Bay, its surrounds and the hinterland, a job that also involves ongoing communication and project management.

With a career spanning 20 years, Sharon loves the variety of people she gets to meet and the stories they share. Most people may only purchase their dream home once or twice in their lifetime and it can be a stressful and emotional time. It's often their biggest asset and the process needs to be treated with respect. Seeing it as her responsibility to help people throughout the process, Sharon feels privileged to be a part of it.

Sharon likes to finish her days with a simple walk on the beach with her dog and dinner with the family. In the years to come, she hopes to continue to have a happy balance between work and life, help people with their property dreams and perhaps manage an overseas white Christmas with her family of three children and husband Stewy.

Seeing any challenge as a learning opportunity helps to keep Sharon passionate about her work. It's a matter of looking at a situation from all sides, assessing and making the best decision at that time. Sharon also loves boxing and makes time in her week for regular exercise, which keeps her mentally and physically healthy and strong.

For young women starting out in real estate, her advice is to stay committed and focused, and to be authentic and true to your moral compass. Treat others as you would expect to be treated and continue to grow and learn.

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Jessica, Jodie and Kasey are three young women who are passionate about giving their clients a professional, relaxing and enjoyable experience. They specialise in women's and men's cutting and colouring, offering a low-chemical, environmental and vegan-friendly approach to hair colouring and home hair care.

Jessica and Kasey have 13 years' experience in the hair and beauty industry and Jodie has 25 years' experience. They draw inspiration from attending courses, aspiring to expand their knowledge and skills as professional colourists, keeping up to date with new techniques and new products.

At The Doll House they are all about nurturing and caring for their clients and making them look fantastic. Jessica established The Doll House more than six years ago and it was the first salon in Brunswick Heads to deliver a low-chemical approach to hairdressing, a philosophy that Jodie and Kasey are also passionate about. That passion also extends into their home hair-care ranges, which are organic and vegan friendly.

With four ranges to choose from there are shampoo or styling products for every head of hair. In the future they hope to continue their low-chemical approach and extend their services to include some more beauty services. They encourage other women in business to believe in themselves; their business dreams can come true.

The Doll House, Brunswick Heads. 6685 0448

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Merrilyn's passion is creating beautiful hair, and making people feel beautiful about themselves is her mission.

She began by purchasing a hair salon in 1989 after re-locating from Sydney in the eastern suburbs where she had owned a number of salons. It was time for a change of lifestyle.

In 1997 Merrilyn created Manik, the hair and makeup studio on Byron Street. The business is built on the philosophy that healthy hair starts when the hair is free from stress caused by chemical overload, and she is continuously sourcing the most innovative naturally based products on the world market, such as the organic makeup brand INIKA.

For hairdressers just starting out, Merrilyn's advice is to keep evolving and stay up to date with world fashion trends. Seeking out continued education, and learning from peers in the industry, is vital to retaining a successful business in the hair and makeup industry.

In 28 years of hairdressing in Byron Bay, Merrilyn has been fortunate to work alongside a number of very talented stylists, who are the core of a any successful salon, along with good customer service.

Manik, The Hair and Makeup Studio, Byron Bay. 6685 6432



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JANICE MAPLE

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ELDERS REAL ESTATE BANGALOW

Janice Maple has been working in real estate in Byron Bay since 2001. Joining Elders in Bangalow in 2007, she is now in her 16th year of helping clients with their property needs.

Before embarking on a career in real estate, Janice worked in event management, organising international trade exhibitions for the building and design industry in Melbourne. When asked why Byron Bay, she says, 'Where else would you want to sell real estate? Bangalow and the Byron hinterland is a really easy sell for me. I love living here!'

A proud mum, Janice's three sons keep her very busy. Her eldest is captain of Byron Bay High School, soon to complete year 12. The middle Maple son is living in Newcastle playing soccer with the emerging Jets and trips to visit him are made whenever possible. Janice's youngest son, still in primary school, is also soccer mad, keeping up the family tradition of high achievement.

For young women starting in the real estate business Janice's advice is to 'Go for it!' Her belief is that women make the best salespeople, often having the ability to be empathic, organised and great communicators. By appreciating and understanding what both the sellers and buyers are going through women can provide a level of support that is essential in stressful situations. Having strong mentors is another great tip in this traditionally male-dominated industry. There are many women now who have successful careers in real estate.

Elders Bangalow. 6687 1500

MEREDITH DUENSING SENIOR ASSOCIATE STUART GARRETT LAWYERS

Meredith Duensing (Chittick) has worked with Stuart as his 'right hand' for nearly 20 years. She is a highly experienced member of the team who has proudly established strong relationships with clients, agents, accountants and other professionals and is known for her efficiency and diligence. Having lived in the northern rivers her whole life, Meredith has expert knowledge of the local area and the issues that can arise, particularly in property transactions.

Drafting and negotiating contracts, shareholders agreements, leases and other commercial documents is a skill that Meredith has developed over the years. Meredith has experience in various areas of law including conveyancing, subdivisions, easements, leases, strata, sale and purchase of business, commercial law, business law and planning law.

SP Stuart Garrett Lawyers. 6639 1000



MEREDITH DUENSING



DAISY STURM

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OH MY GODDESS!

Daisy was a dance teacher and choreographer for 20 years, and also studied fashion design for four years. Sixteen years ago she opened her shop Oh My Goddess!

It all started two years earlier as a tiny secondhand shop called Daisy's Way in early sleepy Brunswick Heads. From there it morphed unintended into Daisy's beloved boutique Oh My Goddess! celebrating all things female from lingerie, stockings and gloves to jewellery, fashion and swim- and activewear.

Daisy's background of dance, stage and fashion definitely shapes her boutique.

She has been self-employed almost all her life and has learned that to succeed you put in more than anybody else, you take out little and you put back into your business a lot because you love it to grow. It is easy if it is your passion. But it takes discipline, stamina, maybe a bit of stubbornness, and good health. It's not for the faint hearted.

Daisy loves every aspect of her professional life because she shares it with women who share the same passion for beauty and femininity. She has the pleasurable task of choosing and buying the latest in the world of fashion and it is equally fun and rewarding to be in the shop and beautify customers of all ages and help them to look and feel their best.

It doesn't feel like work, it's just living the life she loves.

Oh My Goddess, Brunswick Heads. 6685 1307



CARYN RAHILL LEE

CARYN RAHILL LEE (CAS) MIMI AND FLO

Caryn Rahill Lee is in love with all aspects of fabric and design. A mum, partner and daughter, Caryn loves having the flexibility to focus on those important areas of her life as well as her business.

Mimi and Flo, which was named after Caryn's maternal grandmothers, opened at the beginning of 2010 in Brunswick Heads. Her recently opened sister store in Mullumbimby has also been enthusiastically embraced.

After studying and working at RMIT University in Melbourne, Caryn moved to Brunswick Heads in 1994, opening a home-based design studio producing her own range of hand-printed homewares and clothing. Working with the fabulous artist collective BOOM in Brunswick Heads from 1997, Caryn has been involved in retail of arts and clothing for more than 20 years.

Caryn was fortunate to travel far and wide with her family to exotic destinations including Tahiti, Tonga and Samoa, and has an affinity with island and coastal life. This defines her style and she feels, aligns with the spirit of Byron Bay.

For the future, Caryn is looking forward to expanding the Mimi and Flo brand with a signature range of fair-trade home-wares and accessories to be released later this year. The Brunswick Heads store will receive some TLC with a new look during the year so watch that space.

To anyone starting out in business Caryn offers some advice from philosopher and author Wayne Dyer: 'There is no scarcity of opportunity to make a living of what you love – there is only scarcity of resolve to make it happen.'

Mimi and Flo, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. 6685 1411



CAROLYN MEEHAN

CAROLINE MEEHAN

HEARTFELT HOMES

Caroline Meehan has been working with charity Heartfelt since 1991, supporting regional and rural families who have a critically ill or injured loved one in hospital far from home. Providing hotel/motel accommodation near the hospital enables families to stay together, and near their loved one, during treatment. The organisation is made possible by funding through personal and private donations and through the clever use of existing capacity in empty hotel and motel rooms situated near major hospitals.

When Caroline's partner was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 the Heartfelt Homes journey began. With two young children and a 6½hr round trip to hospital in Brisbane, she quickly realised the struggles, both financial and emotional, that regional families face when a loved one is admitted to hospital far from home. It struck her that there are hundreds of empty hotel/motel rooms available around major hospitals, and Heartfelt Homes was born.

Caroline has huge plans for the future, whereby Heartfelt Homes will become a national service, available to all regional families across Australia. After that, the world awaits Heartfelt Homes International.

When times are tough, Caroline gets inspiration from the hundreds of families Heartfelt Homes has supported. She remembers tears shed together with family members desperate to stay near their sick loved one, and with those who have now died, but were able to have their families next to their bed at the end of their lives.

While setting up Heartfelt Homes a local solicitor told Caroline that she was crazy. Her advice to people starting on a similar career journey: 'Be crazy, the world needs more of that!'

Heartfelt Homes. 0478 111 508

REBECCA ARTHUR

PROPERTY MANAGER LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

After almost four years as a property manager at LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads, Rebecca is as enthusiastic as when she began. She says her team has not only years of professional experience and a high level of service, but are also a lot of fun.

Having lived in the area all her life, she is a passionate local and enthusiastic about being

able to offer fantastic investor opportunities and great rental properties to tenants. Currently studying to complete her real estate licence, she has plans to continue building her investment portfolio. Rebecca's approach when dealing with challenges is to look for the win/win in every situation, to remain calm and to ask lots of questions.

Rebecca's advice to young women starting in real estate is to get their certificate of registration and get into the industry, ask lots of questions and get involved.

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads. 6685 0177.



REBECCA ARTHUR

MELISSA PHILLIPS

PROPERTY MANAGER LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

With two years under her belt at LJ Hooker in Brunswick Heads, former legal secretary Melissa Phillips loves the fast pace of her industry and the people she works with; there's never a dull moment.

Melissa says the Byron Shire is an amazing place with many incredible properties. Meeting people, having them show her their properties and listening to their stories gives her great satisfaction, and helps with matching tenants with the right properties and gaining knowledge to give clients the right advice.

Melissa plans to eventually buy an investment property in the area and continue to grow the investment portfolio at LJ Hooker.

To Melissa, life is all about challenges. A challenge is only a challenge if you allow it to be and there is always a solution or a happy medium.

For young women starting out, Melissa's advice is to have confidence and be organised. Set daily, weekly, monthly and yearly goals both professionally and personally so you have something to work towards and look forward to and to help create balance.

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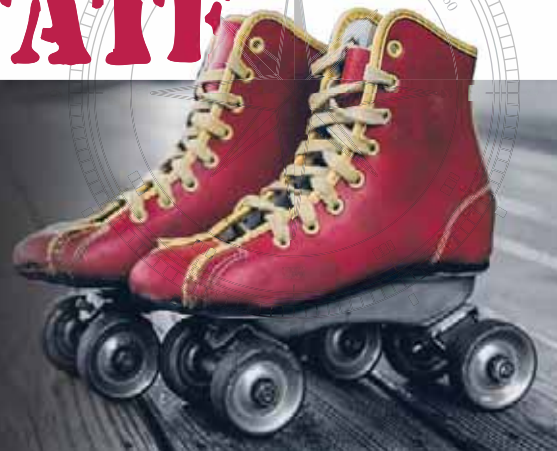
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Monkey, Monkey Shake Shake, Knox & Aya Ice-cream and fun at this weekends Ice-cream for breakfast fundraiser at Yum Yum Cafe.

Yes! The one time you might be able to make your children eat broccoli for breakfast is this Sunday, because 'breakfast dessert' (my children tell me that all the other kids at school get this) can be an ice-cream feast that helps homeless people.

