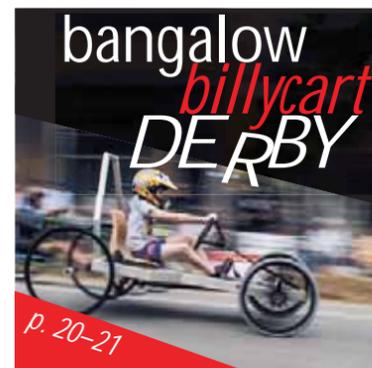




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## Shark nets to be removed

Shark nets from waters off the north coast will be removed following the controversial six-month trial that ends in June.

The net removal will be offset by an increase in the number of SMART drum lines, which have proven more successful, and comes as whales return to our waters on their migration to the tropics.

In six months, just six target sharks – including two white, one bull and three tiger sharks – have been caught in five nets across Ballina, Lennox Head and Evans Head, primary industries minister Niall Blair said last week. However, according to the NSW Greens, the nets caught 244 non-target animals with less than half released alive.

Some 29 target sharks were caught by SMART drumlines on the north coast during the same trial period with only one dying, Mr Blair said, prompting the Greens to demand the government choose drumlines over nets on NSW beaches.

Tamara Smith, Greens MP for Ballina, thanked 'the 895 people who signed my online petition and to those who signed the hard-copy petition at markets and protests to stop the shark nets.'

She said, 'The nets have been a failure at catching target sharks with only six sharks caught in the five months they have been in the water.'

'However during that time the nets killed an incredible 127 non-target marine creatures, including dolphins and endangered turtles and many, many harmless rays.'

'Trials of SMART drumlines in the same area caught 29 target  
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# Planting love for mums



For Aine Tyrrell, Mother's Day meant digging in with Tullan, Kailani and Taylor to help the hundred or so volunteers plant nearly 1,000 treelings at Durrumbul Hall. Aine also added to the day musically, performing along with Andrew Morris. It lightened the hearts of the volunteer gardeners, who planted the trees donated by The Mullum Music Fest and aided by the Brunswick Valley Landcare Team. Photo Jeff 'Tree Hugs' Dawson

## Feds finally to consider flood assistance

Aslan Stand

More than six weeks since flood devastation, the request for category C funding for parts of Byron Shire and Burringbar has been signed off by the state government.

North coast flood recovery coordinator Euan Ferguson confirmed with *The Echo* that this request, for funding assistance (for primary producers and small businesses), 'is now under consideration by the Commonwealth.'

As for the one-off \$1,000 payment to individuals affected by flooding, the Attorney General's office say they are still waiting for the NSW state government to forward further information for individual disaster recovery payments in the Byron Shire. Assistance for individuals was offered to both Tweed and Lismore immediately after the flood.

In response, local Greens MP Tamara Smith has claimed the 'system is flawed' and she questioned how  
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# Community wins battle over Mullum hospital

The Mullumbimby hospital site will now be sold to Byron Shire Council after Nationals parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin brokered a deal with health minister Brad Hazzard (Liberals) last week. The cost? \$1.

'This is a terrific outcome for the community,' said Franklin. 'It was very clear to me at the rally held on April 23 that there is enormous

support for retaining the site in the community's hands in perpetuity.

'And I have heard a range of wonderful and innovative suggestions for its future use.'

And while local Greens MP Tamara Smith welcomed the news, she said that any asbestos remediation costs should be paid for by the government. 'Politicians always like to claim that they deliver things, but we

know that it is the community standing up for what's right that has resulted in this great progress towards retaining the site as community land.'

The long and hard-fought campaign was well underway before the hospital closed, and was led by the Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group (MHAG) with support from other community groups, Council and the town's chamber of commerce.

MHAG chair Dr Michael Pelmore said, 'We are very excited that, after so long, the community has finally secured the hospital site and are moving forward to work with Council and the community to determine future uses. Profound thanks to the community and all contributors.'

Mike New from Community Alliance said, 'We look forward to  
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## Hospital site secured

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working together with all stakeholders in an open collaborative planning process that will create a beautiful result for the use of the land for the community.

So where to from here?

Mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo*, 'We will work initially alongside key groups to establish the process and have already begun these discussions.'

'We will most probably create a 12 month project reference group to formally connect Council to the process and lay out a timeframe for the process to unfold.'

'What is key is for the process to be open and accountable and for all voices to be

heard. We will most likely establish a working party to obtain ideas, create assessment criteria to weigh up formal proposals etc and we all see which ideas can fly and which may not. We will know more in the next week or two.'

*The Echo* also asked Cr Richardson if there 'was any dealmaking with the National Party over this? - ie did the coalition ask for anything from Council in return?'

The mayor replied, 'No, except [the] usual land transfer points, such as no further liability for NSW Health, for Council to take over any remediation costs etc.'

As for those remediation costs, he says they are not known yet.

## Stop Adani group plan rally May 19

This Friday, as part of the Stop Adani National Week of Action, the local Stop Adani Byron Shire group will take to the streets in an attempt to shift the politics and stop the funding of the controversial Carmichael Coal Mine in the Galilee Basin of North QLD.

Organiser Jen White says, 'This is a great opportunity to unite all those in the Byron community who share a common goal in demanding governments invest in renewable, smart and safe energies, preserve the rights and lands of our Indigenous people and protect the Great Barrier Reef.'

### Taxpayer loan

'We will demand that Adani does not receive the requested \$1 billion taxpayer-funded loan for their disastrous Carmichael Coal that will have a significant impact on climate change and global warming.'

■ The rally will begin in Mullumbimby outside Santos at 12.30pm and will end on the steps of the Mullumbimby CommBank branch.

## A boogie for worthy cause

Stars of Byron Shire Dance For Cancer is back in its second year after the 2015 event raised \$25,000 for Cancer Council NSW.

Organisers say that the majority of the money raised was by the 'local stars' who fundraised continuously in the weeks leading up to the event.

Stars of Byron Shire is based on the idea of a popular television show, and sees high-profile Byron Shire business people teaming up with local dance teachers to learn a choreographed routine.

The upcoming gala charity event is on June 17 at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club and will feature a variety of dance styles including jazz, modern, pole, and line dancing.

### Stars announced

The stars confirmed are Basil Cameron (Byron Shire councillor), Jo O'Connor (Australia Post), Kim Dowling (Ocean Shores Tavern), Amanda Allen (Crossfit Byron Bay) and Danny Salfield (Bay FM broadcaster and author).

Dance instructors include Candice Leigh (Pole Catz Byron Bay), Clement Maura and Joanna Suter (PASSADA,



Bay FM's Danny Salfield takes to the floor with local dance instructor Hayley Sturgess from Dance Lab AU to raise money for cancer. Photo Jeff Dawson

School of Afro Latin Dance), Hayley Sturgess (Dance Lab AU), Issara Ketkul (Funky Moves Dance Studio) and Susan Tsicalas (Brunswick Valley Bootscooters).

Community relations coordinator for far north coast NSW Hannah Brooks says, 'A terrific example of this [fundraising] is the Cancer Council Information Service currently being implemented

in the new Byron Central Hospital, at the very location where support is needed. Trained Cancer Council volunteers will be providing support service and information to patients, carers and health staff in the oncology unit.'

■ You can follow all the action and stay up to date on the Facebook page: Stars of Byron Shire Dance For Cancer. A website will launch soon.

## Shark nets removed in July

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operators flying a drone with sharks, with all but one removed from the inshore zone and released alive.

### Shark Watch unfunded

'In the meantime, an effective warning service such as that provided by Shark Watch, which uses volunteers with binoculars and trained drone

operators flying a drone with high-quality footage, remains unfunded by the NSW government.

'The DPI will be conducting a follow-up survey of how Ballina residents feel about the nets, starting on 22 May. Please take the time to fill out the online survey when it is available or a hard-copy form at one of their beach community information stands.'

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mortgage'. What they offer then is to pay out your existing mortgage with the bank and then loan that back to you as a first mortgage at the higher rate, ie what you pay the bank less than five per cent interest for now attracts 10, 12 or 15 per cent, depending on the particular deal. In my case the amount I already owe the bank will well exceed the \$300,000 or so I actually need to do the required work.

The next shark trick is that there are commitment fees, administration fees, brokerage fees, establishment fees etc which amount to five per cent of the loan and – you guessed it – also have to be paid up front, i.e. added to the loan principal along with the lender's legal costs and outlays.

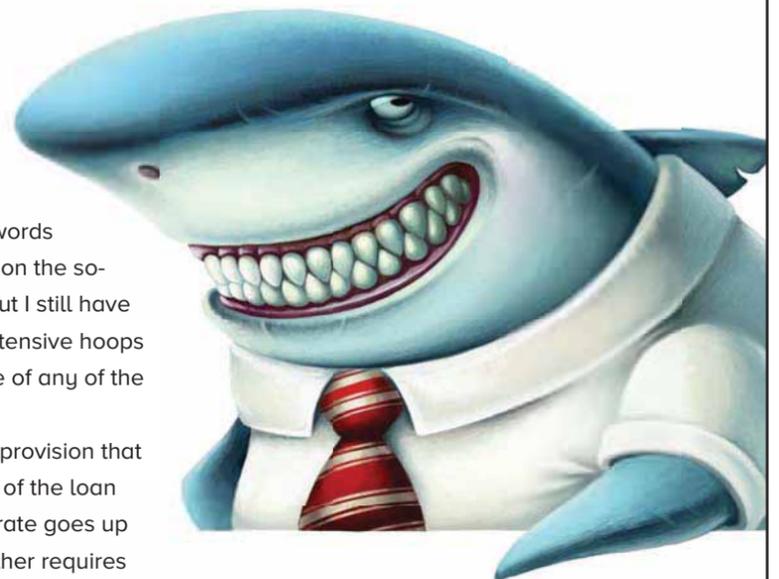
The upshot of all of the above is that in order to borrow the \$300k I need I have to add about \$100k for upfronts, bringing the total debt to around \$900k.

However the part of the proposed deal that sucks most is the provision that I pay interest from the day the loan is agreed upon, but before I can pay subcontractors I have to submit invoices, which are then "vetted" by a nominated third party – whom I will have to pay

an unspecified amount for the privilege. In other words I'm paying interest on the so-called 'advance', but I still have to jump through extensive hoops before I get the use of any of the actual money.

There is also a provision that if I breach any one of the loan terms, the interest rate goes up 50 per cent(!). Another requires me to assign all my development rights to the lender, presumably in the event that I die, go crazy, end up in jail etc, but perhaps in the event that we merely have a disagreement. An attempt to gain control of the property? Wouldn't be the first time.

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# Hemp's long and winding approval road

Chris Dobney

Hemp Foods Australia CEO Paul Benhaim is raising a glass of hemp tea to celebrate the recent win of common sense over absurd food labelling laws.

Even though hemp seed has myriad nutritional benefits (it contains 33 per cent protein and all the essential fatty acids) it has been banned for human consumption in Australia for decades because of 'reefer madness' era fears it might get consumers stoned.

The seed contains none of the psychoactive THC that marijuana smokers seek but plenty of other health-giving cannabinoids (of which there are some 113).

Australia and New Zealand are the only two countries in the world to ever have had such absurd legislation on the statute books.

Last month, following years of campaigning by Mr Benhaim and a change.org petition, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) finally approved the sale of hemp seed for human consumption.

Until now Mr Benhaim,



Walter Secord MLC, NSW Labor shadow minister for health and the north coast, Hemp Foods Australia CEO Paul Benhaim and Richmond Labor MP Justine Elliot.  
Photo Jeff 'Happy Low-THC Highs' Dawson

who has 17 years experience in the industry, has had to market his product for 'skin-care purposes only'.

He described the recent change in legislation as 'an overnight success after 17 years.'

## TGA steps in

But just as he began gearing up for full-scale production, with markets opening up in Japan, Europe and South Korea, in stepped the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), limiting the

amount of cannabinoids in food products.

'The ruling was intended to create a distinction between hemp foods and medicinal marijuana, but it has had the unintended side effect of putting the brake on a range of products we were getting ready to produce,' Mr Benhaim told *The Echo*.

Ironically, the limitation also extended to skin care products, just as he was putting the finishing touches to his own range of Sativa skin care products.

## North coast jobs

On Monday Mr Benhaim met with Labor Richmond federal MP Justine Elliot and shadow health spokesperson Walt Secord to implore them to help overturn the ruling.

Mr Benhaim told them he is 'ready to expand 400 per cent', is currently advertising three new positions in his Bangalow office alone, and is 'capable of offering three year rolling contracts' to farmers covering up to 1,600 hectares of industrial hemp.

## Cash for community groups up for grabs

Splendour in the Grass have announced that the 2017 Community Grant Fund is now open for applications.

It's aimed at Byron Shire organisations who are making a difference and are in need of a helping hand.

## \$500k in 16 years

Splendour organisers say over the past 16 years, they have provided more than \$500,000 in cash and prize donations to local charities, schools and community organisations throughout the Byron Shire.

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## Aspiring wordsmiths emerge from cocoon



Writers' Centre mentorees Carmel Warsop, Megan Wynne-Jones, Polly Jude and Simon Webster. Photo Jeff Dawson

Four northern rivers writers are one step closer to their dreams of being published after spending a week under the wing of award-winning author Marele Day.

The writers bunkered down at a house in Yelgun to work intensively on their manuscripts after winning spots in the Byron Writers Festival residential mentorship program.

'I was impressed by how much the manuscripts developed and really started to shine,' said Day, the author of eight novels, including the bestselling *Lambs of God*.

'These writers achieved in a week what normally takes

months.'

Polly Jude's contemporary young adult novel, *Sherwood Road*, is about a girl telling fate to get stuffed.

The high school teacher from Ballina said the depth and detail of the feedback at the residency was amazing. 'It was a great opportunity to develop my writing.'

Mullumbimby writer Megan Wynne-Jones, working on her memoir, *The Bird a Nest*, said she was inspired by the group experience.

The participants will discuss their projects with publisher Allen and Unwin at the Byron Writers Festival in August.

## Rail trail/light rail splits Greens

Hans Lovejoy

Local NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith has publicly stated her support of rail trails and highlighted the cycle tourism potential in the electorate, creating a policy division with the Greens-led council over the disused railway line.

It's a move that has been downplayed by Greens mayor Simon Richardson.

At the April 20 council meeting, a \$200,000 Multi Use Rail Corridor study was voted upon by the Greens-led council. Council staff have been asked to prepare a tender and the cash will come from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve.

Cr Paul Spooner, from Labor, and Nationals-aligned councillor Alan Hunter voted against the motion.

Yet Ms Smith spruiked rail trails in NSW parliament on May 10 and said she has accepted a promise from the transport minister that rail trails will stay in public hands.

Her speech was part of the debate around the *Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line between Rosewood and Tumba-*

*rumba) Bill 2017* which aims to turn that public railway into a rail trail. Tumburumba is on the western edge of the Snowy Mountains.

She said, 'The Greens believe that this trail is an exciting project but we want it in writing that it is not paving the way for the privatisation of public spaces.'

'[If it stays in public hands] this rail trail will be a guiding light for cycle tourism in Australia.'

Six weeks ago Ms Smith said she had the 'good fortune to visit the Queenstown Cycle Trail and the Otago Central Rail Trail in New Zealand.'

### Economic benefits

'In the Central Otago area, farmers embraced the rail trail. They were not supportive of the trail in the beginning and it took some time for them to see the economic benefits.'

'A beef farmer and his family - I cannot remember his name - are now making more money from cycle tourism than they make from their beef. The model that the Otago Central Rail Trail Trust followed is

one that I believe is very sound for Rosewood to Tumburumba and for my region.

'No matter how many times ministers say the train is never coming back, people are very concerned about public transport. They say that we do not know what disruptions will occur in the future.'

'I will not go to the next election - if I am pre-selected - with this ridiculous scenario where The Greens do not support cycle tourism.'

### Multi-use rail plan

*The Echo* asked the mayor now Ms Smith has come out in support of rail trails, 'does this change your multi-use rail plans?'

He replied, 'No. This is old news. It's great to see state polities begin to understand we are strong when we include all needs.'

'The purpose of the Byron Line and [the] current feasibility process now underway is to pursue an on-track shuttle service with a rail trail alongside, and uniting rail and trail user groups.'

'It's never been disputed that cycling tourism can be great, especially for areas that

wish for more tourists, have little need for mass transport options for locals and are beset with a struggling agricultural and farming sector.'

'This was accurately outlined recently by Tamara.'

'Fortunately, Byron does not fit into any of these categories, so it is exciting that we are soon to undertake a feasibility study to map out how we can establish a mass transport shuttle serve to get our visitors out of their cars and disperse them around the Shire and to move our locals around, as we need and to enhance our already vibrant agriculture sector.'

'No longer pitting rail and trail groups - what an added benefit! This is the essence of the Byron Line; having a shuttle service alongside a rail trail - having our cake and eating it too - and uniting the community.'

'This could be the biggest economic, environmental and social game-changer in our history: jobs, mobility and emission reduction benefits and it's appropriate that we in Byron flesh out the possibilities within this use of the corridor.'

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# Middle Pocket opposes DA



Last Saturday around 70 Middle Pocket locals met in Billinudgel over the proposed Lord Byron distillery, currently being considered by Byron Shire Council. Photo supplied

Middle Pocket residents are keeping up the pressure on Council to refuse a micro-distillery proposal on their poorly maintained road, raising the issue of road safety to questioning how the local creek could support large volumes of water being drawn out of it on a regular basis.

Residents contend that the narrow access road, that is at points only 3m wide, is not safe for large, regular alcohol truck movements.

'If Council intended to fix the road and widen it to accommodate regular trucks and make it safe, it would need

to relocate at least ten of the houses as many of them sit within ten metres of the road,' said another resident. 'It is an alcohol production facility in a designated extreme fire zone,' added another.

Councillors Jeanette Martin and Sarah Ndiaye attended the meeting.

# Politics in the Pub, May 24 – Professor Camilleri

This month's presentation of politics in the pub will be by Professor Joe Camilleri, who is one of Australia's leading International Relations scholars.

With more than 30 years' experience, Professor Camilleri has covered almost the entire gamut of the international relations discipline. These include regional and global governance, the political economy of Asia-Pacific, the role of religion and culture in international affairs, the poli-

tics of oil and the Middle East, and security policy (including weapons non-proliferation).

He has supervised more than 30 PhD and MA candidates and published over 15 books, several of which have been translated into Arabic, Japanese and Mandarin.

■ Professor Camilleri will present his talk 'New narratives for a post-neoliberal future' on Wednesday May 24 from 6.30pm till 8.30pm at the Mullum Court House Hotel.

# Vale Mullum elder, Brian Bruce

Brian Bruce, an elder of the Mullumbimby alternative community, a source of love and security for many, died on Tuesday evening.

He passed peacefully and, ironically for those who knew him, quickly, at home in the company of his beloved wife Margi and son Liam.

He was 75.

Brian was born in Gundagai and was a country boy who loved fishing and hunting with his brother Don. That life changed at 14 when his father died, and he went to Canberra Grammar School before studying economics at Sydney University.

After a stint of stockbroking and travelling, he returned to academic life at the University of NSW during the early 1970s and took to the hippy lifestyle and values.

He first came to Mullumbimby with Margi and Sam in 1977, drawn to the area after



Longtime Mullum resident Brian Bruce. Photo supplied

meeting David Miller at the first Down to Earth Festival at the Cotter a year earlier. Stuffing their split-screen Kombi with the cushions they used to make and sell at the Paddington Markets in Sydney, they embarked upon a new life.

Not long passed before they moved into the house that became known as 'The house with the Kombis', where Brian and Margi had two more children, Amy and Liam.

There they created a most special and welcoming space for their friends and family.

Along with Ian Howden, Brian was instrumental in introducing homeopathy and flower essences to the wider local community and empowering people to look after themselves.

## Gently passionate

He was a gently passionate man, who loved nothing more than to see his family happy and healthy. And he was a man of simple needs.

All he needed was a cup of tea, his chair, and a friend or client (there was no difference for him) to chat to.

He operated on true 'Mullum Time' where life was not to be rushed, but savoured, where there was always time for another cup of tea, and another yarn, where human connection and communication was valued above all else.

His door was always open, creating a space where people entered as clients and left as friends, and friends entered, leaving as family.

His heart was open, his ear was patient and he could offer up more than a homeopathic dose of dry wit and sage advice.

As a collaborator in the genesis of Durrumbul Preschool, Durrumbul Hall, Cape Byron Steiner School and The Crystal Castle, Brian's presence in the fabric of Mullumbimby and the greater Byron Shire will be forever evident.

His artful chuckle, his great wisdom and kindness will be greatly missed and Mullumbimby will be a little different now. In the community he held so dear, he lives on. Vale, Brian.

■ Friends and family will gather to celebrate the Life of Brian at Durrumbul Hall at 1pm this Sunday, May 21.

# Audit committee meets May 18

Contrary to comments by former Greens councillor Tom Tabart on the letters page 11, Council's general manager Ken Gainger told *The Echo* that Byron Shire Council has had an active Internal Audit Committee since 2009 and it meets on a quarterly basis.

Tabart claims the audit committee 'has not been re-constituted as required since the council election and has not met since Nov 2016.'

Yet Mr Gainger said, 'The request for tender has just closed for auditor services

and the expression of interest (EOI) for the independent members will be advertised in May. Both of these functions have always formed part of the Internal Audit Committee and are due for renewal.'

Mr Gainger said the committee also includes Council's external auditor, Thomas Noble Russell (TNR).

'The Internal Audit Committee will be held next week [May 18] and includes the name change to Internal Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Council's

business continuity plan and asset management.'

'Significant audits are carried as "Audit plan" and in the past have included section 94 contributions, financial controls, billings and collections, IT, training and succession planning and many others,' Mr Gainger noted.

Mr Gainger stated that part of the Audit Committee's duties was to report on how the special rate variation was reporting on how the money is spent over the next ten years, to ensure accountability.

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# Tackling the big-picture issues

Dr Liz's new book *A New Way Now* comes with an optimistic message in uncertain times

David Lovejoy

Here is the problem in a nutshell: unlimited capitalism with vast corporations owning everything and siphoning wealth into the hands of a tiny per cent of the population is what we have and it's destroying the world.

Some countries have tried the command economy, where goods are created and distributed according to need rather than profit.

But this gives too much power to the state, and besides, nobody believes in communism any more.

A limited form of capitalism, without privatisation of essential public services and with regulation for the protection of labour and the environment, is the best economic system.

Small-scale entrepreneur capitalism creates new business and jobs, and doesn't have to do so at the expense of the community.

However, all the impetus in politics is against regulation of the economy and in favour of reducing the role of government. Politicians use taxes raised from the general population to provide subsidies to corporations, and even though a large number of corporations avoid paying tax themselves, the call is for their tax-rates to be cut.

Any solution must take into account that the one per cent who own everything have control of tanks, aircraft carriers and stealth bombers.

Local writer Dr Liz Elliott offers solutions, detailed analysis of the problems, and a strong dose of optimism in her book *A New Way Now*.

