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Council seeks full control of Butler Street Reserve

Councillors all agreed at last Thursday's meeting to a staff report that recommends buying the Butler Street reserve from NSW Crown Lands.

Yet the late staff report – not included in the agenda – was criticised by Rainbow Region Stallholders Association president Gyan Purno in morning public access, who told the gallery his group had not been consulted.

The land is home to the monthly markets and weekly farmers markets.

Stallholders appalled

'This will force the markets to move,' he said. 'I have been talking about this for years... there are no developed plans and we have not been consulted.'

During his speech he used words like 'appalled, sneaky, shameful' and 'conflict of interest'.

Later in the day, Cr Paul Spooner (Country Labor) asked general manager (GM) Ken Gainger why it was necessary to buy the land given Council already manages it.

Gainger replied that as part of an arrangement with Crown Lands a few years ago for a carparking trial on the site, it was agreed there would be an opportunity to negotiate its purchase after the trial.

He also said the *Crown Land Reserves Act 1978* was amended late last year, to allow Crown land that is of 'local significance only' to 'be offered to councils, so Council would assume ownership of those properties.' He said, 'We believe that Butler Street [reserve] falls into that definition.'

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Very important space mission



Byron Bay's first-ever astronomy festival was a sellout last weekend at Elements of Byron, drawing a 400-strong crowd of science enthusiasts keen to learn about dark matter and gravitational waves. Organised by local Dylan O'Donell, the Star Stuff Festival featured professor Fred Watson, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Dr Alan Duffy and more. Pictured are Ivy and Emily, starring into the outer worlds of deep space and baby dolls. Photo Hans Lovejoy

Saddle Road residents face off over eco village

Divisions between landowners over future land use on Saddle Road near the Brunswick Heads highway interchange have again flared up after Council included the area in *Residential Land Use Strategy* recommendations at last Thursday's council meeting.

A staff report entitled *Byron Affordable Housing Summit Issues Action Plan* was supported (Crs Coorey, Cameron and Hackett against); however, a late addition will see 'site 17' on Saddle Road land identified in the *Draft Preliminary Residential Housing Strategy*.

Site 17 includes the proposed Bruns Eco Village, as well as other private properties.

The motion by mayor Simon Richardson invites 'lodgement of planning proposals to rezone the land for this purpose.'

An amendment by Cr Coorey was unsupported, and excluded
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Greens, staff cop flak, push on with bypass

An angry group of Butler Street residents unloaded upon staff and the Greens councillors at last Thursday's Council meeting, with accusations of lies and suppressing information as to whether it was possible to build a bypass on the disused rail corridor instead of past their homes.

Throughout public access Greens mayor Simon Richardson struggled to keep the meeting to order against a hostile gallery. Residents have long called for the bypass to run up the unused rail corridor instead, some-

thing they say has happened in Moree. They say it will be cheaper than building a new road and won't cut into wetlands.

No alternative costings

The reason the issue was again before Council was owing to a motion from Cr Paul Spooner (Country Labor), who wanted to explore rail corridor costings.

He told the chamber there has never been a costing on the alternative, and referred to a recent let-

ter to local state MP Tamara Smith (Greens) which says the government would 'be happy to consider its proposal in further detail.'

'This is a game changer,' he said. But it's advice that is at odds with staff opinion; they have consistently said it's unlikely Council would be given permission.

Despite the new evidence, Crs Martin, Lyon, Ndiaye, Richardson and Cameron voted against Cr Spooner's motion.

Instead, Crs Richardson, Lyon,

Martin, Ndiaye and Hunter had the numbers to vote on a motion that acknowledges the estimated \$20m bypass cost – including \$4m from Council – and seek funding for the remaining \$5.5m.

The mayor told the chamber it was unlikely Council could purchase the rail corridor for a road, yet in the same speech said, 'We are very close to gaining control of the land.'

The mayor said later in a press release, 'We've spent \$2 million in
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School raises cash for refugees



Amy Sena, Sascha Worley and Sol Polo from Main Arm Public. Photo Jeff Dawson

Students at Main Arm School got busy during Refugee Week, fundraising \$325 by selling cakes to purchase phone cards for asylum seekers on Manus and Nauru.

As part of the event, Meg Pickup from Ballina Region for Refugees presented to students from year 3 upwards and parents.

Principal of Main Arm Public School Virginia Pavlovich said, 'We were delighted to welcome Meg Pickup to

our school, who made such a thought-provoking presentation about her organisation and what our school can do to help refugees.'

'It was interesting to gain insight of what it's like to arrive in Australia as a refugee and be in detention both on and offshore,' she added.

The School's Representative Council (SRC) organised the event to increase their knowledge on the issues refugees face. One of the students

organising the event was Sophie, a social justice minister on the SRC:

She said, 'We were really pleased with the amount of money raised by the sale of cakes as we really wanted to help asylum seekers call home and speak to their families who they miss dearly.'

'We hope to organise further fundraisers throughout the year but Refugee Week seemed like a great time to kick off the campaign.'

It's watch that whale time!

Over 1,000 people headed to Cape Byron Lighthouse on Sunday to learn more about whales and join in the official whale count for 2017.

'It was fantastic and the weather was great,' said Aboriginal education officer Delta Kay.

'From 7am to 4pm we counted 271 whales, two more than last year.'

Two hundred to 500 humpback whales were estimated to have been left in the 1960s as the whaling industry came to a close. This year ORRCA (Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia) and National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) are estimating that there will be around



Delta Kay, Kathy Toka and Tiffany-Lee. Photo Jeff Dawson

30,000 whales that will pass by the NSW coast during the 2017 whale watching season.

'The humpback whale migration is a conservation success story,' NPWS area manager Sue Walker said.

NPWS staff members worked alongside ORRCA volunteers on Sunday as visitors stopped to read the display and find out information about the whales and whale migration.

Massive tree-planting effort by local schoolkids

More than 1,300 trees have been planted by school children as part of a collaboration between the Brunswick Valley Landcare group and North Byron Parklands, which is home to Splendour In The Grass and Falls Festival.

Byron Shire's Landcare support officer Alison Ratcliffe said 272 children

from three different primary schools took part in the planting effort.

She said the children also went for a walk to look at some of the 22,000 trees that have been planted on the site over the past 10 years, and also enjoyed a ride on the tractor trailer.

Ocean Shores School stu-

dents also had a visit from the *Totally Wild* TV crew and ranger Stacey, who filmed a story that will air at the end of July.

Ms Ratcliffe gave a 'big thank you to the team at North Byron Parklands who funded the excursions so that we could offer them to the schools for free.'

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Byron bypass staggers onwards

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preparing for construction.

'We've successfully defended this decision at a cost of \$450,000.'

Cr Richardson said, 'We've said from the beginning that the town centre bypass will not solve our traffic woes, but it is part of the solution for keeping cars out.'

'For residents and workers travelling from Sunrise to Suffolk Park, not getting stuck in traffic could take up to tens of minutes off a trip and help improve traffic flow.'

Another reason for the mayor's support of Butler Street was so the rail corridor 'could be become a key open space feature of our town if we can take down the fences and keep it as a social space.'

Yet it was pointed out at the meeting by Cr Spooner that it's a planning decision outside of the Byron masterplan scope and was 'not set in stone.'

It was also pointed out at the meeting that a road may be more suitable given remediation may be required if the ground is found to be contaminated.

The mayor later claimed in a press release that the money promised – \$10.5m – is exclusively tied to the Butler Street bypass, yet during debate he said that as it was not allocated to a grant, it could evaporate if it wasn't used for this purpose.

Cr Spooner told the chamber he regretted voting for the current bypass alignment previously given the new information provided by Ms Smith.

Butler Street resident Paul Jones told *The Echo*, 'We have a mutant Green zombie monster who has completed the stealth takeover of Byron Shire Council in the voting block of Richardson, Ndiaye, Lyon and Martin.'

Green zombies

'They swallowed lock and stock the unsubstantiated costings of the current proposal, which does not even meet the consent conditions. The mayor raved on about how much it was going to cost to buy the corridor land, yet there was no problem grabbing the Crown reserve market site for a car-park and bus station.'

'It was an appalling display of "Up you, we have the power, move out of the way".'

Stallholders appalled at Crown lands purchase

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Gainger added that, 'the minister is very keen to hand it to us' and that it could well be at a 'token rate,' which may be owing to its contamination and history as a rubbish tip.

Bus interchange

So why buy? Gainger said, 'We have a bus interchange proposal that has been developed by the department of transport.'

'It was an election promise at the last state election. It was announced without any reference to Council.'

'So we were surprised when they announced it. They haven't told us how much but we believe it is some millions of dollars.'

'And the project has stalled because of the intransigence of the Office of Crown Lands in terms of the unrealistic expectations they had about Transport [NSW] buying the property at full market rate. That project has been held up now for about 18 months.'

Gainger said the benefits of full ownership are not having to continue to negotiate with Crown Lands over future uses of the land and that it works within the masterplan.

No consultation

But Cr Cate Coorey pointed out that there wasn't consultation.

She said, 'I think we had three months on this? And we couldn't talk to these people? It bothers me that it's a late report...'

But the mayor instead told the gallery this issue gives 'cause for reflection.'

'Right now,' said the mayor, 'on the surface, every

community group within this Shire is very angry, cynical, suspicious, conspiratorial, whatever about Council.'

'I don't know if it's an inheritance of the previous council... I'm not sure of the conversation we need to have to take a breath, and [so that we are not] presumed we are the creators of chemtrails.'

Chemtrail creators

'What we heard this morning was incredibly unfair [from Rainbow Region Stallholders Association president Gyan Purno].'

'The language used, the cynicism, the suspicion, was quite overbearing.'

'About a month ago we had a meeting where it was about, "How dare they take our land, Crown Lands are the evil demons. Wouldn't it be great if council had it, we should be fighting for it." Now here is an example of how terribly fraught it is to deal with Crown Lands... here's an opportunity: we can get a piece of land for basically nothing and there is this cynicism that we are going to put a casino there or we are going to move the market... this default position that we are going to stuff it up for our community is a really sad state of affairs. What are we going to do with it, according to our masterplan?'

'Everything that's happening now... except a bus interchange... everyone wants [buses] off Jonson Street into a place that makes it easier.'

'There is malaise that is out in the community,' the mayor continued. He questioned whether Council needed 'community engagement on every single thing they do at

every single step...'

'Maybe that's what we are going to have to do. Whether they accept what we do is yet to be determined. Whether they represent the wider community groups is also yet to be determined.'

'So in answer to [Cr Coorey's question] yes, we didn't [tell the stallholders] that we were trying to get ownership from Crown. I'm not too sure that's a great sin. It's a sin if you think we are going to use it badly and kick the markets off. I'm not sure anyone here is remotely talking about that.'

Those comments sparked up Cr Basil Cameron, who said he wasn't going to speak, 'but after those comments I must.'

'Perhaps we again need to look at our process. This is a late report. We haven't exactly done the right thing.'

'Did we actually have the courtesy to make a call or send an email and say: "This is a late report, we know you have an interest in this...?'

'Perhaps a little bit of conversation wouldn't have gone astray. I wouldn't be so concerned about cynicism as much as I think that we need to do all these things again with accountability and transparency.'

The mayor replied, 'Agreed.' Before the vote to proceed with seeking to purchase the land, Cr Spooner said, 'It's clear there is nothing sinister, but the nuance [for the wider community] may be lost.'

'The speech [by Gyan] is an example of what we need to do in terms of communicating. We need to make sure the journey is taken together and not in isolation.'

Where art and books collide



From front, Annique Goldenberg and Meridith Cusack, with Karla Dickens's art book featuring a very urban bunny. Pictured centre is Christian Morrow with his art book and behind, festival director Edwina Johnson and Christine Willcocks. Photo Jeff Dawson

A partnership between Byron Writers Festival, the Tweed Regional Gallery, the Margaret Olley Art Centre, the Byron School of Art and c.a.s.e inc have resulted in a compelling series of satellite events that will be held during the festival.

These include three exhibitions – two by renowned Australian artist Joshua Yeldham, an exhibition of Artists' Books at Lone Goat Gallery in Byron Bay, Art in the Pub (Mullumbimby) with author and *Boston Globe* art critic

Sebastian Smee and a workshop with celebrated Indian artist Venkat Shyam at Byron School of Art.

Festival director Edwina Johnson said, 'Partnering with local organisations that excel in their field of practice makes perfect sense. It gives our patrons a chance to experience some of the wonderful work our kindred creatives are doing in the region.'

■ For details of the events, workshops and festival program visit www.byronwritersfestival.com.

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Lennox and Byron schools receive funds from budget

Lennox Head and Byron Bay Public Schools will be soon upgrading their schools thanks to funds announced in the recent NSW budget.

Tamara Smith, Greens education spokesperson and Member for Ballina, welcomed the NSW budget announcement of \$4.2 billion spending on education infrastructure.

'The Budget funding includes money for finally upgrading Byron Bay Public School, an issue that the Greens and I campaigned on and which is badly needed by the Byron Bay community,' said Ms Smith.

The key upgrade at both schools will be replacing current demountable classrooms with permanent structures.

Byron Bay Public will have eight demountables replaced with the addition of two extra classrooms, while Lennox Head Public will replace seven demountables and add one extra classroom.

The third land release in the Lennox Head area by the Epiq estate highlights the future capacity that the school will require, said head teacher Deborah Langfield.

Lennox Public is also hoping to 'get a new administration block and canteen as well.'

Though the building work will cause some disturbance at the schools, both head teachers hope that the funding will be quickly confirmed and the new work start as soon as possible.

Winter solstice fun at Durrumbul school

Aslan Shand

Durrumbul Public School celebrated the winter solstice with its annual 'winter warmer' last week, when the school community came together to reflect on their achievements.

P&C secretary Krista Fuller said, 'Each year at Durrumbul we recognise and enjoy our winter solstice together as families connected to the small-school spirit.'

'A parade of lanterns is carried across our stunning school grounds, bringing light to the longest night by our amazing students whose hands still bear the patches of colour and glue used to make them, which we are in no hurry to scrub away.'



Aurora Belleville, Zoe Lamb, Rhody Porter, Phoenix Canabou and Coren Shand. Photo Jeff Dawson

'Another project the kids have really enjoyed is creating the new school vege gardens from scratch. They've been a great source of fun and learning for the kids and teachers alike. Growing fast and

full of life the children have enjoyed caring for the gardens as well as learning how to make recipes using what they have grown, including turning their school-grown basil into delicious pesto for

a morning treat.'

'It was awesome,' said one enthusiastic student. 'Pesto pasta is my favourite.'

The school is also looking ahead – in 2020 Durrumbul will celebrate its 120th anniversary.

'Our dream is to bring as many students, parents and teachers together again from as far back as we can to celebrate this incredible community and our small school spirit, which takes its light onward and outward, long after the longest night is done.'

■ Contact Durrumbul Public School on 6684 5229 or email: durrumbul-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to keep up to date as the celebration plans unfold.

Saddle Road residents face off over eco village

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Saddle Road lands but sought to 'Review the mechanisms available to guide Council involvement in any public/private housing development...'

Matthew O'Reilly, representing Saddle Ridge Community Action Group, told *The Echo* that the mayor's late inclusion was 'something the Greens rallied against when there was a conservative council majority.'

He said, 'The members of Saddle Ridge community have been totally undermined by the Greens-dominated council. There was no community consultation and this motion completely undermines the community's trust in the *Byron Residential Strategy* process.'

The entire purpose of the mayor's motion, he said, was to 'fast track the rezoning of land for the Bruns Eco Village and to predetermine the outcome of the *Byron Residential Strategy*.'

dential Strategy.'

'The community charter for good planning was raised by both Crs Cameron and Coorey, but the charter was completely ignored by the Greens majority who acted similar to the Woods/Cubis/Wauchope/Ibrahim/Hunter voting block from last council.'

'There was no need for this amendment. The residential strategy process has been clear and transparent up to the present, and was due for further re-exhibition later this year. Just compare the process that the Bayside Brunswick or West Byron developments had to go through, which has taken over 25 years, to the fast tracking being given to the "Bruns Eco Village".'

'Despite a Greens majority council, it still seems true that in relation to property developers in Byron Shire, "it is not what you know it is all about who you know".'

In reply, Bruns Eco Village

(BEV) spokesperson Mairead Cleary told *The Echo*, 'When the agenda for the June 22 Council meeting was made available, we became aware of the recommendation for further discussions with landowners. However, we had no way of knowing whether Bruns Eco Village or Saddle Road were being considered as part of the land mentioned.'

'We felt it prudent to write to all councillors to request and encourage its inclusion.'

'The fact that the recommendation was amended to include Saddle Road suggests that it had not already been considered.'

'Matthew O'Reilly spoke against the amendment during public access and urged an expression of interest process. An expression of interest was already in the mayor's amendment, and this was enthusiastically taken up by the councillors. An expression-of-interest process will

allow people with land and affordable-housing projects to present their model and determine its feasibility or otherwise for the Shire.'

'We invite and encourage open discussion with any member of the Saddle Ridge Local Area Planning Association. To criticise the Greens for taking badly needed steps towards addressing the housing crisis is inequitable.'

'Any identified projects will still need to go through the appropriate planning process.'

Serious money

But O'Reilly believes the decision 'has financial ramifications for investors.'

'This motion is worth serious money. The council is basically saying "yes" if your project is feasible (note, not "sustainable") then, "we will invite you to lodge a rezoning proposal".'

■ Full story in *Echonetdaily* www.echo.net.au.

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Plastic Free July ready for waste awareness

Plastic Free July organisers are again encouraging actions and activities by individuals, groups and traders in the Byron Shire.

Sasha Mainsbridge from Mullum Cares says, 'Since last year, Plastic Free Byron, Sea Shepherd, Positive Change for Marine Life and other marine-loving organisations have continued working to raise awareness of the plight we face slowing the flow of plastic into our oceans, let alone the task of getting what's already in there out.'

'Traders in the Shire have also continued working on implementing alternatives.

'The Mullumbimby IGA hasn't brought back its plastic carry bags since its two-week plastic-bag-free trial ended last July 14 and this year they are using the campaign to action replacing plastic produce bags with paper and compostable alternatives.'

'And Santos's leading role in ceasing to supply single-use cups is the beginning of a broader move by food and drink vendors to stop turning a blind eye to the negative impact of their business activities.'

'In Mullumbimby, Mullum Cares is calling for donations of lovely mugs to add to a

stock that will be used as Boomerang Cups by participating Mullum cafes for conscious customers who forget to BYO.'

'Donation locations can be found on www.mullumcares.com.au.

'Save The Mermaids are also helping conscious cafes reduce their supply of single-use cups by supplying Topless for the Sea crates, filled with preloved mugs for the same purpose as Mullum's Boomerang Cups.'

'Now is the time to sign up to take the pledge to avoid single-use plastics. Just give it a go!

'There are certain products

that, when you remember them, will significantly reduce your use of disposable plastic.'

'The top four products you need to have are: reusable bags, water bottle, coffee cup and takeaway containers for leftovers and deli purchases.'