It's (relatively) healthy because Knox & Aya ice-cream is dairy free.

It's fun, fun fun because their ice-cream tastes great, and because one of our weirdest local 'organic dance bands' Monkey Monkey Shake Shake will be there.

Dressing like a grizzly bear, or wearing fishes on their heads, MMSS are so mesmerising that I've watched them again and again on YouTube. This band are seriously devoted to the playful side of life.

Horst Thomson from Knox & Aya says that 'the goal of the event is to raise money to end rough sleeping in Australia through Sleepbus. While making ice-cream is pretty much the most fantastical thing I could have imagined an adult can do, I couldn't have done it without the support from institutions and the community.

'Access to the support available is the most important thing', says Horst. 'Marginalisation can happen quite quickly and easily. I see that many social problems come about from lack of support.

'Sleepbus is a fantastic initiative to share some humanity with people who may need it most. It's accessible, safe, and creates a gateway to further support programs.

'This event is our way of giving back to the community that helped us start, and to do what we do best in Byron: break rules and eat dessert first.'

More info: Sunday March 12. 9.30am-12pm at Yum Yum Tree Café, New Brighton. A Sleepbus fundraiser.

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Beautiful Byron Bay boutique picnics

By Vivienne Pearson

Who doesn't love a picnic? Okay, there can be some downsides: tramping for kilometres to find the perfect spot, realising at the last moment that your picnic blanket is a little worse for wear, and preparing and packing all the food.

Let me start again. Who doesn't love a picnic where someone else finds the perfect spot, provides a comfy blanket and cushions, and delivers a hamper packed full of delicious food?

Byron Bay Boutique Picnics has recently re-launched, after a hiatus of a year. Suffolk Park local Nicole Greenwood is not only an excellent cook and owns a superb range of picnic accessories; she is a lover of picnics.

'The whole idea came from when I lived in the French Alps,' Nicole says of her business that initially launched three years ago. 'In the summertime, everyone would simply pack a basket, go for a hike, then set up to picnic by a lake.'

When she returned, she realised the Byron area had just as many beautiful spots and views but there simply wasn't the same culture of picnicking.

Nicole cooks most of her picnic food from scratch and sources anything else locally. Her Hungarian heritage is not front-and-centre in her menus but does influence some of her dips.

Nicole aims for her picnics to be elegant and simple. The favourite location for picnickers is Wategos beach, especially in the leadup to sunset. 'The hinterland is also a great option,' says Nicole, explaining that she is able to arrange not-usually accessible locations.

Most of her clientele are visitors but she would love to see more locals picnicking too. She caters for groups of up to around 12 people, though couples are her most frequent clients. Though Nicole usually disappears after setting up the picnic, she has been in the background for marriage proposals. 'I was crying,' says Nicole, who is clearly a romantic at heart. 'I was so happy when he gave me a subtle thumbs up to let me know she'd said yes!'

Nicole has connections throughout the Shire if extras, such as a photographer, are requested. For an upcoming event, a larger group is combining an open-air yoga class with their picnic. Whatever details a customer wants, including dietary requirements, can be catered for.

As long as there are happy picnickers, Nicole is happy too. Visit byronbayboutiquepicnics.com.au for more information.



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

Who pays when food is cheap?

Government subsidies, exploitive labour practices, and costs to land are the reason conventional food is too cheap, and organic food relatively expensive, according to the US Cornucopia Institute, a tax-exempt public-interest group.

Joel Orchard's Future Feeders is one organisation that has turned that on its head. Using the Mullumbimby Community Gardens (that gained Council support to lease sha of Council-owned land in the centre of Mullumbimby), Future Feeders sells organic produce without storefront costs to subscribers via a model called CSA (community-supported agriculture).

It also sells to casual visitors. One of their marketing messages is that you don't need to worry about finding a carpark in Mullumbimby, as you can pick up veggies from the Gardens (it has its own

large carpark), or have them delivered to you. Santos Organics Ltd is another Mullumbimby company selling organic produce. Santos does not have to pay income tax, as it registered itself as a charity last year.

Santos general manager and Byron councillor Michael Lyon told *The Echo* last year that organic produce is generally more expensive, because chemically-grown produce has 'hidden costs' and receives subsidies. Santos provides value by redistributing its 'profit' according to its charitable purpose; by shopping here, people can know they are really giving back to community and the environment.

Applications to receive grants from Santos closed at the end of February and communications manager Paul Crebar said that an announcement about which individuals and organisations were to receive the initial \$40,000 in grants, which are expected to total in excess of \$100,000 annually, could be expected by the end of March 2017. Stay tuned.



'No thanks' to penalty rate changes

Matt Jackson from Spice It Up Thai restaurant at the Mullumbimby Bowls Club is one business owner who won't be taking advantage of the recent Fair Work decision to reduce penalty rates for his workers.

'Spice It Up Thai will not change our current employees' wages due to Fair Work changes', Matthew said. 'This is not a political statement, this is just about respect for our team. We at Spice It Up Thai are a team and that's how we will remain. Thanks but no thanks.'



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GNF Bangalow Turns 15!

Yes, GNF Bangalow is celebrating 15 years this March. Not only that, the same sales team of Chris Hayward, All Page and Brian Grant are still there, which speaks volumes for the culture of an agency.

'Local knowledge, professionalism and integrity are the key values in real estate,' says agent All Page. 'It's true

that the internet has changed the way in which some people transact property, but both vendors and purchasers appreciate an agent who knows their market well and it is important to give an accurate and realistic assessment on pricing and process.'

Many Happy Returns, GNF!



All Page, Chris Hayward and Brian Grant

When the rental market gets tight, rental bidding can ensue. Is it legal?

The legislation does not prohibit rental bidding in New South Wales, or the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Western Australia, Northern Territory and South Australia.

Although rental bidding is not specifically outlawed in most Australian states, it may come under the auspices of section 18 of the Australian Consumer Law.

Section 18 says that a person must not, in trade or commerce, engage in conduct that is misleading or deceptive or is likely to mislead or deceive.

Therefore, although rental bidding is not illegal in NSW, it may be seen as unethical and its opponents might argue that it contravenes the prescribed rules of conduct

for real estate agents as set out in Schedule 1 to the *Property, Stock and Business Agents Regulation 2003* and, in particular, Rule 3, which provides as follows:

1. An agent must act honestly, fairly and professionally with all parties in a transaction.

2. An agent must not mislead or deceive any parties in negotiations or a transaction.

However, the rules of conduct do not apply to landlords, so this argument would only be relevant if agents engaged in the practice of rental bidding. In summary, rental bidding is not illegal in NSW but may be seen as unethical and, therefore, may come under attack under the auspices of the

prescribed rules of conduct or even federal law's misleading and deceptive conduct.

Most rental bidding is initiated by tenants desperate to secure a home to live in, so agents need to know how to deal with this situation with care.

REINSW advises its members to ensure that they record every communication and confirm everything in writing along with a total level of transparency in all they do.

REINSW president John Cunningham says they should ask themselves if they have the necessary pre-frames in place so that there is no confusion in the execution of this practice from a consumer perspective.

'The last consideration is



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whether it is worth the grief it may create. Auction sales are clear cut and covered by state legislation so there is very little confusion for consumers; therefore be wary of activities that require a legal interpretation that is not specific.'

 Hillcrest - Eureka asking price \$2.95 million	 R & R Ranch - Bangalow asking price \$4.5 million	 Willanna - Federal asking price \$1.95 - \$2.15 million	 Sunnybrook Farm - Binna Burra asking price \$1.5 million	 Magnolia House - Mullumbimby asking price \$1.45 million
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From the moment you enter this inviting residence you'll notice an ambience of space and light. A wide hallway enhances the sense of spaciousness with high ceilings and a multitude of high set windows to bring the natural light streaming in. There are 4 generous bedrooms with built in robes, walk in robe and ensuite to oversized master and a separate study or private home office.

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

Inspect: By appointment
Contact: Caitlin Hellyar 0428 883 815
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Mullumbimby
26 Argyle Street

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GLASS IS HALF FULL

Yep it's half full and easy to fill! With this one most of work is done and most of you buyers are looking for a house to build a granny flat on to get some \$\$\$\$\$. Check it out.

- 3 bedrooms plus study/office
- 2 car accom, huge covered entertaining
- Corner location with Rear land – 1 neighbour
- Walk to Mullum CBD
- Separate studio/ potential flat

Looking for that half-full glass and opportunity – call me.

Inspect Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
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New Home Close to the Beach

152 Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores

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\$715,000



Newly completed, beautifully finished, rendered, double brick 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. Spacious open living design has high ceilings and bi-fold doors connecting inside to the huge 50m2 outdoor living, entertaining area.



The functional kitchen, provides ample storage, gas cooking and stone benches and a large double garage includes drive through access to the rear garden. The 721m2 property has a secure yard and the elevated position captures cooling breezes from the ocean and adjacent canal.

Walk to the beach, schools, and cafes, shops and sports field are all close by.

Just unpack and enjoy this beautiful home and coastal lifestyle.

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- East Tweed Street location, rear lane access
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2 Satinwood Drive, McLeans Ridges

- ✓ Master built family home on 2.7 acres, expansive rural outlook
- ✓ Hardwood flooring, contemporary finishes, 5m ceilings, o/sized beds
- ✓ Modern kitchen + timber benchtops and 2 pac finish, light filled interiors
- ✓ Spacious study has private access and entry – perfect for home office
- ✓ 1 bed self-contained studio located away from main house

- ✓ Resort style i/g pool, large sheltered entertaining deck area
- ✓ Storage for machinery/vehicles – multiple garages and bays away from house

Auction: 29 April Onsite
Inspect: Saturday 12–12.30pm
Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399

Lois Buckett



Private Family Home on Huge Block

3 2 2

23 Amber Drive, Lennox Head

- ✓ Neat and tidy 3 bed home, 2620m2 block, private bush reserve to the side
- ✓ R2 Low Density Residential – allows secondary dwelling (STCA)
- ✓ Main bed has ensuite and WIR, flows to outdoor alfresco area
- ✓ Study, formal living room, open plan dining/kitchen – loads of natural light
- ✓ Lge sheltered alfresco area, solar heated i/g pool, lush gardens front and back

- ✓ Access to huge near level yard via double gates – perfect for vans/boats
- ✓ Popular street only moments from village, beach, shops and schools

Auction: 18 March 12 noon Onsite
Inspect: Saturday 12–12.30pm
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North Ocean Shores
4 Natan Court

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LOCATION, LIFESTYLE & RARE

The heading says it all! Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, strolling distance to the beach, canal, farmers market, river and school. An ideal family home or great property for the astute investor.

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3 beds 2 baths 2 cars



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Stone retaining walls level out this 1145m² block, which helps in garden maintenance. Enjoy quiet pockets of the garden where you will be visited by ducks and parrots. The garden is a picture and certainly low maintenance.

The home offers 3 bedrooms, main bedroom with ensuite and built-in. It includes formal lounge and dining with split-system air-conditioning.

For those who enjoy entertaining/partying in the kitchen/family room opens onto a generous tiled covered barbecue area.

The maintenance on this property has been impeccable, to the point there is nothing to spend, just move in!



Open: Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
Contact: David Holden 0435789677
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Hidden Retreat

292 Arthur Road, Dorrroughby

4 beds 2 baths

\$925,000



Located in the green rolling hills of the northern rivers hinterland is this hidden treasure.

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

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

Full-width bi-fold doors open out onto covered timber decks overlooking the panoramic view and are perfect for entertaining guests. Bedrooms are spacious and the designer bathrooms are near new.

A separate one-bedroom studio has potential for extra accommodation for when friends or family come and stay, while a 9m x 6m shed has ample space for extra storage. 21 solar panels provide 4.7kW of power with back to grid so that your power bill is kept at a minimum.

