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Mayor leads 'crack addiction' push for paid parking

Brunswick Heads will not get paid parking right now, yet the slim Greens-led majority councillors voted to lay the groundwork for it in the future. A rowdy crowd wearing red assembled during morning public access at Thursday's Council meeting and Kim Rosen from the town's chamber of commerce made the case to councillors that the town is against.

She claims a petition against paid parking had also reached more than 6,000 signatures.

Like Bangalow, the chamber challenges the validity of the surveys and say that councillors ignored the traffic report's recommendation not to implement paid parking.

Ms Rosen later told *The Echo*, 'We are pleased with the unanimous vote last Thursday to stop paid parking. But we were very disappointed that clever wording in the narrowly passed resolution means that this is only a temporary reprieve.'

'The opposition to paid parking in our village was convincing, despite the obviously biased surveys, and even with the "sweetener" offered to win over support for paid parking. So that should be the end of it. But apparently not. Some councillors obviously didn't get the result they had hoped for to justify forcing paid parking on us, so they plan to try again in only six months time. This is very unfair.'

'We wanted the new timed parking arrangements to be trialled for a full year of busy and quiet periods to see how that worked. But Council voted 5-4 to spend about \$100,000 investigating and collecting data on
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Japanese culture celebrated



Hundreds braved gorgeous Byron Bay weather to imbibe a little Japanese culture by the sea last Saturday. Byron's first Japanese Festival introduced fascinating festival goers to adventurous and delicious food, colourful dance, delicate music, traditional ceremonial tea service and exquisite outfits. Photo Jeff Dawson

GM resigns



Council's general manager Ken Gainger. Photo David Hancock

While staff are yet to provide a press release, they confirmed with *The Echo* on Monday that general manager Ken Gainger has resigned.

Cr Paul Spooner told *The Echo* he expects Mr Gainger to remain until January. With around three years left on his contract, Mr Gainger leaves the post after five years. In that time, he reformed the executive management and oversaw a 33.55 per cent four-year cumulative rate rise.

Roads and infrastructure were also focuses of his management.

Developer on Byron masterplan group lodges \$21m four-storey DA

Realtor/developer Graham Dunn has stood by his decision to remain on the Byron Bay masterplan leadership team while being involved with a \$21m four-storey high-density DA (development application), located on the corner block opposite Mitre 10 and Byron Music.

The Byron Bay masterplan leadership team comprises 22 community members who will advise and direct the town's masterplan delivery.

The DA proposes 24 shops, 26 serviced apartments, a 65-capacity childcare centre, retail premises and a cafe.

While the community has for

many years fought hard to retain a three-storey height limit, Mr Dunn's DA states that four storeys 'are a response to the recommendations of the council-adopted Byron Bay Masterplan.'

As the development is estimated to be over \$20m, the state government's Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) will be the consent authority, which approves almost 100 per cent of development applications.

Remarkably Mr Dunn claims there is no pecuniary interest as he told the group of his intention to develop the site when he joined the

group. However spokesperson for the group Donald Maughan told *The Echo* he attended every meeting and had 'no recollection of Mr Dunn stating any interests in the development in the southern end of Jonson Street.'

Conflicting statements

Fellow team member Dr Mary Gardner also supported Mr Maughan's statement.

Mr Maughan said, 'I cannot speak for the community members of the masterplan leadership team; however, on a personal level this DA that

proposes to exceed current height restrictions does worry me. Its size and its impact on transport movement and infrastructure in the community of the Bay will be significant.'

'The fact that it's costed at over \$20m has the possibility of taking its approval from Council's jurisdiction to the state government and that really worries me as the community loses any say.'