'And remember to say "no straw please," when you order a drink.'

■ Visit www.plasticfreebyron.com for the Byron Shire calendar of events and let them know if your workplace or school is participating so they can add events to the calendar and give a shout out to actions being undertaken in the region.

Dr Karl drops science on Mullum High

Aslan Shand

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki took the students at Mullumbimby High School for an exciting ride through science past, present and into the future – presenting them with possibilities and giving them a message of hope for the world they live in.



Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. Photo Jeff 'Geek Me Up' Dawson

Taking to the stage on Friday afternoon to the whoops and applause of the students, he covered topics from the revolution of the 3D printer (that he believes will have a bigger impact 'than the printing press') to the possibilities of clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR).

He told the students, 'you will be the first generation to be immortal – I'll be the last generation to die.'

Though his support of vaccination may have upset some parents in the region, there are not many who would have disagreed with his point that it is wrong that

'money is being ripped off out of the system and given to fossil fuel companies.'

Loss of Arctic ice

He told *The Echo*, 'Out of our GDP, \$137 billion a year is being given as a present, to mostly foreign-owned companies, never to be seen again.'

With 80 per cent of the volume of Arctic ice in the summer now having been lost, Dr Karl was clear that

'climate change is real. We caused it, and we can fix it – but it will be expensive.'

Since 2014, each consecutive year has been the 'hottest year on record', but he was clear regarding the solution: zero carbon.

'If we start right now, it will all be done in ten years.'

And no, it will not bankrupt Australia he says.

According to Dr Karl, to provide all of Australia with renewable energy it will cost

\$370 billion to make the renewable energy infrastructure and then \$400 billion over the next 30 years to maintain it.

'For coal or gas, the cost is three times higher,' he pointed out, letting the students in on the secret of why renewables were so much cheaper in the long term.

'If you don't have to pay for the fuel to run the system it's cheaper.'

Zero-carbon

Highlighting Australia's unique position in the world he pointed to the zero-carbon Australia plan that would place Australia in a leading position to supply power, and the technology to produce it, to the rest of the world.

'We just need to decide,' he said. 'We just need the political will.'

Dr Karl was in the Shire as part of the Science Stuff Festival, held last weekend at the Elements of Byron resort.

Forum called to tackle youth violence at events

Darren Coyne

An organiser who was bashed at a recent event in Byron Shire is organising a community forum to tackle the rising tide of youth violence and crime at halls and outdoor events.

Duncan Shipley-Smith received a black eye and cracked ribs after being assaulted at the recent Maya Winter Solstice at Kohinur Hall.

In response, Mr Shipley-Smith has organised the com-

munity forum, which will be held at the Mullumbimby Civic Centre from 7pm on Thursday, July 6.

Mr Shipley-Smith said the event at Kohinur Hall was meant to be a peaceful community event but instead a lot of young people turned up who were 'swarming over the fences'.

'Security were run off their feet dealing with a deluge of underage kids under the influence of alcohol and drugs,' he said.

'We want to come up with a solution to this problem and I've invited the mayor [Simon Richardson], the police and community members'

Solutions sought

'We can't let this minority destroy our culture. They are school-aged kids mainly, and they steal alcohol and cash.'

'The intention of this forum is to discuss the issues and problems at hand and to take a "whole of community" approach to seeking solutions.'

'The law-and-order/security aspect is self-evident and clearly a priority, but there are multiple facets to this issue that include social capital, mental health, substance abuse and the absence of supportive social environments that fosters dysfunctional and antisocial behaviour.'

'I am interested to hear from everyone, including the youths in question, therefore this forum must be seen to be inclusive and open in its agenda and objectives.'

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Fisher off to tennis title



Margaret Fisher, 87, will soon be off to the world super seniors tennis championships in the US. Her aim is to be the over-85 women's singles world champion and she achieved her crowdfunding target from a secret donor, named 'Saucy Senior Against Ageism'. Photo Jeff 'Not Aged A Bit' Dawson

Holiday letting again in Council's sights

Council compliance staff will again be looking into unauthorised holiday letting after Greens Cr Michael Lyon's motion was supported (Cr Hunter against) at last Thursday's meeting.

It lifts a moratorium on prosecutions, which ceased a number of years ago.

Cr Michael Lyon told *The Echo*, 'We intend to obtain records from people such as letting agents and website hosts in order to build the cases and prosecute unlawful short-term rental.'

'It has become a menace in this town and is destroying the fabric of our community. A quick glance in *The Echo* classifieds from last week, three years ago and six years ago, shows that there are next to no places for long-term rent available now, or share accommodation which wasn't as bad as three years ago and it was a far better situation six years ago.

'In the past, the effect of STRA was manageable because we didn't have the on-line systems such as Airbnb that we have now. We are not

getting any help from the state government on this issue but more and more communities around the world are understanding the detrimental effect this is having on their communities and they are demanding quite rightly that their local representatives stand up for them and preserve their ability to stay in their towns.

'We need to translate this into dialogue with state government that addresses these concerns and ensures the sustainability of our local culture and community.'

Cr Lyon's motion also asks staff to 'Compile a confidential list of properties against which it may commence legal proceedings based on the establishment of a prima-facie case of unauthorised short-term rental accommodation and unauthorised tourist and visitor accommodation, and that this list is compiled as soon as possible.'

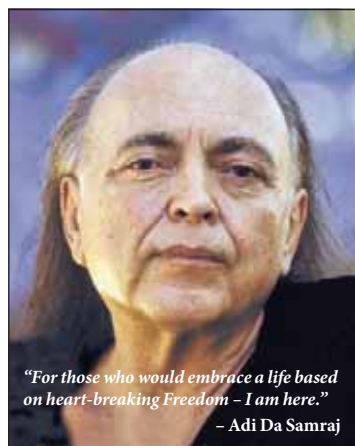
Mayor Simon Richardson told his followers on social media, 'We have no choice but to jump back into the trenches and fire off litigation missiles.'

Rockin' it for the solstice



At The Pocket School's Winter Festival on Saturday, Ellen and Sophia decorated wild and undomesticated rocks before setting them free to pursue worldwide adventures. The festival saw families enjoy the perfect weather with crafts, robotics demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, games, music performances, an animal-petting enclosure, sustainability workshops, market and food stalls.

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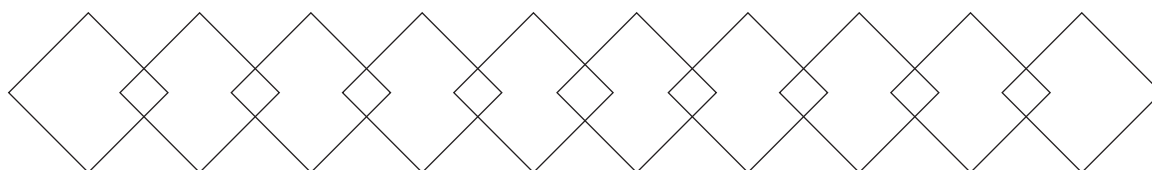


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Byron High students Ruby McCann, Alexandria Von Reinhardt and Takoda Meyer have plastered their art in 'Elysium Lane', Byron Bay. Photo Jeff Dawson



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Rush 'n shoot 'n kill

A 'shoot-to-kill' bill that extends police powers was rushed through NSW parliament by the coalition on June 21, 2017.

It's called the *Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Police Powers and Parole) Bill 2017*, and according to religious MP Fred Nile, the legislation 'arose out the events occurring in the Lindt cafe siege'.

Yet it will push NSW closer to a police state, Greens MP David Shoebridge says.

He said, 'The Law Society, the Bar Association and the Council for Civil Liberties all joined with the Greens in condemning the undue haste with which these laws were pushed through the parliament.'

'Rammed through in less than a day, this is in place of the practice of giving members and the public at least a week to consider proposed changes.'

'This terrorism bill carries on a trend of laws that empower police including anti-protest, move-on and consorting laws that together endanger our civil liberties.'

There may be reasonable reasons to introduce such harsh legislation, yet there should be a transparent and measured process to achieve that goal.

It should be thoroughly examined from an independent legal perspective, which is the role of the The Law Society, the Bar Association and the Council for Civil Liberties.

Even if they don't agree with the law after consideration, that process gives the public confidence in the government's decision making. The public's trust in the political elite erodes when that process and oversight is ignored.

Development in a Green cape

Where else but Byron Shire would a Greens mayor speak passionately about destroying sensitive wetlands for a road while not wanting to be fully informed of other options?

Last Thursday's Council meeting was indeed a very bizarre day, with environmental and human collateral the cost.

It's reminiscent of the chaos the last council majority (2012-16) created when they ignored process and pursued expediency at all costs. But we need progress, right?

At one point the mayor ruminated almost incomprehensibly to himself to ask why many community groups appear to distrust his council.

He told the gallery the default position 'that we are going to stuff it up for our community is a real sad state of affairs.'

It's true - there's a lot more the mayor could do to address that perception instead of playing politics and letting poor opinion of his council majority fester.

But it aint all bad; there were a few positives from Thursday's meeting. The minutes are available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings while sound recordings of glorious said leader and others is available at soundcloud.com/byron-shire-council.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Crusading Catholics and Gonski 2.0

It was an almost unalloyed triumph.

Malcolm Turnbull was surging down the straight, clearing every obstacle in his stride, confident of success, when suddenly he balked at the last hurdle and, instead of jumping it, tip-toed around it, wallet in hand.

He fell over the line and went on to celebrate a victory lap, but even his most avid cheerleaders had to admit that he had been forced to compromise. Like Gonski Mark I, Gonski Mark II had succumbed to a special deal for the loudest common denomination - the Catholics.

And it was not even the might of the mother church itself that prevailed - at least, not directly. Turnbull's doughty education minister Simon Birmingham had stared down the clerical bureaucrats, and was all but ready to do a deal with the Greens and the Xenophon team to secure the numbers in the senate.

This had involved some tricky negotiation, but none of it affected the integrity of the package. A quicker transition to the needs-based ideal was expensive, but obviously desirable.

The demand for the states to ante up more of their share of public school funding particularly annoyed the Victorians, whose share will have to rise from 66 per cent to 75 per cent, but a national model is a national model.

And the requirement for an independent body to oversee the funding process appears superfluous - isn't that why we pay the shiny bums of the Commonwealth Education Department? - but will do no lasting harm.

At the last minute there was a hiatus: the Stalinists of the NSW branch of the Greens instructed Lee Rhiannon (who did need much instructing) to follow the dictates of the militant Teachers Union and oppose everything forever, but given the other

Greens were on side and most of the remaining crossbenchers were responsive, this need not have been a game breaker.

However, time was short, so Birmingham went back to the others, including One Nation, which is apparently considered more acceptable to the ideologues of his party room than the Greens. The numbers were just about there, although there was at least one waverer - Jacqui Lambie needed a lot of geeing up. But the real problem was the hardline Catholics in the coalition party room.

George Christensen broke ranks last week to support La-

review about how much (more) they should snaffle, a process that may well unhinge Gonski Mark II just as it did Gonski Mark I.

It should be noted that the Catholics already receive special treatment; unlike the other schools, they are granted the privilege of collecting their money as a lump sum and then doling it out to their constituents as they see fit.

And this may or may not be according to need: a few weeks ago there were reports that wealthy city colleges were being favoured at the expense of poorer rural parishes.

So other independent

...it is obvious that George Christensen's maverick stance is all bluff - he is no more likely to leave the Nationals than he is to desert his religion.

by Mungo MacCallum



bor's demand to retain penalty rates. This didn't matter because Christensen had made sure that the government would prevail, but it spooked Turnbull in particular: although it is obvious that Christensen's maverick stance is all bluff - he is no more likely to leave the Nationals than he is to desert his religion, although come to think of it he has already done that - it showed our prime minister how vulnerable his hold on power could become.

So when the retiring senator Chris Back announced that he would conclude his totally undistinguished political career by giving the government a farewell present by voting against it, and his fellow zombie Eric Abetz muttered about doing the same, instant panic set in, followed swiftly by appeasement. \$50 million for 'transition' arrangements, almost all of which was earmarked for the Catholics. And there is to be another

schools, not to mention public schools, are naturally envious.

It would make more sense to bring the Catholics into line than to give them yet more advantages. But no-one ever said politics is entirely rational, let alone Bill Shorten and his cynical Labor opposition.

Having started by complaining that the government had not matched Labor's spending target clearly unfunded, rather like Turnbull's company tax cuts, but let's not pursue that) Shorten fell to his knees to become a Catholic crusader.

The best that can be said for his opportunism is that it has produced a major dilemma for the ageing groupers of *The Australian*. They would normally fall reflexively behind any campaign to defend the one true church but they hate Labor and all its works. In the end they have lapsed into doublethink, blaming Labor for everything while cheering on the massive scare

campaign about higher fees, closing schools, and even the ultimate horror - Catholic parents forced to enrol their children in the public schools inhabited by the vast majority of other Australians. Dennis Shanahan appears particularly conflicted.

And Turnbull, a convert to his wife's illustrious Catholic dynasty, has been equally circumspect. After the revelations of the Royal Commission into the trades unions, he has been remorselessly hounding Labor as the puppets of thugs and criminals. After the revelations about the Royal Commission into child abuse, it might have been thought that he would berate Labor as endorsing paedophilia and conspiracy to cover up crime, but then, politics is no more about consistency than it is about reason.

But for all that Turnbull's big week has had its flaws, and although the education wars will resume as soon as the major stakeholders catch their breath, a win is a win. Gonski Mark I was the foundation, and Gonski Mark II is a massive improvement.

We now await Gonski Mark III to find out by how much the Catholics are able to further distort the pristine concept, and then Gonski Mark IV, the by-gone, when the scheme's eponymous founder moves on from the funding to try and improve the declining standards within Australian schools.

This will be the big one but, perhaps fortunately, it is a fair way into the future - perhaps further than the life of the Turnbull government. However, in the meantime Turnbull can chalk up a rare and vitally important win before the winter recess closes in. It came just in time for the longest night of the year; our prime minister, if not all his colleagues, will hope that this is a sign that increasing hours of daylight, if not actual sunshine, will follow.

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Easement?

Nowhere can I find included in the meaning of *easement*: best if left untouched for years at a time, suitable for creating a rockery in, great for throwing old fence palings into or perfect place to build your own chicken coop.

Matt Andrews
South Golden Beach

The Queen's shower

Last Friday I was about to wash the sand off my dog at that fabulous shower in the reserve opposite Treehouse restaurant in Belongil when a hapless Council worker just finished dismantling the shower and was carting it away. He said it was on Crown land, not Council land, and it had to go. I guess 'Crown land' means it's owned by the Queen.

The shower had been attached to the power pole by Council decades ago in a more carefree time. It was a very popular shower. The nearest public shower is kilometres away at the surf club.

All year round hundreds of ratepayers and visitors lined up to use this marvel-

ous amenity, washing the salt and sand off themselves and their dogs, so they could get back into their cars or enjoy a meal at one of the local cafes. I guess they'll just stop coming now.

Perhaps in a more enlightened time, Council might speak with the Queen and replace such an amenity with a better shower before removing the old one.

Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

Housing needed

My dearest friends from Sydney just sold their home for a crazy price in Sydney and they have purchased a property in Mullumbimby. They were left with plenty of change so it was a great deal for them but it is one of many purchases that is putting affordable housing out of our reach more and more.

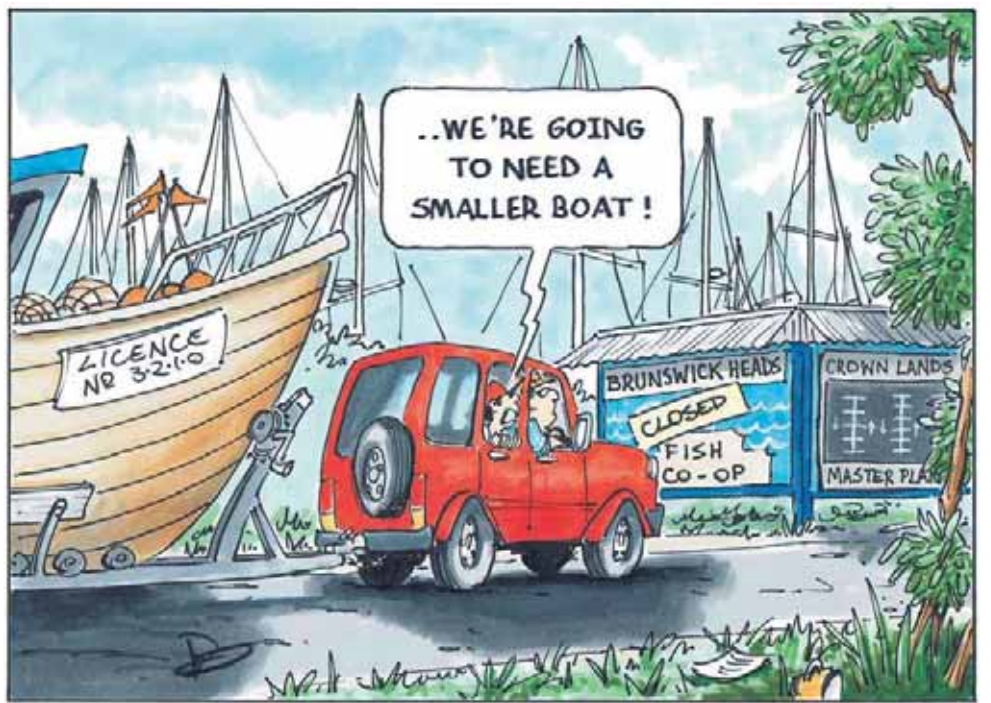
I'm grateful they will be my neighbours but it worries me that they are one example of hundreds of people that have seen our property market become out of reach for my kids and my friends. I have friends living in cars, in

garages, looking desperately to rent, let alone buy, so they can keep their kids in school and keep their jobs.

Affordable housing is the most pressing issue of our Shire and we are in a total crisis. I am so grateful for the activism and initiative of projects like Brunswick Eco Village. Not only is it a beautiful place to potentially live, it is a very real, innovative option for affordable housing that has been designed and supported by longtime locals and professionals looking for affordable ways to continue living in this Shire.

The success of BEV impacts upon future potential developments in our Shire. More housing will be built in our Shire whether we like it or not; developments like West Byron have shown us this. So what do we want, people? I say lots of affordable communities – otherwise we are at the mercy of developers encouraging individual ownership only by those who can afford it.

It's great to see Byron Shire Council approving pilot programs for affordable housing and I'm pleased to see that



BEV is now one of these options to explore.

Jannine Barron
Mullumbimby

Bloody roads

Byron Shire Council, you have a lot to answer for: high rates paid by only 15,000 people, no tourist tax for the two-million-plus visitors each year.

Further increases in rates and the worst bloody roads in the area. In 30 years I have never seen/hit so many potholes from Sunrise to Bruns and Mullum. Shameful.

Don't just look after Byron Bay!

I have just got home from picking up my son from school, following numerous cars swerving all over the road, in the wet, to try to avoid/hit (causing damage to my car) the massive amount of potholes.