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



2 beds 1 bath 1 car

Stylish Retro Beachside Unit

3/53 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

Stylish, leafy and green, this unit has an outdoor spa, large undercover deck and antique Bali pavilion. With polished concrete floors and renovated bath, this popular holiday let is ideal for owner occupier or investor. Ring to inspect or attend opens. Auction onsite Saturday 1 April 1:30pm



5 beds 3 baths 2 cars

Beachfront Oasis on Tallow Beach

2/42 Macgregor Street, Suffolk Park

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- 311 Booyong Road, Nashua. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 209 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 54 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 54 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1.30–2pm
- 62 Possum Creek Road, Bangalow. Contact agent
- 38 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sun 2–2.30pm
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- 23 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm

- 2 Satinwood Drive, McLeans Ridges. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 200 North Creek Road, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 1 Sapphire Place, Lennox Head. Sat 2–2.30pm

MCGRATH BYRON BAY

- 6 Hilltop Place, Lennox Head. Thu 6–6.30pm
- 81 James Street, Dunoon. Sat 9.30–10am
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- 138 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 7 Tinderbox Road, Talofa. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 39 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Auction pending
- 1/3 Jackwood Court, Suffolk Park. \$680,000 to \$720,000
- 209 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra. Auction
- 5/15–17 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads. \$575,000 to \$625,000

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- 4 Sansom Street, Bangalow
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- 10B Cooper Street, Byron Bay
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- 11 Grand Valley Way, Mullumbimby \$1,289,000
- 17 Station St, Mullumbimby \$949,000

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- 17 Firetail Street, Tweed Heads South

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- 122 Broken Head Road, Newrybar. Auction 25th March

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- 16 Browns Crescent, McLeods Shoot. Auction 11th March 11.30am Onsite
- 54 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Auction Wednesday 29th March 4pm Onsite

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- 23 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Auction 18 March 12pm Onsite
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- 53 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Saturday 18th March 9am
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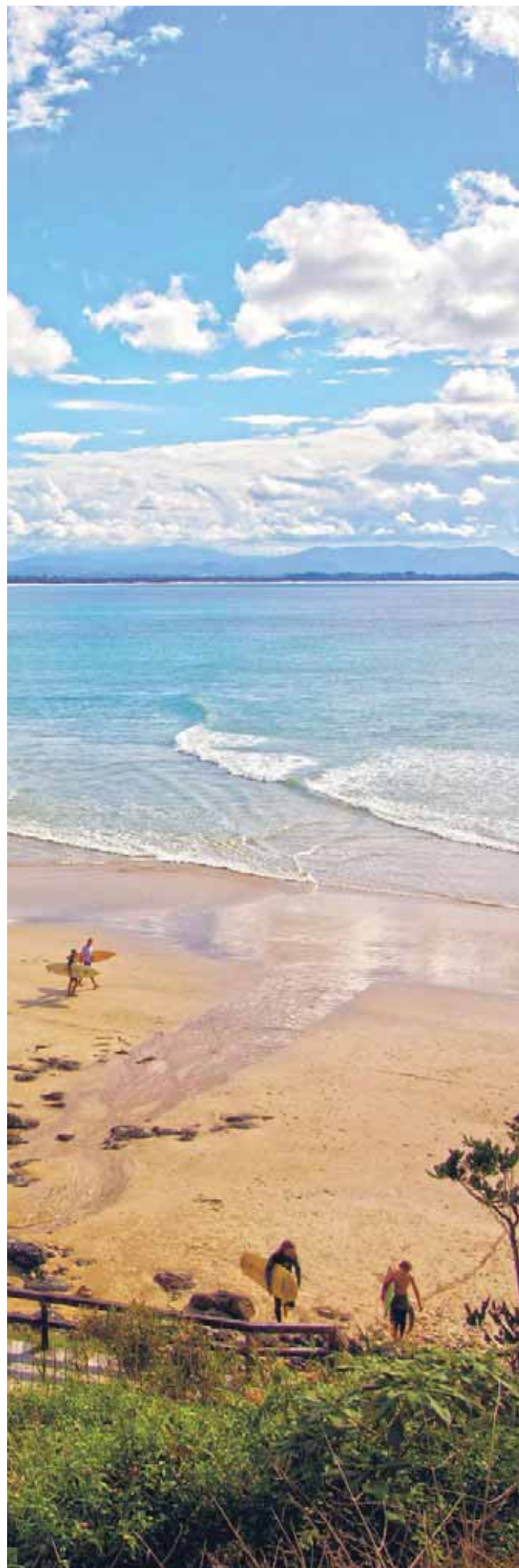
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THE ARTS



Local photographer Shey Ivanov from The Froth Lab (thefrothlab.com) will be one of the artists exhibiting their work at the CUSP showcase on March 16 at the Lennox Head Community Centre.

ON THE CUSP

On Thursday 16 March, CUSP will bring together 40+ local emerging artists spanning fashion, music, visual and performing arts, music and more, for a one-night special event at Park Lane Theatre at Lennox Head Community Centre.

CUSP is the first of two emerging arts showcases to be run in the northern rivers by RAW: natural-born artists in 2017, and this showcase is filled to the brim with the region's best emerging creatives.

Showcase director Jacqui Halliday said, 'There are thousands and thousands of talented creatives in this region and only limited opportunities for them to connect with the greater population. We are excited and honoured to be able to provide an avenue through which this can happen on such a large scale.'

Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$20 (+bf) and are available through www.RAWartists.org/northernrivers/cusp or \$25 on the door.

ACCLAIMED PHILOSOPHER AC GRAYLING AT BYRON THEATRE.

Byron Writers Festival is presenting acclaimed academic and philosopher Professor AC Grayling at Byron Theatre in March to whet literary appetites in the lead up to the Festival in August.

AC Grayling is one of the world's most widely read and celebrated philosophers. His latest work *The Age of Genius* explores how the 17th century, fuelled by original and unorthodox thinking, war and technological invention, became the crucible of modernity.

This period marks a radical turning-point in human thought: We moved from the alchemy and astrology of John Dee to the painstaking observation and astronomy of Galileo, while the church-favoured classicism of Aristotle gave way to the evidence-based investigation of Francis Bacon.

Join AC Grayling for a thought-provoking talk about how such a turbulent century heralded 'the greatest ever change in the mental outlook of humanity' - a time he refers to as The Age of Genius. Professor Grayling has been brought to Australia by the World Science Festival Brisbane and is appearing at Byron Theatre with the help of Queensland Museum and Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd.

AC GRAYLING WILL BE AT BYRON THEATRE ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH, 6PM. TICKETS \$30/\$35 BYRONWRITERSFESTIVAL.COM OR (02) 6685 5115.

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THE TWO OF THEM AT ALL OF YOU AT BELLO

THE LINEUP FOR 6-9 JULY BELLO WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL IS OUT.



It's the third time round the dance floor for this NSW village and this time featured acts include dub-and-bass heroes Salmonella Dub, Texan singer/songwriter Joe Pug, taking leave from Gomez: Ben Ottewell, Melbourne's Husky, US country star, Courtney Marie Andrey, lo-fi folkers Tin Pan Orange, pop punk of Bec Sandridge, insanely danceable, The Senegambian Jazz Band, Bello's own Jack Carty, hip-hopsters 30/70, spoken-word artist Radical Son, the soul of Teskey Brothers, the unexpected thrill of Ukulele Death Squad, old-time soul man Archer, and bastards of boogie, Vaudeville Smash... and a new collaboration with the much-loved Mama Kin and Spender.

When these two friends team up magic happens.

Mama Kin (aka Danielle Caruna) and Tommy Spender have been friends for 16 years.

'You know the kind of friendships you have when you think, thank God I didn't know you at school - I wouldn't have made it through!' laughs Danielle of Spender.

'It's like being 14 again. Tommy is the perfect audience for the crappy joke repertoire I have. I basically see him and I start giggling.'

The two musicians had mused about the idea of doing a music project together, but until recently the time wasn't right. Now while they are both on hiatus from their usual outfits, the duo just seemed to be right. And by the time the two started, they already had a swag of songs, written in the I'Heart' Songwriting club.

'You have 10 people in the club,' says Caruna.

'And you have one hour to write the song from the prompt. You have to have it up in an hour.

'It's so terrifying and paralysing for me but freeing at the same time because I don't usually release a song until it's ready. So I said, Tommy, let's do this, because we were both in a rut. I thought I would hate it but I like this Quick Draw McGraw vibe.

Meanwhile I sent Tommy a Rufus Wainwright video performing

Hallelujah with this massive choir and we were both weeping over the phone. I asked what's happening here? None of your jokes are funny. I said, let's do our music project together. Let's make a body of work that has a vocal section that uses a musical group wherever we go.'

And that's the plan. With recording almost done, Mama Kin & Spender will be working with a Bellingen choir for their first show. 'Every show in every town will be different. It's a triple bottom line; everyone will get a win out of this. It can be a lonely business rolling into town. You are tired, you do you gig and you don't really get to connect with a community. But doing this will change the paradigm with us. Our dream is to do house concerts on our own and then do workshops with the chorus and deliver the songs by creating a platform for the voices to perform in their town.'

It was a way of giving their music more meaning. And as parents of small children both Caruna and Spender weren't interested in doing another standard tour. 'I just can't do another album campaign,' says Danielle, 'make the music, release it, go out and tour it, talk about it. I can't do that right now. It had to be different.'

At Bello Mama Kin & Spender will play with the choir, but they'll also do a more intimate show presenting songs with just the two of them. And that has a few treats in store as well. Such as Danielle playing reverse standup drum kits.

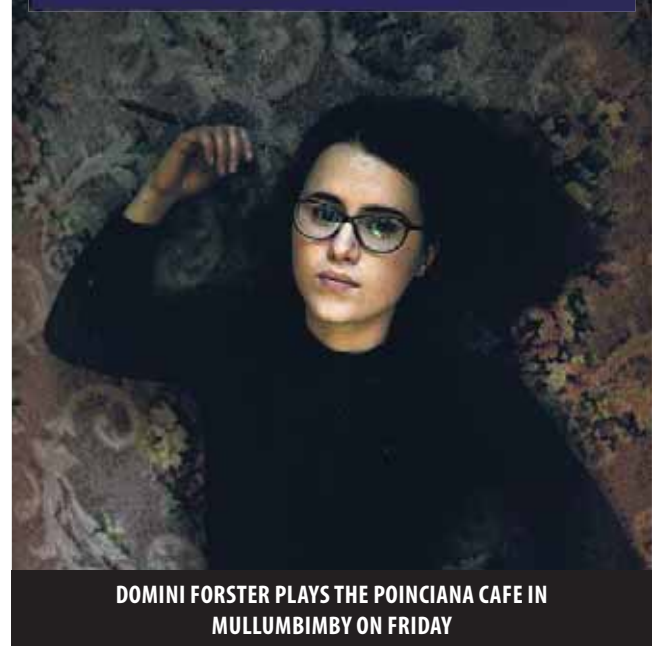
'I look like a puppeteer; it's so much fun!

Although, let's just be clear, I am not playing complex drums patterns! Sometimes Tommy says you are going cross-eyed, make the pattern simpler. I was having a moment, about my drumming and looking like a hack and I told Tommy and he said, don't worry you'll get really used to people watching us and judging you.'

Classic.

Tickets and camping information are available now at bellowintermusic.com.

Live Music



DOMINI FORSTER PLAYS THE POINCIANA CAFE IN MULLUMBIMBY ON FRIDAY

FORSTER CHILD

Domini Forster is fast establishing herself as one of Melbourne's brightest new voices in modern folk. The singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist is currently preparing to release her debut album. Hovering deftly in the breathless spaces between light and dark, *Raven* is an unfeigned paean to the shadow. Steeped in melody and awash with ornate chamber arrangements, the album was produced by indie 'it kid' Nick Huggins (Kid Sam; Hello Satellites; Oscar + Martin), and recorded in the fading light of late summer at the sleepy coastal village of Point Lonsdale.