## Planetary problem solving

Dr Elliott's answers are well researched and nuanced, and they don't deserve to be reduced to a set of slogans, as a brief review

## Shareholder greed v common good

Just how evil is the corporate world? Dr Elliott provides plenty of examples, but even as her book comes out, a drug company in the USA is fined \$100m for illegal anti-competitive behaviour to keep its monopoly on a life-saving medication for babies with epilepsy.

The drug sold for \$40 a vial a decade ago, but that same vial now costs \$34,000. The makers, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, were not fined for price-gouging but for buying up the rights to the only com-

peting drug on the market and then locking it away.

A board member of Mallinckrodt, Don M Bailey, explained that there were only about 800 potential patients for the drug, 'a tiny market', so the price had to be high.

'We could lower the price and make less money,' Bailey told *The New York Times*, 'and then we would be sued by our shareholders.'

In other words, the greed of shareholders is more important than the lives of babies and the bankruptcy of their parents.

gestions are sensible, humanistic and practical. They will not be implemented until there is a worldwide crisis or revolution, but we shouldn't stop trying to go forward, one step at a time.

## A do-able future for young people

In her own words, Dr Elliott says her book is an 'optimistic message, a future younger people can imagine. It is do-able.'

'It is totally affordable, and this book shows how. Up to 70 per cent of our efforts, resources and emissions are wasted on bank interest, rent charges, excessive consumption and war. This is very close to the amount of emissions and resources we must scale back to avoid climate catastrophe and painful inequality. When finance is regulated again and made less power hungry, we can liber-

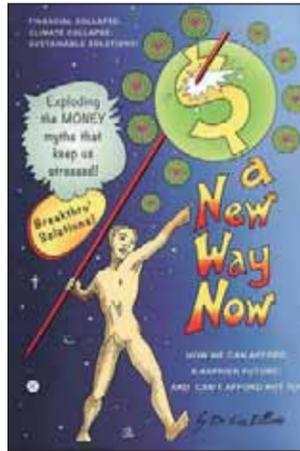
ate vast funds for good, for healthy countryside and vibrant townships. Small business and farms can flourish with better financing.

'If we reorganise our money and political systems, we can spend more time on things that matter, like family, friendship and nature.'

'We can minimise the inevitable climate change dramas, conserve resources and reduce hours of work a week. Three days a week should do it! We have the technology and knowledge to have real democracy and a lot more, time to enjoy life. Stress-less!'

The chapters cover topics such as how to afford a future, banking, land ownership, indigenous people, food, education, tax, work and community, along with the key concepts of climate change, trade treaties and inequality. Emotional health is even discussed, along with how to organise to inspire change for the better.

■ *A New Way Now* is available via [www.newwaynow.com.au](http://www.newwaynow.com.au) as a pdf or paperback.



*A New Way Now* is retired GP Dr Liz Elliott's third book.

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Organisers say there will be a range of free activities on offer, including firefighting demonstrations, equipment tours and displays and fire safety presentations. Firefighters will also be able to provide advice on installing or replacing smoke alarms, and preparing a home fire escape plan.

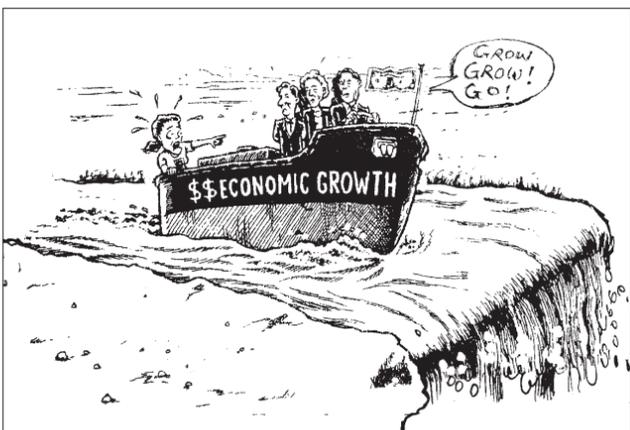
Children will be able to see the fire engines and fire-fighting equipment up close - always a highlight of this much-anticipated day.

They'll also be able to take home a *Brigade Kids* activity booklet, which teaches them vital fire safety lessons.

## Recruiting

Byron Bay FRNSW is also recruiting retained (on call) firefighters to be on call from home or work to respond to fires and other emergencies.

■ For further information call 0421 498 340, or visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au).



One of the eighty cartoons in the book, *A New Way Now*.

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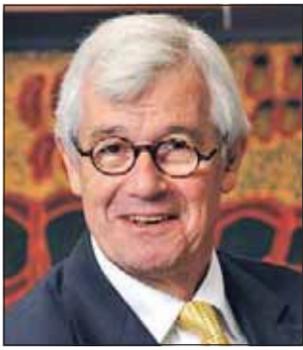


## Burnside lectures Mullum, July 1

Renowned barrister and human rights/refugee advocate, Julian Burnside QC AO, will be presenting the inaugural Ralph Summy Annual Lecture & Australian Activist of the Year Award at the Civic Hall in Mullumbimby on July 1.

The event is being organised by the Ngara Institute, and organisers say the lecture is named after one of Australia's leading peace scholars, Professor Ralph Summy.

Organisers say Burnside will convey why activism is necessary and what it can achieve. The event will also be awarding the first Austral-



Julian Burnside QC AO. Photo [sydneypeacefoundation.org.au](http://sydneypeacefoundation.org.au)

ian Activist of the Year award.

The two recipients are the leading Indigenous opponents of the Adani Mine in QLD's Galilee Basin, Adrian

Burragebba and Murrawah Johnson.

'[They are] Outstanding and passionate activists seeking to protect their traditional lands against the incursions of a powerful corporation backed by state and federal governments.'

Based in the northern rivers, the Ngara Institute is a not-for-profit and community-based group and say they are not aligned with any political party. They also coordinate the new politics in the pub on a monthly basis.

■ For tickets visit [www.ngarainstitute.org.au](http://www.ngarainstitute.org.au).

## NSW planning dept amends LEP to suit West Byron developers

### Massive land release area on Ewingsdale Road limps closer to the finishing line after more state govt interference

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment continues to act as a propaganda public relations unit for West Byron developers, with a press release last week again spruiking one of the largest urban and commercial land release areas in a generation on sensitive wetlands.

And the message from deputy secretary of planning services Marcus Ray appeared conflicted, saying 'It's important to deliver the right types of housing needed in appropriate areas... while protecting the natural environment the area is known for.'

With the department amending Byron Shire Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP) and overriding Council, Ray said the 'delivery of up to 1,100 new homes... is a step closer following the finalisation of changes to the West Byron Urban Release Area.'

Yet that decision comes without Council consent and, according to last year's election, does not reflect the wishes of the majority of the community.

Many residents had long campaigned against developing the West Byron area, with numerous protests and petitions over the years.

An overwhelmingly left-leaning council majority was elected in September 2016 after the previous council's slim majority led a pro-development agenda.

The previous slim council majority was only possible after a Greens councillor de-

fectured and voted to ask the then-planning minister to approve West Byron 'to her satisfaction.'

### Developer's interests first

One resident who led the charge against West Byron is now a councillor: Cate Coorey.

She told *The Echo*, 'These enforced changes to our LEP are another example of the department of planning putting developer interests first and ignoring Council, the people of Byron and serious environmental factors.'

'One of our first acts as a council was to disallow major infrastructure in areas that were zoned environmental at West Byron.'

'The department has now decreed that developers are allowed to put their infrastructure into the environmental zones so they don't have to lose any valuable housing areas.'

'This site was so poorly zoned in the first place and the zoning did not take into account these essential services. The department's idea of solving their problem is to make it ours by allowing stormwater drainage, water and sewer reticulation and earthworks in both environmental conservation ('E2') and environmental management ('E3') zones.'

'Clearly an environmental zone means nothing to this government.'

'The department seems content to obliterate nature if a developer wants it.'

'The department seems to

view West Byron as if it were a greenfield site in Western Sydney. Added to the glaring traffic problems posed by 1,000-plus dwellings on the site, we also have the issues of a critically endangered frog habitat, core koala habitat and acid sulfate soil that are still ignored.'

### No environmental zones since 2012

'It should be remembered that the minister for planning intervened in 2012 to stop Byron Shire creating proposed environmental zones.'

'We have had no environmental zones since then.'

'In 2014 when the minister rezoned West Byron for intensive development, it was the only place in the whole shire that did have E-zones; now that means nothing since we have been told that we have to have major development in them.'

'Council is now going through the process of reviewing which of the environment zones it created back in 1988 it will be able to retain under the new rules, as it seems that none of the new ones we proposed will ever be allowed to be created.'

'Now the new minister is setting the precedent that even if we can one day create our own environmental zones they will be next to useless as this West Byron decision means you can build in them.'

■ For further information on the decision visit <http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au/PublicDetails.aspx?Id=2372>.



Hugh Webster, Barry Button and Jill Richardson from Feros Village Byron check out the Popped Lane project in full flight as artists strive toward the Friday afternoon launch. The lane is opposite the taxi rank on Jonson Street. Photo Jeff 'Popped' Dawson

## Local flood assistance still available

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Lismore and Tweed were declared eligible within the first 48 hours of the flood.

Yet locally, assistance for those who are still in need of household goods, food cards or a helping hand is still available from the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC).

MDNC manager Julie Williams says they have assisted residents from Mul-

lumbimby, Main Arm, Billinudgel, Crabbes Creek, Burringbar, New Brighton, Ocean Shores, Goonengerry, Federal, Wilsons Creek and South Golden Beach.

'The distribution of the funds is based on individual need,' says Julie, and more than \$4,000 has been distributed in food cards, and additional food cards have been provided by the Red Cross.

Her organisation contin-

ues to work with the Salvation Army, who are currently also door-knocking throughout the Shire.

'We continue to reach out with the resources we have at hand and if you hear of anyone who is unaware that there is help available, please let them know to come to the centre at 55 Dalley St or call us on 6684 1286. Ask for Kim or Roberta and we can talk to them about how we can assist.'



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# Budge it 2017-18

Council's draft \$74.8 million operating budget has been running loose among the unsuspecting public for a while now, and your chance to provide feedback ends on May 25.

It's all contained within the *Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents 2017*, available on Council's website (<http://bit.ly/2pEmPz7>).

Council staff say its 2017-18 revenue is made up of 23 per cent from rates, 28 per cent from user charges and fees, 16 per cent from annual charges, 30 per cent from grants and three per cent from interest, investment and other revenue. While there's a lot to consider, one aspect that gained a lot of attention was the Special Rate Variation (rate rise), which will now be incorporated after last week's Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) approval.

The four-year increase of 7.5 per cent per annum works out at 33.55 per cent cumulative and will remain permanently in the rate base. Council estimates, over these four years to 2020-21, it will collect an additional \$11.7 million that will mostly be spent fixing the Shire's crumbling roads and bridges. But not all; other proposed Special Rate Variation expenditure of \$1.185m for 2017-18 includes urban and rural drain maintenance (\$438.1k), Byron Bay and Mullum pool maintenance (\$81.8k) and the Byron Bay town centre landscape/precinct plan (\$60.9k).

IPART provided oversight for Council's request, and in its determination (available at [bit.ly/2qjv421](http://bit.ly/2qjv421)), they said, 'The impact of the proposed rate rises on ratepayers is substantial but reasonable given the council's existing rate levels, its history of special variations, the purpose of the special variation, indicators of the community's capacity to pay, and the council's consideration of affordability.'

The decision to raise rates was up to councillors too – not staff – on the back of public feedback over the poor state of our roads. Staff were also insistent we were not maintaining infrastructure.

As such, there was no requirement within the IPART determination to demonstrate community support. And according to the data provided by Council, it was an unpopular measure, but not entirely.

For example, Council's online survey claims that 67 per cent of the 902 online survey participants did not want a special variation.

Yet the surveys were contentious – the lack of the option for no rate rise – called 'base case' – was not included in early surveys.

Was this a cunning plan to disrupt the data collection of accurate opinion or incompetence?

The IPART said of this indiscretion by staff: 'When communicating the impact of the proposed special variation on ratepayers, the council did not always adequately outline the required base case scenario, in which no special variation would apply. During phase three of the council's consultation strategy, newspaper advertisements, display banners, and a community information booklet did not clearly display the base case as a possible option. While the cumulative dollar and percentage impact of the proposed special variations were clearly outlined in this material, ratepayers would have needed to access the council website for similar information regarding the base case (rate peg only) scenario.'

Despite all that, the IPART say 'the community was adequately informed of the extent of the rate increases.'

Mayor Simon Richardson responded to Cr Paul Spooner's (Labor) criticism of the rate rise and said: 'The current proposal by Council would see an average rate rise for residential properties of \$38 next year, or just over three per cent, while business rates in the Byron CBD are proposed to rise over \$700, or over 16 per cent. Thus, the proportions within the 7.5 per cent yearly rate rise is heavily balanced to minimise its impact on residents.'

'Of course, we all need to be exploring new ways to obtain added funds from our visitors, especially within the unfair constraints imposed on us by both old political party governments over the last 20 or more years, and these conversations are occurring currently.'

Hopefully that conversation will also include how a 16 per cent rate hike on Byron CBD landowners will affect small business owners, when and if that landowner passes that cost down the food chain.

■ Get involved and have your say at [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au) (clearly mark "Submission – Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting"), call 6626 7290 or post your feedback to General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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# Turnbull's left turn may prove a hit

And with one bound, our hero was free.

Well, perhaps not completely; it will take more than one agile budget to loose Malcolm Turnbull from his self-imposed bondage.

He remains chained hand and foot to the right over climate change and same-sex marriage and he cannot remove himself from the Nationals' pork barrel of provincial perks in the name of infrastructure.

But his tax-and-spendathon has made the initial effort to stagger back towards the sensible centre of modern politics, in which reformist zeal must be tempered with the occasional gesture towards fairness – if it costs too much to give serious relief to the masses. At least they can gain the satisfaction that a few of the fat cats will cop a hit as well.

Thus the bank levy – or tax, or cash grab – or whatever you want to call it. It is true that this is lazy economics: it is hard to justify an impost that singles out a particular section of a particular industry at any time. And to claim it is designed specifically to fund a pet cause, however worthy, is the purest sophistry.

Consolidated revenue doesn't make choices, the government does. Turnbull and Scott Morrison will decide who gets what spending, so hanging the NDIS on the bank tax is plainly dishonest.

And of course the same applies with the Medicare levy. Once again, the NDIS is offered as the carrot, the tax increase the unavoidable stick.

Fake budgeting. However, raising the Medicare levy, which in fact means an overall tax increase, is sensible policy and, crucially, it is fair.

It is not a flat-rate, across-the-board slug like the GST for example; it is part of the progressive system of income tax by which the rich pay more and the

poor pay less – and none at all if they are really poor.

Bill Shorten's insistence that it should only apply to the top two income brackets is opportunism, pure and simple. It is far preferable to raise progressive taxes, as the budget is trying to do, than raise the GST, which is presumably the alternative.

But this does not mean, as Turnbull's latest slogan is trumpeting, that the budget is a model of fairness. The usual Liberal

house, prescription if the real thing was available?

Shorten's budget reply hampered this point – rather than praising Turnbull for appropriating the fringes of his own policies, he lambasted the government for not following him the whole way down his social democratic road. He, like Turnbull, is keen to emphasise irreconcilable differences rather than the common aims of 21st century government.

opportunity and security, then surely attempting to make the world tolerable for future generations should have been front and centre.

John Howard, the super-pragmatist whose squandering of the minerals boom bonanza started the debt and deficit disaster (now decently veiled by Turnbull and Morrison, in the manner of Victorian maidens draping chintz around the legs of tables in the name of decency) has scored the budget eight or nine out of ten, which seems absurdly generous.

Even the neo-conservative trolls of the Murdoch press have been muted in criticising policies which, had Labor ever dared suggest them, would have produced demands for dismemberment and disembowelment.

Reflexively, they have sailed into Shorten instead; Dennis Shanahan was even more than usually incoherent on the subject.

So obviously Turnbull will get a welcome bounce from the public, if not from the ideologues among those he likes to see as his own troops. Whether or not it lasts will depend largely on the extent to which they play ball. Fortunately for the prime minister, Shorten is foreshadowing massive resistance.

If he and his supporters make enough noise, perhaps they will drown out the anger and the angst of the lunar right.

But Turnbull will still have to deal with the heavies in the banking industry and the Catholic accountants.

He, Morrison and the estimable Simon Birmingham, seem determined to hold their ground. Whether the hardliners and the bed wetters in the party room do the same is less certain.

Our hero may be out on parole, but there is a long way to go before he can celebrate his liberation.

*The usual Liberal victims – the young, the unemployed, the university students, the foreign workers, the recipients of overseas aid – all get the usual caning.*

by Mungo MacCallum



victims – the young, the unemployed (the random drug testing is gratuitous sadism), the university students, the foreign workers, the recipients of overseas aid – all get the usual caning.

This, presumably, is to placate the hardliners in the party room, and perhaps to take some of the heat off the screams of the better funded and organised critics – the banks, the Catholics, and recalcitrant state premiers from both sides of politics.

These, according to Tony Abbott and his still hopeful insurgents, are the Liberal Party's base. Disturbing them, let alone rousing them to rebellion, is political suicide.

And certainly they will be annoyed; they have been the entitled ones for so long, they have all but forgotten that their privileges are not a right, but a gift of compliant governments.

Which is why Turnbull and Morrison are so eager to join Shorten's rejection of the commentariat's verdict that the budget was Labor-lite. If this was the case it would be a disaster: why should any rational voter embrace wishy-washy, halfway

Which is not to deny that much of what he said made sense. If there were ever a need for a deficit levy on the rich, then it is hardly logical to repeal it as the deficit has increased tenfold, and still looks likely to drag on for another four years at least.

The much-vaunted housing affordability package is a cruel hoax; the superannuation switch now while leaving more retirees on the government payroll later. And while it is worth noting that Morrison has finally dangled his little toe over the dangerous waters of negative gearing, the result is flaccid to the point of impotence.

The insistence on the jobs and growth package from last year, the corporate tax cuts package (now suddenly rising by \$15 billion, a 30 per cent increase as the earlier estimate – shades of things to come?) is still being sold as a good policy.

But so, apparently, is lowering the profits of the big banks – go figure. And the pachydermous presence of climate change dose not even rate a mention – if ever there were a need for fairness,

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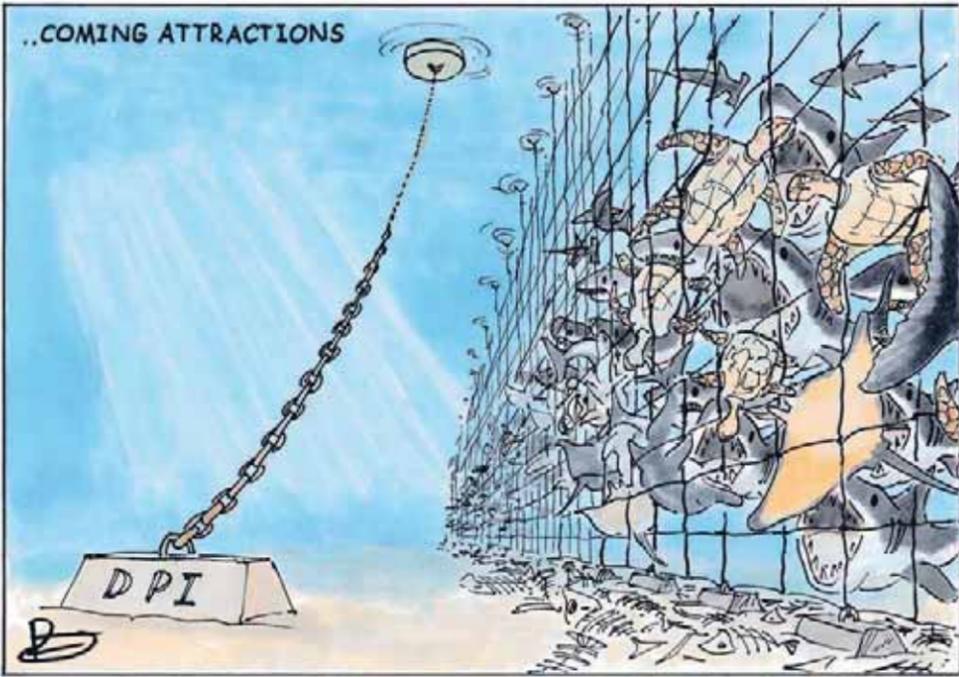
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**Corporate feudalism**

If you ever needed proof of the collusion between corporations and government, look no further than our current energy crisis. By selling off our biggest publicly owned asset to private corporations, both sides of government have allowed our energy grid to run down.

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Selling our gas overseas without legislation to maintain affordable domestic supply is really criminal neglect. This is where our inherited colonial mind-set really doesn't serve us. And this same mind-set runs through every other industry as well.

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**Michael Balson**

Upper Wilsons Creek

**Rates charade**

Nice to know that IPART has rejected every one of the 48 submissions against any rate increase for Byron Shire residents and have opted for the 7.5 per cent increase every year for the next four years (33 per cent). In other words by using Council's own misleading brochure IPART has voted for 'option 1. dete-

riorate' rather than sack the Council, which was the community wish.

IPART's Comments on Community Engagement and awareness in section 3.2 of their findings is farcical as IPART has confirmed 'in early consultation material the council did not adequately outline the base case for no special variation. This shortcoming was corrected in later consultation material.' What later consultation material? There was no mailout to offer the fourth 'no rate rise' option.

Clearly IPART is grasping at straws to justify their decision to declare this hopeless council as Fit For the Future before the residents could dispute that decision. The minister for local government is a joke if he allows this charade to continue.

**Jim Mangleson**  
Ocean Shores

■ Now the 33 per cent rate rise has been approved by IPART, how efficiently will our money be spent?

Observers at the last council meeting could not have missed members of the public giving senior staff tutorials on their areas of professional responsibility.

Comment on the staff report concerning the future of the Tyagarah airfield revealed that a helipad (a private landing spot) had somehow morphed into a heliport (a mini-airport), expensive, unnecessary clearing has been undertaken over time due to ignorance of the airfield's category, a very successful multinational parachute business was operating on a nominal rent and obscurely-documented but substantial sums had been spent on con-

sultants for the consequently abandoned redevelopment plan. Public consultation had been at best token.

Although it appears that most councillors and the GM are prepared to overlook this embarrassing episode, it is my understanding and experience that it is indicative of staff performance across the whole organisation.

Longer-standing, influen-

tial councillors recently demonstrated in this publication that they were ignorant of their governance (watching staff performance) responsibility under the Local Government Act and things have drifted accordingly.

The council internal audit advisory committee that is supposed to have oversight over such matters has

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not been reconstituted as required since the council election and has not met since November 2016.

Under these circumstances can anyone have any confidence that the money from the rate rise will not be substantially wasted?

**Tom Tabart**  
Bangalow

**Byron Line dream**

Mayor Simon Richardson's The Byron Line is a \$200,000 dream at ratepayers' expense. It's like flushing our \$200,000 down the toilet in a futile attempt to attract a billionaire to willingly sink vast amounts of his or her wealth into our derelict rail corridor, which is owned and controlled by the NSW government.