In the last three days I have seen road conditions in Sunrise, Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby being some of the worst I

have ever experienced. With the main street of Brunswick Heads actually cracking and not far from being a dirt road with bits of asphalt.

People's lives are now being compromised by the state of the roads in the shire.

I work in Lismore and they have seen catastrophic floods and rain and have a large area of roads to service, yet the majority of their roads are still maintained and in good condition.

Lismore Council also has a Facebook page where residents can give feedback. Whereas Byron Shire Council has no option for this and no clear way of sending feedback except for email or a phone call.

I think Council owes its ratepayers the ability to travel safely on its roads.

Luke Ingram
Wilson's Creek

Bed tax?

It was pleasing to see Cr Spooner on the morning ABC news expressing dismay

at the seemingly difficult task of creating a bed tax owing to state government resistance.

I recently requested an update from Cr Lyon on his previous information in *The Echo* about some 'coalition of councils' to look at this issue.

As Cr Spooner failed to mention this during his interview, can Cr Lyon or someone from Council update the community on this issue, if indeed it exists?

There are only two possibilities to this question – either there are discussions underway with the state government or Cr Lyon has tried to fob off ratepayers and my question to avoid the issue for some reason.

Further to this, the state treasurer's bleating about NSW being the 'envy of the western world' for being in the black after selling off community assets, something any fool without an economics degree could do, is simply an insult to intelligence. If the state government is allegedly

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'streets ahead of other states', what will the flow-on to local councils be? Particularly when these are the same people who allegedly are hindering the implementation of a bed tax or infrastructure levy for Byron ratepayers after our rate increase.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

Amazed

Today was my first attendance at a Byron Council meeting. It was amazing, I witnessed a mayor completely out of his depth and basically not up to the challenges ahead of him.

The so-called green members are just a collective voting bloc toeing the line of Ken

Gainger and Simon Richardson on every decision, good, bad or outrageous. They don't need to consult with the community as it's not necessary as they do exactly what they think they need to do regardless.

The Greens council members were elected somewhat as a backlash against the outrageous change of politics of Rose Wanchap in the last council but at least Rose was prepared to stand up and be counted for her change of opinion.

Simon Richardson just does whatever and has no green credentials if they get in the way of what Ken and he have decided.

The Butler Street bypass

is a money pit that will create a financial disaster for the council. They have prepared a so-called costing but neglected to include in the \$20m consent orders for the protected wetland which could add up to another \$10m and the cost of attenuation for the 18 houses and business along Butler Street (\$80,000 per house) \$1.5m, and other changes and compliances.

The NSW government has agreed to consider the rail corridor and the council refuses to acknowledge that this option needs to be reconsidered. When making very large money decisions the basic rule is when in doubt don't do it. This council says when in doubt just see what happens.

David Frappell
Byron Bay

Mayoral blindness

'Man with foot in both camps likely to end up doing the splits.'

This is an ancient Confucian proverb I made up around 1996 to describe former mayor Ian Kingston's blindness to the activities of Council's then GM Max

Eastcott. Ian was honourable, Eastcott and alternative but was so flattered by Eastcott into thinking of himself as one of the movers and shakers that he was unable to see what was increasingly obvious to everyone else.

I'm on friendly terms with Ian Kingston these days and I feel uncomfortable in dredging it all up, particularly as he remained a gentleman throughout. On the other hand he never went public when he realised he'd been had. A mea culpa would have been nice.

Simon Richardson's case is dissimilar only in that he consciously and willingly placed himself in his present position. He saw that former mayor Jan Barham was in dire and constant conflict with the council staff and decided that it was her lack of people skills that was the basic problem.

When he became mayor he therefore announced that he was going to work closely with the staff, thereby solving everything. Whether this reflects some Steiner philosophy I don't know; maybe he's just one of those chumps

who believes that all human conflict boils down to a communication breakdown, and that if we just engaged in more 'dialogue', all would be well. What I do know is that when Simon fails to dialogue his critics into harmonious submission, his putdowns are as nasty as those of the next guy.

There have been occasions in Council when his summary of argument in relation to a particular issue has been so spot on that I've actually burst into genuine applause. Last week in relation to the bypass issue, however, he made a complete dickhead of himself by parroting a staff report that I and other speakers had just thoroughly demolished.

It's pretty clear to me that his unconscious motive was this: the bypass is his 'legacy' issue, intended to be a demonstration of his ability to get things done, a proof of his brilliance.

My feeling is that Simon's star is on the wane, that his cumulative errors are catching up with him, and that people are starting to see that for themselves.

His protectiveness of the staff, his routine refusal to obtain legal advice on specific issues, his repeated failure to stop staff from intruding into policy matters – these constitute a set of biases that must inevitably lead to disaster.

Watch this space.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

A great night

The cancer fundraiser at Mullumbimby Services Club was a great night. I had a terrific time, the food was excellent, and all the dancers involved excelled themselves beyond imagination, which only added to the quality of the entertainment on the night.

I take my hat off to the young girl who organised the event, Hannah Brooks, and her crew of volunteers. It's great to see so many young people involved; they are all legends in my eyes.

I believe they have a number of fundraisers coming up, so if you see one in your area make it a priority to go. Remember, anyone of us could be facing this wicked disease.

Gordon Smith
Mullumbimby

Flood levels

I am surprised at Matthew Lambourne's allegations concerning Greg Alderson's 1991 letter, which stated that significant reductions could be made in flood levels by installing a flood outlet above Golden Beach (Letters, June 21). Everyone can see shire engineer Greg Alderson's letter and his email rebuttal of Matthew's reply by looking at <http://brunswickvalley.com.au/flood-history/currentupdates.htm>.

The reductions at New Brighton in the 1987 Mothers Day flood were 376mm, not 14mm, and 217mm at the Capricornia Canal, not the 6mm Matthew is quoting. He is clearly looking at the graph below the one I referred to in my letter. That graph does not remove the sand behind the walls and did not have an eroding flood outlet which was a condition of the development consent for the development of the Ocean Shores estate.

No, I am not confused about the floodwaters roaring out into the sea. I was there as were most of the other locals watching the flood escape into the ocean – as reported in the local papers.

The question I ask is what is your real reason, Matthew, and of a few other newcomers, in not wanting to lower flood levels in our area?

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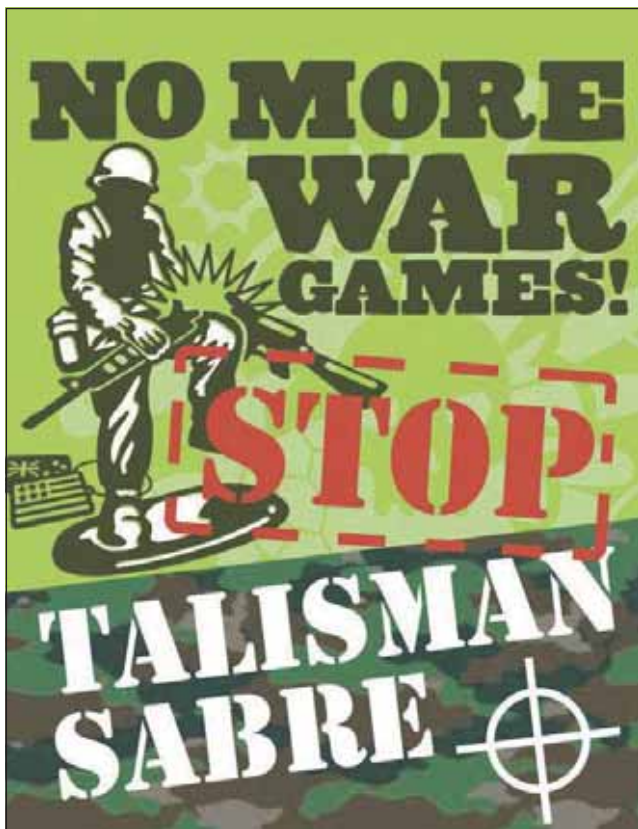
Why should we care about Talisman Sabre near Rockhampton on the Great Barrier Reef, starting early July?

Talisman Sabre is the month-long war games held biannually. It is US led and Australian supported where forces clash in conventional, irregular and cyber battles around the Shoalwater Bay Training Area and in the Northern Territory. This year 30,000 troops will participate.

Director-general Australian Defence Force Simulation and Training Commodore Allison Norris said, 'Personnel will operate in Hawaii, Korea, Japan, the Northern Territory, Queensland and on the Timor, Coral and Arafura Seas.'

Local filmmaker David Bradbury and activist partner Treena Lenthall with seven-year-old son Omar are going to Rockhampton at the end of this week to oppose and expose this continuing preparation for war. As independent filmmaker activists they will keep local community informed by putting up video clips and photos on social media.

Talisman Sabre (TS17) includes US nuclear warships and submarines in and around the Great Barrier Reef where the migrating humpback whales with their calves are found now. The military is using underwater sonar, which is documented to be detrimental to whales, dolphins and other marine life.



TS17 will incorporate naval, air force, army and special forces preparation activities, amphibious landings, parachuting, land manoeuvres, urban, air and maritime operations and the coordinated firing of live ammunition and explosive ordnance from small arms, artillery, naval vessels and aircraft.

Arms agenda

"Interoperability" is what it's all about - having military personnel able to jump straight into the seats and operate US military weaponry, provided at a price, by their arms manufacturers, the crux of the American economy,' says Bradbury.

'Perpetual war, regardless of the cost, is perpetrated on

countless hundreds of thousands of lives, people's homes and hitherto tranquil communities. Just so long as it's business as usual for the US military industrial complex.'

Bombing

President Trump announced a ten per cent increase (an extra \$54 billion) in US defence spending, while cutting health care. At a time when most Australians and Europeans are trying to come to terms with bombs exploding in city streets in London, Paris, Brussels, that's what it's like on a daily basis for people living in Yemen, Syria, Iraq.

Greenhouse gas emissions of all military are undocumented and unaccounted for

in the Paris Climate Agreement. The reporting each country is required to make on emissions excludes any fuels purchased and used by the military.

The US negotiating team succeeded at Kyoto in securing these exemptions and it continues to be the elephant in the room. The military is not just a prolific user of oil; it is one of the central pillars of the global fossil-fuel economy.

That's what the Talisman Sabre War games represent - continual war on our earth.

Treena Lenthall, who has been travelling to Talisman Sabre for 15 years, says, 'I'd like to say I am going there to stop the war games but I don't think that is going to happen.'

'My action is humble. I want to shine a light on this military presence as I cannot accept that this is the norm, that we think it is okay to go to other countries and kill people, innocent civilians and children.'

'I guess it is my way of trying to make sense of the times we live in, especially as I have a young child who will be inheriting this planet, which we aren't treating very well, or each other.'

Follow David and Treena and Omar online as they join other peace activists in Rockhampton at Twitter twitter.com/peaceconvergence, Instagram [instagram.com/peaceconvergence](https://www.instagram.com/peaceconvergence), Facebook [facebook.com/peaceconvergence](https://www.facebook.com/peaceconvergence), https://peaceconvergence.org, and YouTube [http://bit.ly/talsab](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=talsab).

► flood events be done with and get onto some action. Distresses, damage, high insurance should not have to be tolerated.

Jillian Spring
Billinudgel

Rear view mirror

I first came to Byron Bay in 1966 chasing waves, free camping at Wategos in the corner. It was unreal.

As a Novocastrian surfer every holiday was a surf trip from Newcastle to Noosa and back. We stayed in Byron Bay every trip.

In 1986 we bought a small property in Fowlers Lane. Living near Bangalow I could still go surfing twice a day, living my Morning of the Earth dream in the land of the long rights.

I ran into Steve Foreman from Newcastle (Catherine Hill Bay); he was living in Bangalow. I registered for a

surf coaching course along with Steve Foreman and met Rusty Miller, Graham Wills, Jeff Varcin. Both Steve and Rusty went onto successful surf coaching careers. I taught my grandchildren to surf at The Pass. We met all the local characters, Harry Fowler, George Greenough, Bob McTavish, Bob Margetts, Neil Cormack Gunther Rohn, Phil Myers, Wendy and Nikki Pearson.

My wife Joan worked in Byron Bay at Supertime Blues, Aspidistra and Art House. I was involved with Bay FM from the beginning with Gail and Clyde, Nancy Jo, Maurice, Les, Paul, Fairlie, Lana and Shaun Latham. I became program coordinator and vice-president.

I loved that time. Unfortunately the flame has been extinguished, the commercialisation of Byron, the M1 bringing all the Queens-

landers, the traffic gridlock and paid parking has contributed to our moving on. We lived in and loved Byron for 30 years but 18 months ago we sold and moved to Ballina.

I recently drove to Byron, a rare event these days, so I need to convey my feelings of this drive. The road conditions in the Byron Shire and CBD are a total disgrace. The Byron Bay CBD is looking tired and dirty.

I drove out to Wategos and to my surprise the Clarkes Beach intersection had been fixed with a new roundabout, amazing. I proceeded to Wategos and don't get me started about the non-walking path beside the road but it is dangerous!

I get to Wategos and WTF, where have all the surfers' carparks gone? What a fiasco, Wategoat would have jumped off the Cape. Shuv'

it, brother, just keep walking. Byron disappears in my rear view mirror as I drive back to Ballina, never to return.

Phil Donoghoe
Ballina

Rail/trail

John Scrivener's latest anti-rail rant (Letters, June 21) still fails to connect the dots - that the main reason trains can't compete economically with trucks is that roads are built for trucks at the expense of other road users, while trains are expected to pay for railways.

John correctly quotes the figure of \$900 million estimated to restore the 132km Casino to Murwillumbah rail for heavy trains. Alongside \$877 million for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale (17km) highway upgrade, restoring the railway looks like a bargain.

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■ There are some disciples of trail without rails who continue to present blinkered views on their pet project and perhaps it is unlikely that they will ever consider the views of the majority of the community. It is however a shame that blatant myths and misrepresentations continue to be put forward to the detriment of our sustainable future.

John Scrivener's letter last week is a prime example of presenting a false dichotomy between a so-called 'rail trail' (really a trail without rail) or nothing. Referring to the discredited 'train study' and pretending that this assessment reflects what 'local train supporters' are promoting is misleading at best. John's argument hangs off his statement that Tweed Heads and Ballina are not currently connected by rail, but he does not mention that eight of the ten largest population centres in our region are connected by rail or considers that Byron Bay with its two million annual visitors is at the centre of the line.

The 'train study' and John both refuse to consider the markets for tourist visitors
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Boxes of memories among the dust

Story & image S Sorrensen

Brisbane. Sunday, 10.30am. 'What's this?' I ask, extracting a folder from a cardboard box full of folders.

'Oh, I don't know. Probably some of your father's business stuff,' my mother says, pulling out another folder.

She and I are rifling through cardboard boxes stacked in a little room under her house.

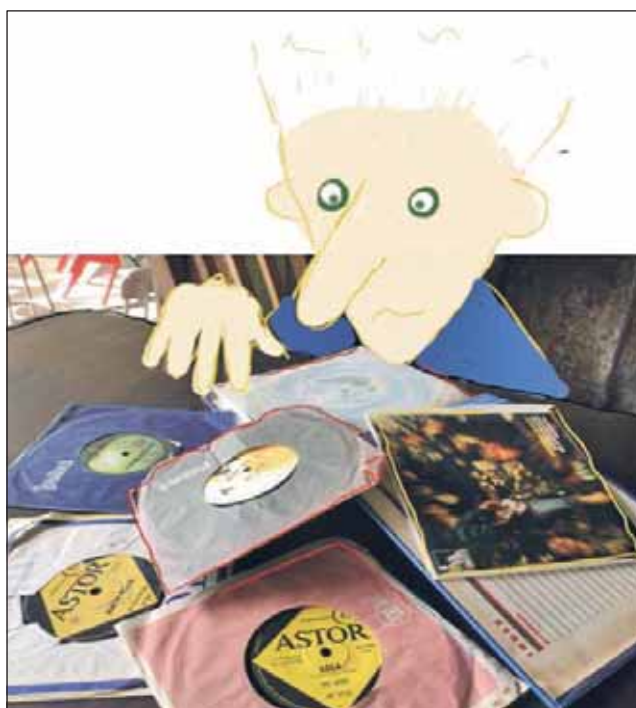
This room used to be my room when I was a teenager. I liked it. It was tiny, but it was separate from the rest of the house upstairs – and I parked my motorcycle just outside the door.

'This is your father's,' my mother says, voice quavering, reading a page filled with looping scrawl.

I recognise my father's writing. She wipes her eyes with a handkerchief she has manifested from somewhere. (Always carry a hanky. Best advice I ever got from my mother.)

'This is familiar...' I say, holding a fat blue folder.

'Some of this stuff is your father's. The rest of it is Des's,' she says.



Everything changes. Like, one day, I woke up in this little room, chucked some clothes and a copy of *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* into a saddle bag, jumped on my Suzuki 500 and left.

Next time I saw this room, years later, my father was using it as an office for his business. My father worked hard.

But everything changes. He died, leaving financial security for his wife, a lesson about life's precariousness

for me, and boxes of stuff.

There's nothing of me left in this room. Nothing, except, perhaps, this fat blue folder I'm holding. My hands remember it. My brain is slower.

After my father's death, my mother remarried. He was a gentle man, Des. He used this room as his private space, a refuge.

Here, he painted – his neat, ordered depictions an antidote to an untidy, chaotic world. Upstairs, his paint-

ings hang on the walls. They show me that the mark you make on life can be graceful. It's all you can do, I suppose. He and I agreed that grace and truth are the same.

Still holding the fat blue folder, I spy, behind a dusty pedestal fan, a wooden easel cradling an incomplete painting of a Japanese temple.

'He was painting that for me, you know,' my mother says, following my eyes to the easel. 'He never finished it...'

She makes a little gasp. I hold her to me. Des died a year ago.

My mother is two times lucky; she had two great loves in her life. And two times sad, losing two great loves.

She's frail. I can feel her heart flutter. My heart hurts for her.

Even though the only thing we know – we can ever experience – is life, death hangs over that life like a spectre. My mother is clearing out the dusty residues of her husbands' lives to make space for what remains of her own.

It's tough confronting the

ghosts so you can address the reality.

'Well, well,' I say, changing the focus and opening the fat blue folder.

'What is it?' my mother asks.

'Jeez, Mum. I haven't seen this since... since I was living here.'

'What is it?' she asks again.

'Look,' I say, lowering the opened folder to her level. (She's small now, my mother.)

Inside the folder are 45s, singles from my youth: *Lola* by The Kinks, *Moon Shadow* by Cat Stevens, *Have you Ever Seen the Rain* by Creedence Clearwater Revival, *Love Her Madly* by The Doors – stuff my son can throw out when I die.

'They're dusty,' my mother says.

'Yes, it's been a long time.'

'Seems like yesterday.'

I take a hanky from my pocket and wipe the dust from the records.

'I never liked your music,' my mother says, smiling.