'I emphasise that the masterplan leadership committee has not discussed this DA and to my knowledge community members in the team
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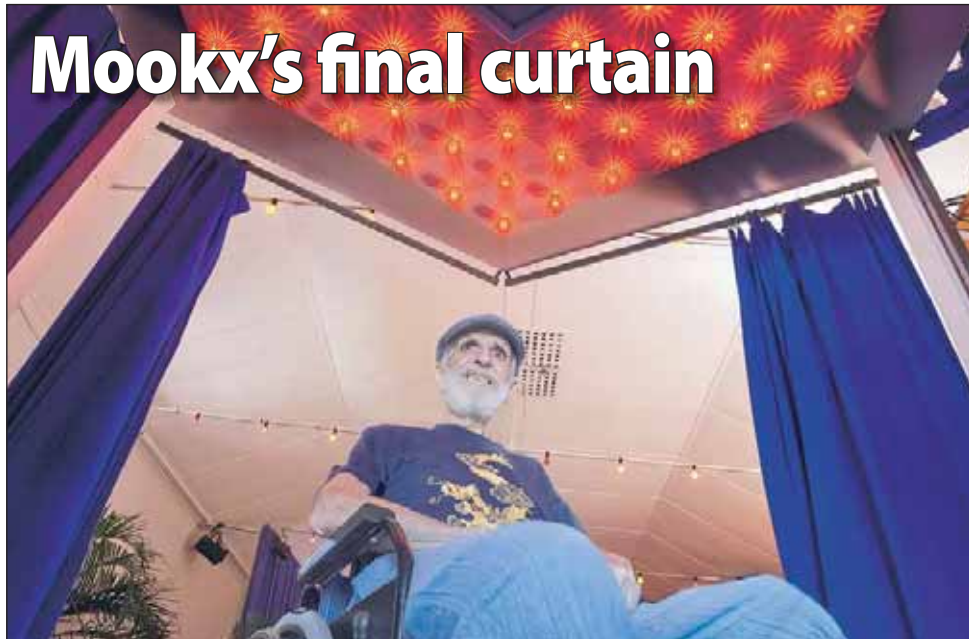
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Mookx's final curtain

The Brunswick Picture House overflowed with guests attending the Living Wake of Brendan 'Mookx' Hanley on Sunday. Mookx sat proudly onstage as more than ten acts performed his music. With only days to live, Mookx added witty commentary, strummed on his guitar and sang along at times during the afternoon. The event closed with Mookx and his family guiding 'Peace on Earth' sing-alongs. Photo Jeff Dawson

Tallow Creek fish kill mystery

Chris Dobney

Byron Shire Council says it is 'possible' that the opening of Tallow Creek on Wednesday night (November 22), which resulted in a massive fish kill, might have been a natural occurrence. But an ecologist who visits the site regularly doesn't think so.

Several homes that back

onto Tallow Creek experience backyard flooding when the creek level rises beyond a certain point. A Council media release on November 24 said that in recent weeks, water levels in the creek estuary, which is intermittently closed and open, had been rising and 'residents had been asking the council to open it to the ocean.'

But because the level had been hovering below that at which the council is licensed to open it, officers had instead been keeping a watching brief. It's claimed by ecologist Dailan Pugh that some residents took it upon themselves to open the estuary, resulting in a dramatic outflow of water and a drop of the water level by more than a metre.

Mullum Hospital must be demolished: report

Paul Bibby

The two main buildings at the Mullumbimby Hospital site will have to be completely demolished and the land remediated at a cost of more than \$3 million after they were found to be riddled with asbestos that poses a high risk to future users and the surrounding community.

In a turn of events that could complicate Byron Council's plan to purchase the 13-acre site from the state government, a new contamination report has found that asbestos containment measures on the site are failing, leaving demolition the only viable option.

The report, by HBI Australia, states that there is 'unstable and degraded asbestos-containing material in all of the roof system/ceiling spaces at the facility' except in the smaller, semi-detached birthing unit (Block B).

The degradation of this material was 'extremely advanced' and hazardous, the report said.

When coupled with the 'deteriorating roof structure,' this presented 'a very high risk to users and occupiers of the facility as well as the surrounding community.'

Exacerbating the risk, HBI found that measures put in place by NSW Health to contain the asbestos within ceilings and walls were only designed to last until 2016.

Those measures are now failing.

In addition, the soil beneath Block A is contaminated and

that beneath Block C may also be tainted, meaning extensive remediation of the site will be needed before it is habitable.

HBI estimated that the costs of removal and remediation would exceed \$3 million, significantly more than the \$1.8 million previously quoted to NSW Health.

Campaigner 'stunned'

Gill Lomath, a member of the Mullumbimby Hospital Site Project Reference Group, said she had been 'stunned' to learn the full extent of contamination and the likely cost of removal and remediation.

'If what they're saying is fact, it's a pretty serious issue,' said Ms Lomath, who is also a member of the Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group (MHAG).

'It's a very expensive process. The question is where do we get that money from and how will it encroach on other community projects being undertaken by Council?'

'I just hope that it can be worked out in a way that allows the site to be used for the community.'

As more is learned about the amount and cost of work required on the site, using part of the property for commercial purposes may become a more attractive prospect for Byron Council.

The HBI report said that if Council went through with its plan to purchase the site, the operational costs were 'unlikely to be offset by income for an as-yet unknown

period of time.'