Elegant chromatic lines weave, ivy-green, through a tapestry of ukulele, piano, banjo, guitar, and acoustic bass. Throughout it all, Forster's distinctive vocal shifts effortlessly from a commanding, reverb-laden call to a lilting, whisper-close falsetto. It's no wonder the elfin songwriter is earning comparisons to the likes of Laura Marling, Sufjan Stevens and Joni Mitchell.

Forster is a Byron girl, born into an unusually artistic family.

Her mother is a filmmaker and fine artist (Susie Forster) while her father has a background in theatre, the performing arts and clowning. At age eight she took up the violin, with piano, guitar, and various other string instruments following in time. Teenage-hood opened her eyes to a new realm of eclectic musical worlds - from 60s and 70s folk balladeers, to Led Zeppelin, Queen, Polyphonic Spree, The Mountain Goats, pop phenomenon Destiny's Child and the poetic flow of rap music.

In 2013 Forster was hand-picked by renowned Australian songwriter Lior to support on his national tour. A strong creative friendship formed over 60+ shows across the country, and Lior eventually invited Forster to sing onstage beside him at the Opera House, accompanied by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Catch **Domini Forster** on her home coming with a gig at the **Poinciana Cafe** in Mullumbimby on **Friday** from 6.30pm.

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AND... CUT

A pair of scissors could save the world. Well, not normal scissors. Gene scissors. Of course these aren't actual scissors, you can't Steiner your way through a felt collage with these, these are for scientists into bio-craft. These are CRISPR scissors. CRISPR is what sciencey peeps use to cut up DNA. It's an acronym for 'clustered regular interspaced short palindromic repeats'. Sounds

like the anatomical reaction to a powerful curry, but basically it means if you happen to be a molecular biologist then you can move a gene from one organism to another. Or if you don't want to move it per se, you can edit DNA in a precise location.

It's basically a molecular version of cut-and-paste. To be more precise, CRISPR is a naturally occurring bacterial defence

system that can edit, add or replace genes. This means that scientists have gone beyond just knowing the genome sequence to being able to change the sequence in 'beneficial' ways.

It works like this. The molecular machine is made up of two molecules. A protein called Cas9 that cuts DNA like a pair of molecular scissors, along with a piece of guide RNA that tells the Cas9 exactly where to cut the DNA. Kind of like a dressmaker pinning out a pattern on fabric. Except we're not making shorts. We're selecting our future. We're potentially driving genetic changes that will spread through a population.

We're changing who we are. How plants grow. What animals do. Snipping around with the building blocks of humans, animals and plants, carefully crafting the newly disease-

resistant, super-adaptive species to cope with the viral load and species deficiencies we were carrying into our climate changed future.

Clearly I'm not a scientist. I'm not even that good with regular scissors, let alone gene scissors. But it seems this is an ethical hot pot. We've given up on changing the practices that impact on the environment. The carbon increasing chemical filled environment that causes increased allergies, cancer, low yielding crops and virulent disease and decided that, instead of adapting behaviour, we'll speed up evolution and get science to assist our environment to adapt to us. Obviously CRISPR has the potential to cure anything from cold sores to cancer. If you are allergic to eggs they can create a chicken that lays eggs without the proteins that cause the allergy. That won't just be one

generation. Those chickens will then breed and create other chickens who lay allergy free eggs. What's next, chooks that lay omelettes? We've fucked nature up so now we're fucking with nature.

While we're at it, perhaps we should get a little more 'big picture' in our approach to improve survival and start gene editing the real risk factors to ongoing human habitation of planet Earth. Forget plant diseases. Forget allergens. Forget cancer. Let's focus on halting the system that bought us that shit. Free-market capitalism.

We've got to get back to some low footprint living right now. So my scientist friends, get out your gene scissors. We've got some serious editing to do. Let's start gene editing high impact personality traits. Like fundamentalism. Snip that hateful shit right out. Terrorism, war, hatred and bigotry should

be pretty well eliminated.

Next it might be good to scissor out sociopathy. That should get rid of megalomaniacs like Putin, Murdoch and Trump. If no-one wants to climb the corporate ladder, the economic system switches from vertical to horizontal. We share resources equally. But to do that we need to eliminate self-interest. That's a little genetic ouch for all of us as we nip narcissism in all its 'me first' glory.

So now we've done that, let's use some of CRISPR's magic to add genes. Let's put some empathy enhancement into the sequence. And rational intelligence. While I've got the scissors out and I'm playing God I'm tempted to add big tits, perfect teeth and eliminate male pattern baldness, but once you move narcissism no-one will care. Our future is on the chopping block. Will you make the cut?

JEFF DUFF AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY 19 MARCH



BOWIE UP THE DUFF

In January of 2016, the music world lost one of its greatest and most respected artists in David Bowie. Now a year later in 2017, Jeff's *Bowie Unzipped* show salutes the enormous legacy that Bowie left behind with Jeff's unique interpretation of Bowie's remarkable and enduring songbook. Jeff has been singing Bowie's songs for many years with the glowing support of Bowie's official website BowieNET and was a special guest (in conversation) at the opening of the recent Bowie exhibition in Melbourne. Together with a killer band, Duffo's journey to Planet Bowie includes the songs: *Space Oddity*, *Let's Dance*, *China Girl*, *Life On Mars*, *Changes*, *Ziggy Stardust*... among many other faves. Jeff's all-star band features guitarist Jak Housden from the Whitlams along with the brilliant keyboard player Glenn Rhodes and drummer/percussionist Jess Ciampa.

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MISSION FROM GOD

It seems like yesterday that brothers Jake and Elwood Blues, played by John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd, invited the world to join them on a 'mission from God'. Now, thirty years on, the Blues Brothers live on in the *Official Blues Brothers Revue*, and Australian Blues Brothers fans are set

to get a nostalgic musical fix when the pair arrives from America in March to begin a tour Downunder. Starring Wayne Catania as Jake and Kieron Lafferty as Elwood, the *Blues Brothers Revue* is the only Blues Brothers show to be officially sanctioned by Dan Ackroyd and wife of the late John Belushi, Judith Belushi.

Now fronting a world-class band complete with horn

section, the *Official Blues Brothers Revue* is a concert experience for the whole family. Celebrate the Blues Brothers in a show that really hits the road - a briefcase full of blues!

Saturday at the **Ballina RSL**, doors: 7.30pm, show: 8.30pm. Tickets: \$45. Bookings: 6681 9500 or online at ballinarsl.com.au.

THE SHUDOW

Where were you, and what were you doing, when Tamam Shud last played some of their tripped-out live shows back on the university scene during the acid movement of the 70s? Most probably wouldn't remember and those who do probably weren't there! But everyone recalls Tamam Shud for the input and timeless tracks contributed to Australian surf film classics *Evolution*, *Hot Generation* and the seminal *Morning of the Earth*. While it has been a

long time since Tamam Shud have played the stage, most notably a brief re-formation for the sold-out national tour for *A Long Way to the Top* arena spectaculars and the *Delightful Rain: A celebration of Australian Surf Music* shows. During 2016 Tamam Shud released a new LP, *Eight Years of Moonlight*. With this release is an opportunity to celebrate their latest recording. Andrew Kidman (Spirit of Akasha, Litmus) has been busy working on visual projections for Tamam Shud's live shows with some 'lost' footage from the Albe Falzon archives along with some classic period visuals from the era - a real throwback to how it all started for us. Kidman will also be bringing his band The Windy Hills along to open all shows.

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WE OF THE PIRRA PIRRA



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Sunday at the **Ballina RSL** from 2pm.

MARTHA & FRIENDS

The daughter of folk legends Kate McGarrigle and Loudon Wainwright III, **Martha Wainwright's** immersion in music from an early age is evident in her command of the stage and her masterful handling of a spectrum of musical styles. Her songs provide a window into her life without artifice or pretension. On this tour, Martha will be accompanied on vocals and guitar by a three-piece band, comprising drums, piano and bass. Catch her at **Lismore City Hall** on **Saturday 18 March**. Tickets: lismorecityhall.com.au or 1300 066 772.

With the identical ginger twins in the rhythm section, the relationship between the vocalist (Jess Beck) and the 'other guy' on guitar, Pirra is something of an unorthodox family band. They began back in 2008 honing their skills looking for that elusive thing bands call 'their sound'.

'The music we were playing seven years ago was more pop folk music,' says Jess, 'but it has changed. About three years ago we got our sound and we were really happy with what we were doing. It was the direction we wanted to go in.'

'It's like we were having a rehearsal and started jamming a song and and you can feel it's intense, and everyone is vibing on it and you think, yes, we are on the right track. It's complex because you have four different people with very different personalities all trying to get to that place.'

Their latest single off their Nambucca Valley-recorded *Animal Kingdom* is *All For Ya*.

The song is a gloomy synth cloud that hovers over an upbeat groove, accompanied by a sparkling atmosphere that inhales for a moment of silence before releasing into the silken vocals of Beck. A song about the ups and downs of living large and partying hard, *All For Ya* follows on from previous singles: the dreamy ambient sounds of *Wake Me* and track *Hunter* which follows a thrillseeker on his/her battle against the moderates.

Pirra live in the eastern suburbs of Sydney

where at any time they might be found in a backyard drinking red wine over a churrasco barbecue discussing pseudo-profound ideas.

'We see each other almost every second day,' says Beck. 'We are constantly in contact on social media.'

For Beck, who started out in a uni cover band playing with shearers at gymkhanas at country towns, finding this close musical connection was a step in a whole other direction.

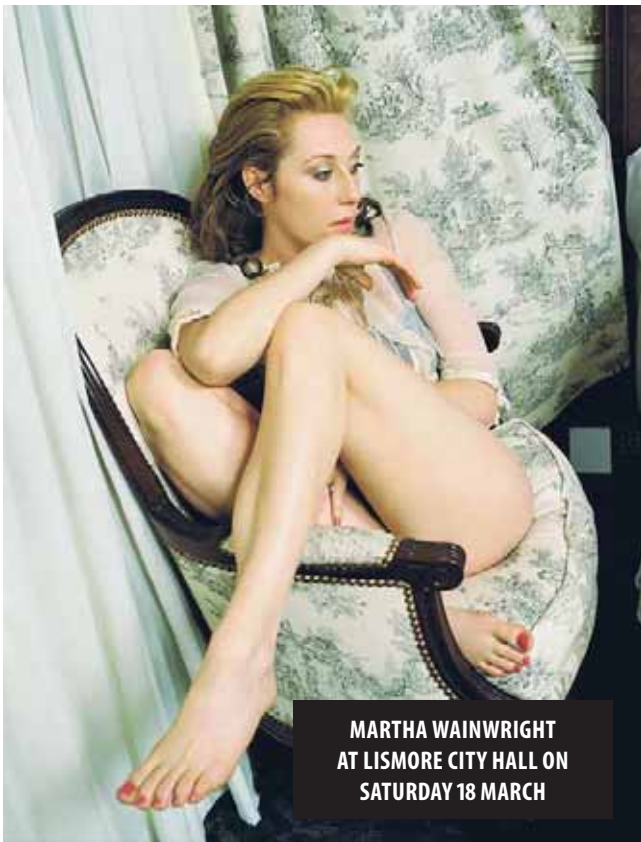
Pirra's sound really evolved from a love of playing and a genuine love of each other.

'When we started playing we were doing jazz standards. I was dating Curtis; we got residencies; we got comfy playing with each other; then I showed them folky pop songs that I had written and they thought that was cool.'

These days the songwriting is shared around the band, and at times, as in for tracks such as *Awake Me*, it's very much a collaborative affair.