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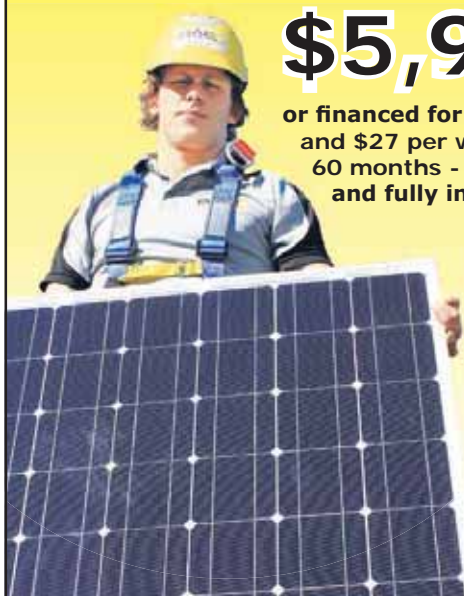
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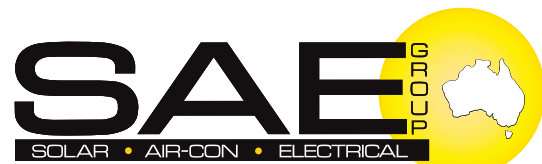
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Why are our politicians so pathetic? Redesign needed

Phillip Frazer

On the somewhat hip website crikey.com, politics editor Bernard Keane announced last week that 'The surprisingly quick death of neoliberalism in Australia is underway.'

Now because I came back to Australia from the US just seven years ago, I'm still catching up on both our politics and our political commentary, and that's one term that gives me the irritis – neoliberalism. It sounds like a good thing – new and liberal – so it's a cheer word not a boo word.

But what it means is rule by business elites who believe that anything socially managed, eg public transport, education – or socially minded, eg clean air and water, art, theoretical science – should be run by businesspeople according to their values. In any case, not many pub-pundits lace their epithets with 'neoliberalism', except in Mullum's Cout House Hotel.

Now, Crikey's Mr Keane says that PM Malcolm Turnbull and his shaky group of

parliamentary supporters have looked at the polls, and at the last federal and state elections, and at what's happened to Theresa May's Conservatives in the UK and to both mainstream parties in France, and got that giving local and multinational big business everything they want, privatising everything while slashing social safety-net programs and abandoning government-funded anything other than war... is *not* creating a trickle-down of jobs and money – and that a rapidly growing percentage of voters aren't going to take it any more.

So Turnbull and Co have discovered that there are good and bad deficits, good and bad debt, and good and bad government spending. Across the floor, Bill Shorten and the Labor Party might be looking for inspiration not from yesterday's corporate Labor leaders Hawke and Keating, but from old-school democratic socialists like Bernie Sanders, Jeremy Corbyn, and parts of Scandinavia.

That said, our ruling coalition government it is not



Turnbull, Joyce, Morrison, Pyne and a lump of coal. AAP Image/Mick Tsikas

about to abandon big business nor is it going to match the Labor Party's half-arsed new and improved social programs. The ABC's Leigh Sales wasted a whole prime-time interview last week with Labor deputy leader Tanya Plibersek trying to make her say 'the government is spending more on education', with no regard for how much more, to whom, or why it should pay church and private schools anything.

(Another question that has bugged me since returning from the US: who thought it was a good idea to brand a

wide reform of education 'Gonski', as if we all know what that means?)

Okay, so we could go into the details of why Aussie politicians have spent decades slavishly copying the awful mistakes of American and European governments, and are typically slow to change when it all turns out to be disastrous. Why don't they lead the world instead of licking big brother's boots? For example, be the first to institute a real carbon tax?

Answer: Australia's top politicians have long been too much in love with swanning

around Manhattan's pricey watering holes with their American managers to cut the ties. Now, with voters of the western world crying out for relief and maybe blood, and with Trump and his gang of mismatched dickheads throwing everyone under the bus because they sell the petrol to the bus, we have to do something different.

But can they? Can Turnbull, whose money is managed by his old bosses Goldman Sachs in New York, really see what's going on in the world and break out of the myths that bind him?

Most of our polities are captives of the corporates who fund them, and of the four great myths that underlie our social economic and political systems.

To wit, Myth 1: Nature is free. A staggering number of folks believe that naturally occurring things such as air, water, sunshine and soil are free and infinitely tolerant of whatever we do to them.

Myth 2: We are all white men with Christian values. In fact, Australia has more

women than men, and Christianity is tied with 'no religion' at about 45 per cent each in our latest Census.

Myth 3: War is inevitable. Globally, war-based industries are estimated to cost US\$1.8 trillion each year, plus the damage to human health, ecosystems and infrastructure. We can't afford war no more.

Myth 4: It's only money. *Der Spiegel* magazine recently estimated that the entire tangled web of the global 'finance industry' transacted \$1,634 trillion for the year 2010. Lord Adair Turner, chairman of Britain's Financial Services Authority, told the magazine that many things the financial industry does are 'socially useless' – I dare Turnbull and Shorten to say that.

Our politics-as-usual cannot face up to these myths, so we need collectively to redesign politics.

■ Between lugging mandarins and bananas up the ridge, Phillip Frazer is redesigning politics at www.coorabellridge.com.

LETTERS

► continued from page 13 even though the trail without rails is highly dependent on acknowledging such a market. It is also the case that the trail without rails proposal rejected by the NSW government was highly dependent on being subsidised by councils, drawing funds away from local road networks.

Refurbished rail within the corridor will have much lower construction and long-term maintenance costs than

roads of similar length and capacity, especially when a rail line has a life of around 100 years compared to roads that require expensive major upgrades every 20 years.

TOOT has always promoted a multi-use solution of rail and a trail in the existing corridor. This solution can be achieved with light rail and overcomes the problem identified by Alistair Bell of a trail without rail that caters only to high-priced tourists, leaving locals and commuters

without sustainable transport options. Only a multi-use corridor can reduce the number of cars on our roads, provide accessible commuter transport and economic benefits to the broader community.

Basil Cameron
Trains On Our Tracks (TOOT)

■ Recent letters in *The Echo* claiming the Casino to Murwillumbah (C-M) train line is in such bad condition that trains will never return are

wrong on both points. Maintenance of line had been neglected for decades until accumulated repairs were needed. This is an age-old trick of governments – allow infrastructure to deteriorate, then use the cost of repairs as an excuse to close the service. Despite the criminal neglect, most of the heavy duty C-M line is in reasonable condition and does not need to be completely rebuilt.

The same correspondent tries to justify the actions of an

incompetent minister for (no) transport (and mate of the notorious Eddie Obeid) who refused to come and talk to the northern rivers community about the transport needs of this fast-growing tourist region. In his ignorance he chose to close the only train service to the region.

Those advocating the C-M line be ripped up for cycling tourism completely ignore the two million people per year currently visiting the area who need transport. Cycleways

cannot compete with the tourism, transport, or employment opportunities of rail.

Fortunately Byron Shire Council is aware of the opportunities the train line provides and is commissioning an independent study of the condition of the line between Bangalow and Billinudgel, and the potential for low-carbon tourism as well as safe, accessible, affordable public transport for long-suffering locals.

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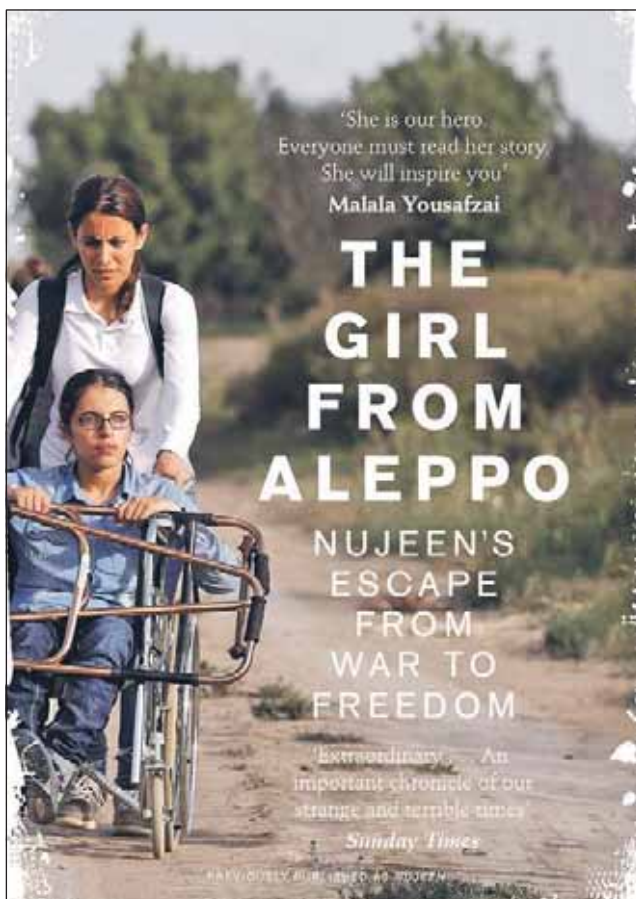
Nujeen: one girl's journey from war-torn Syria in a wheelchair

'The story of Nujeen, amazing young woman and Syrian refugee, reminds the world that refugees, just like others, have aspirations and dreams for peace, education and a better society. Nujeen inspires me to dream without limits.' -Malala Yousafzai

Nujeen Mustafa has cerebral palsy. This did not stop her travelling, with her sister, 4,000 miles from Syria to Hungary in a wheelchair.

Denied access to an education in Syria because of her disability, she taught herself English by watching US soap operas. In 2014 her home town of Kobane was at the centre of fierce fighting between Isis militants and US-backed Kurdish forces, forcing her family to flee first across the border into Turkey and then further into Europe, where they currently live, in Germany.

She tells her story in a powerful memoir *Nujeen*,



co-written by prize-winning correspondent Christina Lamb, bestselling co-author of *I Am Malala*. Like Malala Yousafzai, Nujeen has been forced to flee her native coun-

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Christina Lamb

Christina Lamb is a multi award-winning journalist for the UK *Sunday Times*. She has acted as Washington bureau chief for the paper and in 2009 she was awarded the prestigious Prix Bayeux Calvados for her reporting from Afghanistan.

She won the Foreign Press

Association Award for Story of the Year in 2007, and was also named Foreign Correspondent of the Year in the British Press Awards.

She is the author of the best-selling *The Africa House*, *Waiting for Allah*, *The Sewing Circles of Herat*, *Small Wars Permitting* and *I Am Malala*, co-authored with Malala Yousafzai.

Christina Lamb is taking

part in numerous sessions at Byron Writers Festival including a one-one-one conversation with Jennifer Byrne (Saturday August 5), The State of the World with Roger Cohen, Mei Fong and Kerrie O'Brien and Ben Knight (Friday August 4) and Foreign Correspondents Club with Roger Cohen, John Lyons and Ben Knight (Saturday August 5).



Author/journalist Christina Lamb. Photo Caroline Forbes

Sally Rippin wrangles the feelings monster

Sally Rippin is one of the country's best-loved children's authors and was Australia's highest-selling female author in 2016. Writing for almost 20 years, Sally has written more than 50 books for children and young adults, and holds numerous awards for her writing.

Best known for her *Billie B Brown* and *Hey Jack!* series, this year Sally will release the first book in a new series called *Polly & Buster* - *The Wayward Witch* and *The Feelings Monster* and a new imprint with Bonnier Publishing called *Sally Rippin Presents*.

Sally gave *The Echo* some insight into her literary loves.



Describe where you write.

At the kitchen table, or sometimes even in bed if it's cold. The more romantic answer, which is also true, is in a little writer's retreat I recently bought in the bush just outside Castlemaine in the old Victorian goldfields. It's a tiny renovated barn, with a roaring wood-fired stove and when the rain falls on the tin roof I'm in heaven. I love it up there and even though it's where I get my best work done, I can't get up there all the time because I still have a son in school in Melbourne.

Tell us something about you that people may not know.

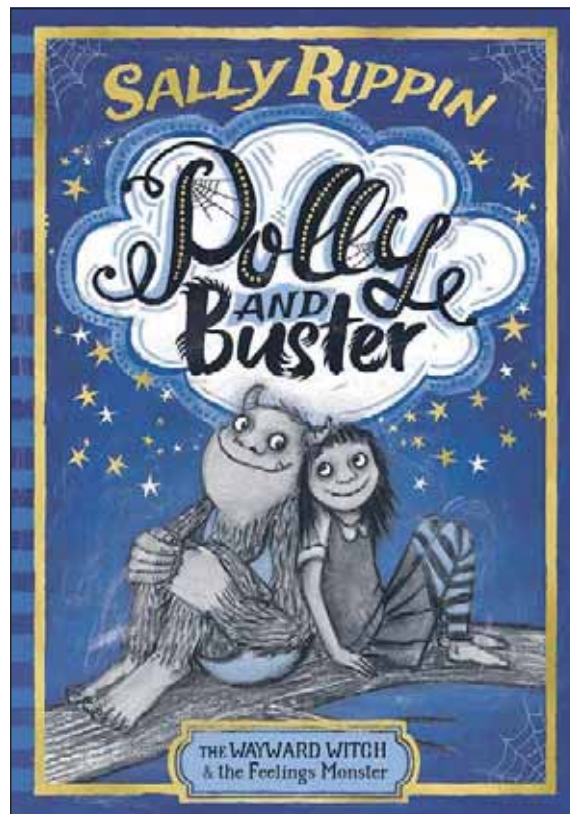
I'm a very anxious person and when I let it take hold it can even wake me in the night, heart racing, mind spiralling into all kinds of worst-case-scenarios. I definitely related to the main character in Sarah Watt's film *Look Both Ways*. I suspect many artists grapple with out-of-control imaginations at times and this can be a wonderful thing when channelled into your work, but otherwise deeply terrifying.

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

Charlotte's Web by EB White. To have your reader empathise so deeply with creatures that you wouldn't have any trouble squishing with your shoe, or eating fried alongside poached eggs, is a true skill and a gift of compassion.

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

Oh, I'm spoilt in that many of the book creators I most admire I already know and consider friends: Shaun



Tan, Martine Murray, Andy Griffiths, Ann James, Leigh Hobbs, Jude Rossell, are only a handful of them who live in my very own city and we have such a tightly knit, supportive children's book community here. I don't need to look any further for inspiration. What would I ask them? Would they like to share a pot of tea?

Who should we be reading?

Whoever and whatever makes you feel good. I used to worry a lot about who I should be reading but now I just read what I want. Though

if there are any 'shoulds' to be had, I reckon adult readers should explore the world of children's books a little more. There is true magic to be found there.

What are you working on now?

The second book in my new series about Polly, the wayward witch, and Buster, the 'feelings monster'. I am also about to launch a new list that I have been invited to curate with Bonnier Publishing called *Sally Rippin Presents*. The first books to be

published under my imprint have been written by comedy writer Fiona Harris and illustrated by Tripod member Scott Edgar and they are set in a kooky little place called Moopertown.

Where do stories take you?

Not just figuratively but also literally, all around the world. I have had residencies in schools as far away as Ghana, China and even a tiny remote village in the mountains of West Papua, only accessible by helicopter. I have met the most extraordinary people through my books and made the most beautiful and unexpected connections. I never dreamed that writing for children would have opened up so many opportunities for me.

What are you looking forward to at Byron Writers Festival?

The weather. Melbourne is dreary in winter and I'm no good in the cold!

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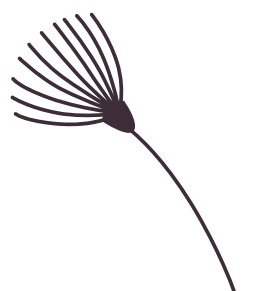
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The orchestra program includes a Senior Orchestra and Junior Concert Band to be conducted by Luis Madrid. Michael McCabe, head of strings at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium, will conduct the Junior Strings Ensemble.



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Story Vivienne Pearson. Photos Cheryl Styles.

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The exception is the Vegan Cooking School that Veet has created. 'I created the course I wanted to do!,' she says. Initially a vegetarian cooking school, it morphed into vegan two years ago, following Veet's own personal move to a vegan diet.

The course is modular, meaning that participants can sign up for as much as they like, or build on foundation learning at later time. The second round of graduates of the 'full monty' – the nine-module Vegan Chef Training Program – put all their training to the test at their graduation held last weekend.

I spoke to the graduates as they were preparing the menu for the 50-plus-guest graduation lunch. Despite knowing that the course is the only vegan-specific cooking school in the country (and possibly beyond), I was amazed to discover that only one of the eight students lives in the Byron Shire.

Sam Holt, 22, hails from England. 'There's nothing like this in England,' he says. 'There are vegetarian cooking schools but they cost so much for just two days.'

Stacey Jamieson, 30, from Brisbane is keen to use knowledge from the course – which includes modules on establishing a food business – to create her own business, starting with a pop-up pasta bar.

Amanda Attard, 47, from the Gold Coast, is a food blogger who plans to start vegan cooking workshops. As an ultra-marathon runner, she is also benefitting personally from her learning. 'Nutrition has been so important in this course,' Amanda says. 'Media tell you that you need protein from animal products but



Graduation Feast (above); Happy chefs, incl Veet third from right (pictured top right); Graduating vegan chefs (right); Chai cake (pictured bottom right).

when we think of a meal in this course, Veet will ask: "What's the protein in that and is it a whole protein?"

'There is more vegan food around but not all of it is wholesome,' says Stacey. 'A lot uses highly processed ingredients and is high in salt or fat.'

For some, personal health is the main focus. Mandy Patrick, 57, is from a town in southern NSW with a name that sounds like a new fermented drink, Savernake. She came to veganism as a result of personal health issues and needs to manage various food intolerances in addition to her vegan diet. This is another area covered comprehensively in the course.

The graduation feast included Thai sweet corn cakes, mushroom soup with raisin port and cashew sour cream, and polenta with rosemary and paprika and pumpkin sauce. For dessert, there will be cakes galore, including a four-layered wedding-style Chai cake, a Turkish Romance cake and a black-bean-and-chocolate brownie.

Some of a cakes are raw, a focus of one of the nine modules; others include Ayurveda, macrobiotics, fermentation, menu planning, food photography and hands-on practical catering.

For those who move through the modules together, a strong sense of group develops. 'It's interesting how well we all get on,' reflects Amanda. 'Food passion has brought us together.' All will miss this camaraderie when they return to their regular lives.



They (and their families / housemates) will also miss the amazing food that they take home from the course most days!

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Localising the War on Coffee Waste

Just in case you didn't catch the coffee-cup segment of ABC television's *War on Waste* series, here is the major point it made: Australians dispose of more than one billion single-use coffee cups every year (that's more than 50,000 every half hour). Shocked? Read on to find out more, including the local state of play.

By Vivienne Pearson



The local lowdown

The *War on Waste* stated that coffee cups are not being recycled anywhere in Australia. They added the proviso that recycling options vary across council areas.

Byron Shire Council was quick to respond to the coffee-cup segment of *War on Waste* by saying that in this region single-use coffee cups are being recycled. Byron Council even have an image of a coffee cup on yellow bins in the community.