The Byron Line dream is for our \$200,000 to be spent on a successful tenderer to do an evaluation study that only suggests how much it may cost for any philanthropist to construct and operate a commercial tourist rail service between Bangalow and Billinudgel!

This service *must* generate so much profit that it not only pays for itself but also funds an adjoining rail trail alongside the currently derelict rail line, and where this is not possible, owing to insufficient width, like tunnels, steep cuttings, steep raised slopes, and bridges etc, funds the building of alternative routes!

Why on Earth didn't the mayor think this through within a few minutes of awakening from this dream? I think it's got nothing to do with the best outcome for our corridor, but is about feeding the dreams of his loyal ongoing voters.

Another glaring angle of mismanagement is that, instead of throwing away ratepayer's hard-earned annual contributions, the mayor should have been applying for funds from the NSW \$300 million Regional Growth - Environment & Tourism Fund. Why hasn't he been trying to bring money into our Shire, instead of throwing it away?

**Tim Shanasy**  
Byron Bay

**Solar warning**

A warning to people wanting to go with solar power. Comparing quotes and systems is a bit like comparing mobile phone plans with their many variables. I am trying to figure out how long it would take for my electricity savings from solar generation to 'pay off' a system and how much my electricity bill will be when I have paid it off. It's not easy.

Currently there is a push from some companies under the title of 'bulk buy.' I couldn't find any reviews about them on a search. Their prices seem to be comparative with other companies. I have currently had meetings with three businesses, with one to go, which is still to make a time with me for a site visit.

Two have businesses in Byron, one is in Tweed Heads, one is Sydneybased as far as I can tell. One has door-knockers and salespeople who get a commission each on a sale. Out of three companies only one (local) has looked at my roof, measured it and checked out the sun/shade ratio.

After a 'bulk buy' seminar, a one-hour interview with their 'expert', a phone call regarding what system would be appropriate for my

sometimes-shaded roof, the company sent me a contract: 'Please find attach a copy of the proposed 3kW installation for your home, which may end up being a 2kW microinverter system (we can amend this later). To proceed with the installation and site inspection process, simply sign the document and I'll take you through the next, very simple steps.'

I said I wouldn't sign a contract without a site visit and without knowing what system I was buying. The 3kW is \$4,600, the 2kW \$6,000. And the contract stated in tiny print that the terms and conditions would be sent to me if I requested them. This is really important with regard to warranties. For example, is the local company responsible for the 25-year warranty or is it going to make the overseas manufacturer responsible?

If you don't have the money they are happy to arrange finance for you. The finance is from elsewhere and will cost you much more.

There are big commissions going for some solar sales. Be careful, people.

**Lee Cass**  
Byron Bay

**Saving hospitals**

Congratulations to all involved with the saving of the Mullumbimby Hospital and a call to arms to our cousins in Byron Bay suburbs to rally likewise to save the old Byron Hospital for the community.

To the Byron Bay, Sunrise, Suffolk Park and Ewingsdale good folk, there are many dozens if not hundreds sleeping rough around Byron. With winter coming the possibility of illness increases as well as the year-round possibility of abuse due to

the lack of a secure home.

I would like to congratulate and thank mayor Simon Richardson, NSW upper house member Ben Franklin, Ballina MLA Tamara Smith, our councillors, in particular Michael Lyon and the other councillors who attended the April 23 rally and meeting. I was proud to be part of the Mullumbimby and surrounds community that stood up and cared enough to save a great community asset.

I see no reason why the eastern Byron Shire suburbs residents do not deserve to have the old Byron hospital to stay in community hands for the benefit of our homeless, at-risk youth and others and as a general community facility.

**Jeremiah O'Toole**  
Myocum

**Chopper reality**

As the former owner of Byron Air Charter spanning ten years I note with a mixture of sadness and frustration that Byron Council, with full mayoral support, has embarked on a misguided crusade against commercial helicopter operations at Tyagarah airfield. Judging from the applause from the gallery at the mayor's personal musings at the April 20 meeting, there is considerable populist support for this stance - also, in my view, seriously misguided.

To all those concerned, and I acknowledge that the concern is real, I say to you that you have absolutely nothing to worry about. We know the size of the joyflight market, and it is tiny, certainly by comparison with the skydive market.

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**FLAWED LAWS**

**Racial Discrimination Act 1975 is not flawed**

Murdoch's flagship \$30m p/a loss maker, *The Australian*, can't stop squawking that section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* must be repealed for the sake of free speech. Yet for the self-described champions of liberty, this is really about the freedom to spray hate speech and racism.

Murdoch minion Andrew Bolt should know; he is Australia's first convicted racist.

Section 18D of the Act follows 18C, and defines exemptions to 18C. Section 18C describes 'Offensive behaviour because of race, colour or national or ethnic origin' that is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate... because of [their] race, colour or national or ethnic origin...'

Section D states 'Section 18C does not render unlawful anything said or done reasonably and in good faith with regards to 'fair and accurate report' or an 'expression of a genuine belief' etc.

Andrew Bolt was found guilty in 2011 because Justice Bromberg found his NewsCorp articles regarding Aboriginals with fair skin was 'not done reasonably and in good faith.' The judge found he had not fact checked his stories and the material was 'substantially proven to be untrue.'

So provided that what you write is factual or it's a genuinely held belief, you can't be sued under the RDA.

If Greg Sheridan and his ilk were really concerned about freedom of speech they would rally for a Bill of Rights, abolishing defamation laws, the secrecy provisions of the Border Force Act and banning SLAPP suits (strategic lawsuits against public participation).

There is nothing inherently wrong with this law. The problem appears to be that bigoted, sociopathic individuals are mostly in power and they are always looking for ways to inflict more unpleasantness on others.

For more on the case read *Eatock v Bolt* [2011] FCA.

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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

The World Chess Federation's (FIDE's) Ethics Commission has finally issued its report on the cheating controversy which arose at the 2015 European Women's Championship in Georgia, and the decision is likely to please none of the protagonists.

The problems arose when 45<sup>th</sup> seed Romanian Mihaela Sandu won her first five games at the Championship. Ukraine's Natalia Zhukova decided, without any evidence apart from Sandu's score, that the Romanian must be cheating, complaining to the organisers and starting two petitions.

Disturbed by the unfounded accusations, Sandu fell apart in the final four rounds and Zhukova went on to take the European title.

After the tournament, Sandu complained to the Ethics Commission about the 15 players who signed Zhukova's petition directly accusing her of foul play. (The other petition, asking for a time delay on broadcast of the games, was considered less offensive.)

The EC decision found all 15 signatories guilty of a false accusation but the penalties were little more than a slap on the wrist.

Five players were given a warning not to repeat the offence, nine had a reprimand added to the warning and Zhukova was given a three month ban, suspended for a year.

Zhukova, who still believes (without evidence) that Sandu was cheating, will be unhappy that the EC ruled against her but Sandu has the right to be more aggrieved since Zhukova still has the 2015 European Women's title and keeps the large first prize.

■ The following game comes from the recently revived Sigeman tournament in Malmo, traditionally Sweden's top international tournament.

Malmo 2017  
**White: N Short**  
**Black: E Blomqvist**  
Opening: Ruy Lopez  
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.d5 Nb8 13.Nf1 Nbd7 14.Bg5! Nc5** The obvious response to White's unusual 14<sup>th</sup> move (14.N3h2 is standard) but 14...h6 was more accurate. **15.Bc2 c6 16.Ne3 a5 17.b4 Ncd7 18.a4!** Undogmatic play; in this line White would usually prefer to keep the queenside closed. **18...Qc7 19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.axb5 Qxc3 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.Rc1 Qb4 23.Ng4! Qxb5!** Blomqvist feared 23...Nxc4 24.Bd2 but then 24...Qa3 25.Bxa5 Nxf2! works out satisfactorily for Black. **24.Rb1! Qa6?** The final error. 24...Qc6, keeping the rook on e8 protected, was necessary. **25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Nxf6+ gx6 27.Nh4 Bc8 28.Bb3 Be6 29.Qh5** White's attack runs like clockwork and Short finishes in style. **29...Rc8 30.Nf5 Ra3 31.Re3 Rxb3 32.Rexb3 Bxb3 33.Rxb3 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Qf1** Hoping for a modicum of counterplay but... **35.Qg4+! Kh8 36.Qg7+!! 1-0**

# Waiting out the last convulsion of a dying dynasty

Story & image S Sorrensen

The last rivulets of sun have drained from the street and are replaced by a tide of colours as the street lights and the MardiGrass people turn on. Smiles flash from the swirling crowd, and the fashions are more neon than the shop signs.

The crowd swirls around my table on the footpath like a rainbow stream around a rock. Familiar faces nod to me from the current as they're

swept by. Sometimes a person detaches from the stream to talk to me. They speak loudly over the street drumming, the reggae from the park, the community announcements, and the general hubbub of humanity.

Friday night at MardiGrass. I love it.

In an improving world, it would be the last MardiGrass ever. MardiGrass was created 25 years ago to protest the harmful drug laws in this state by hosting a protest

rally every year – until those laws were reformed. Then like Portugal, which decriminalised all drug use in 2001, harm to citizens would be reduced and health improved. Seems like a good idea.

Reformation of drug laws is on its way, as inevitable as the demise of the coal industry. It's only the Australian governments which resist social evolution, being completely rooted in yesteryear's mire of corporate compromise and political pocket-pissing.

These governments will never do the right thing; they must be forced to by its citizens. MardiGrass is a resort to the third pillar of democracy: the right to protest. Protest is all we have left.

I am at a long table on the footpath outside the Trattoria. My friends and I partake of the Italian food, the organic red wine, and the MardiGrass ambience. My co-diners are from outside Nimbin, but we are united in our appreciation of this event.

A multicultural sea flows around us, the colour and diversity a visual symphony. If you're a people watcher, and I am, this is heaven on a bud-



Near me, a woman with a microphone talks to a man with a marijuana-leaf head-dress and green undies, a cameraman filming. Yes, journalists may pop in for an hour or so for a photo opportunity, the stereotypical story already written, but we at this table appreciate the larger narrative, the bigger picture.

When some democratic accountability has been forced onto the government by its citizens and the drug laws are reformed, MardiGrass's job will be done – maybe next year (times are changing fast) or the next, or the next. Whenever.

Then the village can celebrate, without harrassment, the pioneering role it has had in creating and providing medicine, supporting textile and building innovation, freeing recreational cannabis users from the yoke of criminality, and invigorating democracy.

My fellow diners and I raise our glasses to Nimbin.

We thank you for your good work.

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[echo.net.au/here-and-now](http://echo.net.au/here-and-now)

► continued from page 12 running a lean operation using an economical four-seat fixed-wing aircraft, we did fewer than 200 landings per year – not even one a day. Yes, mostly from joyflights but with other flights such as aerial survey, fire spotting, charters elsewhere and so on included.

Helicopters are expensive to buy, operate, maintain, crew and insure. Any rational helicopter joyflight operator setting up at Tyagarah and using correct costings and pricing and with the vagaries of weather thrown in would struggle to consistently average one joyflight a day, let

alone the six to eight being talked about. Welcome to reality, folks! I suggest this level of increased activity is not worthy of any of Council's debating time.

These comments do not apply to gyrocopters, which are a different breed and subject to different rules.

Of great concern, however, and what appears to have been overlooked so far, is the message being sent to helicopter charter operators from elsewhere. Banning commercial operations at Tyagarah captures them, too. Is this the message Byron, a tourist town known internationally, wants

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dha stick. But now and again a scowling knot of blue floats by, bloated with weaponry, searching for relevance. And pot.

MardiGrass obviously scares the shit out of the state government and its police. The Public Order & Riot Squad is here. (Yes, really.) Their presence, like their name, is confusing: Make up your mind, boys – public order or riot; you can't have both.

Like the election of Trump, the intimidation of

Nimbin is the last convulsion of a dying dynasty: the rule of money. The police, puppets of this ridiculousness, are uncomfortable here. It's hard to be an enforcer of an absurd concept – MardiGrass is a threat to society – when the pleasant rub of humanity around you kindles your own humanness, and shows you it ain't. So the police huddle together, the group reinforcing its copness in order to maintain focus on its mission. But it's hard to create a riot at MardiGrass...

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## Drug-testing welfare recipients an unproven policy

Rural Doctors Association of Australia president Dr Ewen McPhee has said that the government's trial of drug testing jobseekers won't improve their outcomes.

'This approach has been implemented in some areas of the United States and it hasn't shown to be effective in combating substance abuse,' said Dr McPhee.

'People who are looking for a job do not generally have any higher incidence of drug use than those in the general population, even if they are receiving government assistance.

'Those who do have problems will not be helped by measures that feel punitive, such as switching them to a cashless debit card, rather than payments. Tough love is rarely successful in treating substance abuse – particularly when it's from the government.'

The coalition announced the trial program in the 2017 Budget. The trial will randomly drug test 5,000 recipients of Youth Allowance and Newstart in three (as-yet-undisclosed) locations



RDAA president Dr Ewen McPhee.

from January 2018.

A positive result from the saliva test will result in the welfare recipient being pushed onto the cashless debit card income-quarantining measure, and those who test positive multiple times would be referred to medical professionals for 'assessment' and 'appropriate treatment'.

'There has been no consultation that we are aware of regarding the processes and resources required for a program like this,' Dr McPhee said. 'Will the staff

at Centrelink be carrying out the tests? Will they be provided with training to help them deal with clients that return a positive result and react negatively?

'What is the referral pathway for those who are identified as needing further treatment?

'Will positions in supportive drug treatment programs be resourced to ensure these people can access them?

'Many chronic drug users have a dual problem that encompasses both drug abuse and mental health issues.

'Will there be resources for these people to receive the help they need that may be non-drug related?'

'It would be more positive to funnel these resources into psychological services such as Headspace, that would be far more effective in actually getting people back into the workforce.

'We call on the government to review the research and consult with specialists in the area before implementing this program.'

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to send to these operators and their well-heeled clients? Go elsewhere to spend your money? Where would Council have them land? Butler Street reserve, perhaps?

Thankfully, we have Tya-garah.

**Bryce Ducker**  
Mullumbimby

### Nuclear-free dream

A fond farewell to Dr Bill Williams, who passed away peacefully in his sleep, at home in Torquay, coastal Victoria, on September 12, 2016. The world will miss Bill, but his spirit and determination as a human being, will inspire generations to come.

He was a keen surfer, GP and passionate advocate for the rights and health of First Nation peoples.

We first met Bill and his partner Gisela, and their two daughters Daisy and Lily in Melbourne 1983, when we were all active for the vision of a 'Nuclear Free World'.

Our relationship grew, while planning a trip into the South Australian desert, home of the Kokatha people, and site of the British nuclear weapons testing (Maralinga 1956-1963), to join them in their opposition to the proposed uranium mine (Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam).

It was a huge learning experience, while working in the months preceding our trip, with Bill, Gisela and a small number of other passionate souls, to build a strong affinity group, with a commitment to trust, which truly paid off, as we were confronted with many extreme situations on our two-week

'blockade', while we challenged the mining interests of BP and Western Mining.

Thirty-three years later, Bill was still passionate on the 'No Nukes' campaign. Bill was co-founder and chairman of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), a past president of the Medical Association for the Prevention of War and former councillor of the Nobel Peace Prize winning International Physicians for the prevention of Nuclear War.

Early in 2016, he joined an historic United Nations working group meeting on nuclear disarmament in Geneva, and was thrilled by the progress made towards a nuclear weapons ban treaty, which he helped propel.

Sadly, Bill didn't live to see the world free from nuclear weapons. In fact there are more being built as we speak, but the progress continues.

Early April negotiations began at the UN with 132 countries participating, including community members from the Kokatha people of Roxby Downs. A number of countries opposed the meeting, and the idea of a ban, Australia and the US included.

In Australia 52 faith-based organisations gave their support. The Senate supports Australian involvement in the negotiations. And now that the pope has given his voice to a complete ban, can we now hope that the prime minister and his fellow colleagues, and possibly all Catholics, raise their voices in support of same?

The negotiations will continue at the UN June 15-July 7, thanks to the courageous efforts of beautiful human

beings like Bill Williams.

For information: [www.ICANW.org](http://www.ICANW.org).

**Deborah & Mick Stacey**  
Ocean Shores

### Drug testing?

Random drug testing for welfare recipients? This pearl from Budget 2017 makes the brain spin. It raises so many questions: basic human rights; does treatment follow a 'fail'; how does a failed person survive, turn to crime; how will it improve job-seeking; will more people be employed given the number of jobs available; is it punitive and divisive, is it simply inspired by mean-spiritedness; is it just a sneaky way to reduce welfare costs; or is it just a cruel political 'throw-away' to appease the mad right wing; isn't drug and alcohol addiction a health issue? And, most of all, where is the compassion?

ACOSS tells us there are ten unemployed people for every job. It beggars belief therefore, how drug testing is going to force more unemployed into jobs that aren't there.

There is no sign of any health concern for the people who fail the test, no more money for treatment and a scarcity of rehab places. Mental health issues could also play a part in some under-employment and addiction and there doesn't seem to be any concern about this, the added burden of having no money, or the cumulative effect on families. What happens to the children?

We could learn much from our own society and those of others. The threat of the cane and other punitive meas-

ures have been withdrawn from schools and have been shown not to be effective in improving performance. So has torture. Portugal has led the way in succeeding to reduce drug and alcohol addiction by decriminalising drugs and taking a positive societal approach, treating any problems as health issues.

It is clear that the welfare of these 'welfare recipients' to be drug tested is not being considered by the LNP government. In fact, this measure appears to be a deliberate attempt to create a trash underclass of families not worthy of human rights, access to society, and most of all, not worthy of our compassion.

This is an alarming trend in the wrong direction. We should take this seriously and raise our voices. If Portugal can get it right, why can't we?

**Dorothy Mullins**  
Byron Bay

### Good coffee

As the Rails pig cartoon pointed out the other week, there's no shortage of places to get a coffee in Byron. But there's only one place to get 'good' coffee: tastes good, feels good, does good. And that's the Coffee Box outside the post office in Byron Bay.

It's a social enterprise run by the Byron Community Centre supporting disadvantaged locals to get some work experience and get back on their feet. There's also a pay-it-forward jar, to buy a coffee for someone who's doing it tough right now. So next time you need your coffee fix, enjoy a good coffee for a good cause at the Coffee Box.

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# My neighbour Sean – photographer of the Bay



Phillip Frazer

Sean O'Shea is a cheerful bloke, can be serious too. He takes photographs, mostly of the sea, the surf, and the humans and animals who interact there. Through social media, these photos are viewed and loved by countless people around the world. But to be honest, Sean doesn't look like he belongs to the surfer community, nor the glamour photographer set. That's because Sean's neither. He's an artist.

Up until five years ago Sean painted intriguing canvases of semi-abstract images – people, animals, buildings, landscapes – and was making a good living from his art, living in the Byron industrial estate with his partner Tracey.

Then, in 2012, Sean got a good (but not fancy) camera to take shots of his paintings before they were sent overseas. One morning he went to Tallow Beach and saw dolphins threading their way through the waves beyond the break, so he strode into the surf to get a closer look, camera in hand. A bloke in a wet-suit was sitting on his board looking toward the dolphins, and Sean was just

a few metres behind when, suddenly, a dolphin launched itself out of a wave. Right there.

He's looking directly into the eyes of a dolphin who's looking directly into his eyes. This very large animal is airborne flying toward him as he stands in water up to his chest, both arms aloft, one holding the camera, and Sean snaps a picture of the flying dolphin and the surfer. A picture that changed his life.

That's when Sean had an epiphany. He understood at this moment that the vast natural world, of creatures and plants of the land, sea and sky, constitutes a profoundly other world than the one we live in when we go to the supermarket to buy milk or sit in a car texting arrangements for lunch. As the dolphin slid again into the sea, he knew this would be the world he would inhabit, in the Bay, taking photos, making videos, because he wants to share this wonder with the rest of us.

The photo – Sean's first – was going viral online, so he sent it to a few newspapers, and although *The Echo* didn't print it, the *Daily Telegraph* did, on page 3. They even gave it a terrific caption – it

began 'It's the quintessential image of freedom and joy', which is not a line you often see in the Murdoch tabloids – and that, folks, is how Sean O'Shea began his career as the photographer of the Bay.

Now I know this bloke pretty well because he and Tracey are our neighbours here on Coorabell Ridge. Recently we ganged up and convinced Sean that, despite the millions of people around the world who've been wowed by his photographs on Facebook or Instagram, we need a big beautiful book to show his work off at its best, in a more permanent form. He and Tracey have started designing and planning, and next Sunday May 21, their seanoshea.com.au site will launch a crowdfunding drive to get the book on the road.

Check out his amazing photos at SeanOSheaArt. He still uses a modest camera, sometimes in a plastic bag when he's swimming out in the Bay, and a tripod held together with gaffer tape. Every day he drives off in his 2003 Camry, to stream sunrise and sunset live from the beach.

Sometimes artists need help monetising their talent, just a bit, right?

## Families without children on the rise: ABS

The number of couple families without children is projected to exceed the number of couple families with children and become the most common family type in Australia between 2023 and 2029, according to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) family projections data.

Data from the ABS in June 2016 shows the vast majority (5.7 million or 84 per cent) of Australian families were couple families. Around 44 per cent of these families had dependants living with them, down from 54 per cent in 1996. (Dependants are defined as children under 15

and dependent students aged 15–24 years.)

The next largest group of families in 2016 were one-parent families (14 per cent). Almost two in three of the 948,800 one parent families had dependants living with them (65 per cent). Around 83 per cent of these families were headed by single mothers.

### Ageing

'The number of couple families without children is projected to increase by between 56 and 64 per cent by 2036. Our ageing population and trends towards delayed childbearing or couples not

having children contribute to this rise,' said Stephen Collett said, program manager of household characteristics and social reporting at the ABS.

### Changing

'Around 41 per cent of Australian families were couple families without children in 2012–13, compared with 35 per cent in 1997. The number of couple families without children is projected to overtake the number of couple families with children and become the most common family type in Australia between 2023 and 2029.

'The idea of a "tradition-

al nuclear family" has been changing for some time now,' Mr Collett said. 'Trends in divorce and remarriage have contributed to more one-parent, step and blended families.

'There has also been an increase in the number of children under the age of 13 years living in these families or living with grandparents. Research by the Australian Institute of Family Studies reveals that about 43 per cent of children under the age of 13 years were living in non-traditional households in 2016.'

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# Death spiral for cars: by 2030 you probably won't own one

Giles Parkinson,  
*RenewEconomy*

By 2030, you probably won't own a car, but you may get a free trip with your morning coffee. Transport-As-A-Service will use only electric vehicles and will upend two trillion-dollar industries. It's the death spiral for cars.

A major new report predicts that by 2030, the overwhelming majority of consumers will no longer own a car – instead they will use on-demand electric autonomous vehicles.

By 2030, within ten years of regulatory approval of autonomous electric vehicles (A-EVs), the report says, 95 per cent of all US passenger miles traveled will be served by on-demand, autonomous, electric vehicles that will be owned by fleets rather than individuals.