'The boys had come up with a riff and the chorus was already there and they were playing it and they had a bit of an idea and I said that I heard something different, so they played and I scatted over the song, and they thought that's really good. We turned the scat song into words where it half made sense. I am sure it has been done before, but it felt like a cool way to write a song.'

Pirra play the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Saturday** with Elki, supporting Bec Sandridge.



MARTHA WAINWRIGHT AT LISMORE CITY HALL ON SATURDAY 18 MARCH

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In 1999 Beth Hart rose to fame with the release of her single *LA Song* from her second album *Screamin' for my Supper*. It's all about the music for this sultry woman of song.

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

Two songs: first is *Moonlight Sontata* – was the song that freaked me out and made me gravitate towards the piano in the first place. The second song is Carol King's *You've Got A Friend* – that was the very first song I ever sang when I was age five.

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

Nothing gets me on the dance floor (ha ha). Scott (my husband) and I have a song – if we wanted be romantic and be close, we put on *Danke Schön*.

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

It's not a song, but a CD I got when I was walking around the streets in Milan with Scott. There were these street musicians, and they were playing this Native American music, so I brought the CD, and to this day I play it – it's called *Indians* and it is amazing. In fact I just listen to it today – I light candles, intense and put it on in my private piano room. And I chill out.

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

Two stations I love – one is on the AM band and it plays a lot of music from the 30s and 40s, kinda jazz and pop, what was happening then, and that America songbook stuff and also the classical station. But it depends. Sometimes I like to put on Motorhead or something crazy that I can just rock out to.

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

We took off to Vegas and got married at a little chapel. They played some country song as I walked down the aisle. After I called my parents and they said they got married at the same place and we didn't even know that – isn't that crazy?

But what would the wedding song be...

I like the song *You Are My Sunshine*.

Your favourite song/s to cover at the moment?

I love *I'd Rather Go Blind* because people like it. Beautiful melody and great groove. Or *Close To My Fire*.

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

I love this question! I want to so much work with Tom Waits. Even if he wants me to just get his coffee when he's in the studio working, I just want to be able to observe the genius Tom Waits. Love the album *Mule Variations*.

And also Leonard Cohen. Anything. I love *Popular Problems* – so anything off that.

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

Really hard to chose one, but if I had to it would be Big Joe Turner. Because that's whom I was listening to before everyone else. It's just so BAD ASS!

Beth Hart performs exclusively at **Bluesfest** on **Saturday 15 April** and **Easter Monday 17 April**.

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

SOUND SYSTEM OF THE HEART



Following his recent relocation from Melbourne to Mullumbimby, Australia's King of Reggae Soundsystem, Derek Marr, brings us the unique Heartical Hi-Powa. Heartical Hi-Powa was the original dub reggae soundsystem in Australia, founded and hand-built in 2002. Now based in Mullumbimby, Derek brings his unique vibe and record collection to this regular bi-monthly dub reggae night. Join the family for uplifting forward-thinking music. Authentic Caribbean food will be served.

Stryka D, aka Derek Marr, gave us the download.

How did you start out?

It all started in Melbourne around 2002. I had settled into a new life after moving from the UK, where Jamaican-style soundsystems have played a significant role within the musical landscape. There was nothing like it down there at the time and I began to miss hearing the music the way it was made to be played – soundsystem style.

I began to teach myself about loudspeaker cabinet design, theory and construction. Once I felt confident I bought some materials and components to start building the first boxes, following a blueprint of the UK roots and dub sounds. It took a good few years until I built the first stack and acquired the necessary equipment to hold a dance. Finally all the records I had been collecting over the years now had the essential medium to present them. So it all snowballed from there really – I continued to build up the system, collect music and hold regular dances. It really has been a learning curve and a journey that continues.

What does Heartical Hi Powa represent?

Heartical Hi Powa represents a music culture that has a more than fifty-year history, from its humble roots in the ghettos of Kingston, Jamaica, to a now-global movement that has finally reached Australia. We appreciate the best reggae and dub as being studio oriented and soundsystem as the traditional medium to forward the music to the people. We believe music has the power to change people's lives and even build communities. Though it's early days for soundsystem culture in Australia we feel there is an educational element to what we do and hopefully an inspiration to others.

How do you manipulate your soundsystem to get the most out of your gigs?

We use a special custom-built piece of equipment we call a pre-amp. These pre-amps are only known within reggae and dub soundsystem circles. They enable the skilled operator to manipulate and shape the sound, exposing the audience

to different ranges of frequencies, which can have a physical effect. The sound system becomes a live instrument and the audience receives a unique sonic experience. Some have even described it as healing.

What should we expect for your show in Mullumbimby?

Our show at Durrumbull Hall on Friday promises an evening of great music, Caribbean food and positive vibes. Heartical Hi Powa and crew will present a 45rpm vinyl showcase of pure undiluted reggae. From the foundation-shaking roots of the 70s to the digital styles of the 80s and 90s, through to the new rootical dubwise of today. All delivered in an authentic soundsystem style, creating a unique musical experience that you won't find anywhere else in the Shire. As we'd say hearing is believing.

Friday at Durrumbul Hall at 6pm. \$15 on the door.

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Mars, Uranus and Venus retrograde in Aries suggest a menu of inspirational wakeups, unmasked fakeups, stunning shakeups, sudden breakups and melting makeups...

♈ ARIES: The planets of love, shove and making-a-clean-sweep-of-all in your sign need you channelling this week's significant charge away from arguing into more playful sparring. If a scenario from the past resurfaces for resolution, watch your step. As in step up – don't fall into the same old trap.

♉ TAURUS: Your planet ruler Venus retrograde usually stimulates second thoughts about a situation, which isn't a bad thing with this week's contradictory and confusing interplay. You might get another chance at something that wasn't quite right first time around – and may not be again, when given deeper consideration.

♊ GEMINI: Distractions abound this week, meaning shoppers beware of flawed or thoughtless purchases. And Venus retrograde usually means dealing with someone from the past, or coming to terms with unfinished history. Any good news? Yes – there's plenty of astral support for making the right choices, if you listen to wise, informed counsel.

♋ CANCER: This week's lunar guidelines come courtesy of your Cancerian mother-planet: Confidence-boosting late-week Leo moon evokes your entertaining inner show-off. The weekend's get-it-together Virgo moon's excellent for sorting, organising and general tidying up. Make calls and schedule appointments for health checks during early-week Libra moon.

♌ LEO: Keep needy others who drain your energy or play on your generous nature at arm's length this week, kindly but firmly. Renewing old contacts and connections could prove financially worthwhile. And when late-week moon in your fiery sign puts you in the mood for luxury, glamour, dancing and romancing, give it your Leonine best!

♍ VIRGO: With the present tension between your astrological opposite Pisces, sign of completion, and Aries, sign of new beginnings, it's important not to let sentiment take precedence over sense. And to be choosy about whom you align with, because it takes the right kind of teamwork to make this week's dream work.

♎ LIBRA: Caught in the either/or dichotomy of Venus retro? Then remember that what unites two is three: a third person, option, addition or point of view. With this week's astral emphasis on service, make decisions for the collective wellbeing, offer a comforting hug, understanding word or generous gesture, and your work is done.

♏ SCORPIO: Astral weather report for Scorpio: This week's super-sensitive, high-pressure planetary systems suggest steamy weather brewing and stewing to a potentially stormy finale during late-week Leo moon. Precisely the kind of theatrical scenario you thrive in, so channel your best fearless phoenix leader for best results all round.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Sagittarians love a gamble, but don't risk more than you can afford to lose this week, or make changes that unsettle your home base. If communications skew, information won't gel, or your guiding planet Jupiter highlights uncomfortable insights regarding your input into the relationship domain, use it all for your personal learning curve.

♑ CAPRICORN: Pluto currently excavating your sign makes these excerpts from Capricorn poet John O'Donohue appropriate this week: *This beginning has been quietly forming, waiting until you were ready to emerge. Though your destination is not yet clear, you can trust the promise of this opening, for your soul senses the world that awaits you.*

♒ AQUARIUS: Finances flavour this week. And values: as in what you value and are you earning what you're worth? When core differences emerge, agitated emotions are normal. But why not aspire to more than normal and aim for engagement instead of argument – inspiring guidelines and creative encouragement rather than rigid rules?

♓ PISCES: This week's planetary gathering in Pisces has the best intentions, but may lack accurate facts. The groups you join and the causes you support are important factors in this year's success, so base choices on the way things are, rather than an ideal vision of how you think they should be.

CULTURE

LISMORE LAUGHS

Lismore's new annual comedy festival **Lismore Laughs** returns this weekend with three great shows.

Friday see the star of *The Weekly* and host of *Hard Quiz*, Tom Gleeson present his show *Cheer Up* and **Saturday** at lunchtime the wacky Frank Woodley performs comedy for the kiddies. Saturday evening sees the hit of Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Andy Saunders, take the audience on a journey through a landscape of his life from hilarious anecdotes of his childhood to life as a father, husband, comedian

and Indigenous Australian. His show *Asms and Isms* crosses over from the squirmy topics to the downright hilarious. Enjoy an evening of crazy fun and stories such as how to appropriately name a cyclone, buying cars without upsetting your wife, and growing up poor. Saunders's star is definitely on the rise.

For enquiries go to **norpa.org.au** or call 1300 066 772.

RADICAL HONESTY

Direct from the Adelaide Fringe festival is **Radical Honesty**, featuring standup comedian Aidan Killan, an investment banker turned comedian. This Irishman is

now one of the most-travelled comedians, having sold out rooms in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Byron Bay, Sydney, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Netherlands and USA. He manages to bring humour to serious subjects such as war crimes, genocide and mass surveillance.

Not only has he performed shows all over the world; he has also performed at peace festivals in the Middle East and Northern Ireland; he performed as a 'highlight' at Glastonbury Festival 2016. A grassroots comedian and people-lover, he is Ireland's only comedian to have done a sitting-room tour of Ireland or to leave the stage at Electric Picnic, Ireland's largest festival, to initiate a giant group hug. He is joined by Nick Sun, the unique Aussie comic who emerged from the suburbs of Sydney during 2004. In a stellar career acceleration Nick made the prestigious, invite-only Just For Laughs Comedy Festival at Montreal in 2005 and returned to the UK for a full season of shows at Edinburgh. This previous RAW comedy national champion also went on to take out the comp in the UK as well – a feat not achieved before. The two join forces for **Radical Honesty** at the **Bangalow Bowlo** on **Friday**. Tickets \$20 online or \$25 at the door.

Tix through **www.bangalowbowlo.com.au**.

GIVE A FUKUSHIMA

Six years on from the Japan tsunami's destroying the Fukushima nuclear power station the radiation from Fukushima continues to spread unchecked, contaminating the seas, the air and groundwater. Three reactors are still in meltdown and hundreds of gallons of radioactive water are being released into the Pacific Ocean every day.

The Fukushima Daichi

company and the Japanese government are clearly unable to resolve this crisis. Instead of calling for international assistance to meet this challenge, the Japanese government is busy increasing radiation safety levels, marketing produce from Fukushima as safe for human consumption, forcing people to relocate to contaminated land and promoting unsafe nuclear technology to countries like India.

Meanwhile, world governments turn a blind eye to the growing problem of unchecked radiation.

The Australian Government is complicit in this crisis as Australian uranium was used in the reactors at Fukushima. This despite the fact that the people of Australia, including the traditional custodians of the land, are opposed to the mining and sale of uranium. On the sixth anniversary of Fukushima the people of the rainbow region of NSW will gather to send a message of solidarity to the people of Fukushima and Japan.

Two events are planned for the week: a community gathering at the **Drill Hall Theatre**, Mullumbimby, on **Saturday** and an event at **The Channon Market** on **Sunday**.