The reason that coffee-cup recycling is not straightforward is that the cups are not just paper (as they seem); they are lined with plastic. Separating the two materials is not straightforward.

Our recycling waste goes to the Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre for sorting (joined by waste from Ballina, Lismore and Richmond councils). 'It's a fantastic facility,' says Lucy Wilson, Byron's resource recovery education officer, who emphasises that anyone who questions the council over transporting their waste to Lismore is missing the point – sharing resource-intense facilities like this is part of the solution, not the problem.

Back to the cups, she says, via a Byron Shire Council Facebook post: 'Paper pulp makes up 95 per cent of the cup which is recyclable. The other five per cent plastic coating is waste and unfortunately becomes landfill.'

The cups are not actually recycled in Lismore. According to Lismore Council, they are baled up with all other paper recyclable waste and transported to a facility in Brisbane before being shipped overseas to be recycled.

I was unable to find out any information about what happens once the waste leaves Lismore. The team from Lismore Council tell me that they are currently seeking these details.

Composting is the other potential option for single-use coffee cups. This seems like a perfect solution – I like the idea of our cups returning to the soil to fuel new plant growth – but

Tips for minimising your coffee waste

- ☕ Get a reusable cup and take advantage of discounts offered by cafes
 - ☕ Don't buy another reusable cup every time you forget yours or decide you'd like a new colour – far more resources go into making reusable cups than single-use ones, so having a collection sitting unused in your cupboard does nothing to help the environment.
 - ☕ Try out local initiatives such as TipCup and Boomerang Cup.
- If you use a single-use cup:
- ☕ Say No to a lid if you don't absolutely need one
 - ☕ Preference plain over highly printed single-use cups. Why throw out all that ink as well as paper?
 - ☕ Empty any remaining liquid out (no need to rinse) and place the cup and lid in the yellow recycling bins.
 - ☕ Put any coffee grounds from making coffee at home into the green bin.

Byron and Lismore councils both tell me that currently even cups claiming to be biodegradable can't be dealt with via our green-bin system. I was surprised to hear this, as will the local cafes listed opposite who are also under the impression (understandably) that the cups they use are compostable.

'The majority of the companies currently producing 'compostable' coffee cups do not meet Australian standards. We currently do not accept them in our green organic bins as they could jeopardise the organic certification,' says Danielle Hanigan, business development coordinator at Lismore City Council.

Don't stress if you've been putting so-called compostable lids in the green bin up until now. 'Small quantities are okay at the moment,' says Lucy Wilson. 'We screen our compost,' adds Danielle Hanigan.

The councils estimate that the changes needed for this to happen in larger quantities will occur by November 2017. Perfect

timing for cafes to be able to investigate this option between now and then, perhaps?

So the message? If you use a single-use cup, tip out any remaining liquid (no need to rinse) and pop cups and lids into the yellow bin. And the ultimate solution? Take your own cup to your favourite cafe!

Coffee-Cup Culture

Part of the solution will be a change in our strong culture of walking around with takeaway coffee cups. Let's face it – it is currently seen as cool to be clutching a warming beverage, whether heading into a meeting, going for your morning walk, hopping in your car before a long (or not so long) drive, or picking up your kids from school.

A similar change has already happened with plastic bags. In the 1980s, toting a cloth bag was seen as daggy and clutching a fist-full of plastic was cool. Now it is the reverse. We need a change of culture to where someone walking around with a single-use cup is subject to sideways glances rather than longing looks.

One friend feels that we need to move back to the Italian roots of our coffee culture – a country where people stand at a bar to down an espresso – and take a moment to relax, rather than hurrying away with our caffeine in a single-use cup.

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By Vivienne Pearson

Byron Shire cafes are clearly up for the challenge. *The Echo* polled local food businesses to get a snapshot of what's happening on the ground. Common strategies are selling reusable cups, offering a discount for customers who bring their own cup (20–50c is the most common range and, given that the cost price of a cup and lid averages around 15c, anything more than 20c is generous).

Being Byron, there are some other great creative solutions around – see responses in the box opposite. All of these businesses deserve a gong for the thought they had already put into the issue, the alternatives they offer, and their further response after the screening of *War on Waste*.

Though it is understandable that several businesses indicate that their cups are compostable (I too thought many were until researching this story), the current message from Byron Council is for all single-use coffee cups to go in yellow recycling bins (stay tuned for when this changes, it's hoped later this year).

A great resource for keeping this info up to date is www.responsiblecafes.org. Featured on ABC's *War on Waste*, this is a

free-to-list service for cafes and eateries to keep customers up to date on their practices.

Mullumbimby

Lulu's: We have a 40 cent discount if you bring your own cup for takeaway, and sell reusable cups. We plan to have a week in July (Plastic Fee) during which we will not use single-use cups.

Magic Pot: We've sold reusable mugs since their inception. We have maybe 30 per cent of our customers bring their own – anything from a salsa jar to a little thermos to a jam jar in a stubby cooler! – and this number is increasing! I love that people have embraced the idea and made it quirky. As we tend to keep our prices reasonable I hadn't thought to discount, though we do tend to give random freebies to regular customers.

Mullumbimby Farmers Market: We introduced a coffee-cup washing station in 2015 after a rubbish audit showed coffee cups were the main waste coming out of the market. We would like to have our own compost facilities at the Showgrounds. We



will be getting onboard with Plastic Free July with the aim of using this as a springboard to banning plastic altogether.

Poinciana: We have fully compostable takeaway cups and lids and offer a 30c discount on BYO cup. We sell a range of re-usable cups and are willing to try a single-use-cup-free period in July.

Puremelt Chocolate: We now offer a 50c discount for people who BYO a cup. We have biodegradable cups, sell reusable cups (and offer a free drink with the first one). We discourage lids so don't offer them. We will be offering 'Boomerang' cups in July too (see box below).

Scarecrows: We have fully compostable takeaway cups and lids. We offer a 30c discount on BYO cup and sell a range of reusable cups. There is a free seedling service if you bring your compostable cup back: We put little seedlings into some soil and give them away. We are willing to try a single-use-cup-free period in July.

Scratch Patisserie: We sell a range of reusable cups as well as use cups for takeaway that we have been told by Council are being recycled. We contribute 10 per cent of coffee sales to the Red Cross for anyone who brings in their own cup. We are looking into ways in which customers can leave their cups with us to use when purchasing their coffee, as we have found that the most common scenario is that people have good intentions to use reusable cups but they just forget to bring them along.

The Italian Joint / Other Joint: We discount 20c if you bring in your own cup. We use the bio-cup, which has a plant-based inner coating, and we will be selling glass keep cups – when purchased, customers receive a free coffee.

Bangalow

Bangalow Farmers Market: This is something we are passionate about. We commissioned our own reusable cups and coffee stallholders offer discounted coffee when customers BYO cup (ours or their own).

Pantry 29: We use cups that are biodegradable or can be recycled. We do a discount for bringing your own cup.

Ocean Shores

Ga Ga Central: We give a discount of 20c to customers who bring their own cups or mugs and have done so for more than three years. We use bio-cups and bio-lids. We have also just started selling reusable glass coffee cups.

Byron Bay

Byron Beach Café: We offer 50c off takeaway coffees for BYO cups. We're also soon making available our own 'Beach Byron Bay' reusable cups.

Byron Farmers Market: This is something we are passionate about. We commissioned our own reusable cups and coffee stallholders offer discounted coffee when customers BYO cup (ours or their own).

Café Novella: We offer 50c discount to anyone who provides their own cup.

Dip Café: We offer a huge \$1 discount on coffee if you bring your own cup! Maybe the highest in town I think? We also have fully biodegradable takeaway cups and lids.

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Localising the War on Coffee Waste ... cont from page 23

Forgot your cup?

One of the big issues with encouraging reusable cups is the human factor. We are all prone to forgetting to take our reusable cup, going somewhere without a bag big enough to carry one, or suddenly needing a coffee now!

Responding to this problem locally are three similar initiatives:

Boomerang Cups: As an added boost to Mullumbimby's Plastic Free July, Mullum Cares is introducing Boomerang Cups. The idea is for cafes to have stocks of pre-loved mugs that customers can use when they forget their reusable cups. Mullum Cares are seeking donations of mugs (you know the ones at the back of your cupboard that haven't been used for years!) – large ones preferred to help with spillage minimisation. You can drop them off at Flash Computers, Stuart's Menswear, Urban Archaeology or Made in Mullum (keep up to date with other locations and participating cafes via Facebook: @MullumCares).

TipCup: The Top Shop in Byron Bay have instigated a similar idea, calling it TipCups. They source secondhand mugs and have a creative system – you buy the cup for 50c and then receive a 50c discount on the coffee that gets made in it. As Top Shop is one of the many food businesses in the Shire that operate within the strict framework of a takeaway food business licence (so can't serve sit-down coffee), this initiative is Top Shop's way of reducing their environmental impact. Says Charlie Gordon of Top Shop: 'Our reports show our customers have presented their own cup at the register more than 5,000 times this year so far. This rate is increasing fast, and the TipCup initiative has been a big driver of this.'

Topless for the Sea: Plastic Free Byron and the Byron Mermaids are providing crates stocked with reusable op shop mugs to use – so far at Sparrow, Leaf and Grain, and Seabones. If someone is keen on a single-use cup, the Byron Mermaids are going 'Topless for the Sea' to encourage everyone to 'go topless' and skip the plastic lid.

Santos tosses out disposable coffee cups

Local not-for-profit Santos Organics plans to cease serving disposable coffee cups in all of its stores by the end of July.

According to general manager Michael Lyon: 'It's time we take individual and collective responsibility for our lifestyle choices. This includes ditching single-use products such as takeaway cups, which have become Australia's second-largest litter item. As an environmental charity, Santos takes seriously its position as a leader on sustainability. We encourage all community members to purchase a reusable cup at one of the many Byron Shire cafes providing them during July in preparation for this change.'

REminder RE: other REs

While it's great that there is a focus on whether or not coffee cups can be recycled, it's worth REmembering that REcycling should be a last resort rather than a first-line solution.

As you will see from the chain of processes that a coffee cup needs to go through before being recycled (your bin to a truck to Lismore, through the Material Recovery Facility, trucked to Brisbane and then shipped overseas and, at some point in there, having the plastic lining removed from the paper), recycling involves a huge input of resources.

Other REs to try before RELying on REcycling are:

- REduce
- REuse
- REfuse
- REmember

(and, for things other than coffee cups: REpair, REmake, REpair).

REspect to http://www.greenpeace.org.au/blog/beyond-reduce-reuse-recycle/#.WUxy_cZ7HEY for some of these REs.

And the gong doesn't go to...

One initiative (not a local one, thanks) that doesn't deserve a gong is the 'Pioneer Nespresso Livanto Limited Edition'. The casing of this Swiss Army knife is made from ... wait for it ... recycled coffee-pod capsules. Given how much waste is created by the aluminium coffee pods and how few would be used for each knife, I think I'll give this 'coveted collector's item' (according to the press release) a miss.



... Business responses re: War on Coffee Cup Waste story - continued

Espressohead Café: We have been selling Keep Cups for over a year now and offer a free coffee on purchase and a 30c discount on every coffee after (when using the Keep Cup or any other refillable cup). Sales of the Keep Cups has increased greatly since *War On Waste* was aired, but only about 50 per cent of people who bought them keep bringing them back. People forget and get out of the habit very quickly. The more publicity about it the better, I think, to keep reminding people.

Top Shop: We offer a 50c discount to our customers if they bring their own cup. We have two choices for those customers who arrive without their own cup, but don't want to use a takeaway cup... you can purchase a new reusable cup or you can buy a vintage ceramic 'TipCup' cup for 50c - see box. We are in

Coffee cups are only one slice of the takeaway food waste pie. Though we haven't included this part of their responses, many cafes also commented on their approach to tackling other waste, such as food containers, plastic bags and disposable cutlery.

discussion with a Melbourne-based company SimplyCups, who are developing a single resource stream of coffee cups to enable the development of a specialised recycling facility.

Spoke Coffee Brewers: We discount the coffee if you bring your own mug. We use no plastic lining in our takeaway cups, and we use only white takeaway cups.

Wild Tahini Café: The cups I use are 100 per cent recyclable (not compostable). I sell reusable cups.

Henry's Bakery: We have a reusable coffee cup range and offer a discount for customers who use any reusable cups - not just ours :). Our reusable cups are sturdy and great quality, so have fewer issues than some of the cheaper ones. We use a special biodegradable cup from Biopak that can be recycled by our local council's facilities (and yours, I believe).

The Spotted Pig: Our cups are certified biodegradable. Unlike traditional paper cups that use a petroleum-based plastic lining, Cups-To-Grow are lined with a bioplastic lining PLA (polylactic-acid) harvested from corn starch, a naturally renewable resource.

Lennox Head

Café Marius Espresso and Tapas Bar: We discount the coffee if you bring your own mug. We use no plastic lining in our takeaway cups, and we use only white takeaway cups.

Lismore

Flock Espresso & Eats: We discount the cost of the coffee if a customer brings in their own cup. We are in the process of ordering in reusable cups for customers to buy.



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New chapter for Elders Bangalow

The team at Elders Bangalow is super excited about their new office in the iconic George Reading building on Lismore Road. After a whirlwind fit-out of four weeks, the office has been fully relocated and is now operating from the new premises. I asked Janice Maple and Duncan Lorimer, principals at Elders Bangalow, what prompted their move to the new premises.

Well, there were a couple of motivating factors. Firstly, the two-level space in Byron Street was proving not very functional with our staff dynamic and we were due to take up another three-year option with an increase in the rent likely. We decided it was a good time to see what was available and that is when we stumbled across the old hardware store in the Readings building. It is just perfect for our team! Real estate has definitely changed over the past seven years since we bought the Elders franchise in 2010. We are not



relying on walk-in traffic any more. Most of the out-of-town buyers have already found us on the internet before they arrive in town. The good thing about our new premises on Lismore Road is we have heaps of onsite parking for our clients and it offers huge exposure for our brand to all the passing drive-by traffic.

We have been amazed at how

popular our decision to move has been with the general public and our clients. As soon as we started telling people where we were going, they were saying... that is fantastic, that's the perfect location for your business. It's been really encouraging!

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Jo Jo Smith is one such performer. She is a small woman who quietly walks onto stage. She's not showy. There are no gimmicks. Then she starts and it's game on. This radical exponent of the power of music and love has lived it every day of her 50-year career onstage. And guess what? The woman is also super modest. It's an alluring trifecta, and not one you see much in the music industry!

To celebrate 50 years in the biz Jo Jo Smith teams up with her dear friends and musical comrades Lucie Thorne and Hamish Stuart.

Jo Jo, congrats on 50 years performing as a musician. What's your secret, woman?

Joy!

Why have you teamed up with Lucie – what is it about the two of you on the road? What do you get up to?

After a gig we played together last year, I told Lucie that 2017 would mark my 50th year playing music for a quid.

She jumped on the idea of putting together a huge celebratory tour... and here we are! I feel mighty grateful. Being able to celebrate music with such dear friends – Lucie and Hamish – is a wonderful thing. We're having a hoot!

How would you describe your career thus far?

Varied! Joyous, difficult, blissful, rewarding...

How do you see love and music entwined?

I can't see them being separate...

Has music been a kind of spiritual practice for you? What has been your greatest lesson... what about your greatest teachers?

Music is soul food for me. I've always drawn inspiration from the wonderful musicians I've had the pleasure of working with, and listening to. Stevie Wonder's my guru. And as for my greatest lesson – shut up and listen.

What happens to you when you perform? You always seem so modest and unassuming but you have this charisma that's bigger than the opera house! How do you do that?

I'm much more interested in the lovelight than the limelight. (She even has a song called this!)

How are you, Lucie, and Hamish Stuart working together? What is the joy of collaboration for you?

I love being around gorgeous generous-hearted people – and this is the perfect trio for this time. I'm so very fond of Lucie and Hamish. We get along great and have such fun making music together.

Tell me what we can expect for your local shows.

Lucie and Hamish will play the opening set, then me, then we all get together for a cracking finale!

And what about the next 50 years?

Well, Everest is on my bucket list...

Jo Jo Smith, Lucie Thorne and Hamish Stuart play Club Mullum on Saturday at 7.30pm. Book now at www.clubmullum.com. They also play Tintenbar Hall on Sunday at 4pm and Bello Winter Music 6-9 July. For ticket and program info go to bellowintermusic.com.

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RUN GIRL RUN

Five years ago my husband and I built a six-bedroom house. After years of stacking kids two deep per room, we graduated from lower middle class to the ripening affluence of a family where everyone had their own bedrooms.

John and I finally had a room with a door, instead of the gypsy stylings of the red velvet curtain we used to partition the lounge room where we tried to make 'adult space'. Many the failed attempt at a sneaky root was launched there, only to be aborted on the appearance of the silhouette of a child demanding toast or water or money. We finally had our family home, but alas, a little too late. We really only had three years of all five of them in there at once.

Delicious years ruined by adolescence and their yearning to get the fuck away from us. Over the next few years John and I ferreted away enough money to put in the pool the kids have wanted for 20 years, the punchline to that oft-repeated refrain 'Can we get a pool, can we get a pool, can we get a pool?'. Well we get a pool and they all fuck off. The family of seven is down to four. In one month's time, three of the rooms will sit empty when the girls all make their way overseas on individually planned six-month trips. One tells me she's planning on moving to London permanently.

Two of them have been coming and going for some time, but until last week it still kind of felt like they lived with us. Zoe left for London on Monday and I still haven't been able to go into her room. I texted her that I couldn't go in, told her that every time I look in there I start crying, to which I received the reply, 'I'm not dead, Mum'. True. I'm being a bit over-dramatic. I was lying face down on the carpet holding her childhood snugly toy weeping. I know I'm lucky, my kids are still very much alive, but something has shifted in my family, something has changed. They've grown up. And that part of my life, of our shared lives, is gone. It's a memory now. It lives in photos, or stories, or Facebook feeds. It lives in boxes of birthday cards and broken toys shoved under beds or in the back of wardrobes. I mean, when do you paint over the 'tall wall'?

The thought of the book closing on their childhood flooded me with regret. There was a whole lot of

shit I didn't do. Like canteen. And guided reading. I was going to teach them to sew and cook. Instead I showed them how to online shop, drink wine and talk shit. The girls don't really need me any more. I know that's good. That you want them to find themselves and make plans and follow through and make their own life. It's just a bit weird and scary. You are supposed to want your kids to leave. Like it's some sort of relief. Like you've been waiting for them to fuck off so you can get on with your own life, but having people need me is my thing. I keep them helpless on purpose. I do their washing. I make their beds. I take their plates to the dishwasher. Because I'm a martyr? Well, partly yes, but also because while I bitch and complain and tantrum about how much I do, how I do so much more than anyone else, and of course, how much better I am than them for doing more than anyone else, the truth is it makes me feel like what I do for them still matters.