Greens councillor Jeanette Martin, who is also a member of the project reference group, said it was too soon to talk about commercial partnerships.

She said Council had commissioned a further report to more accurately determine the cost.

'The first step is to find out how much it's going to cost with the underlying understanding that this site is going to be for the community,' Cr Martin said.

'Maybe it's [the cost] going to be completely out of control and maybe we won't go ahead with buying the site. It's very unlikely, but we need to keep that in mind.'

Options open

The state government offered to sell the site to Council for \$1 in May following a long-running campaign to keep it in community hands.

Under the proposed deal, Council would undertake all works required to make the site safe and habitable.

A number of options for future use of the site remain on the table, including a retirement village, a women's refuge, social housing, and an innovation hub.

'It's a question of what we can do and what will fit,' Cr Martin said.

'With 13 acres there is the option to do more than one thing. There's so much need in our community and people are saying 'here's a great opportunity to meet some of that need.'

Bruns paid parking not adopted – yet

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visitors during the busiest six months of the year – during the summer, Commonwealth Games and Easter. The pro-paid-parking councillors will probably try to use these skewed results to justify forcing paid parking on us again mid-2018.'

'We will continue to fight to protect our livelihoods and our Simple Pleasures lifestyle until the message that "no means no" is understood. There's too much at stake for our village.'

During the council meeting, two options were thrashed out – one was from Labor's Paul Spooner, who sought to suspend preparing for paid

parking in future. He asked for the 'precautionary principle' and said his motion would put the \$100,000 earmarked for the project on hold so it can be looked at more closely.

'Six thousand people need to be considered,' he said. 'We are being too ideological if we don't respond to the community.'

Cr Spooner then said he didn't want paid parking to be crack cocaine for Council.

The other option, which passed, was from Greens mayor Simon Richardson.

Speaking to his amendment, he said that he agreed with the vast bulk of Cr Spooner's position on paid parking, but it wasn't so black and white.

The mayor then began to cast doubt on the unity of the town's opposition, claiming that the phone surveys were not overwhelmingly against the idea, and that people have told him to just get on with it.

Fellow Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye told the gallery she supported paid parking in principle while Greens Cr Michael Lyon suggested that the real issue for small businesses in the Shire is high rents and landlords.

The vote saw the staff recommendation passed, with Crs Richardson, Lyon, Ndiaye, Coorey and Martin voting for, and Crs Cameron, Spooner, Hackett and Hunter voting against.



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Mayor courageously faces community

Hans Lovejoy

A meeting was called Monday night at the Byron Services Club to discuss issues that are facing the community.

Some of the town's representatives met with local MP Tamara Smith, mayor Simon Richardson, councillors Sarah Ndiaye, Cate Coorey and Jeanette Martin to discuss their concerns over the re-ground plan of management (PoM), the pool, the market relocation, Butler Street and general masterplan roll out.

Masterplan leadership group members Donald Maughan and Helen Buckley (also from the swimming club) also attended.

Most of the meeting was spent with various members outlining their concerns that there has been a lack of consultation by councillors, staff interference in process and that it does not reflect the wishes of the community.

Market stallholder Ian Brown organised the meeting and said, 'We are not against development, but we want our existing premises saved and improved. We are supporting each other and invite any community group to our next meeting.'

Rec grounds

Sporting clubs and users of the rec ground have expressed concern over a recently released draft plan of management (PoM), which they say aims to split the adult and kids clubs and eventually move the clubs to the Cavanbah Centre. A family fun day on the ground in support of their staying at the grounds is



Some of the representatives from Monday night's meeting: from left Ralph Mamone (Byron Pool), Miles Shorten (Green and Clean Awareness Team) Paul Jones (Butler Street Action Group), Ian Brown (Save Byron Markets), Clare Hembrow (Byron Surf Club) and John McKay (Byron Recreation Grounds). Photo supplied

planned on Saturday December 9 from 10am till 12pm.

John McKay told the group that a previous re-ground PoM was inexplicably shelved and was supported by the clubs.

'It was rigorous and comprehensively addressed by everyone who uses the ground. Every user group was interviewed. There was no consultation with the sporting groups with this current draft PoM,' he said.

Staff have since replied to *The Echo* and say there was consultation which is reflected in the draft PoM.

Mr McKay said staff don't return their calls and he was concerned that there is a push to commercialise the grounds, to which the mayor said there were 'no longer talks about moving the adult clubs' and there is 'no impulse other than to improve the facilities'.

Separate from the meeting, Byron Bay SLSC president Paul Pattison told *The Echo* they have been seeking a 20-year lease on the grounds, 'so we can plan and better

manage the Byron Bay SLSC.'