The Drill Hall gathering will run from 2pm till 8pm and feature a locally produced short film *Good Fortune Island* starring Japanese actor and anti-nuclear activist Saya Minami, shorts by award-winning local filmmaker David Bradbury, art workshops in manga and Japanese calligraphy, dance and music by Micotsuki Shivamoon, Karen Minami, Yellow Chicks, Fukushima musician Takashi Sato and world-music duo Nakula, plus yummy macrobiotic food.

The Channon Market event will start at 11am near the Rainbow Chai Tent and feature installations by Benny Zable, speeches, dance and music by Bo Kaan, Neil Pike and Peter Pix, The Love



BLITHE SPIRIT PRESENTED AT THE BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE FROM MARCH 24 TILL APRIL 1

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And for those who want to be part of the 'pop-up' action: it's at the **Byron Lighthouse** on **Saturday**, starting at 8am sharp and ending at 8.30am. Come with your faces painted with the anti-nuclear symbol. Participants are advised to car pool and treat the lighthouse precinct with respect.

THE WRITE SHORTS

The Drill Hall Theatre Company (DHTC) is excited to announce that its biennial short-play competition **Hot Shorts** is on again. Writers are invited to submit their plays, which must be original, not previously performed, no longer than 10 minutes and with minimal staging difficulties. Entries close on **Friday 30 June**. You can request an entry form by emailing the company at **drillhalltheatre@gmail.com** or from their website **drillhalltheatre.org.au**, with a \$15 entry per writer.

FED FLOODS

The FedTalks people present **Before the Flood**, the screening of a film about climate change followed by a discussion with environmental

scientists and academic Prof Brendan Mackey in an introductory conversation with Mark Swivel and a short Q&A to following the film.

Tea and cake will be available but if you need something more substantial the new local eatery in Federal will be open and in fast mode.

Starts at 7pm. **Federal Hall on Thursday 16 March.**

BLITHE BALLINA

Blithe Spirit, a witty and intriguing comedy by Noël Coward, is coming soon to the Ballina Players Theatre. It explores how writer Charles Condomine (Peter Harding) reacts to a very unusual situation. His problem is that he suddenly has two wives, each of whom naturally resents the other. The complication is the fact that one is very much alive, but the other has been dead for seven years. Written by Noel Coward and directed by Fran Legge, *Blithe Spirit* will be staged at the **Players Theatre** from **24 March till 1 April**. **Thursday to Saturdays 8pm, Sunday matinees 2pm. Saturday 1 April matinee 2pm.**

Book online at **www.ballinaplayers.com** or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440 (a booking fee applies).



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For more than a decade now comedy coach and local industry builder Mandy Nolan has been hosting Melbourne International Comedy Festival RAW comedy heats in Byron. 'We're unconventional,' says Nolan. 'You never know who will get through and what will

happen. The Byron heat is full of wildcards! With 20 people standing up to be counted, don't miss the thrills and spills of our very own RAW comedy heat at the **Byron Bowlo** on **Monday** at 8pm.

All tix at the door \$10. MC Mandy Nolan.

Doors open at 7pm. Get there early to get a seat!



MANCHESTER BY THE SEA

It is Manchester Massachusetts, not Manchester UK, where writer/director Kenneth Lonergan has set a family drama that is sometimes touching, sometimes turgid, but always intensely 'real'. Lee (Casey Affleck), living alone in a basement bedsit and working as a janitor in Boston, is haunted by a tragedy for which he is responsible. Lonergan holds the cards close to his chest, teasing with flashbacks before revealing what the tragedy is. It is well into the movie at this point, by which time Lee has relocated to Manchester after being saddled with the responsibility of having become the guardian of his late brother's 16-year-old son, Patrick (Lucas Hedges). There are those of us who respond to life's 'slings and arrows' by internalising their pain - Lee is one such person. His tormented soul expresses itself openly in drunken brawls at the local pub, but otherwise he is unable to let go of the hurt that is buried deep within. Affleck is superb, but if his character succeeds in not letting others share his load, he makes it equally hard for the audience to connect. The combative relationship that he has with Patrick, who is loud and self-centred, does not encourage a tender response either, and it is only Michelle Williams, as Lee's shattered wife, who engenders any warmth - and the atmosphere is not made any warmer by the bleak New England weather. Ultimately, Lonergan's film succeeds because of his insistence on staying with the everyday occurrences that all of us are familiar with - after leaving a funeral director's offices, Lee's anger and frustration is compounded by the simple annoyance of not being able to remember where he parked the car. Music is sparingly used, but immensely effective when called on - Remo Giazotto's famous *Adagio* is a perfect accompaniment to the funeral of Lee's brother. Some light relief comes with Patrick trying to screw his girlfriend while her mother is downstairs, but it's all about dealing with heartbreak, and every one of us has been there.



RINGS

It was either this or *Fifty Shades Darker* when I drove up to Tweed the other day - a no-brainer if ever there was one. This is the third offshoot spawned by Japanese director Hideo Nakata's 1998 *Ring*, a schlock horror flick that is fast (and justifiably, IMHO) attaining cult status. The latest is neither a remake nor a sequel, but rather it is a creepy teen romance/mystery that borrows all of the tropes and motifs of the original, even to the point of using the short B/W video that causes all the trouble. Grainy and surreal, like something that might have been concocted by Man Ray or Jean Cocteau, the video culminates with a girl, whose face is entirely covered by wet black hair, emerging horridly from a stone well. Those who view it are immediately telephoned and told by a faint voice that they have seven days to live. The only way that they can avoid this fate is if they in turn find somebody else to watch it (a 'tail', as that new victim is referred to here). It is a fascinating moral dilemma - would you knowingly pass on the curse to another innocent victim? How desperately do the dying envy the living? Cute Julia (Matilda Lutz) and her boyfriend, even cuter Holt (Alex Roe), have come under the influence of a college professor (Johnny Galecki), who bears an uncanny resemblance to Jack Black and is working on proving that there is an afterlife. Eventually, the kids track down a blind priest in a spooky house who might have something to do with a girl who disappeared years ago. The atmos is thick with a typically heavy-handed soundtrack (never inappropriate, however, in this genre) and poor Julia does more panting than I've heard since Nicole Kidman was being stalked by Billy Zane on that yacht in *Dead Calm*. The effects work a treat because they are not overdone and if the denouement is flagged early it is genuinely suspenseful, with a classic 'more to follow' postscript. I enjoyed it heaps.

SWIVEL, MARK SWIVEL



Mark Swivel presents a rousing, ridiculous how-not-to guide on parenting politics and pools in his show *Dad Joke*.

Simone Whetton on 702 ABC Radio called his show 'vulnerable, excoriating and hilarious in one loveable mixture!'

So, Mr Swiv...

Why do a show about being a dad?

'Cause we don't hear much from dads. Near-Dead White Males have so much to answer for.

How has the show evolved?

More singing. More real-life stories. It's now like a slightly drunk TED talk.

What are the themes you touch on?

The weirdness of conscious parenting. The train-crash of post-truth politics. The disaster of contemporary slippery-dips. And the theme from *Countdown*.

What has the experience of being a dad been like for you?

Expensive. Heart-breaking. Beautiful.

How did your son respond to the show?

Aubrey was not available for comment but we're off on another road trip. He loves buffet breakfasts in budget hotels.

What should people expect from *Dad Joke*?

Funny stories with the odd insight and poignant bit. A man in the sub-prime of his life singing in the shower.

What's your fave dad joke?

What's the bare minimum? ... One bear.

What should we expect for your local shows?

Many funs. Light fundraising. People out for a warm laugh, a cold drink and a rally around the good folk at Mullum Neighbourhood Centre and Federal Loves Refugees.

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THURSDAY 9

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **FALLOUT 1.0 FRIENDS OF MUSHROOM**
- BYRON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **BROADFOOT**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE **SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ PARTY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- BYRON UNITING CHURCH 1PM **BYRON SOPHIA PHILOSOPHICAL GROUP: WHAT CAN I DO? LED BY GAVIN GREENOAK**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7PM **THE IMPRINTS**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- CLUB MULLUM 7.30PM **PETE C & DR BAZ**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **PHIL LEVY COLLECTIVE WITH AINE TYRRELL**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **KINGY COMEDY WITH DAVE EASTGATE, DALTON, MANDY NOLAN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **MICAH REMEIRS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE GOLDEN MILE**
- YUMMY STUDIOS, BYRON A&I 3PM **COMMUNITY ICE BATH**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **JAEDEN OGSTON**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **COMEDY: RADICAL HONESTY WITH AIDAN KILLIAN & NICK SUN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SOUTH WALL**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 12.30PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **DOMINI FORSTER**
- DURRUMBUL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **HEARTICAL HI-POWA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT FEATURING TOM DIBB**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA 8PM **THE ABANDONED**
- BALLINA RSL 9.30AM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATED PRESENTS MORNING MELODIES 8.30PM COWBOYS & ANGELS**

FRIDAY 10

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **WAXHEAD, THE CINEMA WRISTYS, THE VIOLENT MONKS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAVE SCOTT BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM ASTA & GUESTS**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **LGBTI CABARET**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE **SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM OOOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **MOSSY ROCKS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LISMORE LAUGHS WITH TOM GLEESON**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH 7PM **PUNKS FOR WEST PAPUA**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **LUKE HOUSELANDER**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **MARSHALL O'KELL DUO**

- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- TUMBULGUM TAVERN 6.30PM **CRAIG TELLER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**
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- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **KAFOA MCCOY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **COWBOYS & ANGELS**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **SMASHED CRABS**

SATURDAY 11

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BEC SANDRIDGE, PIRRA, ELKI**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE CAMEL TONES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ FONZAIUS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **AKOVA**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **STEVE TYSON**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **WIL MASSEY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **MARSHALL O'KELL DUO**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **PETER DUTTON'S TRAVELLING SMALL SCALE TORTURE ISLAND DIORAMA ON DISPLAY**
- FEDERAL HALL 4PM **ODDBALL 8PM CAPTAIN FANTASTIC**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **BELLA MAREE**

MONDAY 13

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **OOZ**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20' REGGAE**
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- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**

SUNDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ANN VRIEND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT 8PM SAFARI DJS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **OOZ**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **THE TEMPEST**
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- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 10AM **PETER HUNT & HUGH JONES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
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- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 3PM **THE TITANIX**

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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
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- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **UNI SHOWCASE WITH SOPHIE LAMPADA BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 10.30AM **ROCK'N THROUGH THE AGES**

WEDNESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MICKA SCENE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **THE TEMPEST**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **TOM BAILEY**
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TO LET cont.