It makes me feel like there are still invisible strings of interdependence that bind us. I never taught them to be completely independent because I feared that would make me redundant. Nothing prepares you for the aching of their absence and the strange painful joy of seeing them walk into the world as their own women. It's a curious mix of grief and pride. I didn't know this until about 12.30am on Tuesday when Zoe walked through the departure gates and I lost it. I am not talking a lone tear rolling down my cheek. I'm talking doubling over, gasping, crying. Shuddering. Sobbing. It was quite a show. She turns back and says, 'Mum, I can't leave you like this.' But I push her away and say, 'Go, Go'. Then I sob some more as she steps away, worried about me. About how I'll cope. Which is ironic because initially I was crying about how she would cope and then I realised I was actually crying about myself. Perhaps I am the one vulnerable to the world, not her.

She's a young woman now but I can still see the echo of the face she had as a baby, the face that looked to me for love and assurance that looks to me now for love and assurance once again. And I've got snot out my nose, my face is red and I look batshit crazy. Run, Girl! Run! And then she's gone, my baby girl now a blip on my Facebook messenger. One down. Two to go.



TWO-COURSE ELTON

This Saturday immerse yourself in the **Elton John Experience**. The show takes you on a musical journey of more than 40 years of one of the world's greatest songwriting partnerships of all time, between Elton John and Bernie Taupin. Covering iconic hits from the *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* album, and all major hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s and through to today. With a full band and excellent production, this show covers the iconic hits with a few less mainstream 'cult' favourites mixed in. Dinner show. **Saturday at Ballina RSL**. \$54.90. Doors 6.30pm. Dinner 7.30pm and show at 8pm. Tix at the club.

BART & LULO

In early 2016, European gypsy guitar great **Lulo Reinhardt** and emerging Australian world jazz fusion guitarist **Bart Stenhouse** decided to join forces to tour Australia together in 2017. In their joint Australian performances they will be drawing from Lulo's vast back catalogue (exploring both his Latin swing and manouche material)



and Bart's past three original world jazz albums (which combine heavy influences from Spanish flamenco, North Indian classical and modern jazz traditions) – performing in solo and duo formations as well as together with the shared bassist and drummer/percussionist. A mutual friend put the two in contact and the idea grew quickly from there.

Lulo Reinhardt and Bart Stenhouse are at the **A&I Hall Bangalow** on **Thursday 6 July** in partnership with the Bangalow Theatre Company. Tickets are \$35 and are available from <https://bookings.bangalowtheatre.com.au>.

Lulo is also running a special one-off masterclass on Friday 7 July at 11am–1pm, also at the A&I Hall, to share his vast knowledge and experience with participants! Tickets are \$30 (+ online booking fee) and are available at www.bartstenhouse.com/events.

THE RAVEN'S SHOW

Doni Raven & The Collective Insanity present a unique live show that brings visual and performing artists together to create a live painting and projection by abstract artist **Hamish Gordon**.

Modern contemporary art will be created before your eyes while the band plays the raw energetic compositions of Doni Raven. Each unique piece of art will be created and auctioned on the night, capturing the intensity and emotion of the music. With special guests **Walrus & The Carpenter**. **Friday** at the **Brunswick Picture House**. Tickets available online at brunswickpicturehouse.com Tickets are \$30/25.

TORA TAKE THE REST



With more than 30 million streams to their credit and having played the likes of Glastonbury and Splendour in the Grass, a national support slot with RUFUS, and a run of their own sold-shows, the band that grew out of Mullumbimby's Shearwater School, Tora, came back to home ground to make their debut album *Take A Rest*. And after a couple of years touring, the two months or so recording in Main Arm were something of a rest – a rest at least from the relentless travel and gigging that has seen the boys build an impressive European and UK following.

'A lot of the album was produced and recorded up at a house in Main Arm,' says Tora guitarist Jai Piccone. 'We had this massive garden and we would go out in and record organic garden sounds, flies and insects and birds and cactus.'

If you are wondering, cactus makes a noise when you flick the prongs.

'We got a bit crazy after a while,' laughs Jai of the intense Main Arm lockdown. 'We were in the place for two months and we didn't really go into town that much. We were with nature; it was weird creative energy!'

With the relentless touring schedule seeing Toby Tunis stepping out of the band to reduce numbers from five to four, band members are working overtime picking up Tunis's impressive synth.

'We had a lot of the foundation for the album before we got to the studio,' says Piccone. 'We had our base ideas and we came to finish it in the studio. It's pretty eclectic. There is a lot going on – we recorded 15 tracks and tried to tie them together with a common feeling. With an organic percussive production and synth that we used throughout from track to track.'

So what should Tora fans expect for their only regional gig on the national tour before they head over to Europe where many of their shows have already sold out?

'It will be a bit of a mix,' says Jai. 'It will be half-half – a lot of the old stuff and a fair bit of the new album. We have a special lighting crew onboard and so the sound is tied in. We have worked hard on the live show – and anyone who comes will be really surprised at how much our live show has moved along!'

Tora play the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday.

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ANDY AND THE BUNNYMAN

SICK OF SEEING YOUR KIDS PATRONISED BY THE CUTESY JINGLES OF *THE WIGGLES* AND *HI 5*? WELL BUNNY RACKET IS ROCK'N'ROLL FOR KIDS

Because not all kids have shit taste in music. King Bunny is a guitar-wielding, skateboarding, nature-loving rabbit with a passion to share his love of rock'n'roll. Bunny Racket is born of King Bunny's fierce love for rock music and a yearning for kid-friendly tunes that are relevant and positive. Just back from a four-month stint in California, where they filmed the first two episodes of the Bunny Racket series, Andy Walker (previously frontman of stoner rock band Fort).

Andy spoke with *The Echo* about upcoming northern rivers Bunny action.

Tell me about filming the first two episodes – how did it go?

We had a really productive few months working on the episodes. From the scriptwriting to the pre-production and through to the shoot days, it was a lot of fun. Screen NSW gave us an office space in Charlie Chaplin's old building in Hollywood, which was an amazing base to get the wheels rolling. I was lucky enough to be working with an old friend and super-talented director called Richard Farmer. Our crew was great! Each shoot day was in a very different area. We shot mainly in the Mojave Desert and parts of LA. We tried to find locations with special meaning to this project. We spent two days filming in the neighbourhood where ET was shot. It was like stepping back into my childhood and living out a fantasy!

Anything much nuts happen in the filming that you decided to keep in?

We had scouted a really epic location in the desert for a scene where King Bunny runs out of rock'n'roll and is on the search for some coyotes to replenish his supply. We needed somewhere desolate and very quiet. After a two-day search, we thought that we had found the perfect place and put in all our paperwork to FilmLA. On the shoot day, however, there was a dune buggy race about a mile away and another crew was filming a gangster rap video out there too. Our plans and location changed a little, but we retained a nice dusty atmosphere from the dune buggies!

How is the show and the concept continuing to evolve?

It is a continuously evolving process and every step is run past our team of children to get the nod of approval. Bunny Racket is honestly on my mind at all times and is often my topic of conversation in my daily interactions. I love to bounce ideas off friends and their kids and I love to be inspired by others on creative missions

as well. Every decision that I make with Bunny Racket has to appeal to me now, as an adult, but also to myself as a little kid. There are a lot of moving parts and many people involved the project as a whole, and I think that being open to ideas and change keeps it fresh.

What about your second record *Bunny Racket in Space* recorded in LA?

Robby Krieger was kind enough to let me use his studio to record the tracks for a follow-up album/series.

He plays lead on the first record, *Rock'n'Roll Animals*. Robby's studio is the sort of place that dreams are made of! He still has all the old gear from his days playing in The Doors. It's like a working museum. It is his private studio and not used commercially, so it was a real privilege to spend a couple of weeks there. I got to use a lot of amazing gear and invited some great musicians to come and help out on the sessions. I seriously had a grin on my face the whole time. The concept of *Bunny Racket In Space* is pretty self-explanatory – aliens, planets, rocket ships, black holes, you name it. It's a fun record!

What has inspired you to take such a unique approach to making music?

I wanted to take every element that I loved from my childhood and bring it back to life for my kids and my friends' kids and all the other kids out there who need a little rock'n'roll in their lives. I feel that it's really important to engage with our kids on an even level. To share a common passion with your kids is a really special thing. It's too easy to keep them busy with a lot of the rubbish that is out there for them. And the thought of a long car trip listening to bad kids' music makes me feel physically ill. This really is just the next stop on my rock'n'roll trip.

What should we expect for your upcoming shows at Brunswick Picture House and Splendour?

The Bunny Racket live show is in the early stages. We are having a lot of fun playing our songs and seeing what works on the stage. Come and be part of what we hope to be a far-reaching rock'n'roll extravaganza that makes a difference to the way children are entertained. I love the Ramones and I love Sesame Street Live. I hope that you will love Bunny Racket!

Brunswick Picture House on Saturday, 2pm. All \$12 or \$40 for a family of 4 and featuring at Splendour in the Grass later in July.



OSKEE OSKEE OSKEE

Tay Oskee is a multi-instrumentalist playing guitar, banjo, harmonica and percussion. With a musical style that is wide and varied, Tay can take you on a journey from chilled beach tunes to punchy riff-driven roots music with distinctive multicultural influences. 2017 has been Tay's most successful year to date. Off the back of winning the Bluesfest Busking Competition, he has recently released a new single *Cut Like The Wind*, which has gained traction across the country with support from Triple J and other national broadcasters. Tay's live shows have been praised for their incredible dynamics with the ability to leave crowds silent while he weaves through beautiful ballads of love and hope. Then in the next breath he can have the whole crowd in a dancing frenzy with his infectious builds and rhythms. **Byron Bay Brewery** this **Saturday** from 7pm. Free entry.

UKE GOT SOUL

Brothers and Sisters! Get on down to **Club Mullum** this **Thursday** for Miss Amber and Stukulele's Soul Uke Night! Special guests are **Raku One O'Gaia** (formerly known as Soulman), funky soul sister **Shelly Brown** and man about town **Jonathan Hillman**, backed by a stellar 7-piece band. Come strum, sing or simply enjoy tunes from James Brown, Marvin Gaye, Bill Withers, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke and more. From 6.30pm. Adults \$12.50 – Kids under 16 \$2.50.



MARSHALLING THE BLUES

Psychic or sceptic, you'd be forgiven for thinking that a man born under a full moon, on a Good Friday the 13th, must have 'something' to answer for? Well **Marshall Okell** is certainly up to 'something'. As his timely arrival into the world set precedent, there's certainly nothing 'ordinary' about it. Aptly named after two of music's greatest rock/bluesmen (Jimi 'Marshall' Hendrix and Johnny 'Dawson' Winter), Marshall Dawson Okell was born on 13 April 1979, into a rock'n'roll arena, with a guitar case for a crib. Now in his 30s and with up to 200 live gigs a year as part of his repertoire, Marshall has developed into an Aussie rocking bluesman like no other. His ever-expanding list of musical accolades includes awards for the 2012 Best Blues & Roots Artist at the Oz Music Awards. He has also been a winner of the of Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Male Vocal, Best Protest and Best Blues & Roots Artist at the NCEIA Dolphin Awards. Marshall will be stopping into **Byron Bay Brewery** on **Sunday** as part of the **BBQ, Brews & Blues** from 2pm.

HIP-HOP HORRORSHOW

Sydney hip-hop duo **Horrorshow** land in Byron Bay on **Friday** for a massive album launch at the **Great Northern!** Following the triumphant release of fourth studio album *Bardo State*, Horrorshow embark on their biggest quest yet, playing theatres and a swag of some of Australia's best venues. It'll be their first chance to reveal a whole new set and stage show. Horrorshow have spent almost a decade selling out tours and racking up award nominations – but it's the fan-driven nature



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Stars with Lilith

WITH SUN, MARS AND MERCURY IN CANCER, THIS WEEK'S FOR ENJOYING COZY HOME COMFORTS AND SHARING LOVE IN OUR FAVOURITE WAYS...

♈ ARIES: With your primo planet in the sign of family patterns and histories, emotions in the home zone can get steamy. If you start overheating, step back, cool off, think things through. Is it true, or are you jumping to conclusions? Positive, constructive thinking helps move through difficulties, blame and recrimination not so much.

♉ TAURUS: Venus in your sign brings contagious enthusiasm for beauty and creative pursuits – along with a caution for travelling Taurans, which is don't take late-month risks. Or get swept up in general anxiety. In the immortal words of Swami Beyondanada: *Every moment's a gift, so forget the past and open your present.*

♊ GEMINI: As astral influences turn more in-there than out-there, this week's personal and social interactions move from extrovert to intimate. Sink deeper below the surface into your own knowing. Listen to what your body's saying. Gut instincts are reliable right now, and constant, consistent effort more likely to be rewarding than sporadic spontaneity.

♋ CANCER: The current triad of Sun, Mars and Mercury in Cancer make this week all about you: your needs, aspirations, desires and life path. It's time to restock the Cancerian pantry by recharging, refining and resetting your personal gps via some organised indulgence: self-love routines for wellbeing, body enjoyment and rejuvenation.

♌ LEO: With financial and emotional security high priority on this week's agenda, protect your own best interests by not letting upsetting past experiences hijack you into knee-jerk reactions – because dummy spits could have repercussions that turn your whole world inside out. Is that what you really want? Listen to advice, consider other people's viewpoints.

♍ VIRGO: This week sets a celestial scenario for deepening relationships, warm support and refreshing new connections. So don't over-book: Leave time free for sensual temptations and pleasurable pursuits. Late-week Virgo moon underlines the need for tact when offering suggestions or feedback, because present sensibilities are extremely tender.

♎ LIBRA: A great week for tying off loose ends, those dangling threads in life's tapestry that can trip you up when least expected. Your balancing act? Deciding which nourishing traditions to combine with what essential updates. Mood swings are prevalent, but don't be manipulated by poor-me people – they'll drive surprisingly hard bargains.

♏ SCORPIO: Neptune's present retrograde is the astrological equivalent of shining light into dark corners to access subconscious information and personal revelations not available by logical processes. Which promises to generate plenty of energy this week: Think pressure cookers, volcanoes and practitioners of tantrum yoga. As usual, a sense of humour's the smartest survival strategy.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: As Pluto continues its re-evaluation of existing structures, treat domestic differences of opinion gently. Keep discussions heart to heart rather than accusatory. Temper Sagittarian directness with the wisdom of your generous heart, especially during late-week's critical moon. Don't take things personally. Above all, pay attention to what isn't being said.

♑ CAPRICORN: This week's best moves? Any kind of fresh start on the home front, including buying, selling, relocating or renos. Partnerships deepen too. Or may end abruptly – in which case, let it be. If you get the feeling information's being withheld, investigate further – but delicately, in a way that won't ruffle feathers.

♒ AQUARIUS: If emotionally fuelled, unexpected behaviour throws you for a loop this week, take a breath and a break. Let things settle, feel them through, get a reality check. With Neptunian confusion, illusion and/or delusion operating, the answer's often reclusion in order to gain a wider perspective and more secure footing.

♓ PISCES: History says Shakespeare wasn't a Pisces, though his exceptional insight into human complexity makes you wonder. Whatever, the great Dane Hamlet offers this week's finest advice: *There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so...* sending the ball squarely into your thought court regarding a newbie in your family or intimate circle.

LIVE MUSIC

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of their success that defines their widespread appeal – there is a deep affection and loyalty that is unique. *Bardo State* is their third album to chart in the Top 5 in the last four years (including *One Day's Mainline*). Following their newly announced appearance at landmark US hip-hop festival SoundSet, Horrorshow will be taking in capital cities and regional centres around Australia, bringing NZ's world-renowned star David Dallas and the buzzing young Turquoise Prince along for the ride. With last year's *If You Know What I Mean* tour selling out across the board well in advance, this will be a hot ticket.



Their #1 ARIA Single *Boom Boom* is certified six times Platinum, backed up by two further ARIA Top 10 hit singles *Best Night* and *Everybody*, both of which are certified twice Platinum. Their debut album *Live By The Words*, released in 2014, debuted at #7 on the ARIA album charts and sparked the five-times Platinum hit smash *Que Sera*, which rewrote the Australian history books, spending nine weeks at #1 on the ARIA singles chart. The Justice Crew play the **Byron Theatre** on **Saturday** at 7pm. Tickets at www.justicecrew.com.

GET YOUR JUSTICE

Eight-time ARIA nominees **Justice Crew** continue to solidify their place in Australian music, and since winning *Australia's Got Talent* in 2010, Justice Crew has set the nation on fire releasing non-stop chart smashing music.

CULTURE

FILMS FOR NAIDOC



The Arakwal Corporation, Flickerfest & iQ Inc present an inspiring evening of Aboriginal storytelling celebrating **NAIDOC Week 2017 (2-9 July)**.

This year's program will take you on a special journey with some of the freshest Aboriginal filmmakers today. The program includes insightful, refreshing and creative **short films** selected from Flickerfest finalists. This event is a fundraiser for the Arakwal Corporation and supported by the Indigenous Coordination Centre. Tickets at **Byron Theatre** & byroncentre.com.au (+bf) and at door \$10/8con. Screenings from 6.30pm on **Tuesday**.

STUDY FOR A DAY!

Thinking about studying audio, graphic design or film but not sure if it's for you? **SAE** are inviting people to come and study for a day and experience student life with industry-experienced academic staff. Get hands-on training with actual coursework from the degree programs! **Saturday** at SAE, cost \$35 – register now sae.edu.au/events.



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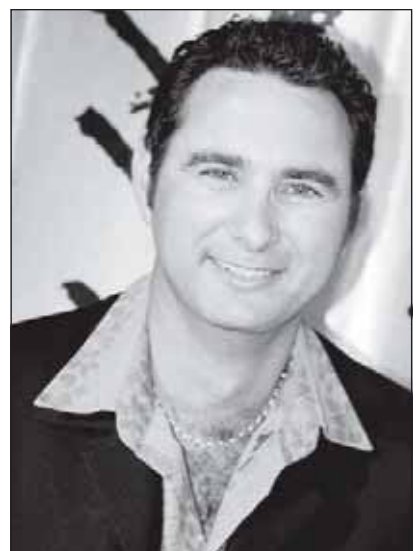
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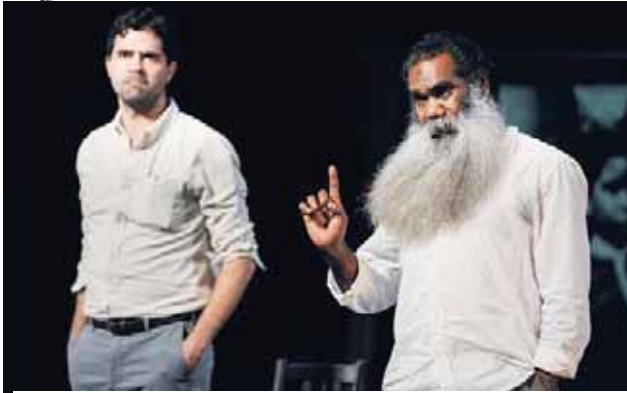
FULL MARKS FOR FUNNY

Mandy Nolan's Big Gig at the Ballina RSL is on again this **Thursday** with more world-class comedians, **Mark McConville** (Gold Coast) and Anne Howe (Brisbane). Mark McConville is undoubtedly one of the most energetic comedians on the circuit at the moment and is known as one of the most spontaneous and off-the-cuff comedians in the business. As a storyteller Mark can keep an audience enthralled as he peppers them with punchline after punchline littered throughout real-life true stories from his life. Get down to the **Ballina RSL** and find out what all the fuss is about! 8pm. Free.