The provision of this service may come virtually free as part of another offering, or a corporate sponsorship. Imagine, for instance, paying a token sum for a ride into town after buying a latte for \$4.50. Or getting a free ride because the local government has decided to

make transport easier.

The report, by RethinkX, an independent think tank that focuses on technology-driven disruption and its implications across society, says this stunning and radical change will be driven entirely by economics, and will overcome the current desire for individual car ownership, starting first in the big cities and then spreading to the suburbs and regional areas.

## Disruption

This disruption will have enormous implications across the transportation and oil industries, decimating entire portions of their value chains, causing oil demand and prices to plummet, and destroying trillions of dollars in investor value, not to mention the value of used cars.

At the same time it will create trillions of dollars in new business opportunities, consumer surplus and GDP growth.

Lead consultant and co-author Tony Seba specialises in disruptive technologies. His early forecasts for the enormous uptake of solar were considered crazy, but were proven right, and he has



Google's driverless car takes itself for a ride. See more at [www.waymo.com](http://www.waymo.com).

since said that new technologies will make coal, oil and gas all but redundant by 2030.

He says while the report focuses on the US, the forecasts are valid for Australia too, because the transportation industry is global. And he warns that the car you buy now may well be your last.

'This is a global technology disruption. So yes, this applies to Australia,' Seba tells *RenewEconomy*. 'And this is going to happen despite governments, not because of governments.'

'Furthermore, the disruption will start in cities with high population density and

high real estate prices – think Sydney and Melbourne then Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide – and quickly radiate out to the suburbs, the smaller cities, and then rural areas.'

## Oz cars

Indeed, there are some people who are starting to anticipate this change, considering Australian-based business models and even local manufacturing, such as those revealed recently by Michael Molitor, the head of a new company called A2EmCo.

Seba does not say that individual car ownership will completely disappear. By 2030, 40 per cent of cars will still be privately owned, but they will only account for five per cent of kilometres travelled.

Autonomous cars will be used ten times more than internal combustion vehicles were, they will last longer – maybe one million miles (1.6 million km) – and the savings will inject an additional \$1US trillion into the pockets of Americans by 2030.

Seba admits that his forecasts are hard to digest. But what he sees in the transition to autonomous EVs from privately owned petrol cars is the same he has seen for all other major transitions: what he calls the 10x opportunity cost.

It happened with the printing press, it happened with the first Model T – it cost the same as a carriage and two horses, but offered 10x the horsepower.

'Every time we have had a ten x change in technology, we had a disruption. This is going to be no different.'

And that change, he says, will happen on day one of level 5 autonomous EVs obtaining regulatory approval. 'Basically, the day that autonomous vehicles are regulatory accepted, transport-as-a-service will be 10x cheaper than

cost of new vehicles,' he says. And four times cheaper than the cost of already owned vehicles.

Why is this? Because everything will be cheaper.

Like his predictions on the rise of solar, and the sudden decline of fossil fuels, Seba's calculations are driven by simple economics. Within a few years, the upfront costs of AEVs will match those of petrol cars. But the depreciation costs will be minimal, because the cars, owned by fleets, will 'last a lifetime'.

## Better batteries

Maintenance costs will be significantly lower – thanks to 20 moving parts in the powertrain compared to 2,000 for petrol cars – and the miles travelled significantly higher; they will be doing 1.6 million km by 2030, more than five times more than petrol cars.

Moreover, battery technology will improve, needing to be replaced only once, and old batteries will be able to be used elsewhere (in the power grid). The cost of maintenance will be one-fifth the cost of current cars, the cost of finance one-tenth, and the cost of insurance also one-tenth.

'The survival of car manufacturers will depend on building cars with long lifetimes and low operating costs. This means that they will optimise for minimum waste of resources in building and operating vehicles, including designing vehicle platforms with parts that are interchangeable and recyclable.'

The report outlines the huge benefits from this transformation. Unclogging city roads, removing the pollution that is choking major cities, savings millions of lives from accidents and trillions of dollars in health impacts, and freeing up parking space.

We often forget about the health impacts of fuel cars. In 2015 in the OECD alone, outdoor air pollution led to \$US1.7 trillion annual economic cost from premature deaths. According to the World Health Organisation, 1.25 million people died from road traffic accidents around the world in that year, and another 50 million were severely injured.

'Autonomous vehicles will be safer than human drivers, leading to a decrease in road traffic accidents,' the report says. Although, to be sure, any such accidents caused by faulty software rather than

humans will create huge controversy

The nature of the vehicles may also change – with a range of two-person, four-person, eight-person and even bigger vehicles in heavy population areas.

It will also have an impact on geopolitics – with the world no longer dependent on oil reserves for the bulk of its transportation needs. This will benefit big transport fuel importers like Australia.

The 'politics of lithium,' meanwhile, are completely different to the politics of oil. Lithium is plentiful, although it needs planning to ensure that the mines are in place to extract it, and its demand can be reduced by recycling. Alternatives can be found for cobalt, currently found mostly in countries such as Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Extra free time

Seba recognises that most people assume that the biggest impediments to this scenario are behavioural issues such as love of driving, fear of new technology, or just habit. The cost savings, the speed, the increased safety and the extra free time will be key factors.

But he says that what he calls 'pre-TaaS' companies such as Uber, Lyft and Didi have also invested billions of dollars developing technologies and services to overcome these issues. In 2016, these companies drove 500,000 passengers per day in New York City alone.

'That was triple the number of passengers driven the previous year. The combination of TaaS's dramatically lower costs compared with car ownership and exposure to successful peer experience will drive more widespread usage of the service.'

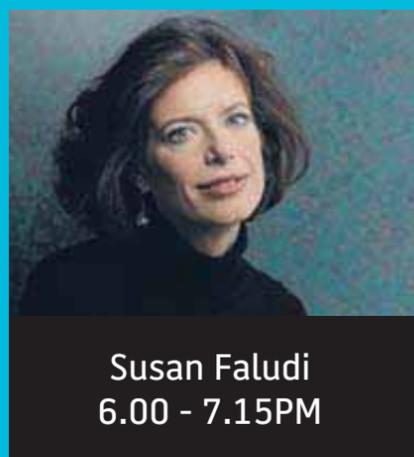
'Adopting TaaS requires no investment or lock-in. Consumers can try it with ease and increase usage as their comfort level increases. Even in suburban and rural areas, where wait times and cost might be slightly higher, adoption is likely to be more extensive than generally forecast because of the greater impact of cost savings on lower incomes.'

'As with any technology disruption, adoption will grow along an exponential S-curve.'

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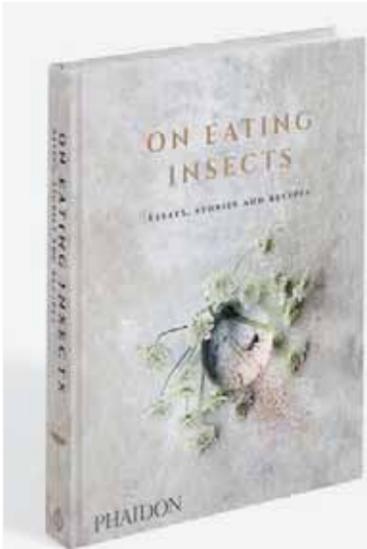
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# WHAT'S NEW



## ANTS AND CRICKETS ON THE MENU: NEW BOOK

*How do you harvest ants from an anthill in the forest? How does trading occur with insects in Thailand? How does an ant taste? Why does it make sense to harvest drone bee larvae, beyond the reason that they taste good?*



These questions, and many more, are answered in the new book from Nordic Food Lab, *On Eating Insects – Essays, stories and recipes*, published by Phaidon.

The book marks the end of the long journey that the authors have taken throughout the project Deliciousness of Insects that began in 2013 and ended in May 2016. The project was funded by The Velux Foundations [veluxfoundations.dk/en](http://veluxfoundations.dk/en).

'The book is a summary of our way through the project and now stands as a kind of monument to it,' said director of the Nordic Food Lab ([nordicfoodlab.org](http://nordicfoodlab.org)) and co-author of the book, Michael Bom Frost.

'There has, of course, been much more output in the form of scientific journals, presentations and lectures, each of which describes parts of the project, but the book is where you can get an overview of the whole project.' The book contains a series of essays, some of which are scientific, while others are more political, and others again personal. You can read about the authors' travels around the world to explore the insects as part of the food system.

'You can be very clinical and scientific about eating insects. But, eating is also a part of our culture and, if you want to know how people use insects in cooking, you do it best by talking to those who cook with insects.'

### EATING INSECTS IS A PLEASURE

Nordic Food Lab is interested in deliciousness and uses taste as an argument for eating a specific ingredient or dish, even when it comes to insects.



*Spicy cricket and asparagus. Photo Nordic Food Lab*



*Hornets, ginkgo fruits, and mitsuba (Japanese wild parsley), for a chawanmushi experiment, Japan. Photo Nordic Food Lab*

It is not so much about insects in relation to sustainability or as a good source of protein, although these are important topics.



Former member of the Nordic Food Lab and co-author of the book, Josh Evans, describes in the book how much he enjoys eating fresh bee larvae: 'I peeled off a section of comb and, with a finger, gently brushed out a plump, white larva, and put it in my mouth. Its skin burst delicately on the tongue.'

'It was smooth and fatty, with faint flavours of honeydew melon, raw hazelnuts, avocado. A slight sweetness, and lingering savouries. The texture was bewildering: it had a kind of luxury. I ate another, slowly, as the sun's light and heat bled through my closed eyelids.'

Head of culinary research and development in Nordic Food Lab, Roberto Flore, was part of the majority of the fieldwork research and also developed the majority of the recipes in the book. 'It can be tricky as the Nordic audience often don't have a reference,' Flore said.

'It is not parsley or tomato – a cricket tastes like a cricket and you need to work hard to create something people really understand, when they don't know crickets.'

'From a chef's point of view, it is like opening a book of something new. Therefore it is important to obtain cultural knowledge.'

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Billycarts of all types will take part and the money raised will go back to the local community and charities through the Bangalow Lions network. Up to \$10,000 will be raised for local charities, making the event an important feature on the Bangalow community calendar.

Event organiser Richard Millyard said the event has been run since 1993 to celebrate the Pacific Hwy bi-pass of Bangalow's main street, and it's popularity can be attributed to its inclusive nature.

'The Billycart Derby is a wonderful example of a community event because there are no barriers to entry. It showcases good old-fashioned fun regardless of age or social status. Everyone can take part whether as individuals, families, workplaces or schools.'

There are races for everyone - for boys and girls from five years of age, through to 'opens' and celebrities. Local and state politicians regularly participate as well as local celebrities. "Bangalow Bill" the oldest participant for many years will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday and will be presenting the winning trophies. Cart categories range from traditional and homegrown to professional and novelty, and once featured the amazing *Titanic* billycart, complete with iceberg!

In 2017, it is hoped there will be even more innovative designs with the only conditions being a weight under 75kg and good steering and brakes. Safety is paramount and more than 600 bales of hay are brought in to line the high street.

The main focus of the day is not the speed of the entries but family fun for participants and spectators. The grand parade is a highlight, taking place at 12.30pm and featuring local bands, vintage cars, schools, local clubs, scouts and celebrities.

Racing will commence at 9am with all participants marshalled from 7am. Full rules, cart classification, and the race schedule and entry forms can be found on the website and registration is on the day from 7am when the carts are inspected for safety. Registration is in the front room of the Bangalow Hotel from 7am.

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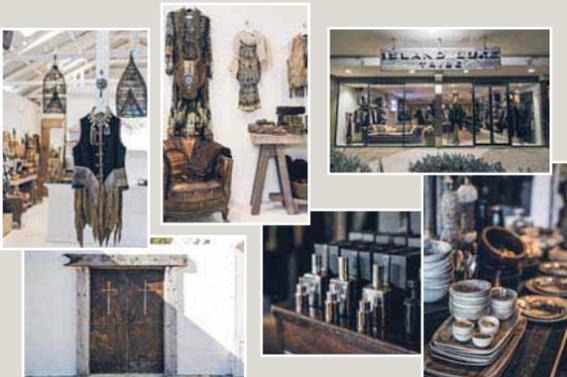
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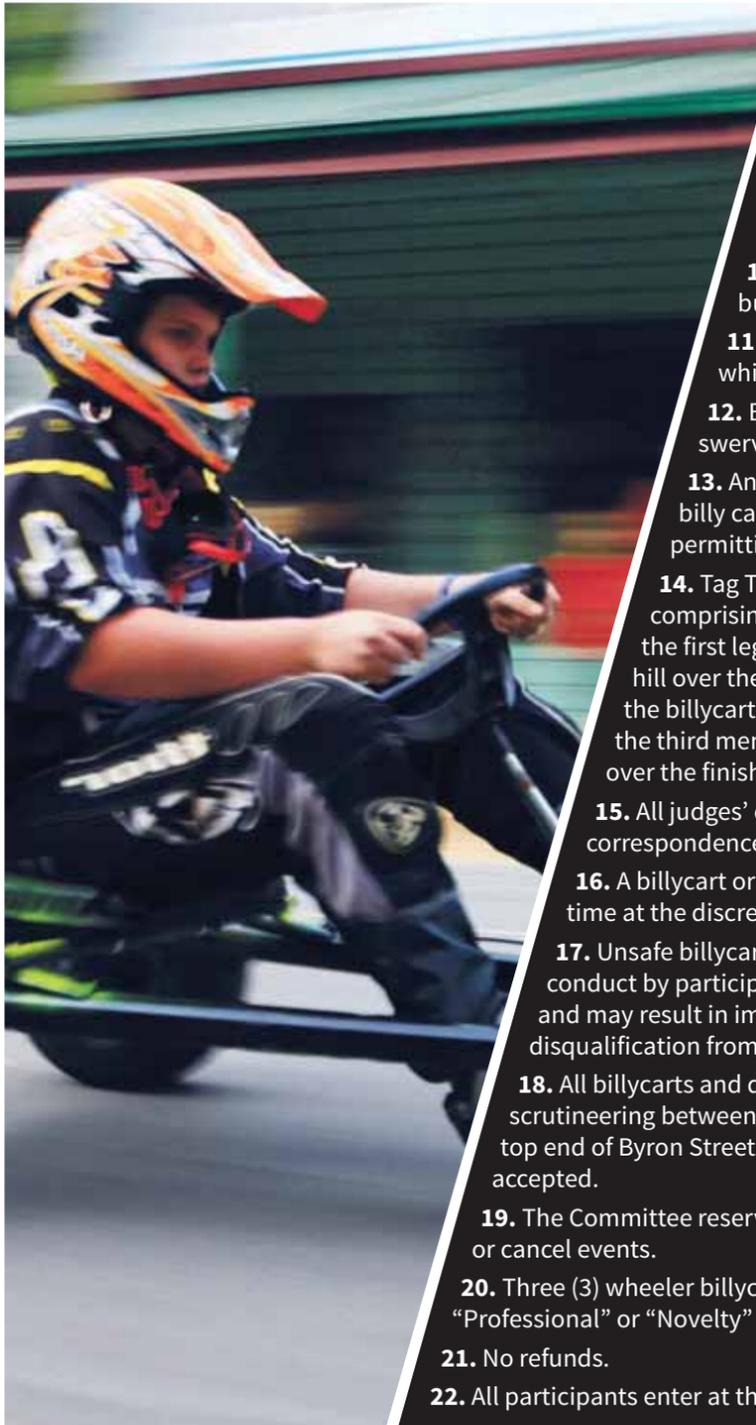


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# bangalow

21 May 2017 *billycart*  
**DERBY**



## DERBY RULES

1. A separate entry form is required for each billycart in each race category.
2. HELMETS ARE COMPULSORY and protective clothing is recommended.
3. All billycarts will receive a minimum of two runs - the first being a practice run.
4. If entrant and billycart fail to arrive at the start line the race will commence on time.
5. The same billycart cannot be used more than once in the same race category.
6. Billycarts entered into age categories 5 – 15 years: driver & passenger must be within the same age category.
7. All billycarts will start from a standing start.
8. No outside assistance is allowed at start line or while racing.
9. No pedalling, pushing, paddling or propulsion of any kind is allowed.
10. Billycarts must proceed under their own weight but rocking is permitted.
11. Drivers and passengers must remain seated while racing.
12. Billycarts must travel in a straight line: no swerving, weaving or turning from side to side.
13. Any billycarts that crash will be disqualified. Any billy cart crashed into may receive another run, time permitting.
14. Tag Team rules: three competitors per team comprising three legs using the same billycart i.e. the first leg team member rides billycart down the hill over the finish line, second team member runs the billycart, on foot, back up to the start line, tags the third member who rides billycart down the hill over the finish line.
15. All judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. A billycart or driver may be disqualified at any time at the discretion of the Chief Marshall.
17. Unsafe billycarts, dangerous driving or bad conduct by participants will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion or disqualification from the event for the whole day.
18. All billycarts and drivers must be available for scrutineering between 7am and 8.15am at the top end of Byron Street. Late entries will not be accepted.
19. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange or cancel events.
20. Three (3) wheeler billycarts can only enter as a "Professional" or "Novelty" category billycart.
21. No refunds.
22. All participants enter at their own risk.



## EVENT PROGRAM

- 7am – 9am**  
Scrutineering and registration
- 8am – 8.45am**  
Practice runs
- 9am**  
Billycart racing begins
- 9am**  
Traditional and Homegrown 5–7 years
- 9.20am**  
Traditional and Homegrown 8–11 years
- 10.20am**  
Traditional and Homegrown 12–15 years
- 11.30am**  
Traditional and Homegrown Parent/Child
- 11.45am**  
Primary Schools Challenge (Traditional and Homegrown)
- 12.00pm**  
Trophy Presentation – Fire Station Park
- 12.30pm**  
Lunch and Street Parade
- 1pm**  
Mothers Race
- 1.15pm**  
Traditional and Homegrown Seniors
- 1.45pm**  
Professional Junior and Seniors
- 2pm**  
Tag Team Races
- 2.30pm**  
Sporting Clubs Challenge
- 2.45pm**  
Novelty Race
- 2.55pm**  
Celebrity Race
- 3.00pm**  
Trophy Presentation – Fire Station Park
- 3.15pm**  
Street Clean-up – All welcome!



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### Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Register

Did you know you can search the street address of a residential property to see if it is affected by loose-fill asbestos ceiling insulation?

Loose-fill asbestos is crushed raw asbestos and was installed in the ceiling spaces of NSW residential properties in the 1960s and 1970s as insulation. If disturbed, fibres can become airborne. Asbestos fibres that are breathed in can pose a risk to health.

In order to provide safety, increased certainty and support to the community, the NSW Government maintains and updates the Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Register (LFAI Register), which enables the broader

community to know whether any particular residential property is affected.

The misrepresentation guidelines include that if a property is listed on the LFAI Register, it is a material fact. This means that, if a premises is listed on the LFAI register, this information must be disclosed by the property manager or self-managing landlord to new tenants.

The standard tenancy agreement also includes a clause to notify tenants if the premises they want to lease is on the Register.

A property is added to the Register once the presence of loose-fill asbestos has been verified. Only



properties that have been confirmed by NSW Fair Trading to contain loose-fill asbestos will be added. Properties can only be removed from the LFAI Register after the premises has been demolished and the site comprehensively remediated. This online register is updated regularly.

Russel Shaw just sent through the latest newsletter from *Acceptance Finance* (see the *Property Insider Business Directory*). Lots of good info yet again, everything from tips for buying a new car to tips for buying your first home, plus the full article on *Why Invest in commercial property* that I have summarised here:

### Why invest in commercial property?

Whether you're a seasoned investor looking for a new opportunity, or you're after other ways to get your foot on the property ladder, a commercial property investment may be worth considering.

In this article, we explore the reasons that people venture into commercial property investing, and some of the areas to be aware of. And if you do decide to go down the commercial route,

we can hook you up with an investment loan that suits your situation and objectives!

#### What is commercial property?

'Commercial property' tends to conjure up images of dusty industrial warehouses, but it's a general term that covers all kinds of property that isn't residential, or is used for some kind of business purpose. That includes everything from offices and retail outlets

to industrial sites and doctors' surgeries. It can even include car-parks!

#### The benefits of investing in commercial property

1. Attractive yields
2. Potential to target growth areas

#### What to watch when investing in commercial property

1. Potentially lower rates of capital growth
2. Associated costs



Russel Shaw

If you decide to invest in commercial property, it's important to have professional advice from your mortgage and finance broker and to check with your accountant about the tax implications before you begin.

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#### 1/68 and 2/68 Parrot Tree Place Bangalow

3 Beds 2 Baths 2 Cars

These two new strata title homes are quality appointed and well designed to embrace a chilled lifestyle. Enjoy solid rentals and depreciation allowances. The idyllic locale is handy to cafés, shops and schools.

**Auction** Saturday 10 June 11am

**View** Wednesday 3pm-3.30pm  
Saturday 11am-11.30am

**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500  
Byron Bay office 6639 1200



#### 5 Colin Street Bangalow

5 Beds 3 Baths 2 Cars

Superbly refurbished, this stunning split level c1920s home with dual occupancy accommodation is stylishly redesigned and presented. This gorgeous haven is on a 816sqm block, a stroll to shops, schools and cafés.

**Auction** Saturday 10 June 12pm

**View** Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm  
Saturday 12pm-12.30pm

**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500  
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## Bundaleer Dreaming!

Lot 1 Bundaleer Lane, Broken Head

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Selling at \$2,950,000



Located 10 minutes south of Byron Bay on the Coast Road towards Lennox Head you will find this once in a lifetime property opportunity. Situated on 15 resort style acres is Bundaleer Retreat which consists of one main



residence, four open plan bungalows, a one bedroom manager's quarters, large shed/workshop, covered BBQ area complete with toilets and cooking facilities, and large resort style pool with waterfall. As you can see, the infrastructure is immense and there is approved council plans in place for an additional five bungalows.

Bundaleer Retreat is for sale strictly by appointment, so if you are in a position to purchase this very unique opportunity and crave an idyllic lifestyle pick up the phone and call the agent to get started.

Approved for weddings.

Agent declares interest.

**Open:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Sam Tancred 0410 746 956  
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## Iconic Mullum Business For Sale

Mullumbimby Disposals

Expressions of Interest



This well-loved family business is a local institution established and serving the community since 1978.

Provides quality camping equipment, travel products, work wear and a range of footwear such as Red Back, Rossi, Keens and Crocs with room for expansion in this area.

This delightful business can easily be operated by a two-person team with no additional staff.

Consider taking advantage of the north coast's rapid expansion and the opportunity to acquire a stable business with excellent turnover.

**Contact:** Rod 6684 2967

## Your Own Sanctuary

2 Palm Ave, Mullumbimby

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\$989,000



This home offers excellent value for those looking for something special. Tastefully renovated, all the hard work has been done, enabling new owners to move in and start enjoying the 'Mullum' lifestyle.



Prime cul-de-sac location, surrounding wildlife corridor, short walk into town centre of Mullumbimby and no impact at all from the recent flooding in surrounding areas. Lush 1176 m2 block bordered by rainforest, low maintenance landscaped gardens and utmost privacy.