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To meet Princess & her brother Lester, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

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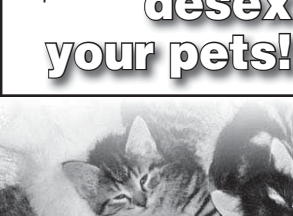
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1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC	0431 524 044	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	SATURDAYS	
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Byron Artisan Market 4-9pm	6685 6807
2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609	FARMERS MARKETS	
2nd SUN Alstonville	6628 1568	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	6689 1512
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3rd SUN Ballina	6687 4328	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
		Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172

☉ First quarter	March 5	22:32
☽ Full moon	March 13	01:53
☾ Third quarter	March 21	02:58
☀ New moon	March 28	13:57

MARCH 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	0637	1918	0854	2129	1116,1.72; 2340,1.57	0443,0.24; 1725,0.23
2	T	0638	1917	0957	2151	1158,1.62	0530,0.30; 1804,0.26
3	F	0639	1916	1100	2253	0028,1.57; 1241,1.50	0623,0.39; 1847,0.32
4	S	0639	1915	1203	2322	0120,1.55; 1330,1.36	0726,0.49; 1937,0.39
5	S	0640	1914	1306		0223,1.53; 1433,1.24	0843,0.57; 2038,0.45
6	M	0640	1913	1408	0013	0338,1.53; 1553,1.17	1011,0.60; 2152,0.48
7	T	0641	1912	1506	0107	0457,1.56; 1721,1.16	1135,0.56; 2308,0.47
8	W	0642	1911	1601	0204	0607,1.63; 1833,1.22	1244,0.48
9	T	0642	1910	1651	0304	0705,1.70; 1930,1.31	0015,0.41; 1336,0.40
10	F	0643	1909	1737	0404	0755,1.77; 2017,1.39	0113,0.35; 1419,0.34
11	S	0644	1907	1819	0503	0839,1.77; 2100,1.45	0201,0.30; 1457,0.30
12	S	0644	1906	1858	0602	0919,1.75; 2139,1.49	0245,0.27; 1530,0.28
13	M	0645	1905	1935	0659	0955,1.71; 2215,1.52	0326,0.28; 1603,0.28
14	T	0645	1904	2011	0754	1029,1.64; 2250,1.53	0405,0.31; 1633,0.30
15	W	0646	1903	2046	0848	1100,1.56; 2324,1.52	0444,0.37; 1702,0.34
16	T	0647	1902	2122	0942	1131,1.47; 2359,1.50	0522,0.44; 1731,0.38
17	F	0647	1901	2159	1034	1204,1.37	0603,0.51; 1802,0.43
18	S	0648	1859	2239	1126	0037,1.47; 1240,1.27	0649,0.59; 1837,0.50
19	S	0648	1858	2321	1217	0120,1.42; 1323,1.17	0744,0.66; 1919,0.56
20	M	0649	1857		1308	0215,1.38; 1421,1.09	0854,0.70; 2015,0.62
21	T	0649	1856	0005	1357	0328,1.37; 1543,1.06	1017,0.70; 2130,0.65
22	W	0650	1855	0053	1445	0445,1.39; 1707,1.09	1131,0.65; 2246,0.63
23	T	0651	1854	0145	1531	0548,1.46; 1812,1.17	1226,0.58; 2352,0.57
24	F	0651	1852	0239	1615	0642,1.54; 1902,1.27	1310,0.49
25	S	0652	1851	0336	1658	0728,1.63; 1947,1.38	0054,0.48; 1347,0.40
26	S	0652	1850	0435	1740	0810,1.70; 2030,1.49	0131,0.39; 1423,0.31
27	M	0653	1849	0536	1821	0851,1.74; 2113,1.59	0216,0.30; 1500,0.24
28	T	0653	1848	0638	1902	0932,1.75; 2256,1.55	0300,0.25; 1536,0.20
29	W	0654	1847	0742	1945	1013,1.72; 2239,1.74	0346,0.23; 1614,0.18
30	T	0654	1846	0847	2029	1055,1.65; 2324,1.77	0435,0.25; 1654,0.20
31	F	0655	1844	0952	2117	1139,1.54	0527,0.31; 1735,0.26

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.



Locals join the lineup as World Surf League lands on the east coast

Crystal Cylinders

Local pro surfers have been busy with a heap of events along the east coast of Australia for the start of the WSL year.

All the pro surfers in the world will attend hoping for a successful start to 2017.

The first event of the Championship Tour is the Quiksilver Pro that will be held at the Gold Coast over-March 14-25.

It will feature Lennox Head surfer Stu Kennedy, who qualified in 20th position for his second year on the Dream Tour after his injury wildcard spot at the start of 2016.

Byron Bay's Soli Bailey has already had an amazing start with his win at Pipeline, but while the status of the event will mean this was a very special win for Bailey he's focused on his goal of qualify-



Stu Kennedy in complete control. Photo WSL/Smith

ing for the Dream Tour this year, he said.

'The Volcom Pipe Pro is definitely an event that I'll never forget, but it's only 3,000 points,' said Soli. 'I feel like that is still a bare minimum result to hold on to if you want to qualify. So I'm just trying to keep my head clear and focused on competing smartly. It's a long year, so

I'm not getting ahead of myself. But it's definitely a good way to kick off the season.'

Soli is currently ranked ninth on the WSL QS ratings.

Lennox Head's Stephanie Single is 29th on the WQS.

Local juniors Mikey McDonagh from Lennox Head and Kyuss King from Byron Bay are first and eighth respectively on the JQS ratings.

All Girl Surfriders hit the water for 2017

The All Girls Surfriders club based in Lennox Head held their first round for the year in late February in half to one metre swell.

'It's rare that the February surf turns it on for this round. Luckily enough, we scored some decent waves, and it's safe to say everyone has been practising - the girls ripped,' club spokeswoman Ebony Santamaria said.

'A big, warm welcome to all of our new members who did so well in challenging conditions,' she said.

Club round results

Junior Beginners: 1 Mahia Adams, 2 Jemima Moore, 3 Lucia Mitchell, 4 Toria Tyson, 5 China Esson

Junior Intermediate: 1 Chloe Mason

Senior Beginners: 1 Nar-

deen Fry, 2 Emma Fisher, 3 Milica Music, 4 Dannielle Thompson

Senior Intermediate: 1 Danah Besson, 2 Peta Warburton, 3 Cory Whitney, 4 Angela Allen

Longboard: 1 Maz Pentecost, 2 Margreet Weigers, 3 Marika Ilic, 4 Joke De-Jong

Opens: 1 Pauline Menczer, 2 Jenny Boggis, 3 Sophie Shelton, 4 Nyxie Ryan

Mullum fall short at Fours final

Michael Burke

The Mullumbimby Bowling Club was defeated by Kingscliff at the final of the District Fours played at Cudgen on last Sunday.

The team of Ross Graham, Ben Leeson, Mark Hogan, and Richie Northcott played great bowls to be just ahead after ten ends, against the fancied Kingscliff side.

Kingscliff edged away over the closing stages and were six shots ahead going into the final end. With Mullum holding five shots, the team was unable to snare the extra shot needed to force the match into extra time, before finally going down 24-16.

It was a great effort from the Mullum side containing two rookie bowlers.

The Autumn Corporate Bowls event commenced on Friday night. In Division A,



Friday night corporate bowls is back at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club. Photo Michael Burke

Men of Steel are on 22; followed by In Line Carpentry 18.5; Mr Plug 18; Bruns Bums and Dunno 16; K.R.P 15; Ken Ryan Plastering 14; The Lifters 13.5; Ben Leeson Mechanical 12; and Country Fine Lads.

Ocean Shores Women

The ladies enjoyed a great morning playing with a nice

breeze last Friday. 'We had two close games,' Janine Howell said.

The team of M Enright and L McGowran beat N Montgomery and N Gartner, while J Busch, J Howell and G Johnston defeated M Hosie, J M Quirke and J Williams.

Winner on secret number was M Hosie, J M Quirke and J Williams.

Open Pairs on Saturday March 11.

Matt Slee wins Tweed triathlon

Byron athlete Matt Slee battled more than 500 other competitors, high temperatures and extreme humidity for more than four hours to win the Tweed Coast Enduro triathlon at Pottsville the weekend before last.

Matt is a member of the Byron Tri Club which is an offshoot of the Byron Bay Cycling Club.

'Matt was a first-class bike rider originally but has switched to triathlon in the last 12 months or so and is achieving some great results,' Byron Bay Cycle Club member Richie Duncan said.

Overall the race day went well, despite the extreme heat as the temperature rose well above 30 degrees.

Competitors endured the worst of the conditions during the second leg of the race, the 90-kilometre bicycle ride, 'as the humidity went through the roof,' race director Mike Crawley said.

'People delayed by the humidity then had the 21.1km run to contend with close to



Triathletes had to cross Mooball Creek on the cycling stage of the Tweed Heads Enduro. Photo supplied

the middle of the day.

'There was plenty of physical trauma,' Crawley said.

The long-course athletes kicked off the day with a 1.9km swim that left the Buckingham Street beach at 8.20am.

Men's winners included: Matt Slee (4:25:48), Nick Hull (4:27:51) and Nathan Dortmann (4:28:42)

Women's winners included: Marion Tuin (4:50:34), Stella Foley (5:07:30) and

Jenny Alcorn (5:10:24).

The Tweed Coast Enduro had a goal of raising \$7,000 for local groups including the Cabarita Surf Life Saving Club, Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre, Tweed Raiders JRL, Pottsville Cricket Club, Murwillumbah Venturer Scouts, Pottsville Men's Shed, and the Walkie Talkies.

The Kingscliff Triathlon is set down for March 25 and the Byron Bay Triathlon will be staged on May 13.

Learn to coach soccer at Mullumbimby

The Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club is hosting a free MiniRoos Coaching certificate training course at Pine Avenue, Mullumbimby, this Saturday, March 11.

The three-hour course from 9am is fully practical and encourages coaches to develop techniques that are based on fun for five- to nine-

year old players.

'Anyone interested in coaching, whether or not you have experience, is welcome to come and join the session,' Sharon Scriven, MBVFC female football director said.

The coach training session is open to anyone from high school age and up; no experience is necessary with everyone welcome to attend.

The club is particularly keen to get women involved.

'Our new coach Naama Mayor has just finished her certification with the support of the club. She is great and is training the 11- to 16-year old girls,' Scriven said.

This training coincides with the MBVFC junior muster day running at the same venue

Brunswick surf life savers host Masters and finish in second place

Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club hosted the annual Masters Surf Life Saving Competition in late February and finished in second place.

Twenty teams and 101 competitors from clubs as far south as Tasmania took part in the Masters competition, where competitors had the chance to participate in a range of disciplines from single ski, board racing, and beach sprints right through to iron man/woman, club spokesman Guy Knox said.

'Masters compete in the full range of surf life saving events,' he said.

The top three clubs in the Masters Competition were: Palm Beach (217 points), Brunswick (119) and Surfers Paradise (114).

Sarah Perira from Palm Beach SLSC was the winner



Masters Dash-for-Cash winners: Nina Eldridge (Kawana) and Brett Williams (Mooloolaba). Photo supplied

of the Con Asmussen Trophy.

Age Champions

In the 2017 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships held in Port Macquarie over the weekend Cudgen Headland finished in sixteenth

place ahead of Lennox Head-Alstonville in 18th position, in a field of close to 60 clubs from across the state.

A standout performer for Cudgen Headland was Olissa Onley, who finished second in the U/13s board race.

Shores United claim new home ground with 'emphatic win'

Ross Kendall

The Shores United Brown Snakes claimed a great comeback win to put their stamp on the Shire's newest sport's field on Shara Boulevard in Ocean Shores two weeks ago.

'It was the first official game to be played at the ground and an historic moment,' club president Marc Patten said.

The Shores United Open A men's team took on Tintenbar in game one of the pre-season ANZAC Cup.

The Brown Snakes came back from 0-2 down to win 3-2.

'It was a slow start. The Brown Snakes were very rusty and under the pump against an organised Tintenbar who took to a 2-0 lead into half-time.

'The Shores boys came back strongly from the break and took control of the match and sealed a 3-2 win late in the game,' he said.

Brown Snake Tal Galper opened the scoring after his team was able to string together some good passes together, and then when he was brought down in the box, 'Bumpy' McLean was able to even the game from



Mason Gwyther (red and white) gets around his opponent in the season's opening win. Photo Michelle Begg

the penalty spot.

Late in the day free-kick specialist Ben Forsyth took a clever chance that Brazilian import Bruno Gomes was able to volley into the back of the net.

'It was an emphatic and historic win for Shores United,' he said.

Road to finals

The side backed up the win with a draw against the Lismore Rovers playing away in Lismore last weekend.

'Ocean Shores were under tremendous pressure for most of the second half but still came away with a draw,' Marc said. 'It has been a great start to the season and we are all looking forward to a very exciting year.'

Shores United host a double-header this Sunday. If the Open-A team win they will play in the semifinals of the ANZAC Cup.