CINEMA REVIEWS

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



CORANDERRK

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CIRCUS UNIVERSE

Circus Universe is a moving performance presented by the Circus Arts troupe. The circus arts space will be transformed into a traditional travelling circus world with some of the sights, sounds and smells of a yesteryear travelling carnival. Circus Universe is a nostalgic journey inspired by our rich history of incredible circus performers of both traditional and screen heritage. The evening's entertainment travels both through space, exploring audience-performer situations, and through time from historical times to modern day. Friday and Saturday at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$15 www.circusarts.com.au.

THE LATIN EMPIRE

The Empire Mullumbimby is under new ownership and part of the mandate is to get some fun stuff happening. The crew are serving up Latin on Saturday with Salsa Caliente, Latin Dance Party - starts at 7pm - mini cuban-style dance class. Share plate 5-8pm and bar open from 5pm.

FIGARO FLOOD FUNDRAISING

One-time Lismore local Lyndon Terracini and NORPA founder and now director of Opera Australia is bringing entire cast from The Marriage of Figaro to perform some arias and ensembles from some of the world's most loved operas to raise money for the theatre company that lost the bottom floor of Lismore City Hall in recent floods. Thursday 27 July. Tickets \$50 at www.norpa.org.au or call 1300 066 772.



DON'T TELL

There will be a special screening of a fine new Australian film at the Brunswick Picture House at 7pm, Thursday 6 July. Director Tori Garrett's Don't Tell deals with a difficult issue but approaches it in a redemptive and uplifting tone. Based on true events (of which there are sadly so many more being exposed), it looks at the plight of Lyndal (Sara West), who, after being sexually abused as an eleven-year-old while attending a prestigious Anglican private school in Toowoomba, decided that rather than just consign her ordeal to a history that would never let her forget it, she stood up and fought - not just for personal gain, but also for others who have suffered similarly. Intimidation is always the first resort of those who believe that their status is unassailable and Lyndal, 22 at the time her case was brought before the court, was put under immense pressure to be a good girl and be happy with the Church's unacceptable offer of compromise.

It is essential for us, as a society, to know that justice can prevail and that our institutions (in this instance the Law of the Land) have not been entirely trashed - that anybody with Lyndal's courage might confront established but unacceptable patterns of behaviour and strike a blow for decency.

A stellar cast includes Byron's own Martin Sacks, who was drawn to the project because of the gravity of its subject matter. 'It's so important that these matters are exposed to the light of day, that they are not swept under the carpet,' he says with conviction. And the opportunity to work with such a stellar group of actors was one that Martin also jumped at. 'Mate,' he continues, 'When you get a chance to be involved in

a worthwhile project with the likes of Jack Thompson, Rachel Griffiths, Aden Young and Susie Porter, you don't knock it back. The great thing is that all of these people were keen to get onboard as soon as they became aware of the movie's ambition. And it's a terrific script, too.' Don't miss it.

NORMAN

Subtitled The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer, this is a film of poignant, at times cringing, humour and acute observations of how deals are done - ie, it's not what you know, it's who you know if you want to get ahead. Norman Oppenheimer (Richard Gere) is a wannabe mover and shaker, forever trying to get his foot in the door of the Big Apple's elite.

He has become over-familiar with knock-backs but is persistent to the point of annoying to death his potential contacts. Meeting Misha Eshel (Lior Ashkenazi) outside Lanvin, an up-market shop selling men's suits that cost more than the average family car, will change Norman's life.

It is one of many beautifully shot scenes, as the pair, seen from behind the display window, communicate in silence. Norman buys Misha a pair of shoes and an intimate friendship is formed.

Three years later, Misha has become Israel's prime minister and Norman is the toast of the town for the access he has to him. But he is out of his depth. Norman unwittingly finds himself embroiled in an international scandal that threatens world peace, but even though his dilemma is self-inflicted, you can't help but feel for the guy.

Self-delusion has led him to wanting too much something that is not nearly as important as the true bond that he has made with Misha. Striving so hard to be in the first XI, Norman is unable to see his own gaucheness, even when he is politely asked to leave a Manhattan dinner party because he has not been invited - it is an excruciatingly embarrassing moment, but he takes it on the chin, like he always does. Gere, who we don't see much of these days, is outstanding as the man who in the end couldn't see the hole that his ambition was digging for him, and Askenazi is superb as the politician who is a little too much in touch with his own human foibles. A fantastic movie.



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THURSDAY 29TH JUNE TO WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>4.25PM</p> <p>7.45PM</p> <p>9.30PM</p> <p>THE HOUSE</p>	<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>10.00AM</p> <p>2.40PM</p> <p>5.25PM</p> <p>DIARY OF A WHIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL</p>	<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>1.15PM</p> <p>4.00PM</p> <p>6.45PM</p> <p>TRANSFORMERS THE LAST KNIGHT</p>	<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>10.10AM</p> <p>11.45AM</p> <p>3.25PM</p> <p>7.05PM</p> <p>CARS 3</p>
<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>9.50AM</p> <p>11.30AM</p> <p>1.45PM</p> <p>6.05PM</p> <p>DESPICABLE ME 3</p>	<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>9.25PM</p> <p>ROUGH NIGHT</p>	<p>THUR 29TH TO WED 5TH</p> <p>12.10PM</p> <p>9.05PM</p> <p>WONDER WOMAN</p>	<p>2017 Maastricht concert</p> <p>SATURDAY 29TH JULY</p> <p>SUNDAY 30TH JULY</p> <p>2.00PM</p> <p>Tickets On Sale Now</p> <p>All Tickets \$40</p>

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THURSDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON DJ **JOSH POLLARD, FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MOONLIGHT MOVIE 9PM DAN CLARK DUO**
- BYRON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **CHEF DE PARTY & FRIENDS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE AHERN BROTHERS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA WITH FRANK**
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **SOUL UKE NIGHT WITH RAKU ONE O'GAIA, SHELLY BROWN, JONATHAN HILLMAN, MISS AMBER & STUKULELE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 5.30PM **CROSS CULTURAL COLLABORATION EXHIBITION OPENING**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **BIG GIG COMEDY WITH MARK MCCONVILLE, ANNE HOWE, MANDY NOLAN**

FRIDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **HORRORSHOW**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **JON J BRADLEY 9PM FAT ALBERT**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **INO PIO**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ KYLE WALKER 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SACK, BYRON 9PM **CLUB RAIDERS DJS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**

- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM **FLAMENX AKA JEROME WILLIAMS & OSKAR**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 7PM **CIRCUS UNIVERSE**
- LUSCIOUS FOODS, BYRON A&I **MANOA**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **DIRTY RIVER**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS DRIVE-IN 6PM **FLICKS IN THE FIELD: ZOOTOPIA & BFG**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **BIGGY P**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **DONI RAVEN & THE COLLECTIVE INSANITY + WALRUS & THE CARPENTER**
- MULLUM FARMERS MARKET 8AM **GUY KACHEL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **BEN P TRIO**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK PIANO LOUNGE 4.30PM **FRED COLE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK LOUNGE 9PM **B-TOWN DJS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **CORANDERRK & IBIJERRI THEATRE**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **GARRETT KATO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ BEN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB WITH THE EARLYBIRDS, GOODMAN SWINGS AGAIN**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **JUSTICE CREW + DIVINE OUR DESTINY**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**

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SATURDAY 1

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TORA, MOOKHI, ANGIE HUDSON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOREN CARLBERG TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ FONZAIUS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **TAY OSKEE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **JUSTICE CREW**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM OOOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LADY SLUG**
- SAE, BYRON 9AM BYRON **STUDY FOR A DAY**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 3PM & 7PM **CIRCUS UNIVERSE**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **BUNNY RACKET**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE POTENTIAL AFFECTS ON HUMANITY OF CLUSTERED REGULARLY INTERSPACED SHORT PALINDROMIC REPEATS (CRISPR)**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **LISA COUPER**
- CIVIC HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 5.15PM **ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR AWARD WITH JULIAN BURNSIDE QC**
- THE EMPIRE, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SALSA CALIENTE LATIN DANCE PARTY**
- CLUB MULLUM 8.30PM **JOJO SMITH, LUCIE THORNE, HAMISH STUART**
- TINTENBAR HALL 4PM **HOME MADE JAM SESSION**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **SOUNDROP DJS**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **ELTON JOHN EXPERIENCE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **THOR PHILLIPS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK LOUNGE 9PM **PUSH**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **CORANDERRK & IBIJERRI THEATRE**
- YAMBA SHORES TAVERN 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **ROSIE MISSCHIEF + KATIA DEEMESTER**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON DUO**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **BONDI CIGARS**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN WILD **MARMALADE + FELICITY LAWLESS**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE PROPELLERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC 8PM DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON MARKET 10AM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE, RAKU O'GAIA, INFINITE HARMONY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 2PM **MARSHALL O'KELL**

TUESDAY 4

- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **SESSION DJS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **SURF REPORT**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9AM **HOMEMADE JAM 2PM DUMBO**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **THE LYRICAL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- TINTENBAR HALL 4PM **JOJO SMITH, LUCIE THORNE, HAMISH STUART**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BALLINA JOCKEY CLUB 11AM **BALLINA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM **CALDERA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB WITH SANDFIRE, JOHN VENN & WALK UP ARTISTS**
- KINGSCLIFF SLSC **PRESTON**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS DUO**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 2PM **TWEED LINKS QUARTET**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEELI**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **ARAKWAL NAIDOC FILM SCREENINGS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJS JAMIE, SLHTTE, 4 EYES**
- SUFFOLK PARK HALL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- THE FARM, EWINGSDALE 9.30AM **NAIDOC WEEK TOUR**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- MULLUMBIMBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 11AM **NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**

WEDNESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SILK & OAK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
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- Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve (north)

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These programs are priority initiatives of the NSW Fox Threat Abatement Plan for the protection of breeding threatened shorebirds.

REMINDER:

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PLEASE NOTE:

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3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
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3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631
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JULY 2017
Astronomical data and tides

☉ First quarter	July 1	10:51					
☽ Full moon	June 9	14:06					
☾ Third quarter	June 17	05:25					
☀ New moon	June 23	19:45					
☉ First quarter	July 1	10:51					
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	S	0639	1700	1150	0141,1.47; 1451,1.29	0818,0.46; 2033,0.69	
2	S	0639	1700	1224	0235,1.36; 1556,1.35	0908,0.47; 2148,0.71	
3	M	0639	1701	1259	0333,1.29; 1652,1.43	0958,0.47; 2256,0.68	
4	T	0639	1701	1335	0431,1.24; 1741,1.51	1044,0.44; 2354,0.62	
5	W	0639	1701	1413	0526,1.23; 1823,1.58	1126,0.41	
6	T	0639	1702	1453	0614,1.23; 1902,1.65	0043,0.56; 1205,0.38	
7	F	0639	1702	1536	0657,1.23; 1939,1.70	0125,0.50; 1243,0.35	
8	S	0639	1703	1622	0737,1.24; 2015,1.73	0203,0.45; 1317,0.33	
9	S	0638	1703	1712	0815,1.25; 2052,1.75	0240,0.42; 1353,0.32	
10	M	0638	1704	1804	0854,1.26; 2128,1.75	0315,0.40; 1430,0.32	
11	T	0638	1704	1857	0932,1.26; 2203,1.74	0351,0.39; 1507,0.34	
12	W	0638	1705	1952	1014,1.26; 2240,1.70	0428,0.39; 1547,0.37	
13	T	0638	1705	2048	1057,1.26; 2317,1.65	0506,0.39; 1630,0.42	
14	F	0637	1706	2145	1144,1.27; 2359,1.59	0546,0.39; 1717,0.48	
15	S	0637	1706	2242	1237,1.29	0630,0.40; 1813,0.55	
16	S	0637	1707	2342	1102	0045,1.51; 1338,1.32	0719,0.39; 1919,0.60
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19	W	0636	1708	0146	1309	0354,1.32; 1701,1.62	1007,0.31; 2317,0.51
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21	F	0635	1709	0356	1456	0609,1.31; 1857,1.87	0024,0.41; 1159,0.20
22	S	0634	1710	0500	1557	0708,1.32; 1948,1.95	0122,0.32; 1251,0.15
23	S	0634	1710	0600	1701	0801,1.34; 2037,1.98	0214,0.25; 1343,0.13
24	M	0633	1711	0656	1807	0852,1.35; 2124,1.96	0301,0.21; 1431,0.14
25	T	0633	1711	0745	1910	0941,1.36; 2208,1.90	0347,0.21; 1519,0.19
26	W	0632	1712	0829	2012	1028,1.35; 2250,1.79	0431,0.24; 1607,0.27
27	T	0632	1712	0910	2111	1115,1.33; 2330,1.65	0514,0.28; 1655,0.37
28	F	0631	1713	0947	2208	1203,1.30	0555,0.34; 1745,0.49
29	S	0631	1713	1023	2303	0010,1.51; 1257,1.28	0635,0.39; 1842,0.60
30	S	0630	1714	1059	2356	0051,1.37; 1358,1.28	0718,0.44; 1949,0.68
31	M	0629	1715	1135		0140,1.25; 1505,1.31	0807,0.46; 2111,0.71

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; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
Data courtesy of the Bureau of Meteorology.



Rams bite Lennox Sharks, again

Story & photo Dogwhistle

The Northern Hotel Rams faced southern neighbours Lennox Head Sharks for the second time in as many weeks last Friday on a very dark winter evening at the Byron Recreation Grounds.

The Byron squad is battling the usual mid-season injuries, and with the extra catch-up and FFA Cup games taking a heavy toll, a few key players from both grades were unavailable.

After their first defeat in many months, the all-conquering Rams reserves were a little more wary in their approach to this match.

Not quite in the form that delivered a 13-0 mauling of the Sharks two weeks ago, the Rams still had the upper hand by a wide margin.

First points on the board came from Rams flanker Hari Scott who absolutely belted a goal home from the side of the box.

Sammy Owens was next up and Sam Durkin came off the bench to drive home a winner to make it 3-0.

Premiers

After grinding out a tough 3-2 win in their last Lennox encounter, the Premier Division Rams flexed a little more muscle in this round, comfortably dominating the Sharks in a 5-1 drubbing.

Byron hit the go pedal from the opening whistle, chasing another early goal to signal their intent.

Five minutes in, a clumsy



Rams midfielder Quinn McDonald used what space he could find to dominate the Sharks.

shoulder charge inside the Lennox box handed Joel Wood a penalty that he duly despatched, giving Byron their valuable early lead.

Fifteen minutes in, a powerful cross from Jono Pierce was smashed into the net by striker Sam Shepherd. The combination struck again seven minutes later when another pass from Pierce sent Sam on a cross-goal run though the Lennox defence and another power drive made it 3-0 to Byron.

Lennox's forays into the Byron half were met by the Rams' polished midfield and defence. Quinn McDonald, Ben Ahern and James Tomlinson owned the pitch and their smooth build-up left the Sharks floundering.

Thirty-five minutes in, a through ball from McDonald propelled Shepherd into the zone to complete a first-half

hat-trick and take Byron's fourth goal.

By the second session, the relentless pace began to tell on both sides. A miscommunication in the Byron backline gifted an own-goal to Lennox and, while the pace continued, some of the polish - and accuracy - began to fade.

The Rams hammered the Lennox goal mercilessly for the remainder of the match, with shots from the Byron attack skimming over the bar, around the posts or into the outstretched arms of the courageous Sharks' keeper.

Late in the match Sam Shepherd again broke through the Lennox line, outran the desperate defence and took his fourth goal sealing the Rams' 5-1 win.

Byron's gruelling catch-up schedule continues, with five games inside two weeks!

Junior AFL flying high in the Bay



Byron Magpies U/10 defend their goal square against Murwillumbah Vulcans last Saturday.

The Byron Junior U/10s AFL have two teams this year, the Pies and Maggies, and both have performed well in their games so far.

'It is pleasing to see the players enjoying the game

and improving their skills as the season progresses, Peter Healy, vice-president of the Byron Magpies Junior AFL club, said.

'We also have teams in U/6, U/8, U/11 girls (first sea-

son this year), U/12 and U/14.

'We are looking to further develop our girls' teams for next year with an U/13 age team,' he said.

Contact: bbmpjafc@gmail.com or Facebook.

Red Devil women undefeated in new tag-league competition

Shannon Hulbert

A tag rugby league competition started a month ago in the region and the Red Devils have had three wins from three so far.

The women follow the Red Devils men's team around and play the opposition clubs that have women league tag teams.

At the moment there are seven teams in the competition.

A gala day was held at Lismore a couple of months ago to introduce the game.

From this day an NRRL women's representative league tag team was selected.

Byron Bay Red Devils had three women representing them in May - Tori Maxwell, Anna Toole and Mina Vanary.

The girls' coach Keegan Isbester was selected as assistant coach.

After the gala day that was held in Lismore the women were a bit nervous for their first game against Ballina.

Taking a lot from the gala day the women came out with a 18-14 win over Ballina.



The She-Devils (and coach) celebrate an undefeated run in the new women's tag-league competition. Photo supplied

The following week saw the women with their first home game against Casino.

Anna Toole was a stand-out getting a hat trick while Daisy Gordon wasn't too far behind grabbing two. Kelly, Megan and Sarah all crossed over for tries apiece.

Christina Roberts and Casey Donnelly slotted five conversions between them to give the extra points. Final score 42-6.

Last week up against Murwillumbah it was the Red

Devils defence and teamwork that kept Murwillumbah without any points.

Captain Shanay Eberlein along with Brie Hannon scored two tries each. Sarah Logan was unlucky only to get one try, while Christina Roberts converted three.

Byron Bay Red Devils women's league tag had a bye when the boys faced the Mullumbimby Giants last weekend, but will be back against Lower Clarence at home on Sunday July 2. Yeah the girls!

North coast surfers excel at NSW longboard titles



Ben Dickens nosed his way to the top of the over-40 Logger division at the NSW Longboard Titles held at Bonny Hills. Photo Ethan Smith / Surfing NSW

Local surfers Jye Whyatt, Alan Atkins and Ben Dickens all featured in the winners' list at the close of the Australian Skin Cancer Clinics' NSW Longboard Titles held at Bonny Hills last week.

Jye Whyatt (Suffolk Park) claimed his second title in as many days, taking out the U/18 Boys.

Whyatt posted two excellent heat totals to take out both his respective finals and

nab the overall title.

As reigning Australian Champion in the division, Whyatt will get the opportunity to defend his title at the upcoming Australian Surf Festival.