Spacious living/dining combined, fabulous kitchen with quality (Miele) appliances and generous storage. Three large bedrooms, an office/media room/4th bedroom, ensuite, main bathroom, separate toilet and sizeable laundry. Features include polished brushbox timber floors, period glass doors, high ceilings, air conditioning, built in wardrobes, plenty of storage, single garage with workshop at rear.

**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Ruth Russell 0402 855 929  
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**PRICE GUIDE**  
\$749,000 - \$789,000



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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View**  
Saturday  
10.00 - 10.30am

**Agent**  
Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
Licensee/Principal  
0411 081 118

**2 Pacific Place, Brunswick Heads**  
**Perfect Coastal Package**

Situated in a quiet corner of the alluring coastal village of Brunswick Heads, this private, renovated, low maintenance brick and tile home is sure to please. Due to its location, set back from the street in a quiet cul-de-sac, the home provides a sense of being in your own hideaway.

You'll love the large, level 782 square metre block with its easy care gardens and privacy. Inside the tastefully renovated home, you'll discover an inviting contemporary designed kitchen with well-appointed stainless steel appliances, including a dishwasher and gas cooktop and plenty of cupboard space.



**JUST LISTED**



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**R&H Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads**  
**6680 5000**

**View**  
Saturday  
1.00 - 2.00pm

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Charlie Markham  
Director  
0437 733 157

**41 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry**  
**Byron Bay Hinterland Magic!**

Set high on Goonengerry Ridge is this amazing 5-acre property offering a range of options - to renovate, extend, or build your dream home. The choice is yours!

- A charming converted hardwood-timber-framed dairy bails offering two bedrooms, open-plan kitchen/meals area, laundry and bathroom (STCA)
- 3-phase power, two separate studios (STCA)
- 2 x new steel 30,000 litre & 1 x new steel 20,000 litre tanks
- Large shipping container with attached undercover work area
- 3 acres fenced for livestock
- D.A. approval for 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home.

# Property



## Commercial Freehold Property

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### 6 Strand Ave, New Brighton

- ✓ High-set Queenslander-style building on level 809m<sup>2</sup> lot.
- ✓ Built in 1991 and has been successfully run as a real estate office for more than 26 years. Now vacant and looking for renewed energy to create a new venture. Built to allow 3-bedroom residential if preferred.
- ✓ Good flow of traffic passing to go to sporting fields, beach, general store, popular eatery and the well-supported Tuesday farmers markets.
- ✓ Plenty of easy off-street parking with bays underneath as well as turning area at rear.

- ✓ Timber decks with good display areas. Possible to have access to three separate areas if required (shared venture stca).
- ✓ Long sandy beach at end of street, tidal river nearby and easy walk to Ocean Shores popular 18-hole golf course and country club.
- ✓ Byron/Ballina and Gold Coast airports within easy drive.

**For Sale by Expressions of Interest, closing 19th May 2017 – Final Week**  
To inspect phone owner 0408 801 594 or email rhondabrowning499@gmail.com



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### Elder Abuse

Australia's population is ageing, and living longer. Age, mental health and medication of an older person can increase their vulnerability and reduce their capability for self-protection. This is fertile ground for abuse to occur.

Elder abuse can be defined as:

- the mistreatment of an older person;
- is usually committed by someone the older person trusts;
- can be financial, physical, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect; and
- is usually an intentional act (or failure to act) that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older person.

There are no mandatory reporting laws for elder abuse in Australia. The most common form of abuse is financial exploitation, with mistreatment and neglect following.

Coercion to revise wills, theft of personal property, forced withdrawals of cash from bank accounts, or pressure to make loans to family and/or caregivers is more common than you might think.

In the majority of cases involving the sudden suspicious death of an older person, the motivating factor has been financial gain.

If you know someone who is being abused, or suspect someone may be a perpetrator, please call Stuart Garrett Lawyers so we can assist.

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## Glorious views, space & elegance

36 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar

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Selling at \$1,445,000



This superb spacious home, on 18 acres, boasts a 180 degree panorama across the countryside to the ocean.

Well designed to make the most of the magnificent views this single level double brick home is built to take full advantage of the subtropical climate and its great position.

You will love the layout, with its 3 living areas, elegant tiled floors and high ceilings, there are numerous areas both indoors and out for relaxation.

The kitchen is at the heart of this home and will satisfy the most enthusiastic cook with its 5 burner gas stove and European appliances and a large formal dining room or smaller snug dining room to either side.



**Open:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Scott Harvey 0412 296 872  
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## Main Arm Magic

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### 891 Main Arm Rd, Main Arm.

Historically flood-free block.  
**For Sale \$759,000**  
Contact Ruth Russell – 0402 855 929  
Email ruth@promullum.com.au

Lovingly updated with new paint inside and out, new roof, new kitchen, two new bathrooms, two bedrooms plus a sleep-out and an office.

There is also a carport and to add to the charm of the property there is an original garage/shed and a pottery studio.



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## Tintenbar

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Auction Guide \$985,000 – \$1,085,000

### JUST MAGIC

42 Phoenix Drive

**Auction Onsite: Sat 3 June 2017**

- Sundrenched and elevated 3 bed, 2 bath home perched gracefully on 1.75 acres (7347m<sup>2</sup>) in the established Phoenix Park Estate in Tintenbar with North-east aspect and distant country views
- Tasteful living, dining and kitchen spaces with timber and terracotta tiled flooring, sunny eastern terrace plus a purpose built undercover, outdoor BBQ and entertaining loggia to the north.
- Large in-ground tank and a smaller reserve tank at the back of the house
- Beautiful established trees and large open lawn spaces complete this pretty as a picture property, with plenty of room for a pool, tennis court or both.
- Close to everywhere, 2 minutes to Tintenbar Store and Medical Centre, School bus stops only 10 mins to Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport.

Agent declares interest

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## AUCTION

54 New City Rd, Mullumbimby



OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday 11-11.45am



## Bohemian Charm

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- \* A charming and quirky home with character
- \* 575m<sup>2</sup> level block with rear lane access
- \* New bathroom, polished floors and rewired
- \* Re-plumbed kitchen plus new stove and rangehood
- \* Artist studio and beautiful gardens

**AUCTION Saturday 3rd June 11.30am**  
**INSPECT Saturday 11-11.45am**  
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- 2 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am

## FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 892 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Thu 11–11.30am
- 89 Wordsworth Street, Byron Bay. Thu 1–1.30pm
- 6A–D/155 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Fri 10–10.30am
- 11/64–70 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Fri 11–11.30am
- 113 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 2–2.30pm
- 54 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 256 Dingo Lane, Myocum. Sat 10–10.30am
- 892 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 10–10.30am
- House 5, 2 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 23 Ann Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 28 Oakland Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 11 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 30 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2 Ironbark Avenue, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 311 Booyong Road, Nashua. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 1533 Nimbin Road, Koonorigan. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 14 Lindsay Avenue, Cumbalum. Sat 11–11.30am
- 13 Madden Place, Cumbalum. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 60 Montwood Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 6 Tara Downs, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 200 North Creek Road, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm

## MCGRATH BYRON BAY

- 1/68 & 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Wed 3–3.30pm
- 5 Colin Street, Bangalow. Wed 4–4.30pm
- Lot 1 'Bencluna', Eureka Road, Eureka. Thur 1–1pm
- 7 Evans Street, Byron Bay. Thur 4–4.30pm
- 5 Dalziell Street, Lismore. Sat 9–9.30am
- 7 Evans Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 5 Wickham Place, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 7 Tinderbox Road, Talofa. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1/68 & 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5 Colin Street, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 18 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 3 Goninan Place, Possum Creek. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 1536 Main Arm Rd, Upper Main Arm. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 1533 Nimbin Road, Koonorigan. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 54 New City Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.45am
- 17 Station St, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.45pm

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- 2 Pacific Place, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am
- 404 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket. Sat 11–11.45am
- Lot 2 Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek. Sat 12–12.45pm
- 41 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry. Sat 1–2pm

## Auctions

### MCGRATH BYRON BAY

- 3 Goninan Place, Possum Creek. Saturday 27th May 4pm



- Proposed 1/68 & 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Saturday 10th June 11.15am
- 5 Colin Street, Bangalow. Saturday 10th June 12pm
- 5 Wickham Place, Clunes. Saturday 10th June 1pm

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- 54 New City Rd, Mullumbimby. Saturday 11.30am

## New listings

### FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 30 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Contact Agent
- The Grove – 332 Picadilly Hill Road, Coopers Shoot. Contact Agent
- Lot 10 Federal Drive, Federal. \$1,495,000 to \$1,550,000

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- 11 Hill Street, East Ballina. Contact Agent
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- 60 Montwood Drive, Lennox Head. Contact Agent



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## Meet you at Tullys



Tullys crew: (L-R) Michael Smith, Morgan Richards, Jasper Tervenski, Nathan Rompotis, Rhys Badcock.

By: Vivienne Pearson

If I were writing this as a work of fiction, Tully would be the name of a dog; a much-loved dog that eats a lot.

For, you see, it was a dog (a much-loved dog that eats a lot) that was the catalyst for two key aspects of the creation of Tullys Café, a newcomer on the Suffolk Park scene.

Co-owner of Tullys, Michael Smith, who has lived a stone's throw from Suffolk Park's pint-sized shopping centre for more than a decade, found himself increasingly aware of the need for more good food options in the area. He had his eye on a great spot for a cafe. It was while buying food for his dog-that-isn't-called-Tully at the SPAR supermarket that he noticed the place was for lease.

Along with business partner, Morgan Richards, he feels fortunate to end up as the frontrunner out of several groups with similar ideas. Michael and Morgan are both builders – Michael of houses and Morgan of ships – and had already teamed up to do shop fit-outs (including The Bolt Hole and the Mez Club). So, while they had the necessary skills for the considerable renovation they took on, they needed other hands on deck for the core work of the cafe.

This is where, like a good literary device, the hungry-but-not-called-Tully dog comes into the story again. It was again while shopping for dog food (clearly a regular event in Michael's life) that he spotted Rhys Badcock, the winner of *Masterchef: The Professionals*. The dog must have effected a good introduction as Rhys is now one of two chefs at Tullys (the other is Jasper Tervenski, formerly of The Balcony).

The combined team is a winner. Tullys is an attractive cafe with an indoor-outdoor feel thanks to outdoor seating and french windows that frame a stunning backdrop of the Tallow Creek forest. The food is top notch and creative, with adventurous specials thrown in ('It could be an American burger one day and fish tacos the next,' says Michael).

Currently open for breakfast/brunch, this is set to change. 'We're looking to start opening nights – we've just had our liquor licence approved,' says Michael. 'We want to be the place serving healthy, good food that locals can come to without having to drive into Byron – all year round, but especially in summer with all the traffic.'

I can now reveal that Tully is the name of Morgan's nephew. 'He's four and a really cool little kid,' says Michael. 'I won't lie, we found it really hard to choose a name for the cafe – we spent days and days before we decided that it doesn't have to mean anything serious and we didn't have to name it something like 'Suffolk Corner'. We like *Tullys* – it's short, it gets quickly locked into people's brains. And the real Tully is pretty stoked – he loses it when he sees his name in big letters on the counter!'

And, in case there are any grammar pedants out there critiquing this article, I have not been remiss; there is no apostrophe in *Tullys*. Lucky this is a Good Life article, not an assessment piece for HSC English.

It is a shame it isn't a work of fiction though. As much as I'm sure I'd love Tully-the-boy if I met him, I'd be happier if Tullys were named after the-big-eating-dog.

**Tullys, Shop 12A, 3 Clifford Street, Suffolk Park.**  
**Open 7am for breakfast and lunch.**  
**Facebook / Instagram: @Tullys**



## Elixiba of life

Story and photos by Vivienne Pearson

When your editor lets you know of a new eatery that transformed his wife from decidedly frazzled to cheerful after a single drink, I know it's worth checking out.

Open since January, Elixiba's name is a play on 'elixir' combined with 'bar'. Ideal, given that all their drinks, including alcoholic ones, contain herbs. Even their beers, specially brewed at the Pickled Pig Brewery in Tweed, contain special ingredients like turmeric, ginger, citrus, nettle or damiana.

Vodkas, liqueurs and plant-based cocktails are also infused with herbs and botanicals. Non-alcoholic herbal elixirs are all presented just as beautifully as the cocktails. 'It's nice for people who don't drink alcohol to have a drink that looks beautiful and makes you feel uplifted and yummy!' says Grace Hosken, Elixiba's general manager.

Food is just as important at Elixiba, which is a plant-based restaurant. 'Some people think they will leave a plant-based restaurant hungry, but everyone finds our meals filling and wholesome,' says Grace.

The breakfast menu is certainly full of substantial dishes: a Buckwheat Crepe that is topped with a chickpea feta smash along with asparagus, beans and kale; and a Cauliflower 'Scrambled Eggs'. 'It's my favourite breakfast ever!' Grace declares.

One menu covers lunch and dinner. The entrees are more delicate – like coconut 'calamari' and tea-smoked mushrooms. The main meals are back to substantial – super salads, macro bowls and burgers. Burger patties are made from a mix of shitake mushroom, chickpeas and other secret ingredients. The bun is paleo bread.

Everything at Elixiba is gluten free (apart from some of the beers) and those with allergies are likely to be able to eat with ease, given the absence of dairy products and an avoidance of allergy-provoking nuts. (Do check in with staff before ordering if you have an allergy though.)

Almost everything is made from scratch on the premises, including burger patties and paleo bread, herb tinctures, vodka infusions, chai syrups and herbal tea blends.

The interior of Elixiba is as unique as the food and drink offered. Whimsical wooden tables and chairs, hand-carved from camphor laurel, purple cushions and plenty of plants make for a magical place to eat. Small groups will love to tuck in to one of the nook-style booths. Easily overlooked, but fascinating once you notice, is a wooden carved topographical map of the region that forms the front of the bar, complete with a crystal atop Wollumbin Mount Warning.



TOP LEFT – Tom Mossop (bar manager), Grace Hosken (general manager) and Even Seaward (sous chef)

TOP RIGHT – Macro Bowl – photo supplied

MIDDLE – Happiness Elixir

BOTTOM RIGHT – Elixiba Interior



Elixiba's aim is to bring herbs into people's lives. It certainly brings them, in creative, delicious and unique ways, to their food and drink. I hope a visit brings you as much happiness as my editor's wife!

**Elixiba: Shop 10, Feros Arcade (23 Jonson St), Byron Bay.**  
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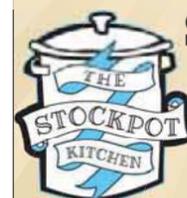


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## Activated Grain Method

Those of you who are health conscious are often a bit uncertain about eating bread and grains. If you are gluten free, you may find some of the commercial offerings a bit dry.

According to Todd Cameron, known to many locally as Stream, 'grinding grains in their dry state into flour prior to cooking with and eating them is not ideal for optimal nutrition. Grains turned to flour quickly oxidise and become rancid while activated grains come to life and increase in nutritional value.'

Stream, who headed up the kitchen at Gaia Retreat for five years and has catered at many festivals locally, says, 'activating whole grains by soaking them prior to cooking makes them perfect for human nutrition'.

He has developed an 'activated grain method' of cooking and is holding classes to teach people how to do it. If you want to learn to make gluten-free activated cakes, breads, super pancakes, sourdough or cookies then you might be interested in the Activated Grain Method cooking classes.

He has also self-published a book called *The Activated Grain Method*. He says that while the method has its 'roots in antiquity', he has been progressively developing this method that uses whole grains, legumes and seeds to create cakes, breads and much more in a new way over the last five years.

According to Stream, the correct use of whole activated grain blends results in moist and fluffy cakes, but to him there is a higher purpose. Stream says, 'The sharing of the activated grain



**Bread. Photo by NellyleComte**  
**Todd Cameron, known to many locally as Stream, says the key to beautiful gluten-free baking is the activated grain method.**

method is for me a contribution to the food world, to our human community and the health of so many who are embracing it. This is a way for people to easily and deliciously embrace optimal nutrition with grains.'

**More info: The class is \$50 and includes a copy of *The Activated Grain Method Cookbook*.**

**Saturday 27 May, Civic Hall, Mullumbimby. 10am-12pm**

**Bookings: [www.activatedgrainmethod.com/events](http://www.activatedgrainmethod.com/events)**



## Wednesday 17 May – Food Producers Panel Night

Once a month Lisa Laing and Penny Loughnan from 'The Gathering' invite a selection of local Byron Bay entrepreneurs to each share their unique story at Combi in Fletcher St Byron Bay.

This Wednesday night (tonight) The Gathering have invited three prominent food producers along to the panel night, for a discussion around the business of making food profitable.

Wednesday's three guest speakers are:  
Eddie Brook – Cape Byron Distillery  
Michael Dask – Salumi  
Matthew Crisp on behalf of – Bread Social

This not-for-profit event is a great opportunity to hear their stories, hear their business tips and be inspired by their success with their businesses, as well as soaking up what they have learned along the way, and learning where their passion and success come from.

After each talk, which will be around 25 minutes, the audience will have 20 minutes to ask questions.

Lisa says, 'This is a great chance to ignite or reignite your passion to chase your dreams and follow your heart to success, with a group of like-minded individuals.'

Tickets are \$20 and include delicious refreshments and nibbles.

**More info: Wed 17 May 5.30-7pm Combi, 21-25 Fletcher St, Byron Bay.**

**Tickets: <https://thegatheringbyron.eventbrite.com>**



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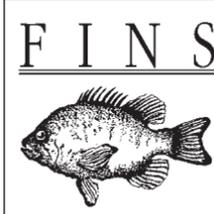
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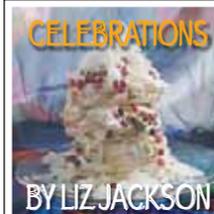
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# SHIVAM RATH & SOUL SANGEET

SHIVAM RATH BEGAN TRAINING IN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC IN VARANASI, INDIA, WITH TABLA MASTER PT CHHOTE LAL MISRA.

Alongside Indian slide guitarist Dr Shibbanath Bhattacharya over 2010-2013 before his tabla teacher died and he shifted from Varanasi to Kolkata in order to perform more extensively on the Indian slide guitar with world-renowned guitarist Pt Debashish Bhattacharya. Shivam has adopted the traditional veena method of using a crystal ball as his slide and aims for crystal clarity in tone and meend (glide).

He has travelled extensively around India and the world, studying and sharing his practices and performance as a yogic discipline. He is part of the Soul Sangeet Vol 5 concert and workshop this weekend.

**How did you find your way to Indian classical music?**

I began my journey into Indian classical music through both my father, who taught me Indian singing - thus naming me *shivam* from birth, and later through my study of yoga, which inspired me to travel to India where I met my father's tabla teacher from 30 years before: recently deceased master Sri Chota Lal Misra from Varanasi. While living in the ancient city and practising my daily yoga as a serious life path I naturally adopted the Indian classical music as just another yogic or spiritual practice. After studying tabla, my teacher taught me that music was no different from chanting mantra or meditating toward one point awareness in order to learn the rhythms and master them without mental effort or requirement.

As a guitarist/singer/songwriter I was interested in melodic Indian instruments too, however, which brought me to the sitar-guitar fusion instrument most commonly known as the mohan veena.

**What was the attraction for you; how or when did you know this was going to be your musical pathway?**

Since I could see the benefit of meditating and practising yoga every day; music became

just an added expression and means to do this in my life through the power of sound. When I began to visit local concerts in India and saw/felt the skill and quality over lifetimes/generations of dedication to the arts. I felt a reverence and respect towards music I had never seen from the West.



The Indian culture is not only using music as a means for entertainment but as a spiritual platform of connection and service somewhere from the natural universe back to its natural source. The philosophy of raga (Indian scales) can explain this more fully and the improvisational base of its music, which blends the act of freedom in solid form; starting meditatively slow, subtly and simply and then progressing to fast, loud rhythmical and highly complex movements

**How do you blend the ancient with the new?**

Indian music itself is always evolving and playing with new instruments that come into

its territory such as the harmonium, violin, cello and now guitar, and in this way it borrows the tones, textures and styles of where those instruments originated from. Since I have chosen the Indian slide guitar as my main instrumental medium, I naturally blend both styles of guitar and sitar into my performance and expression.

I was born in the West and didn't always listen to Indian classical music, so naturally I enjoy other styles of music too and enjoy bringing them into my world of music.

**What is the vision of Soul Sangeet? What does it mean?**

A new-style concert marking this as event #5. It is based on Indian classical and world music. *Sangeet* is sound or music in Sanskrit and follows a deep belief of spirit in sound; hence Soul Sangeet. The term *NadaBrahma*, a famous Sanskrit proverb, underlines the ancient and now modern belief that the world/universe is created, sustained and made from sound. I believe all forms of music are expressions of

our human spirit or our 'soul' and are reflective of its evolution. This title is simply to recognise and acknowledge that regardless of whether it is Indian classical, jazz, flamenco or world music (actually our last Soul Sangeeta session combined one amazing jazz/flamenco guitarist Bart Stenhouse).

**Tell me about the other players.**

Headlining our next event is a world-class sitar maestro Pt Sugato Nag and his daughter Ku Sohini Nag presenting a short traditional Bharat Natyam dance. Coordinating this tour and accompanying us on the rhythmical tabla is Shen Flendell, who is a major benefactor in bringing world-class Indian classical music to Australia and conducts annually the Sangeeta Mela in Brisbane. Supporting also on the night will be myself on the crystal slide aka Indian slide guitar with my own adopted method of using an Himalayan crystal ball for clearer tonal quality and sustain.

**What can people expect from the Byron event?**

Firstly it's going to be held in an exciting new venue known as Studio 93 in the Byron industrial estate with professional catering of Indian food and chai also available. The venue will be used for further performances and workshops with a variety of musicians and teachers from sita, tabla, vocals, guitar etc and combined with group yoga, meditation, dance classes and of course a venue for hire. I will also begin teaching music based on Indian classical and doing regular live music meditations and yoga as my experiences have taught me. I also highly recommend the raga workshop with our coming senior sitar master Sugato Nag for any interested in understanding the structural dynamics of this highly evolved artform. The concert itself promises to be an evening of world-class music event in a small intimate setting, so bookings are highly recommended!

**Soul Sangeet, Vol 5. Sunday at Studio 93, 93 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Workshop 4pm. Concert 7pm. For more information visit <https://www.crystalslide.com/soul-sangeet>. Pre-bookings \$5 off. For further information or venue enquiries call Matty on 0409 584 653 or for event / music info call Shivam 0412 079 983.**

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THE BOTOX TALK

Today Ivy asked me what Botox is. She's eight. She'd found a humorous card on my bookshelf that depicts a 1950s mother and daughter with the caption 'You're never too young for Botox!'. She wanted to know (a) what is Botox and (b) should she be having it?

I am faced with a conundrum. Do I explain irony or Botox? To understand the ironic nature of the card's declaration she needs to understand the larger political and social

implications of mass consumerism and anti-ageing treatments. She's only just got over her fascination with the Disney film *Frozen*. Hang on, was that film metaphorically preparing young girls for the faces of women in their future: *Frozen*?