Action from 2.30pm at the, officially unnamed, Shara Boulevard ground.

Byron Community school among the medals after return to pool

Byron Community Primary School swimmers Skye Pockley and Josie Nagel have been invited to compete in Sydney later this month after strong performances at the North Coast Independent Schools swimming carnival held in Lismore last week.

The Byron Community primary school held its first swimming carnival for a number of years at the end of 2016, and this helped to select students to represent the school at the Lismore meet, swim team organiser Annie Roberts said.

'It was a great day with some excellent results.

'Many of our students are in local Byron Bay swimming squads as well as being involved in SLSC and Nippers,' she said.

All up 18 students from eight to 12 years old represented the school, and competed against a number of other independent schools from across the north coast in Lismore.



Byron Community primary school swim team; Front (L-R) Riv, Phoebe, Eden, Sophie, Margaux, Kaeden; Middle: Georgina, Skye, Henry, Archie; Back: Elena, Olive, Josier, Oskar, Max, Joss, Sam and Leo. Photo supplied

'It is a fantastic opportunity for these kids to represent their school and also challenge themselves against other students and work on swimming their personal best,' Annie said.

'Congratulations to both Skye Pockley and Josie Nagel,

who came second in their races and have been invited to represent the north coast in Sydney later this month.

'Well done also to all the BCPS swimmers who competed in the NCIS and represented the school. Great effort by all,' she said.



Regular As Clockwork

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Neighbourhood Centre

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

#StartupByron

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

Respite Service

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

Junior chess club

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

Bridge club

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

ESL classes

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

Landcare

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

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **Mindfulness Meditation** with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15–9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (templebyron.com).

No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. themindfulnesssummit.com. **Healing Meditation** for heart, mind and soul, Sunday mornings in Myocum. Call Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Library fun

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

No-interest loans

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

Budgeting Support

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

Seniors Activities

Seniors Activities Tuesdays at the Byron Community Centre, Jonson St Byron Bay. Elder Beats seniors drumming 10.30–11.30 am with Gareth Jones in the theatre, 11.30 Morning tea in the courtyard, 12:00 1:00 Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell

Bush School

Each Thursday during term time the Brunswick Bush School takes kids 6–14 years out into the bush to learn, grow and connect with each other and the land. Meets at 9am outside the Brunswick Surf Club, group returns 3pm. Facebook: brunsbushschool@gmail.com, Email: brunsbushschool@gmail.com, Web: www.brunsbushschool.com.au

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,



Nanna Margaret scrubbed a hole in her coal. See back page for elucidation. Photo Rosie Lee

upstairs at 75 Jonson Street (stairs beside Westpac Bank). Phone Jane 0410 494 933. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

U3A discussion group

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

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

Spanish conversation

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

Men's Groups

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

Repair Cafe

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

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of

Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–2pm.

Low-cost food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

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

CoDA

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

Byron FLEA

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

Choirs

Bay Community Singers is a singalong group for seniors and anyone else Wednesdays Byron Community Centre,

outside the NAB in Jonson St. Rocks, crystals, gems, mineral specimens and quality jewellery for sale.

Chem-free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare working bee Saturday 11 March, 9am–1pm, at Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road fire track gate. Enq 0478 272 300.

VIEW Club

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club luncheon meeting at Mullumbimby RSL Club on Thursday 9 March at 10.30am. Speaker Helen Hawkes on 'Life Makeover'. Apologies to Rae 0427 103 072 by Monday 6 March.

Play Tunes

Singing and dancing fun following seasonal themes for 2–4-year-olds and their carers. Mondays 9.30–11am Mullum Neighbourhood Centre. Enquiries 6684 1286.

10.30–11.30am. Entry by donation. 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singhronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 042 536 3589. **Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

ManTime

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

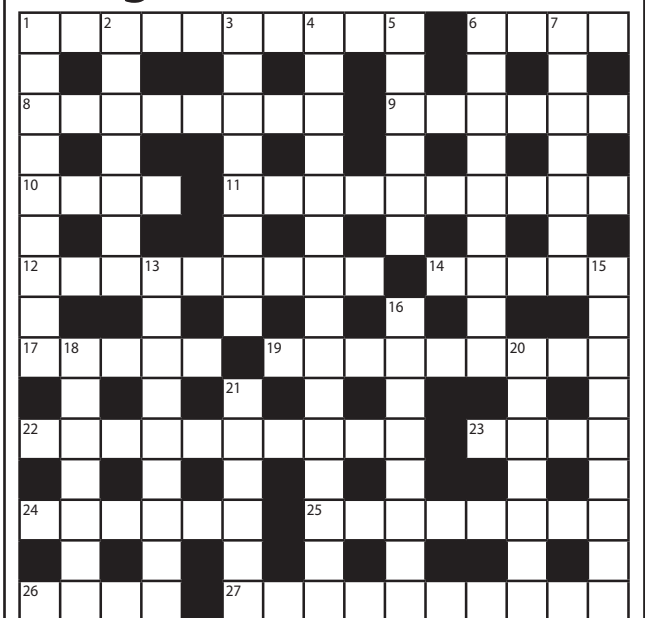
Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am–1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5–7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday–Saturday 9am–noon.

Mullum CWA

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

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Joey, born 1945 (4,6)
- Retarded, small and bass (4)
- Embarrassed, turned left (3-5)
- Crap about embroidery – a chat, perhaps (6)
- Legend returns, also strong! (4)
- The word from Tumut, Parap and Glenelg (10)
- Man in co-op turns out to be a friend (9)
- Small, effeminate rascal (5)
- Hurries to game (5)
- Traditional picture of backfill in crossing? (5,4)
- The holder of money guards the way about financial centre (4,6)
- Mad Gore is a monster (4)
- Maize Queens put in a difficult position (6)
- Mighty ruler? Balls. Big river (8)
- Man about this place (4)
- Radical photographer, a tasty dish (3,7)

DOWN

- Coffeehouse on the way up among graduate left; it's shameless! (9)
- Place of appalling boredom (7)
- Tenant of rising company – a prize worker! (8)
- Hero a moderate? (6-2-3-4)
- Tear around, exercise and feel regret (6)
- Viciously racist? No, it's meant as a send up (9)
- Unlikely top single parent, the best! (7)
- A loved one you reportedly cut open? Such irritation! (9)
- One who makes a claim for publicity – note offer (9)
- Upset last bird – she's a slut! (8)
- Sea creature: a sailor by himself ... (7)
- ...pouring out of the clique! (2-5)
- He gazes fixedly at famous actor queen (6)

Quick Clues

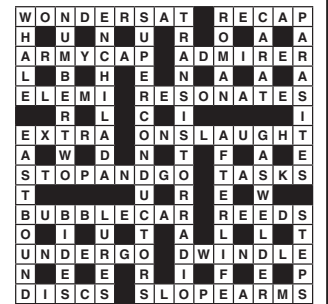
ACROSS

- Person born between 1945 and 1955 (4,6)
- Tardy, not fast (4)
- Embarrassed, caught out (3-5)
- Root vegetable (6)
- Pedal extremity (4)
- Word or phrase spelled the same in both directions (10)
- Friend, fellow traveller (9)
- Mischievous child (5)
- Common pub game (5)
- Non-action painting, frequently of fruit or flowers (5,4)
- New York's financial hub (4,6)
- Ugly monster (4)
- Intersection, angle (6)
- Supreme ruler of other rulers (8)
- In this place (4)
- Edible fish (3,7)

DOWN

- Undisguised, shameless (9)
- Sleeping quarters (7)
- Resident, one in possession (8)
- Moderate, between extremes (6-2-3-4)
- Rue, feel regret (6)
- Ironic, humorously sarcastic (9)
- The best (7)
- Irritation, spite (9)
- Claimant, one who makes false professions (9)
- Untidy woman, slut (8)
- Edible shellfish (7)
- Clique, social set (2-5)
- One who gazes fixedly at his subject (6)

Last week's solution N168



On The Horizon

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Ag Society AGM

The 2017 Annual General Meeting for the Mullumbimby Agricultural Show Society will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. All current financial members welcome. Enquiries: secretary@mullumbimbyshow.org.au.

Iron Wall screening

Israeli Apartheid Week – Join Byron Friends of Palestine for Free Palestine/Free Felafels on Jonson Street near

Fundies, Thursday 23 March, 12–3pm, and our screening of *The Iron Wall*, at church hall, Carlyle St (opp Woolies), Saturday 25 March, 6.30–9pm.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tuesday Forum 14 March 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Mary Campbell will speak about organ and tissue donation. Ring 6685 1732.

U3a Ballina/Byron

Richard Grzegorzulka will speak on Vitamins, Weights and Labels at our meeting on 14/03/17 at 10am in the RSL, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Discussion is invited as to what we might effectively do, outside of the political arena, in a world loudly demanding our participation, led by Gavin Greenoak, Thursday 9 March, 1–3pm, at Unitarian

Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Women's health

NSW Health Women's Health Matters present Visioning Your Life, Tuesdays 14 & 21 March, 9.30am–12pm, Community Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Bookings essential 6620 2999.

Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club will share lunch at 12.30pm followed by our monthly meeting at 1.30pm on Saturday 11 March at Byron Services Club. Enquiries Jeni 0439 344 281.

Steiner study group

Study group on Steiner philosophy at Shearwater Steiner School, 8 March, 6–7pm, Rose Cottage, Shearwater. Phone Bev 0402 074 568.

Gem club stall

Byron Gem Club street stall
Byron Gem Club street stall Fri 10 March

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Formerly a northern rivers local, talented young singer/songwriter Domini Forster is now on a national tour to support her debut album *Raven*. She'll be dropping in to her old stomping ground on Friday March 10 with a free performance at 6.30pm at the Poinciana Cafe in Mullum. Get along and support an emerging homegrown musician. See the clip of Domini's recent single *Then You Stop* at <http://bit.ly/thenyou>.

Prudence Clark and Katie Brown host the aptly named *Pleasure Your Shelf* on Bay FM community radio, a segment which is of course all about books. 'We want more people to put down their phones and pick up a book and experience the joy of reading,' they say. To that end they're joining in Books on the Rail, an Australiawide project where a number of selected books are left on public transport. People can read books while commuting, take the book home, finish it and then put it back on a bus/train, etc. Katie and Prudence will be placing books on the Blanch's service and some of the shuttles to Brisbane and the Gold Coast. To make a book donation, drop off your favourite read to the front desk at Bay FM. To see how it all works, visit booksontherail.com.

One of the joys of now belonging to Uncle Rupert's mega News Corp empire is that the *Northern Star* gets to bring the wit and wisdom of famous columnist and blusterer Andrew Bolt to an eager public. Perhaps the northern rivers folk will soon be able to savour the insights of *Daily Telegraph* pundits such as Miranda



Knitting Nannas Against Gas put coal to the test last week, trying to get coal clean: 'As you can see, no amount of elbow grease, scrubbing with Jif or bicarb of soda worked. No matter what polities call it, Nannas know there's no such thing as clean coal - it's the same dirty old coal!' Photo Rosie Lee

Devine and the blissful Piers Akerman - bugger the local commentators. So far News Corp Australia owns around 142 daily, Sunday, weekly, bi-weekly and tri-weekly newspapers, and is gobbling up the media landscape like a demented Pac-Man.

To publicise that fact the dreadful duck-hunting season is underway again in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, the animal-welfare lobby group PETA suggested jokingly to the band Hunters & Collectors they change their name to something less carnivorous, and a host of commentators got their knickers in a knot. A few more relaxed folk suggested changing Meatloaf to Nutloaf or Fine Young Cannibals to Fine Young Herbivores. Animals Australia offers a more pragmatic course of action and you can participate to stop the senseless slaughter and wound-

ing at animalsaustralia.org/take_action/duck-shooting. As of last Monday more than 30,000 people had done so.

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