The results of the NSW Longboard Titles help decide the NSW Team for the upcoming Australian Surf Festival in Tweed Heads in August.

Dane Pioli (Tweed Heads)

managed to take a clean sweep of victories across the Open Longboard and Logger divisions as he claimed top honours in both divisions.

Ben Dickens (Lennox Head) came fourth in the over-40 Men's division and backed it up with a win in the over-40 Logger division.

Alan Atkins (Byron Bay) took out second place in the over-65 Mens behind Danny Bond (Blue Bay).

Byron Devils score big win over Mullumbimby in league derby

John Campbell

The Byron Bay Red Devils enjoyed their first win of the 2017 season when they romped home against a lacklustre Mullumbimby side 36-4.

As local derbies go, there was a curious lack of intensity when the Red Devils hosted the Giants on Sunday.

Winless and motherless last on the NRRRL ladder, and with a number of players backing up from the lower grades, the Devils looked to be on a hiding to nothing when the Blue and Golds came sauntering into town.

But with 30 minutes still to go and trailing only 18-4, Mullum were a well-beaten side – and Byron were all over them.

The final score of 36-4 is a fair reflection of how the game unfolded before an estimated crowd of 5,481 basking in the winter sunshine.

The Devils grew in confidence as that elusive first win loomed closer and the Giants inexplicably drifted from ineffective to inept.

Mullum winger Troy 'Hektor' McArthur scored the simplest of tries to put the visitors ahead and it looked to many that it would be another hard day at the office for the hosts.

Byron responded with a new-found mean-spiritedness – they hustled and bus-



The Red Devils were all over the Giants for their first win on Sunday afternoon at Byron Bay. Photo John Campbell

ted and, without attempting champagne footy, started to force errors from a Mullum outfit that gave the impression that all they had to do was turn up to get the two competition points.

Unexpectedly, the Devils churned upfield with a no-nonsense set of one-out running (in which tireless lock Matt 'Liam' Gallagher took two hit-ups, as he did almost all arvo). Winning a scrum feed, Brett 'the Step' Kelly drew a posse of defenders before getting a one-hander away to Tyrone 'Power' Kelly, who crossed to put Byron on the board. Willo 'Jesse' James bulldozed his way over soon after and the Devils were ahead at the break, 12-4.

The second forty was all Byron.

Everybody's favourite winger, Billy 'the Lion' King,

got a brace of tries – the second when he soared like a NASA rocket to collect a fabulous bomb from Adam 'Weightwatcher' Gordon – and James got another to take it out to 30-4.

Mullum were done like a dinner, excelling only at throwing forward passes and going through the motions.

The best was saved until last, when the tall blond second-rower, Connor 'Casban' Wilson, charging fearfully like a rhino on the right of the ruck, ran on to a pass at a beautiful angle and executed a perfect swan dive over the line for a richly rewarded try. Onya Connor!

Not many derbies end 36-4, but the Devils earned it on Sunday.

It's good to see a footy team deserve a win. But where were you, Giants?

Bangalow rugby continue form run with close win over Byron Bay

Strong leadership and sure-fire spot kicking from the Bangalow rugby team underpinned their 19-17 away win over Byron Bay in Far North Coast competition last Saturday.

Despite running in three tries to one, the Byron Bay team could not contain the in-form Bangalow.

Bangalow also won a close reserve grade match 17-14.

'Both first-grade teams were without some key players, so no-one was really sure what the results would be,' Bangalow club president Dave Phillips said.

'Playing away the team showed a lot of heart to come away with a close win,' he said.

A couple of the newer players including captain and number eight Dan Rol-

linson continue to make an important contribution to the team, Phillips said.

'He has great experience and a calm demeanour.'

The goal kicking 'from pretty well anywhere in the right half of the ground', from Mathew Tabb was also crucial to the success of the team, he said.

Along with converting Bangalow's sole try, Mathew kicked four penalties.

The Bangalow team was also able to capitalise on the 'self-belief the side has been developing,' Phillips said.

The win puts Bangalow fifth on the table, one spot behind Byron and the top four, but they have a game in hand.

Just five weeks ago Bangalow were on the bottom of the table and hadn't collected

a win in the first six rounds of the competition.

Since then they have had an unbeaten run including a dominant 26-14 win over last year's champions, Wollongbar-Alstonville.

Sitting behind Bangalow on the ladder is Casino, the team they face this weekend at home.

After being beaten by them in the early season, the Bangalow side is taking nothing for granted.

'There are no easy games,' Phillips said.

Lennox Head sits on top of the table with 38 points after dusting up Casino 49-8 last weekend.

Wollongbar-Alstonville and Ballina round out the top four with each sitting on 35 points.

'Mono' and Munk win adaptive surfing titles

Crystal Cylinders

Local Byron Bay surfers Dave Munk and Mark 'Mono' Stewart had great success with both winning their divisions at the nudie Australian Adaptive Surfing Titles held at Kingscliff on the Tweed Coast over the weekend.

Small but clean conditions allowed the field of 22 adaptive athletes to showcase their ability, including a historic first-ever women's heat.

Munk won the AS3 division, which is for surfers who ride waves in a seated position, while Stewart won the AS2 division for surfers who ride waves in a standing or kneeling position.

'Mono' Stewart needed all his competitive experience to overcome a strong field in the AS2 final with wave selection really becoming critical.

He defeated fellow seasoned ISA competitor Jade Wheatley (second), Steven Lovell (third) and Ben Tirabosco (fourth).



Dave Munk lines one up at Kingscliff on the weekend on his way to claiming an Australian Title. Photo Surfing Australia

The AS4 Women (Prone) and AS5 (Assist) divisions were won by South Australian Amanda Jane.

The adaptive athletes conform to the same criteria as the world's top professional surfers, which is to 'perform radical controlled manoeuvres in the critical sections of a wave with speed, power and flow. Innovative/progressive surfing as well as the

combination and variety of repertoire will be taken into consideration when rewarding points for a surfer's performance.'

Results from this competition contribute to selection in Team Australia to compete at the International Surfing Association (ISA) World Adaptive Surfing Championships at La Jolla, California in late November, 2017.

\$100 rebate for sporty kids

School children across the northern rivers can get a \$100 rebate for sporting and fitness-related costs from 2018.

The Active Kids Rebate will lower the costs of kids' sport, making it more accessible, NSW treasurer Dominic Perrottet said.

'The health of our children is a priority for every parent and I hope this rebate is the difference it takes to enable parents to enrol their child in the sport of their choice,' he said.

Families will be able to claim the rebate on items such as sports registration, membership costs, and swimming lesson fees.

The annual rebate will not be means tested and is available for every schoolchild wanting to get involved in community sport and fitness.

Parents will be able to register online and can take a sports voucher to a registered sports club or provider to receive their rebate.

A comprehensive list of eligible activities will be finalised following community consultation ahead of the 2018 start date, to allow providers to register with the NSW Office for Sport.

'Steel' McLeod into bowls semifinals



Neil kept his nerve to win through to the district semifinals due to be played this weekend. Photo supplied

Neil 'Steel' McLeod has won through to the semifinals of the District Reserve bowls tournament after a strong comeback in his qualifying game played at Pottsville over the weekend.

The Ocean Shores bowls player got off to a good start in his quarterfinal but his opponent came back strongly and left Neil with plenty to do, according to Lee Roberts, part of Ocean Shores Bowls management team.

'He picked up his game and claimed the last 13 points to win the game,' he said.

With all the rain the green was fast and also had some curve.

'It took him a while to get used to the conditions,' Lee said.

Neil has only been playing for 'the last couple of years' Lee said.

The Presidents Reserve competition is for grade five players or lower.

The semifinal and final are due to be played this weekend at Cabarita.

Winners will have the chance to compete at the zone carnival later in the year.

Lee and fellow club member Ben Sweeney failed to make it through the quarterfinals of the Open Singles competition.



Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Monster garage sale

Lounges, bedding, electrical and much more will be on offer. Saturday 1 July in the Anglican Parish Hall, 38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby 8am-1pm. Enquiries to Margaret 6684 4718.

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.

Respite Service

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

Junior chess club

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

Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at the Ocean Shores Country Club, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors welcome. See bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html or for partner ring Phyllis Keyte 6684 1103. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club.

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Chem free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare's next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday, July 1, 9am till 1pm, Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road fire track gate, not far from the surf club. Phone Nadia 0478 272 300.

Suffolk Park Dunecare

Saturday 1 July from 8.30am meeting at the bridge end of the bike track at the end of Alcorn St for weeding and planting followed by morning tea. All welcome. Phone Helen 6685 4964. Guess Who's Coming for Coffee? Tuesday 4 July, guest speaker Suzi Rosedale and Don from Byron Hospice Service. Please bring a friend along to share in the delicious morning tea and good company while listening to informative talks.

ESL classes

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

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation 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 7pm-9pm Tuesdays at The Yurt, Temple Byron www.templebyron.com. No fees. Andrew 0426 119 171, Pairoj 0423 241 916. **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 - 8.30 pm, 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 to find out more.

Budgeting Support

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

Seniors Activities

Seniors Activities Tuesdays at the Byron Community Centre, Jonson St Byron Bay.

Future dreamers

Future Dreamers' winter school holiday events are running from Monday 3 till Saturday 15 July. Come to the clubhouse at 24 Marvell Street for a range of workshops, movie nights, backyard gigs, art classes and heaps more! All booking info and details at futuredreamers.com.au or @future_dreamers.

Women's group

Women's group Lennox/ Skennars Head - any single women 65 yrs old or older to form group for outings? Monthly lunches, live theatre, Sunday music sessions, etc. Call Anne 0418 757 021.

Startup Meet-up

Thursday 6 July at 5.30pm, The Sun Bistro (Byron industrial estate). An existing entrepreneur or wantpreneur or just connecting with what's happening in Byron Bay and the region? Free, open and inclusive group. Register via startinno.com/events/startupbyron-meetup.

OS Art Expo

Artists can now enter online for the Ocean Shores Art Expo at www.osartexpo.com until 24 July. This year's theme is Spirit of the Land. The exhibition opening night is Friday 25 August.

Elder Beats seniors drumming 10.30-11.30 am with Gareth Jones in the theatre, 11.30 Morning tea in the courtyard, 12.00 1.00 Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell

#StartupByron

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

Bush School

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

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 and market Saturdays 9-1. 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. **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. **Crystal Meth Anonymous** is a fellowship of people for whom all drugs (but especially crystal meth) had become a problem. Meeting held Wed 7.30am, Byron Bay Surf Club. Call 0478 061 479 to speak to a local member or visit www.crystallmeth.org.au.

U3A discussion group

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

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Spanish conversation

A Spanish conversation group meets every Monday evening in Mullumbimby in order

The Juicy Years

Women beyond 50 years are invited to join this new supportive, networking group as we creatively grow bolder and older together. Ph 0430 175 923 for details.

Moon viewing

Would you like to look at the moon and planets close up? Join Marie and Philip at Brunswick Heads Saturday 1 July to view the craters of the moon and the planets Jupiter and Saturn through their large telescope. Learn about the night sky. Free from about 5pm at The Terrace near the road bridge. Details 0413 779 223.

BPA AGM

Bangalow Progress Association AGM, Thursday 6 July in Heritage House at 6pm. Members and new members welcome.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: A Summary of The Spiritual Path, presented by Mark Munro, Thursday 29 June, 1-3pm, at Uniting Church, Carlyle St. Byron Bay - Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting Tuesday 4 July, Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker Ellie Wilkie. Starts 10am sharp. Enq Margaret 6680 3316.

to improve language skills and cultural knowledge. Phone Paco 6684 0242.

Men's Groups

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

Repair Cafe

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

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzertati2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq 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.

Carers' support

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

Toastmasters

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

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop

BHPA meeting

Brunswick Heads Progress Association general meeting Monday 3 July, 7pm, Memorial Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. All residents welcome.

Bosom Buddies

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am-12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Julie 0499 550 757 or Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

Compost talk

Free public talk with Andrew from Compost Central every Saturday 10am sharp till 11am in July at Santos Organic Cafe Garden, Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. Learn about compost buckets, garden ships, The Troff.

The Art Cube

[ITALIC]Jester/[ITALIC] by Sally Roe, till 3 July at The Art Cube, Byron Shire Council foyer, Mullumbimby.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. Next meeting Wednesday 16 August, which will be Dr Philip Nitschke's public meeting and workshop at 11am. For more information phone Elaine 07 5580 8215.

and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Choirs

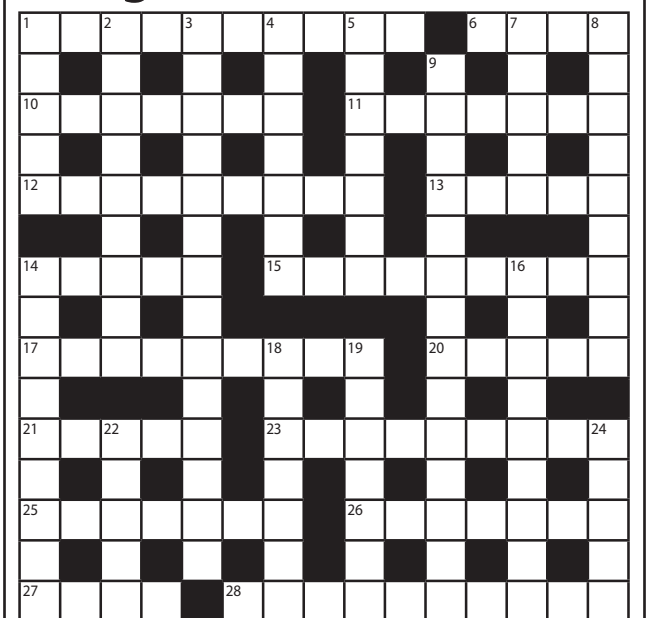
Bay Community Singers is a singalong group for seniors and anyone else Wednesdays Byron Community Centre, 10.30-11.30am. Entry by donation. 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm-8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Phone 042 536 3589. **Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

ManTime

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

Mungo's Crossword

N185



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Thing working in the dark (10)
- Catcall advertising around the old city (4)
- Stays for left-overs (7)
- Leave for a musical group at work (7)
- Between times, hands back stick before representation (9)
- Express indifference to quiet carpet (5)
- Curve around two axes - nuts (5)
- A frog's din - out of tune, but a sign of courage! (9)
- Fragrant tree for domestic animal found in state surprisingly far south (9)
- Hell had two directions ... (5)
- ... for a girl, out of order (5)
- Little waste land ring turned into places for wasted youth! (9)
- Cleared out manifest (7)
- Fling with drug for drunkard (7)
- Tunes broadcasts (4)
- Additional fees for lawyers concerning first year students (10)

DOWN

- Never lose courage (5)
- Mother enveloped in drifting army gas - could be lethal emanations! (5,4)
- Stay, Harry; write about 17th century European conflict (6,5,3)
- Put up small groups? Oh, find a woman to entertain them (7)
- Demolish unit X (7)
- French one above, the German below (5)
- Misleading Green publicity announcements about English traitors (9)
- Showers of tears deluge 15th century English conflict (4,2,3,5)
- Mama and God and tragic prophet (9)
- Unusual political takeover by the French incongruous pairing (3,6)
- Let peer become gorged! (7)
- Desperate to score a means of transport (7)
- Fall into where the dog's dinner is! (5)
- 25s loses time, becomes 18 (5)

Quick Clues

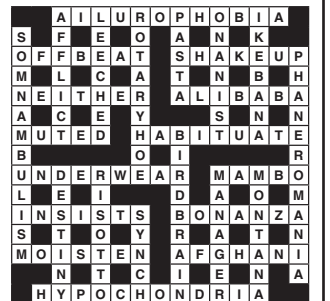
ACROSS

- Allocated period of work in the evening (10)
- Cat's noise of contentment (4)
- Stays, lingers (7)
- Desert, leave behind (7)
- Representation or decree (9)
- Gesture of dismissal (5)
- Mad, demented (5)
- Courage, self-possession (French) (9)
- Type of Australian tree with fragrant bark (9)
- The underworld, or its Greek ruler (5)
- Out of order, somewhat improper (5)
- Establishments for the playing of games involving tables, balls and cues (9)
- State firmly, reveal (7)
- Drunkard - nickname of Edmund Barton: Toby ... (7)
- Tunes, songs (4)
- Additional fees paid to lawyers to continue a case (10)

DOWN

- Courage, pluck (5)
- Very dangerous type of radiation (5,4)
- Series of European conflicts around the German reformation between 1618 and 1648 (6,5,3)
- Woman in charge of entertainment (7)
- Iron out, make level (7)
- Below, beneath (5)
- Traitors, rebels (9)
- Series of conflicts for the English throne between the houses of Lancaster and York from 1455 to 1487 (4,2,3,5)
- Ancient Greek prophet, daughter of King Priam of Troy (9)
- Unusual pairing; also a film of that name (3,6)
- Full, gorged (7)
- Form of transport, usually for children (7)
- Fall into, become liable (5)
- Satisfies fully, makes replete (5)

Last week's solution N184



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Local author Danielle de Valera's collection of short stories: *Dropping Out: a tree change novel-in-stories* (<https://goo.gl/FtLozz>) has just been shortlisted for the Woolahra Digital Literary Award (<http://bit.ly/DLAWool>). A simulacrum of someone you know might be found in one of the stories.

Just north of Grafton in Ulmarra there's an unusual local newspaper called, appropriately enough, *The Local Rag*. A sign on its picket fence promotes its services with refreshing honesty: 'Ulmarra's leading newspaper, the major suppository of district news since 2013. Phones hacked, minorities vilified, vested interests served, elections fixed, inducements (bribes) tolerated.' We don't believe the paper has a website but you can avail yourself of its excellent skillset by calling 6644 4031.

Disturbingly the 2017 Sensis Social Media Report advises us that social media



John McCormick's photo of Gia-Fu Feng on the beach in the early 80s, part of our cultural heritage. Brunswick Valley Historical Society has commissioned local filmmaker Sharon Shostak to make *Mullumbimby's Magic – the culture of the 70s-80s*, following on from the success of *Mullumbimby's Madness – the legacy of the hippies*. A crowdfunding campaign is underway at <http://bit.ly/mullmagic>, and rewards are on offer for generous donors. See more of John's unique historical record at John W McCormick Photographer on Facebook.

usage while on the toilet is now 'normal' for 14 per cent of the population. It is more common among men (17 per cent v 12 per cent women) and 18-29 year olds (29 per cent). Perhaps it has even replaced reading newspapers

and novels as the chief cause of delay in access to the family toilet. Find out more if you dare at sensis.com.au.

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The crowdfunding to pay for publishing an art-table book of works by local photographer Sean O'Shea is closing in on its target with only ten days to go. Sean's extraordinary shots of dolphins, sunrises, sunsets, birds, and people around the Shire beaches have drawn Facebook views from millions of people worldwide, but all that online viewing doesn't pay for his time and beach tucker. And it doesn't create the artful beauty of high-quality printing on fine paper that these photos deserve. Take a look at www.pozible.com/project/sean-osheas-byron-bay.

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