The whole Botox story is hard to tell. I know she's smart but the story of why women hate themselves is a bit bleak. How do you tell your little girl she's perfect as she is and then tell her how we women butcher ourselves in the name of 'beauty'? Do I also have to tell her about boob jobs and labioplasty? Nose jobs? Forehead reductions? Eye-lid lifts? Liposuction?

Self-loathing is a slippery slope to self-mutilation. No wonder so many young girls self-harm. Although when you pay a doctor to do it I don't think they call it self-harm, I think it's called self-improvement. All roads lead back to Botox. The gateway drug to plastic surgery. Explaining Botox to a child is complex because its very existence carries with it a whole lot of negative associations about ageing that I don't really want to deliver to someone who's just embarked on the ageing process. Sure, I'm happy to kill Santa and snuff out the tooth fairy, but I'm not ready to tell my little girl the truth about what we think about old people. That it makes clever women disappear. That we think wrinkly skin is repulsive.

So I tell her that Botox is a dance step. 'Like the Nutbush. Except when you do the Botox it's a lot stiller because nothing moves.' She's a clever kid and she knows when I'm bullshitting. She rolls her eyes and says, 'Mum, tell me.' God, this is more confronting than the sex talk. 'Botox is something mainly women use because they don't like wrinkles.' This seems like a more age-appropriate response than telling her it's a paralysing nerve toxin

used to render foreheads blank.

I hope she hasn't picked up on the 'mainly women' part of my statement because I'm not quite ready for a Sunday morning discussion about patriarchy, the beauty myth and the consequent oppression of women through cosmetic means. I mean, what is the right age to introduce your daughter to feminist analysis? Ivy is naturally curious. 'Are wrinkles bad?' I say, 'No'. So she says, 'Then why do you need Botox?' I say, 'You don't actually need it. People just get it because they don't like the way their face looks.'

I'm not into Botox and I wish there were more of a conversation around it – but then I'm the first to admit I'm a hypocrite. Sure, I don't do Botox or pump my face with 'fillers', but I do things to alter the way I look all the time. I wear makeup. I dye my hair. I get a spray tan. I wax. I've had fake nails. (But I couldn't stand them because my long nails stopped me depressing the button on the loo and I had to flush by poking it down with a pencil.)

My friends who use Botox say it's a choice. I guess it is. For them.

But what is the dominant narrative created by our choices? And what informs our choice in the first place? If my daughter's choices are informed by a reality created by the choices of my generation, then has she really made a choice? In our Botoxed future is there a place for the wrinkled woman? Or will she just disappear in a whimper of skin?

When I saw Patti Smith at Bluesfest I found myself in tears. I couldn't work out why; then it occurred to me how strange it was to see an older woman who has maintained her currency. A woman – without makeup, with grey hair, no fake tits, no Botox – with loads of relevance and currency, proudly and defiantly declaring old age.

I have drawn a line in the sand and when it comes to cosmetic intervention I have decided to accept the lines on my face. Or at least only cover them with makeup. Or a beard. Or perhaps a late-life conversion to Islam so I can hide those forehead creases and smile lines with a cheeky little burqa. Until then I guess You're Never Too Young For Irony. But beware, it does crinkle your forehead.

LIVE MUSIC



LEGENDARY NEW YORK JAZZ DRUMMER JOE FARNSWORTH'S PRIME TIME QUARTET AT CLUB MULLUM AT THE MULLUM EX-SERVICES ON SATURDAY

DRUMMING UP NYC

Legendary New York jazz drummer **Joe Farnsworth's Prime Time Quartet** is returning for another mind-blowing performance at **Club Mullum** this **Saturday**.

The quartet once again features iconic tenor saxophonist Dale Barlow, bassist Brendan Clarke and Chicago-born jazz pianist John Harkins. Be transported to downtown Manhattan.

Tickets available online through [www.clubmullum.com](http://www.clubmullum.com) or \$25 on the door. Kids under 12 FREE. 7.30pm.

TUNING IN TO YOUR FREQUENCY

**The Band of Frequencies** play the **Hotel Brunswick** this **Sunday** to support the vinyl release of the Foxtel-funded surf doco *Men Of Wood & Foam*.

The soundtrack is killer instrumental, inspired by Phil Jarrett's love of Bud Shank, Dick Dale and some of the early surfer musicians. The Band of Frequencies, with Terepai Richmond on drums (Whitlams, Guy Sebastian, d.i.g.) throw a completely new, funky and improvised tangent on modern surf music.

HAWAIIAN UKE WITH HULA

**Miss Amber and Stukulele's Uke Night** this month has become a Hawaiian Luau with Hapa Haole classics and instrumentals from Aloha Baby plus graceful hula dancing from Hula Tomoka and her troupe. Come dressed in your best Hawaiian outfit for a chance to win a Kahuna massage and be prepared to wiggle those hips when Hula Tomoka teaches you the hula steps for the Hukilau song. Be transported to heavenly islands with moonlit skies. Adults



BAND OF FREQUENCIES AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY



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Hawaiian Uke Night with Hula Dance Lessons – **Thursday 25 May** at **Club Mullum** from 6.30pm.

PLAYING FRACTURED

*Fractured* is a showcase of northern NSW femme fatales with a range of entertainment from live music, dance, electronic music and live art. *Fractured* is a innovative and expressive live piece of performance art, fusing contemporary dance and movement, electronic music and live visual art installation.

*Fractured* explores the notions of the cracks within the human being, and the broken being more beautiful than the complete. With beautiful acoustic stylings from Essie Thomas, an enticing dance performance from Alikeen Killer, alluring DJ performance from Alkemia and Orthentix and the *Fractured* live performance, encompassing contemporary dance,

live visionary painting and electronic music from the *Fractured* album, this is going to be an amazing night. Door prizes on the night include a *Fractured* album and *Fractured* bandana. Come down, grab a meal and bring the kids for a great night of amazing local female talent at **Billinudgel Hotel** this **Saturday 5-11.30pm**.

BIRDS OF TOKYO



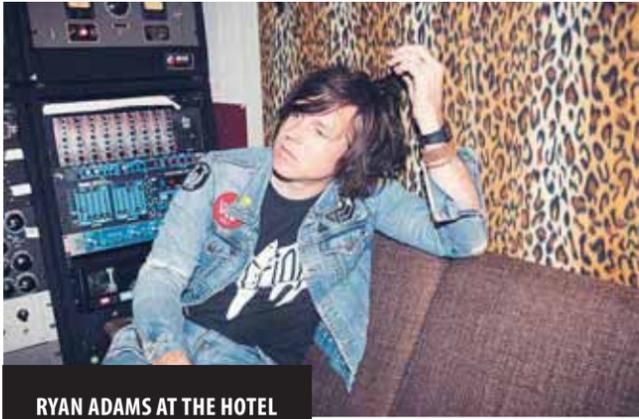
Fresh from winning their fourth APRA award for Best Rock Work, and having recently toured Australia's regional centres with their sold-out Harlequins tour, **Birds of Tokyo** have just announced a handful of shows in southeast Queensland and northern NSW.

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## GRAMMY-NOM SINGER AT THE NORTHERN

Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter **Ryan Adams** will hit Australia and NZ on his biggest Australian headline shows to date in May. Adams will also perform an exclusive, intimate headline show in Byron Bay at The Northern Hotel on Wednesday. Don't miss the chance to see Adams up close and personal in this intimate setting.

Adams's latest album *Prisoner* is being hailed as one of the best of his career to date.

## CHAMPION SOUND

Established in Brisbane in 2007, **Champion Sound** strike the perfect balance between being a forward-thinking community organisation and a truly authentic heavyweight reggae sound system. Promoting justice, positivity, love and unity, Champion Sound aim to provide a platform for not just the marginalised, but to give the whole community a voice – a very LOUD voice.

They are still Queensland's only custom-built sound, and one of a steadily growing handful in Australia. Specialising in reggae, the wholesome and uplifting vibes at any of their sessions are nicely



CHAMPION SOUND AT DURRUMBUL HALL ON SATURDAY

peppered with dancehall and jungle. And it is not only about the chest-thumping basslines, heart-warming mids and shimmering tops.

With their strong focus on community, Champion Sound have assisted youths around the country, from NSW to Cape York, employing local workers, running workshops, programs and events that assist to uplift the marginalised. Champion Sound aim to put into practice what the message of the music that they play – unity in the community. You can clearly hear and feel this any time you catch them in session! Join the family for uplifting forward-thinking music. Authentic Caribbean food will be served. **Saturday at Durrumbul Hall** at 6pm. \$20 on the door.

## SPLENDOUR RELIEF

In the wake of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie and the resulting devastation across the northern rivers region of NSW, Splendour in the Grass auctioned off 50 Flood Relief Gold Passes across four days, with net proceeds raised to be donated to the communities that lost so much.

The results are in, and Splendour in the Grass is thrilled to announce that \$69,067.25 raised will be distributed across the Tweed Mayor's Appeal Fund, Lismore City Council Flood Appeal and the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc in the Byron Shire. Those lucky auction winners will be attending Splendour in the Grass 2017, Friday 21, Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July at the North Byron Parklands. To check what is in store, go to [splendourinthegrass.com](http://splendourinthegrass.com).



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## THINGS HE CARRIES AROUND

WHEN YOU LOOK UP THE WORD *HUMBLE* IN THE DICTIONARY IT SHOULD HAVE A PICTURE OF TROY CASSAR-DALY BESIDE IT.

Across his 30-year career, Troy Cassar-Daley has collected a slew of awards, including four ARIAs, 35 Golden Guitars, two APRA Song of the Year Awards, nine Deadlys and four CMAA Entertainer of the Year Awards. Troy has sold in excess of 450,000 albums and has received gold and platinum records.

*Things I Carry Around* is the album he made to accompany the book by the same name about his life. But while he loves songwriting, sitting down and bashing out his life story was another matter altogether.

'It started out carthartic and ended up a real pain the arse,' laughs Troy.

'You get sick of talking about yourself. It would be different writing about someone else! It feels like when you pull something apart and you can't put it back together again. I have pulled the engine down, now I don't think I can get it up and running!

'I started writing in the middle of a busy tour. I'm trying to write a book in the back of a car with an iPad. I said to my wife this is not happening, so I came back from Tamworth and said these next two months are going to be just the book, just me on the lounge with the dog, getting a coffee, sending them to the ghost writer.'

Cassar-Daley makes no bones about using a ghost writer. And while that cleaned up some of the mistakes or pitfalls of a novice, he was mindful that his 'voice' still came through.

'The danger is that you can lose your voice with a ghost writer. Tom understood completely.'

2016 was a big year for Troy who, in retrospect, looks back at a year that could have ended his marriage.

'I was doing too much. My wife warned me. The hardest thing was watching my relationship go crappy and seeing it have an effect on our lives. It started out as a great idea but I learnt a lot about the family. I found myself out there on the road

and I wanted to be back home as soon as I could. You realise as you get older that you aren't as tolerant as you thought you were. I thought I was pretty tolerant but it was a good learning curve and I realised it was hard on Laurel (his wife).

'She said, I am tired of reliving your life.'

'I was in a shitty situation with my step-dad; I wanted to shoot him when I was rabbit shooting. I put that in the book. Not even mum knew that.'

'Mum said, Gee you got up to stuff I never knew you did.'

'I said, I couldn't tell you that!'

An Indigenous man hailing from Grafton, Cassar-Daley found himself accepted from the get go in country music.

'The race card was never used – I just got taken on as a musician who could play anywhere.'

And play anywhere is exactly what he did.

'I never had a well-paying job anywhere ever; I was used to being broke. I would go from one gig to the next, and I would do lots in between like we all do; I chipped in tea tree plantations, any job that was going I was ready to do it. I was happy being broke. Every time I sat in the car on my bum I was up for an adventure. Lived in South Golden Beach for a while; the woman I lived with asked how do you keep going. I said I just love it. Lots of people who whinge about not getting what you want, probably not working hard enough for it.'

In January this year Troy Cassar-Daley was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

'I was gobsmacked with the induction,' says Troy. 'I had my kids there, and we're still just cool enough for the kids to hang around, being country daggy dad, but this time round, for them to be there for that it was just incredible; it made a lot of people back in Grafton proud. I am one of the kids who used to touch those plaques in Tamworth, and now I am on them. It closed a circle for me. The times I spent growing up and being encouraged on the north coast have been the things that I treasure.'

This year is about managing his time. About focusing on his family. And getting the balance right.

'We blokes are dumb to see what's going on; takes us four red flags. It's not that you're dumb; you just don't pick up on stuff. This year is a whole lot better. I think that's the most important learning curve. We change, we are like a tree, we continue to grow...'

'I don't worry about what everyone else thinks as much now. I used to worry a lot more about my music, but these days, I don't. I am happy with who I am.'

'What people will see in Ballina is the warts and all. It's a really honest show, up close and personal.'

**May 28 at Ballina RSL.** Doors 2.45pm with show at 3.45pm. Tickets available from the club 6681 9500 or at [www.ballinarl.com.au](http://www.ballinarl.com.au).

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# A MAN APART IN BELLO

BRITISH SINGER/ SONGWRITER BEN OTTEWELL HAS ANNOUNCED THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF HIS THIRD SOLO ALBUM *A MAN APART* ON 25 MAY.

The former Gomez vocalist will tour Australia soon after its release, taking in major cities across Australia as well as the Bello Winter Festival in Bellingen.

**After years of touring and working in a band, how is it now to stand, as your third solo album declares, 'A Man Apart'?**

I've been playing solo on some level now since 2011 when Shapes and Shadows came out and Gomez have been on a break for three years, so it's kind of become the norm for me now. It's definitely different without the safety net of the band, particularly live, as I'm no longer part of this 10-legged beast. The shows are more intimate and there's nowhere to hide. It's also different writing and recording without the guys. There was always a sense with the band that I was writing more universally, as though representing Gomez, the solo songs are a little more direct, or feel that way.

**You move across genre like it's a road trip and you're crossing borders in the night. What is your take anyway on this concept of an artist being a proponent of a particular 'genre'?**

It's tricky as influences, musically or otherwise, shape so much in terms of style and expression that sometimes I think that even if I tried not to, I'd end up sounding like me, particularly with my voice. I think if it feels right musically, if it serves the song, do it. I don't really judge in terms of genre; if it's good it's good.

**Tell me about the songs on the album. How did you write them?**

I'm not much of a craftsman when it comes to songwriting, never really give myself a brief or attempt to write a certain kind of song. I'm more in the Keith Richards school of waiting for them to come to me. This time round I started three or four of the songs on these little guitarles that I'd purchased for my then-7-year-old twin boys. They're a cross between a guitar and a ukulele

and have a really interesting dry tone. I certainly got more use out of them than the kids did.

**How did recording in LA and Sheffield influence the shape of the songs?**

Not sure. They're both places with which I have deep connections, both musical towns, both places where I feel comfortable creatively. Need a test case – perhaps I'll record the tunes again in say Vienna and Timbuktu – who knows, might be exactly the same.

**Tell me about your relationship with co-writer Sam Genders. I imagine it's quite 'special' to find someone you can write with. How does the collaboration make your songwriting better, or perhaps different?**

I've known Sam literally since I was nought. We grew up together in a small Derbyshire village called Bonsall; strange really that we both ended up in music. He's exceptionally talented and there's a trust there which I find important. With collaboration the rule for me is to find people who are better than you; don't let ego get in the way; makes things better.

**How do you move the music from the album to the stage? Do you lose much in translation?**

Well at the moment I'm playing solo, just me and a guitar, so it's different from the record and you lose the drums, bass and keys immediately. The songs are stripped back to pretty much how they were written; same with the Gomez tracks I play but I think they translate well. At first with the acoustic shows I'd rattle through the tunes but I've learnt a little more about dynamics of an acoustic show. Crowds are different too. When I first started playing solo I think 50 per cent of the crowd were expecting a Gomez show, came to get pissed, throw beer about and dance. People get it a bit more now.

**You've had what you call a '20-year run'. How has your approach to music and being in the industry evolved in that time?**

My approach to music is surprising pretty much the same. Dealing with the industry is a different universe. People used to buy music.

**What should we expect for your performance at Bello Winter Music?**

Something good.

**Ben Ottewell plays Bello Winter Music Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July. For tickets and program info go to [bellowintermusic.com](http://bellowintermusic.com).**

## POPPING BYRON

Byron Bay's Surf Alley comes alive this weekend when a team of Byron's most talented street artists transform the area off Jonson Street that was once nicknamed 'spew alley'. This is the first of what is planned to be a series of laneway activations and the vision is to make these places buzz with creativity and community engagement. The event will encompass live art, street food, bar, music, cool lighting, green walls, bespoke sustainable furniture, Live Ideas Program, and much more. The event creates a platform for emerging artists who would not otherwise have an opportunity to engage with the local community, launching The Fresh Air Gallery: a live street art gallery that will be a game-changer for community engagement with art. Bringing the gallery to the street, Fresh Air Gallery is an innovation born of Byron Bay-based artist Nitsua, promoting accessible arts, sustainability, philanthropy, and performance. Saturday will also see a Live Ideas Program in the style of TED talks where artists and community members share their vision and experience of making art. Popped launches this Friday at 5pm in Surf Alley, Byron Bay CBD. Tickets are \$10 each, per person per session, and can be purchased via [www.poppedcreative.com](http://www.poppedcreative.com) or at the door. **Saturday's Live Ideas** runs in the Laneway over 12-3pm.

## UNFUUCK THE WORLD

Imagine... a Rockwiz-style event with Mark Swivel as MC (fresh from Melbourne Comedy Festival) rockin' it with local band Mercy-Mercy, showcasing the innovative ideas from everyday people for positive local actions to 'unfuck the world'!

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To vote for your favourite 'unfuck the world' idea go to [unfucktheworldbyronbay.wordpress.com/](http://unfucktheworldbyronbay.wordpress.com/). Voting closes 31 May.

**SURF ALLEY COMES ALIVE WITH POPPED THE LANEWAY ACTIVATION ON JONSON STREET THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

## COMEDY IN THE SUN

Nick Sun emerged from the suburbs of Sydney during 2004 and quickly became one of the hottest comedy prospects on the scene. In a stellar career acceleration Nick made it to the prestigious invite-only 'Just For Laughs' comedy festival at Montreal and returned to the UK for a full season of shows at Edinburgh just a year later.

This winner of the RAW Comedy national competition was also the only comic to take out the UK comp for *So You Think You're Funny*. Amazingly he took on the best the UK had to offer and went on to become the national champion of that event as well.

This resulted in a unique double for Nick, winning both Australia's and the UK's top comedy competitions in the same year – a feat not before achieved. Nick Sun brings his unique, existentialist, sometimes politically incorrect perspective to the stage sharing the unique insights from this very Aussie bloke of Tibetan parentage. Nick Sun is the MC at this month's **Home Crafted Comedy at the Byron Bay Brewery** on **Thursday** at 8pm. Free entry. Come and see the best in show on the local comedy scene!

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**NICK SUN MCS HOME CRAFTED COMEDY AT THE BYRON BAY BREWERY ON THURSDAY**

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**♈ ARIES:** This week's planetary quartet in fire signs (Venus, Uranus, Saturn, North Node) supports courageous, life-changing decisions and determined focus on finishing what needs completing before laying the foundations of a long-range plan. Only no-no? Don't overdo, overcommit or go overboard: in speech, spending, socialising, even supporting others.

**♉ TAURUS:** Your boss planet in passionate Aries is presently presenting you Venusian hotties at your most sizzling. And when articulate, eloquent Mercury joins the sun in Taurus later in the week for a welter of talkfests, a buzz of interactive outreaching and networking, ask for what you want. You'll get it.

**♊ GEMINI:** With the moon's north node taking centre stage in the sign of flaming creativity, best be directing your own movie. Don't like what's currently showing? Ditch the script. With your mentor planet Mercury in Taurus, watch Stubborn Twin doesn't get caught up arguing and miss that rich opportunity trying to attract Opportunist Twin's attention.

**♋ CANCER:** Not an auspicious week to take things at face value, believe everything you hear or act on information without confirmation. Even something that seems sound or looks good on paper will probably still need a road test and further research. Trusted friends and experienced professionals are your best sounding boards and reality checks.

**♌ LEO:** The zodiac's lunar north node in your vibrantly creative sign for the next year-and-a-half delivers a high dose of exuberant self-expression, inspirational brainstorming and impromptu displays of effervescent brilliance. Naturally there'll be the usual challenges, but this is a peak cycle for taking giant forward strides on your life path.

**♍ VIRGO:** Mercury's entry into Taurus has pretty much everyone thinking about money, discussing how to manage it, grumbling over costs and transactions. Your gripes might concern unexpected expenses or unscheduled visits – especially now the north node's shifted from your sign into your zone of privacy, retreat, imagination and soul growth for the coming eighteen months.

**♎ LIBRA:** This week calls for more than shortcuts and easy solutions. So select from the generous cosmic smorgasbord on offer, and counterbalance the energies of your guiding planet Venus who invites, with Mars, whose energy animates. Your reward? Great late-week shopping off the beaten track on the site less travelled.

**♏ SCORPIO:** The moon's north node in Leo for the next year-and-a-half deluges you with opportunities to shine your light in the world and be paid for it. So don't let stubbornness or too adamant a stand become a stumbling block this week; the greater challenge is engaging your adversary into becoming an ally.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** As previously go-slow conditions show decided signs of life again, remember the present pace is still Tauran, ie: bull not racehorse. You aren't the zodiac's most patient sign, so whoa Neddy! Don't let the negative expectations of experience or past history undermine present relations and communications on Planet Sag.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** While this week's information mightn't be intentionally misleading, it could still be convoluted and easily misconstrued. If depending on others entails frustrating delays, do your best to minimise friction or cranky crosscurrents. And remember there's no need to reinvent the wheel – just find ways to improve on what you've got.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** Even with a compatible Mars/Venus aspect, don't take it for granted this week that others understand you – you'll have to spell it out. Better still, give practical examples. During late-week Aquarius moon, who better than you to ingeniously combine old with new and tradition with innovation into something simultaneously unique and profitable.

**♓ PISCES:** If the material world weighs too heavily, this weekend's Pisces moon might find you emotionalistas weary of over-emphasis on mundane matters and ambitions. But we're all in this dream stream together, so use your slippery-fish genius to undermine the communal spell by inviting your cohorts to slither hither for some play time.

# SHINING LIGHT IN THE DARKROOM



Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Susan Faludi is on her way to Byron Bay for a special out-of-season event for Byron Writers Festival at Byron Theatre on 31 May.

Faludi is the author of *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction; *Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Man*, and *The Terror Dream: Myth and Misogyny in an Insecure America*. Her most recent book, *In the Darkroom*, a memoir on her transgender father and a meditation on identity in its many forms, won the Kirkus Prize for nonfiction and was named 2016 *New York Times* Book of the Year.

Here Susan gives *The Echo* a bit of insight into the things that make her tick as a writer

### Describe where you write.

I am pretty set in my ways when it comes to where I work. I write at home at my desk most days – or on occasion in the library – I'm not one of these people who can type away at a noisy cafe, alas.

### What book made the greatest impact on you as a child?

Too many to name, but to pick two from my very early childhood: Louise Fitzhugh's *Harriet the Spy*, which gave me permission to be a nosy journalist and got me started early (grade school!), and Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, which, like *Harriet the Spy*, offered up the powerful image of a girl in possession of an independent and intensely curious mind.

### What author living or dead would you most like to meet, and what would you like to know?

George Eliot and Virginia Woolf. I'd love to know what Eliot, the brilliant social analyst of her age, would make of the troubling era we find ourselves in now. And I would love to know what Woolf would make of 21st century feminism.

### Who should we be reading?

I don't like to dictate what anyone should read. But I would encourage those grappling with the frightening right-wing resurgence in America and Europe and the doublespeak of its faux-populist leaders to revisit Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism* or, well, just about anything by George Orwell.

### What are you working on now?

I'm returning to a former writing project about the fate of an American radical environmental movement, which I began and put down some years ago – and which seems all the more relevant as we grapple with the spectre of climate change and the terrifying implications of our failure to take care of the planet.

Susan Faludi will be at Byron Theatre as part of a double-bill event with Canadian writer and storyteller Ivan Coyote, **Wednesday 31 May at Byron Theatre.**

Session one: 6–7.15pm SUSAN FALUDI in conversation with Zacharey Jane about her prize-winning memoir, *In the Darkroom*.

Session two: 7.45–9pm IVAN COYOTE acclaimed storyteller and award winning author of *Tomboy Survival Guide*.

Tickets \$30/\$45 from the website at [byronwritersfestival.com](http://byronwritersfestival.com) or 6685 5115.

## CULTURE

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STEVEN J WHITELEY HEADLINES THE BIG GIG AT THE BALLINA RSL ON THURSDAY 25 MAY

### CREAMING IT AT THE BIG GIG

More than 400 people celebrated the Ballina RSL Big Gig's tenth birthday last month with a stellar performance by headline comedians and a pie in the face to MC and co-founder Mandy Nolan. This month sees **Steven J Whiteley** take the stage as the Big Gig headline. Steve has been performing standup comedy for more than 10 years. He's travelled to every corner of the country, and performed at nearly every major festival Australia has to offer. His highly successful Adelaide Fringe and Melbourne International Comedy Festival shows, *Natural Born Komedian* and *Natural Born Komedian 2 – Born Again*, attracted the attention of Mary Tobin, who asked Steven to compere one of her productions *The Best of the Ed Fest*, with none other than Stephen K Amos and Ed Byrne. He has been described as 'the bogan prince of comedy'. Mandy Nolan's Women Like Us co-star Ellen Briggs jumps up as support and the big cream pie herself, Mandy Nolan, will be there as MC. Don't miss comedy at the **Big Gig on Thursday 25 May at 8pm. Free.**

### STARS OF DANCE

The long-awaited Stars of **Byron Shire Dance For Cancer** is back into its second year after the successful launch to a

sell-out crowd in September 2015. Based on the idea of a popular television show, Stars of Byron Shire will once again see high-profile Byron Shire business people teaming up with local dance teachers to learn a choreographed routine.

The local stars are Byron Shire councillor Basil Cameron, Jo O'Connor from Australia Post, Kim Dowling from Ocean Shores Tavern, Amanda Allen from Crossfit Byron and Danny Salfeld from Bay FM.

They will be partnering up with Candice Leigh from Pole Catz, Clement Maura and Joanne Suter from Passed School of Afro Latin Dance, Hayley Sturgess from Dance Lab AU, Issara Ketkul from Funky Moves Dance Studio and Susan Tsicalas from Brunswick Valley Bootscoters. So get ready to watch local stars dance the night away at the upcoming gala charity event on **17 June** at the **Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.**



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REVIEWS

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

ALIEN: COVENANT

The lasting impression made by *Prometheus* (2012) was that director Ridley Scott is more comfortable in ancient Rome than outer space. Confused and confusing, it was ordinary at best.

He has gone some way towards redeeming himself with its sequel, even allowing for the fact that the last forty minutes are taken up with the Big Fight – for it to be repeated ad nauseam in films such as this suggests that there must be a hell of a lot of punters out there who find it exciting; I don't. (Or maybe it's just a case of the CGI guys being like kids with their toys.) The story is set in the year 2114, with the spaceship *The Covenant* carrying 3,000 sleeping colonists from Earth to a planet in another galaxy.

A malfunction leads to the captain's death, whereupon the less-loved Oram (Billy Crudup) takes control of the mission. Among the crew is Walter (Michael Fassbender), the latest model android – his doppelgänger, David, from the previous generation, has evolved into an omnipotent megalomaniac ruling his own world. Tempted by the siren song transmitted from an unknown source (John Denver's *Country Road*, *The Covenant* changes course to investigate. Big mistake. When a party from *The Covenant* finds where the tune is coming from, all hell breaks loose. For sci-fi fans, this is probably the most riveting segment of the movie and,



even if the genre is not your cup of tea, the appearance of the first alien, bursting from within the body of its human host, is pretty impressive. Without doubt, it's the most grotesque creature ever imagined by any art department – naked, with a satanic tail and a bulbous head with hideous teeth (but no genitals), its numbers multiply fast to attack the trapped crew.

The narrative is easier to follow than it was in *Prometheus* and Scott does not get bogged down again in questions about God and creation, but there's only so much a non-tragic can take and, in the end, I was worn down by it.



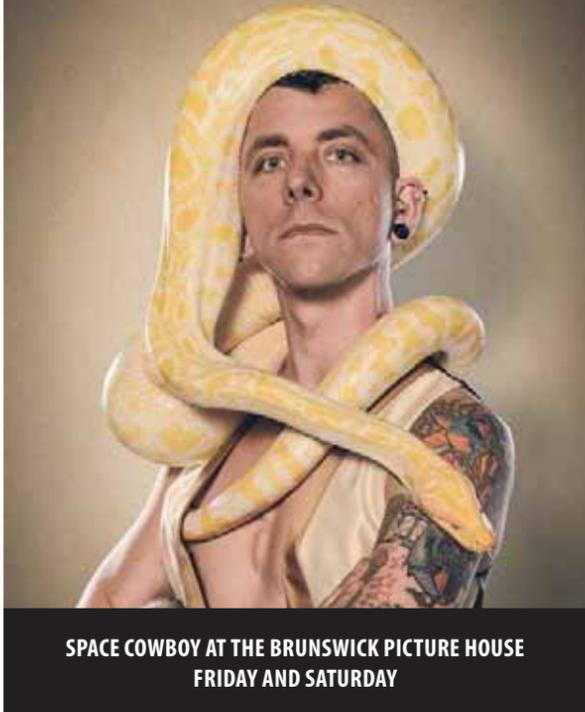
SNATCHED

It's not every day that this reviewer agrees with a movie's rating out of 10 on IMDb, but the 2.2 for this vile little concoction is hard to argue with. The title's nasty double entendre probably says it all – girls can be as crude as boys. Isn't that impressive? In what is a vogueish but stone-cold unfunny comedy, we have Amy Schumer doing her gross-is-chic shtick and a vaguely human Goldie Hawn as her mom being kidnapped while holidaying at a Caribbean resort.

Schumer's Emily has just been dumped by her boyfriend and sacked from her job, while her mother is a paranoid agoraphobic divorcee. The less said about Jeffrey (Ike Barinholtz), the idiot brother who is hysterically dependent on his mumma, the better – he really is a poorly drawn character and Barinholtz's performance is appropriately dreadful.

The script overall is a crock and one can only hope that Katie Dippold is the

writer's nom de plume. After the laborious set-up and abduction, the pair find themselves in the badlands of Colombia (how did they get there?), fleeing from a stereotypical Latino hood whose nephew Emily has killed with a shovel. At one point they are running through the jungle with a mysterious bloke who helps them out for a while before being killed off, and then they are taken in by an indigenous tribe at an outpost where the mission doctor pulls a tapeworm from Emily's throat. Implausible is one thing, but downright ridiculous is hard to cope with in a plot that is no more than a vehicle for Schumer to deliver routines. Among all the squealy slapstick and blunt visual gags – Schumer bares her nipple and hoiks her leg onto the sink in a toilet to clean her vagina when on a date (yawn) – the guy who gets the most laughs is the harried State Department official in Washington (Bashir Salahuddin). The best bit is at the end when Billy Idol's *Dancing With Myself* gets cranked up as accompaniment to the credits.



SPACE COWBOY AT THE BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

HOLD THAT SPACE

The holder of 43 Guinness World Records, *The Space Cowboy* leads the frontier of extreme performance. His bizarre demonstration highlights the incredible power of the human mind and the physical body. Making international headlines and performing to sellout crowds, The Space Cowboy returns to **Brunswick Picture House** with an updated show and a few new surprises and twists. **Friday and Saturday** at 7pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2pm. TICKETS: Adult \$25 | Concession \$20 | Child (3-15) \$15 | Family of 4 \$60. Tickets go to brunswickpicturehouse.com.



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*Life, Animated* is the inspirational story of Owen Suskind, a young man who was unable to speak as a child until he and his family discovered a unique way to communicate by immersing themselves in the world of classic Disney animated films. This emotional coming-of-age story follows Owen as he graduates to adulthood and takes his first steps toward independence. Owen was a thriving three-year-old who suddenly and inexplicably went silent – and for years after remained unable to connect with other people or to convey his thoughts, feelings or desires.

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SPICE OF LIFE

Tracey Spicer was always the good girl. Inspired by Jana Wendt, this bogan from the Brisbane backwaters waded through the 'cruel and shallow money trench' of television to land a dream role: national news anchor for a major network. But the journalist found that, for women, TV was less about news and more about helmet hair, masses of makeup and fatuous fashion, in an era when bosses told you to 'stick your tits out', 'lose two inches off your arse', and 'quit before you're too long in the tooth'. Still, Tracey plastered on a smile and did what she was told. But when she was sacked by email after having a baby, this good girl turned 'bad', taking legal action against the network for pregnancy discrimination. Tracey will be in conversation with co-founder of the Feminist Writers Festival, Dr Cristy Clark. This is Tracey Spicer full frontal: expect an entertaining, warm, witty and possibly shocking afternoon! **Sunday 4 June** for the **Big Think** at **Lismore City Hall**.

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### THURSDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **GUY KACHEL TRIO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **HOME CRAFTED COMEDY WITH NICK SUN**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **CHEF DE PARTY & FRIENDS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ESSIE THOMAS TRIO**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- FEDERAL HALL 7PM **FEDTALKS: PARADISE LOST? WITH RUSSELL ELDRIDGE, MANDY NOLAN, MICHAEL MURRAY, CR CATE COOREY, MAYOR SIMON RICHARDSON**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **OCEAN SHORES ART COMPETITION OPENING WITH ROD MURRAY & REBECCA DE GAIL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6PM **HILARIOUS JIMBO & GARY THE GOAT COMEDY SHOW**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **LIORA CLAFF & FRIENDS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL **THE ELLIOTTS**
- BROADBEACH BLUES ON BROADBEACH

### FRIDAY 19

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CREO, WHARVES, SQUIDLICKERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **GREG KEW 9PM BAD PONY & NEIGHBOUR**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **KATIA DEMEESTER**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **CRAFTITECTURE ARCHIMEET SEMINAR**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM JON J BRADLEY**
- SURF ALLEY, BYRON 5PM **POPPED ART LANEWAY ACTIVATION & POPUP PARTY**

- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **DIRTY RIVER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6PM **JAEDEN OGSTON**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 8PM **KATIE NOONAN & KARIN SCHAUPP**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **VELSHUR**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THE SPACE COWBOY LIVE!**
- OUTSIDE SANTOS, MULLUMBIMBY 12.30PM **STOP ADANI RALLY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 4PM **NORTHERN LIGHTS YOUTH EVENT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SOREN CARLSBERG TRIO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **LUKE VASSELLA**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **ROD MURRAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 7PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **ANGELO PASH**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- YAMBA GOLF CLUB 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **LONEWOLF**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **DOUG PARKINSON**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BROADBEACH BLUES ON BROADBEACH
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

### SATURDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BLEACH GIRLS, LOS SCALLYWAGGS, CACTUS, DJ WADEEP**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BB FACTORY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **KARIN PAGE TRIO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **GABRIEL OTU ORCHESTRA**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ KYLE WALKER 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- SURF ALLEY, BYRON 12PM **POPPED LIVE IDEAS PROGRAM 5PM CLOSING EVENT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6PM **GREG KEW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **WIL MASSEY BAND**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM & 7PM **THE SPACE COWBOY LIVE!**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **ARCHIE RYE**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM **GUY KACHEL**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **BELLA MAREE**
- CLUB MULLUM 7.30PM **JOE FARNSWORTH'S PRIME TIME QUARTET**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **CEREBRATION OF ONENESS THROUGH MUSIC JOURNEY**
- DURRUMBUL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **HEARTICAL HI-POWA MEETS CHAMPION SOUND**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 5PM **NNSW FEMME FATALES' FRACTURED LAUNCH**

### SUNDAY 21

- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BRIAN WATT BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **PAUL MULQUEEN**
- HENRY ROUS HOTEL, BALLINA 9.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LISMORE SHOWGROUND 9AM **GEMFEST**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **MONEY SHOT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL 2PM **ERIN 7PM MANOA BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **VERTIGO**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ JASON**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **SARAH & JOCK DUO**
- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA **THE ELLIOTTS WITH JOSH HAMILTON**
- CABARITA BOWLS & SPORTS CLUB 7.15PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **EUREKA FUNK DUO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **HARRISON CRAIG**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **BACKTRACKIN DUO**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **KINGS OF THE SUN + SPECIAL GUESTS**
- BROADBEACH BLUES ON BROADBEACH
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK 8PM ELEMENTALS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **REBECCA DE GAIL & ROD MURRAY**

- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **AMADEUS BY PETER SHAFFER**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **DJ ALWAYS & DJ NEW KID IN TOWN**
- STUDIO 93, BYRON A&I 7PM **SOUL SANGEET VOL 5 WITH PT SUGATO NAG, SRI SHEN FLINDELL, SRI SHIVAM RATH, BHARATANATYAM DANCE**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **OOZ**
- BANGALOW **BILLYCART DERBY**
- BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL 9AM **MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9AM **HOMEMADE JAM**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **BAND OF FREQUENCIES + PHIL JARRETT'S SURF DOCO MEN OF WOOD & FOAM**
- CLUB MULLUM 12PM **MULLUM COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- SERENE EARTH SANCTUARY, YOCUM 7PM **SOUL SANGEET WITH PT SUGATO NAG, SRI SHEN FLINDELL, CHATURANGUI, SRI SHIVAM RATH, KU SOHINI NAG**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **BEN PURNELL TRIO**
- BALLINA MARKET **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- UKI MARKET 9AM **RAKU O'GAIA + SPECIAL GUESTS**
- LISMORE SHOWGROUND 9AM **GEMFEST**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 2PM **JOE FARNSWORTH**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **LIQUID AMBER 7PM CECILIA BRANDOLINI**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CUB 3PM **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 4PM **THE ELLIOTTS WITH JOSH HAMILTON**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 12PM **ROCK'N'RECOVERY MAYOR FLOOD APPEAL WITH ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS, LIVING IN THE 70S, JB & THE SAFEWORDS, KINGS OF THE SUN, HERE BE MONSTERS, THE MEERDOGS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **THE PRELOVES**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 3PM **FAT ALBERT**

- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- BROADBEACH BLUES ON BROADBEACH

### MONDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FINTAN CALLAGHAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20' REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**

### TUESDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJS JAMIE, SLHTTE, 4 EYES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**

### WEDNESDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **RYAN ADAMS + MIDDLE KIDS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FERGO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- BYRON BOWLO **MUSICAL TRIVIA**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **POLITICS IN THE PUB: NEW NARRATIVES FOR A POST NEOLIBERAL FUTURE WITH PROF JOE CAMILLERI**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- THAI BY NIGHT 6.30PM **BOB HOWLETT**

## WHAT'S ON

### 'CRAFTITECTURE' - ARCHIMEET SEMINAR

Friday 19 May, 10am - 5.30pm  
Bookings essential, check website for details



### GABRIEL OTU ORCHESTRA - A TASTE OF AFRICA PRESENTED BY HAPPY AFRICA ART

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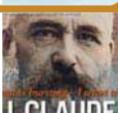
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## Kathleen Nelson

8.2.34 ~ 10.5.17

Passed away in Byron Bay

Family and friends are invited to Kath's funeral service and celebration of life to be held at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Byron Bay on Friday 19th May commencing at 11am

## ANDREW 'BLUEY' BALFOUR

Late of Billinudgel.

Son of Bob & Val. Brother of David and Carolyn.

Passed away peacefully at Tweed Hospital on 13th May 2017.

Bluey's family & friends are invited to an informal farewell gathering at the Tweed Valley Cemetery, 813 Eviron Road, Duranbah on FRIDAY (19th May) at 1.30pm



## LIFE CELEBRATIONS



## BRIAN WILLIAM BRUCE

15 OCT 1941 – 9 MAY 2017

Beloved husband of Margi Loving father of Sam, Amy and Liam Son of Freda and Bill I and younger brother of Don

Brian passed away peacefully at home

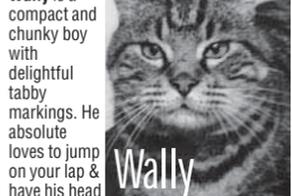
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1st SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777	4th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC	0490 026 840	5th SUN Nimbin	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	<b>FARMERS MARKETS</b>	
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
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
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	0466415 172

☉ First quarter	May 3	14:46
☽ Full moon	May 11	07:42
☾ Third quarter	May 19	22:32
☀ New moon	May 26	05:44

## MAY 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 M	0613	1713	1052	2150	1217, 1.24	0632, 0.43; 1755, 0.47
2 T	0613	1712	1146	2251	<b>0051, 1.74; 1330, 1.19</b>	0740, 0.48; 1902, 0.57
3 W	0614	1711	1235	2351	0157, 1.66; 1450, 1.20	0847, 0.50; 2020, 0.62
4 T	0614	1710	1319		0305, 1.59; 1603, 1.26	0951, 0.49; 2138, 0.63
5 F	0615	1710	1359	0050	0411, 1.56; 1704, 1.35	1045, 0.46; 2247, 0.60
6 S	0616	1709	1436	0146	0507, 1.54; 1755, 1.45	1130, 0.42; 2345, 0.56
7 S	0616	1708	1511	0241	0555, 1.52; 1838, 1.54	1209, 0.39
8 M	0617	1707	1546	0335	0637, 1.50; 1916, 1.61	0033, 0.52; 1243, 0.36
9 T	0617	1707	1621	0428	0715, 1.47; 1952, 1.66	0116, 0.48; 1315, 0.35
10 W	0618	1706	1656	0521	0751, 1.44; <b>2026, 1.70</b>	0157, 0.46; 1345, 0.34
11 T	0619	1705	1734	0613	0825, 1.40; <b>2059, 1.72</b>	0235, 0.45; 1414, 0.35
12 F	0619	1705	1814	0705	0900, 1.36; <b>2132, 1.72</b>	0314, 0.46; 1444, 0.37
13 S	0620	1704	1856	0756	0934, 1.31; <b>2207, 1.71</b>	0351, 0.47; 1515, 0.40
14 S	0620	1704	1941	0847	1011, 1.26; 2243, 1.67	0431, 0.50; 1548, 0.45
15 M	0621	1703	2029	0935	1051, 1.21; 2322, 1.63	0514, 0.53; 1624, 0.51
16 T	0622	1702	2120	1022	1113, 1.23; 2346, 1.54	0600, 0.56; 1655, 0.51
17 W	0622	1702	2213	1106	1136, 1.17	0621, 0.62; 1706, 0.57
18 T	0623	1701	2308	1148	0006, 1.58; 1230, 1.14	0652, 0.58; 1757, 0.64
19 F	0623	1701		1229	0156, 1.50; 1449, 1.19	0847, 0.55; 2018, 0.69
20 S	0624	1700	0004	1308	0300, 1.50; 1557, 1.29	0943, 0.50; 2134, 0.66
21 S	0624	1700	0102	1347	0402, 1.52; 1656, 1.42	1032, 0.42; 2242, 0.58
22 M	0625	1700	0202	1427	0500, 1.55; 1749, 1.57	1119, 0.33; 2344, 0.49
23 T	0626	1659	0305	1508	0555, 1.57; <b>1839, 1.72</b>	<b>1203, 0.25</b>
24 W	0626	1659	0410	1553	0647, 1.57; <b>1929, 1.85</b>	0040, 0.40; <b>1247, 0.19</b>
25 T	0627	1658	0517	1641	0738, 1.54; <b>2017, 1.95</b>	0135, 0.33; <b>1330, 0.16</b>
26 F	0627	1658	0625	1735	0829, 1.50; <b>2106, 2.00</b>	<b>0230, 0.29; 1415, 0.16</b>
27 S	0628	1658	0733	1833	0920, 1.44; <b>2155, 2.01</b>	<b>0325, 0.27; 1502, 0.20</b>
28 S	0628	1657	0838	1935	1012, 1.37; <b>2245, 1.97</b>	<b>0422, 0.29; 1551, 0.27</b>
29 M	0629	1657	0937	2038	1106, 1.30; <b>2337, 1.88</b>	0519, 0.33; 1643, 0.36
30 T	0629	1657	1030	2141	1206, 1.25	0617, 0.38; 1739, 0.46
31 W	0630	1657	1117	2242	<b>0030, 1.77; 1313, 1.23</b>	0716, 0.43; 1843, 0.56

Times are Eastern Standard.

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; Terranova Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431

## Suffolk Park gets new team



Suffolk Park Mini Roos played at home with a new squad in early May on the Baz 'n' Shaz fields. The new U/8 team made many proud, joining the U/9 and U/7 teams for fun and exciting matches. No one can quite remember the scores but everyone had a great time.

## Mixed results for Shores United

Marc Pattern

Shores Juniors were involved in their first ever trip to the new field at Shara Boulevard and the U14s looked really excited for their clash against Casino two weeks ago.

The match was one way traffic, with the Shores kids much too strong for Casino, running out rampant winners 10-2.

All four men's grades were also in action for Shores at the weekend.

The first division Brown Snakes took on the team to beat, Ballina, at home.

Once again injuries to key players meant five boys had to play up from the fourths.

Shores were caught napping early, when Ballina raided down the left side to score.

A fairly even match flowed back and fourth after that.

Tal put a through ball to the flying Jarvis who raced away to beat the keeper as the half ended 1-1.

Shores started the second half stronger when just 30 seconds in, a great goal from the in-form Matt Rowland



First grade goalie Callum Cowan offers safe hands to a corner kick Ballina. Photo Michelle Begg

saw them in front 2-1.

With the match winding down it looked like the Snakes had done enough, but you just can't give Ballina a sniff.

Eleven minutes from time Ballina pushed and equalised then, in a cruel twist with just two minutes to go, the Ballina centre half hammered one, which struck a player on the rear, changed direction and sailed into the open net.

That's twice the Snakes have been in front 2-1 at home, against the 1st division favourites and twice we've been beaten 3-2.

A really even match saw the Shores fourths up against a top notch, Mullumbimby.

The high quality game saw some good football without too many chances.

In the end we missed our chances and they didn't. Mullumbimby, won it 1-0 with the evergreen Hank an absolute rock for the Valleys.

In old boys seventh grade, Shores destroyed Alstonville 7-0 with two goals from Super Ray, even DJ got amongst it with a cracker free kick. The old boys roll on with four wins from four starts.

Go Shores!

## BCPS takes to the sporting fields

Annie Roberts

Girls soccer, cross-country running and cheerleading are all on the sports agenda at the Byron Community Public School.

Our girls recently played in an all-girls soccer gala day in Ballina. Many of the girls had not played soccer before. We played four games and had one win. Our other three games were tightly contested.

Minka showed her true skill by scoring six goals.

The girls had a fantastic outing and had the opportunity to make new friends.

The Whales have also rep-



The BCPS girls soccer team. Photo supplied

resented the school in the NCIS touch football gala day. The kids played really well and, although we did not have many victories, the improvement throughout the day was amazing.

We have also started a cheerleading club with 18 members.

The school had its cross-country and a school team of 40 will travel to Ballina for the NCIS championships.

## Wilkinson fighting hard in Rio



Wilkinson having fun in Rio. Photo WSL/Poulenott

Crystal Cylinders

After a couple of dud results in the last two Australian events Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson is on his way to a solid result at the Oi Rio Pro at Saquarema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Wilkinson seems at home in the tricky beach break conditions on offer and his quick-fire backhand snaps on the wobbly right-hand peaks are getting the attention of the judges.

He seems to be building his performances the further he moves forward in the competition.

A shock exit from ratings leader and current world champion John John Florence has opened the door for the top ten to make up some lost ground and tighten up the ratings leaderboard in what is looking like a unpredictable and eventful year on the WSL CT men's tour.

Likewise on the women's tour the early exit of Stephanie Gilmore, Courtney Conlough and Carissa Moore, along with the powerful win by Tyler Wright here in Rio has rattled some competitor's cages and is making for an exciting close race for the 2017 World Title.

Current champion Tyler Wright returned to the winner's podium for the second straight year in Rio and her third event victory overall in

Brazil.

Wright did so in dominant fashion, leading over runner-up Johanne Defay from the start and never looking back.

Wright's big win takes her into a tie with Stephanie Gilmore atop the Jeep Leaderboard heading into the Tour's next event; the Outerknown Fiji Women's Pro.

Stu Kennedy from Lennox Head left the Oi Rio Pro with an equal 25th place after coming up against an on-fire Connor O'Leary in round two.

It was a clash of mates as O'Leary and Kennedy travel together on the WSL Tour.

### Junior results

Mikey McDonagh from Lennox Head has finished runner-up in the JQS Australasian Series after the final event of the WSL sanctioned Subway Surf Series Pro Junior was held on the Gold Coast two weeks ago.

It was held in 1-metre waves at Duranbah Beach, and McDonagh was again at the business end of the event with a quarter final finish.

Lennox Head's Jack Murray and Byron Bay's Joel Paxton had solid equal thirteenth-place finishes.

Kyuss King from Byron Bay was 17th and Luke Condon from Lennox Head was eliminated in round one.

The competition was the seventh event in the Aus-

traliawide series and some of the best junior surfers from around the world were greeted with excellent conditions for the entire contest.

Reef Heazlewood is the Australasian JQS Champion with Mikey McDonagh in second spot, which secures him a berth representing Australia at the World Junior Championships.

Kyuss came 12th on the final ratings ladder, Jack Murray (Lennox Head) finished 14th, Joel Paxton (Byron Bay) was 20th and Luke Condon (Lennox Head) was 47th.

### Lennox Head surfing history

In 2008 the Lennox National Surfing Reserve was declared a site of environmental, cultural and historical significance to the Australian surfing culture. To mark the 10th anniversary next year, the Lennox Head Heritage Committee and a team of local surfers and writers is seeking photos and recollections reflecting the local transition of surfing between 1958 and 2018.

Images and those fond, crazy memories will be collated into a publication.

No photos are too old or new, and if you can contribute to this history of Lennox Head and adjoining surf breaks, please contact Robyn Hargrave on 0412 660 994.



Mikey McDonagh finished second in the national junior series. Photo Bennett/WSL

## Thousands enjoy Byron Triathlon

Mike Crawley

More than 1,000 participants and an estimated 2,000 spectators were on hand to witness racing over four distances in the Byron Bay Triathlon last Saturday.

The highlight of the event was the inaugural juniors and big kids triathlon that attracted 70 competitors, with many children enjoying their first multi-sport event.

The majority of the youngest triathletes are from local schools and sporting clubs who were keen to have a go at the same race as their parents and friends.

In the main race Josh Amberger brought home the men's title and Holly Grice won the women's division.

Another highlight of the event was the promotion of the organ donation program with double-lung transplant recipient Justin Wall competing the Tempta race.

Having previously suffered cystic fibrosis, Wall received a double-lung transplant just six months ago.

He completed his first-ever event, finishing second in his age group.

The medical team also did a great job to help a 32-year-old male when he collapsed



Travis Coleman battled the pain to take fourth place in the 2017 Byron Bay Triathlon. Photo Jeff Dawson

after the race.

The triathlon raised just over \$10,000 for Byron Bay SLSC, Byron Public School, Byron Tri Club, the Byron Bay Cycle Club and, for the first time, the Byron Bay Lighthouse Fundraising Run.

The triathlon started with an ocean swim in the bay.

The swimmers however encountered challenging sweeps – one north and then one south – despite near-perfect swell conditions.

The road closure around Suffolk Park commenced just after 1pm; but a small number of drivers ignored traffic controllers and proceeded to

break through barriers and drive on the closed roads.

The resulting stresses for athlete safety raised concerns with both police and race organisers, contributed to delays and produced a later road opening.

But the new model cycle course worked and improved most traffic flows.

The police approval for the race was conditional on road closure and personnel in attendance reported they were satisfied that the new model had improved safety levels.

Planning is already underway for next year's event.

## Beez lose and give up grandfinal spot

Jenny Ogle

The Byron Beez basketballers went down to the Ballina Breakers last Saturday night and missed out on a place in next week's grandfinal of the Sunshine Conference.

The younger Ballina team have been watching and waiting and they took the opportunity to overcome the more experienced Beez team.

The Beez were undermanned with senior players and Coach Alvin away and three-pointer stealth bomber Ryan Holm being injured early in the second quarter.

Michael Baggaley played a strong inside game, with big men Luke and Riley holding their own.

Small forwards Riley Flick and Jack Roberts-Field, made some beautiful three-point shots keeping the Beez in the game, while guards Sal, Raj



The Beez lacked sting against Ballina. Photo supplied

and Jack played exceptional ball and forced turn overs and made steals, but it wasn't enough.

The Breakers were in the lead for most of the game and they finished off by pulling away in the last two minutes to win 77-65.

Watch this space: the U/14 and U/16 girls and U/14 boys will play in Northern Junior League games in Port Macquarie over the weekend.

## Bluedogs win 3-1

The Bangalow Bluedogs football team beat Oxley Vale Atunga 3-0 in the fourth round of the FFA Cup played in Coffs Harbour last Saturday.

The Bluedogs started slowly and conceded a goal in the first minute, according to coach Neil Fuller.

But the second half was a different story as the Bangalow side settled into its rhythm and scored three goals.

'In the end it was a comfortable win. We probably should have scored a few more in the second half,' he said.

The winning team was due to backup and play on Sunday, but the game was cancelled owing to bad weather.

The FFA Cup is a national knock-out competition and Bangalow will need to fit the fifth-round fixture into an already busy north coast competition schedule.

The side has only managed to play three games in the premier division this season owing to the weather and has two games to catch up on.

## Giants on a roll after stirring victory

John Campbell

The Mullumbimby Giants have made it three wins from four starts after their 16-10 defeat of the more fancied Cudgen Hornets on Sunday.

By any measure, the game was an absolute ball-tearer.

Miserable wintery weather kept the crowd below the 5,500 that might otherwise have turned up. But those who did, made their presence felt as the contest grew in nerve-wracking intensity. (Les Donnelly Field has never been overly sympathetic towards visiting sides.)

Given the conditions – the floodlights were on shortly after kick-off and it rained throughout – nobody could have anticipated the quality of rugby league that was produced.

It was an old-school arm wrestle and in such encounters the superior pack always prevails.

Notwithstanding a late flurry from the Hornets, who took an hour to register their first points, it was Mullum's forwards who asserted themselves after the kick-off, and just kept going and going.

Led by inspiring captain Sam 'the Pharaoh' Martin, fault could not be found with any of them for their unstinting effort, but special mention must be made of Josh 'the Godfather' Castellano, who contributed massive hard yards to the blue-and-gold cause every time he got



The Giants' five-eight, Louis 'the fly' Earl, gets his kick away at Les Donnelly Field on Sunday. Photo John Campbell

the pill under his arm, and his veteran front-row partner, Dan 'Grecian 2000' Molenaar, a dyed-in-the-wool club man.

Both sides tested each other out early, and Cudgen's Silvertails, obviously unsettled by the resistance they met, started to take a second look at the approaching defence.

Rhys 'Struth' Caruth ran a beautiful line onto a flat pass from half-back Shaun 'the Horn' Carney to open the scoring with a try under the sticks, and centre Troy 'Hector' McArthur registered a second soon after.

When 'Mister' Darcy Earl went over in the corner immediately before the break to make it 16-0, we all realised that an upset was more than a possibility.

What we hadn't quite grasped was that for the Mul-

lumbimby boys it would not have been an upset. This is a side with self-belief and unflinching unity of purpose – the idea that they could not win never entered their heads for one minute.

Even when the Hornets came back at them and reduced the Giants' lead to 16-10, with an uncomfortable nine minutes to go, you sensed that the Giants would not blow it.

They kept turning up for every tackle. Every man kept supporting the man next to them. It was the sort of tireless and uplifting effort that deserves to attract droves of supporters to Mullum's next home fixture.

And our sincerest best wishes are sent to the injured Chase Nelson and his loved ones. Your mates did you proud.

## Byron rugby scores double win

It was a return to wet-weather rugby union and winning for Byron Bay when they hosted Casino at home on Saturday.

The firsts had a solid victory beating the Casino Bulls 40-5.

Craig scored a hat trick of tries and was backed up by Evan with two, while Wallace, Mallory, Baggaley and Dru scored one apiece. James slotted five conversions.

The second grade Sandcrabs had to fight hard to get the their 10-5 win against a determined outfit.

Emotions and adrenalin ran high in the first 15 minutes for the Crabs, who hadn't had a hit out for a few weeks.

The referee took note of this and poor technique and discipline combined with some over-zealous enthusiasm had the Crabs on the back end of the whistle for quite a while.

Captain Roberto Lynch

pulled the boys into line though and the quality rugby the crowd has come to expect from the Crabs started to flow.

The forwards were making good metres and the halves combination of Whitaker and Orme had the backs flowing.

Hawley was a constant threat despite his crook groin.

The big fireman Ridley was flung into the game with Wynter copping a bloody split to the head and showed his potential with a gazelle style 40-metre break with his first-ever touch in senior rugby.

Tries to dynamic French winger Bridon and the mercurial halfback Whitaker saw the Crabs take a 10-0 lead into halftime.

After the break local junior legend 'Hobbit' Colbey made an immediate impact as the Crabs peppered the Casino line.

The massive men 'Crusher' Abbott and 'Old Man

Chilla' Wynter went agonisingly close, being held up over the line.

Ewingsdale's favourite son Mick 'Coondoggy' Cooney couldn't contain himself getting a bit too excited to win the ball and earned himself a 10-minute break on the sideline.

The Crabs had to rally hard with 14 men. Defence is the key to their game. Huge defensive efforts from the likes of Brown and Teuma ensured they held onto the slim lead.

Cooney came back on with some other fresh legs from the bench.

Casino threw everything at them but the Crabs stood firm in the dunes. But with another yellow card awarded, the Bulls got one back, but could do no more.

The Crabs were able to hold on for an outstanding and grinding victory 10-5.



## Regular As Clockwork

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

### Neighbourhood Centre

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

### Low-cost or free 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. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Thursday 9–11am at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILS referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **C3 Care Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

### 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 and Study Group** 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Didi 0408 008 769 for more info. **Byron Mindfulness-Insight Meditation Sangha & Pairoj Brahma:** Tuesdays at The Yurt, Temple Byron, 7pm–9pm. **Healing Meditation** for heart, mind and soul, Sunday mornings in Myocum. Call Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John-0428 991189.

### Landcare

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

### Craft group

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

### Library fun

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

children Mullumbimby – Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

### No-interest loans

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

### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–11. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open Tuesday–Friday 10am–3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Confidential meetings** in Byron Bay 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, upstairs at 75 Jonson Street (stairs beside Westpac Bank). Phone Jane 0410 494 933. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings

call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

### 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 to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–2pm.

### Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

### 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.

## On The Horizon

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### Mullumbimby market

Mullumbimby Community Market Saturday 8am–2pm cnr of Stuart & Myocum Streets. Guy Kachal playing live. No dogs, please.

### Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday 21 May 9am–12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

### Picnic postponed

The Byron Shire Community Volunteer Picnic scheduled for Friday 12 May has been postponed till 23 June 12–3pm. If you are a volunteer or a volunteer manager, please contact the Byron Community Centre on 6685 6807 or email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au for more information.

### U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 23 May 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Kim Elderton will speak about her experience with Mercy

Ships. Visitors welcome! Ring 6685 1732.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

Ron Taylor will take us on a Journey Through Ethiopia at 10am on 23/5/17 in the RSL, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### MARRA AGM

Main Arm Rural Residents Association Inc Annual General Meeting at the Main Arm General Store, Saturday 3 June at 2pm.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Hazrat Inayat Khan, the great 20th century Sufi mystic, presented by Leonie Zubin Shore, Thursday 18 May 1–3pm, at Uniting Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

### Newrybar Fireworks

Newrybar Public School Fireworks and Fair Saturday 17 June, gates open 4pm. Please support our major fundraiser.

### Alateen meeting

Alateen Meeting every Thursday 5–6pm, for ages 8–16 at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, Tweed Heads. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 (cost of a local call) www.al-anon.org.au.

### Biggest Morning Teas

**Mullumbimby Mitre 10** morning tea Thursday 18 May 8.30. Proceeds to cancer research. **Brunswick Valley Cancer Action Group** Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Friday 26 May, 9.30am at the Uniting Church Hall, Mullumbimby. Our theme this year is 'Olden Times on the Brunswick'. All proceeds to the

Cancer Council NSW. **Bangalow Quilters** will host a fundraising morning tea at 10am–12 on Thursday 25 May at All Souls Anglican Church Hall, Ashton St, Bangalow. Entry is \$5 and all funds raised donated to the Cancer Council. Contact Robyn Horney 6687 1245.

### Annual Byron Book Fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire annual Book Fair 10–11 June at the Byron Bay Surf Club. More than 10,000 items, fiction, non-fiction, all interests, lots for children. All funds raised go to our libraries.

### Art gala opening

Ocean Shores Country Club Thursday 18 May at 6pm. Join us for a complimentary wine and appetisers. Chance to meet your local artists.

### Baby massage classes

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre – low cost, Friday mornings, baby massage classes for antenatal and new parents. Gold coin contribution, bookings essential. 6687 1286.

### WIRES is recruiting

The local branch of NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service offers a basic training course that

will teach you how to safely rescue and provide emergency care for injured and orphaned wildlife. If you would like to join WIRES and participate in our course on 28 May, please contact us as soon as possible on 6628 1898 or see http://wiresn.org/Helping.html.

### Tennis club AGM

Brunswick Heads Tennis Club Inc AGM on 25 May 6pm at the clubhouse, South Beach Road.

### CABS AGM

Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS) Annual General Meeting at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club on Tues 23 May from 6.30pm.

### Compost Central

Free public talk with Andrew from Compost Central every Saturday in May 10am sharp till 11am at Santos Organics, Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. Learn about compost buckets, garden ships, The Troff.

### Ocean Shores Art Expo

We invite artists to enter by 24 July for the OS Art Expo, to be held 25–27 August. The theme is 'Spirit of the Land'. Information at www.osartexpo.com and now on Instagram at ocean\_shores\_art\_expo.

### 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.

### 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. Info: codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

### Choirs

**Bay Community Singers** is a singalong group for seniors and anyone else Wednesdays Byron Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am. Entry by donation. 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity 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.

### Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

### Potters & Sculptors

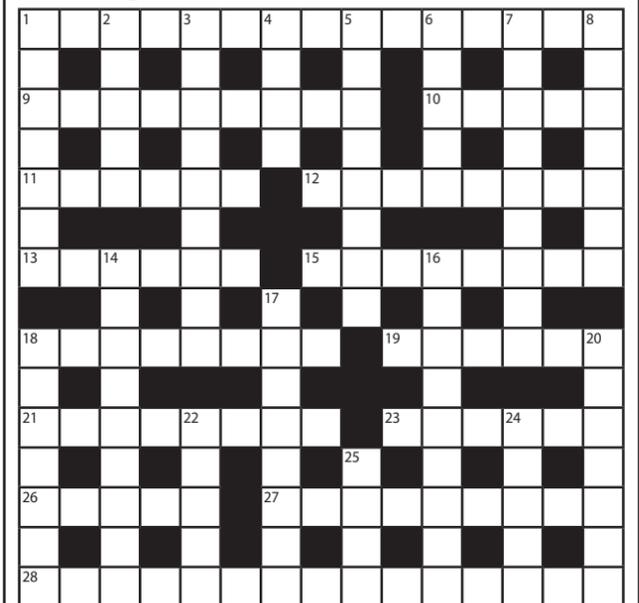
Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall, is open every Tues & Thurs 10am–2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am–4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

### 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.

## Mungo's Crossword

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- FB, we're trading! (4,3,8)
- Insolvent, holding nothing? That's baseless! (9)
- Planted a seed and relaxed (5)
- Queen to set up house for Hemingway? (6)
- Locks constrain fish in the Nullabor (8)
- Lazy troop, right? Lethargy! (6)
- Records cover deceased spirit's accommodation (8)
- Composer reverses dramatic part for graduate (8)
- Laugh – right back doubles as a Rugby player (3-3)
- Teen den, a mess, is tidied up (8)
- Boron, uranium, nitrogen, potassium – moment of doubt ... nonsense! (6)
- Stuffy atmosphere? University, English – sudden amnesia! (5)
- Choose by word of mouth – it's the democratic voting process! (9)
- Score rowing crews level, all day, every day (6-4,5)

#### DOWN

- Nothing to wager about the French – that's rich (7)
- Chanel finery is essentially dainty (5)
- Two partnerships make runs ... 80 (9)
- Impolite, but repented, we hear (4)
- For swimmers, this can be RIP (8)
- Anger courses for this girl! (5)
- New Yorker, perhaps – he can't be a mainland Australian on Cape Byron! (9)
- Lovers of cruelty or students of misery? (7)
- Gentle arc becomes an oblong (9)
- University types hopelessly at sea – drug! (9)
- Fade note out – no sense of pitch (4-4)
- Teen fib is wrong, but it does some good (7)
- Unwisely, men hail town with a rodent problem! (7)
- Sunset – top end happening (5)
- Indian fakir takes in Russian ballet (5)
- I object to new university's list of courses (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Phrase indicating an enterprise is operating, usually trading (4,3,8)
- Baseless, no evidence to support (9)
- Took the pressure off, relaxed (5)
- First name of writer Hemingway (6)
- Bare of arboreal growth (8)
- Lethargy, inactivity (6)
- Temporary accommodation (8)
- Unmarried man (8)
- Rugby union player or fan (3-3)
- Tidied, put in order (8)
- Bosh, rubbish (6)
- Musical theme developed during composition; also memory loss (5)
- Pertaining to the voting process (9)
- All day and all night (6-4,5)

#### DOWN

- Ostentatiously wealthy (7)
- Small and dainty (5)
- Adding up to 80 (9)
- Impolite, rough (4)
- Current running directly away from the shore (8)
- Well known song 'Goodnight ...' (5)
- Person from the Atlantic coast of USA or Pacific coast of Australia (9)
- Those who enjoy inflicting pain (7)
- Quadrangle with opposite sides equal (9)
- Those who have completed university degrees (9)
- Unable to distinguish pitch (4-4)
- Act of kindness or assistance (7)
- Town made famous by the Pied Piper (7)
- Happening, incident (5)
- Famous Russian ballet (5)
- List of fare (4)

#### Last week's solution N178



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This month's discussion:  
**New narratives for a post neoliberal future.**

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Wed 24 May 2017 6:30pm Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby.  
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Great news that the NSW government has offered Council the Mullumbimby hospital site for only one dollar, naturally on the condition it be indemnified against any costs in relation to cleaning up asbestos contamination. The health department will finally get its sticky fingers off all the asbestos reports so that we can see the (expensive) work ahead. Now there is interest in securing the old Byron Bay hospital site for the community. There are quite a few very rich absentee landlords who have done well out of the Byron marketplace; perhaps they'd like to chip in.

At 38 metres high, the proposed Lennox ski jump would dwarf even the Cape Byron lighthouse (23m) and many locals are not happy about the proposal. Jindabyne, where they have mountains slightly taller than 38m and there is actual snow, would apparently welcome the installation.

'Backlash is usually not a fan of Senator Jacqui Lambie's pronouncements, but she is quite right that if you are going to drug-test welfare recipients, then it is only fair to do the same to politicians before they enter parliament. There have been enough reports over the years on some of our 'decision-makers' being pissed off their faces before voting on important issues to cause concern. You can see the opinion of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia on this neon brain-fart on page 14.

On page 16 Giles Parkinson reports on the purported demise of private cars in about



Byron Bay has solved its space problem by miniaturising tourists. Here chief tourist-compact Felicity Prendlegast talks a visitor from the Gold Coast through the process before offering him a very tiny brochure.

2030 when EV Transport-As-A-Service kicks in. We find it hard to believe that Australians can be weaned off their addiction to private cars, or that public electric buses would ever reach the fungally-enhanced upper reaches of our Shire, but we must remember that horses once ruled the transport world and then that world altered dramatically. One of the more whimsical consequences of the terrifying silence of EVs is that sound files are being introduced so that people can hear you coming, including that of a horse galloping. Cyclists needn't feel left out; Trotify.com offers its own equestrian experience, which fans of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* will especially appreciate.

While Dr Karl investigates in ABC Science Online the highly significant issue of why ponytails swing when we run, the Science Friction podcast looks at the countries where scientists can be branded as dissidents and thrown in jail, rather than just having their advice ig-

nored by the Australian government: <http://bit.ly/SFdanger>. It's not all that great for journalists, either. Reporters Without Borders (<https://rsf.org/en>) notes that since January this year eight journalists have been

killed, along with two netizens and one media assistant, and 193 journalists are currently imprisoned. RSF also ranks countries by press freedom, with Norway coming in first and Australia in 19th place.

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