'This is a similar issue for Brunswick Heads SLSC. We also have concerns about the consultation by Council with our club related to the masterplan.

'We support other community groups in their efforts to obtain a transparent and inclusive consultation with Council as we progress along a similar journey.'

Pool relocation

Byron pool and Fishheads manager Ralph Mamone said, 'Council, through the manipulation of the masterplan process, is not listening to the community, but rather is driving its own agenda and this was the main point of our meeting.'

'Council's [recent] attempt to relocate the War Memorial Swimming Pool to the Cavanbah Centre under the pretence that it was the community's wishes via the masterplan consultation process is another example of how Council is driving its own agenda. Council is doing this with the sports

grounds, the markets relocation, the surf club refurbishment and the War Memorial Swimming Pool.'

The mayor replied that he is an active user of the pool and the plans to build another pool had been shelved.

Butler Street

Debate got heated between the mayor and Butler Street resident Paul Jones over the bypass and subsequent court cases. Mr Jones said, 'Council attempted to secure their position by trying to destroy our organisation. The masterplan was rigged and voices were denied. We were not consulted on the bypass.'

Neighbour Dennise Simons also said, 'We were told by someone that we were going to have a bus terminal. There was no consultation with anyone. We are familiar with consultation, but this is not it. I think it could be a great green space. We have had to fight this in the past and will do so again.'

MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) later confirmed with *The Echo* that he has written to the minister to ask whether it would be feasible to locate the transit hub to the Cavanbah Centre and is yet to hear back.

Masterplan halt

Greens MP Tamara Smith says she supports a six-month moratorium to the Byron Bay masterplan rollout. She told *The Echo* it is appropriate 'given the extraordinary amount of anxiety, stress and anger' over these radical changes.

The mayor did not reply by deadline as to whether he agreed.

Students' work on display



Shearwater's open day on Saturday showcased the talents of students from kindy through to high school, while there were plenty of eats and family entertainment. Pictured is kindy student Emily with her teacher Kelly. Photo Crystal Wilkes

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and approval of large-scale solar energy development for the community, industry, applicants and regulators. The Department of Planning and Environment says on their website that they 'support the sustainable development of a solar industry.'

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Art Piece Gallery's 30 x 30 art prize went to Vanessa Stockard (*Pleasure and Pain*) and Kat Shapiro Wood (*Hover*) at Saturday's opening. The previous day, judges Susi Muddiman OAM and artist Amanda Penrose Hart, winner of the 2017 Gallipoli art prize had considered all 230 pieces and after much deliberation decided to equally divide the First Prize between two artists. The exhibition is now on and the gallery is located at 70 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby. Photo Hans Lovejoy

Byron's new \$21m DA

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 were not aware of its detail.'

Councillors selected 22 community members for the leadership team at its December 15, 2016 meeting.

They are Helen Buckley, Garry Chigwidden, Anne Leitch, Gail Fuller, Byron Rogers, Fleur Verschure, Meredith Wray, Vicki Henricks, Mono Stewart, David Michie, Peggy O'Neill, Troy Eady, Greg Meek, Chris Hanley, Kirra Pendergast, Dan Schreiber, Donald Maughan, Graham Dunn, Mary Gardner, Geoff Bensley, Tony Gembeck and Charlie Wilson.

For more info visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au/byron-bay-town-centre-masterplan.

Hinterland histories on film



Longtime Upper Main Armers Liz Jackson and Azarus with filmmaker Sharon Shostak at Saturday's premiere in Mullumbimby. Photo Jeff 'Magic Since 1986' Dawson

Sharon Shostak's new film *Mullumbimby Magic* made its premiere on Saturday to a packed Mullum Civic Hall.

Commissioned by the Mullumbimby Historical

Society, it's the second film of three which explores the role that health and healing have played in making Mullumbimby the vibrant town it is today. Further screenings

will be at the Byron Theatre this Friday December 1 from 7:30pm and 9pm, and at Mullum's Drill Hall Theatre Saturday December 2 from 5pm and 7:30pm.

Revolution broadcast: Bay FM show turns 10

Maxim Hood

'Where are the poets and intellectuals of our time? The risk takers? The revolutionaries?'

For ten years, this phrase has been broadcast out across the National Community Radio Network, twice a week to radio stations across Australia, and as a podcast to the world.

These words, which represent the diversity of Byron's spirit, the freedom of being our community, and our desire for positive change, also start the intro to the *Bohemian Beat*, hosted by Riddhi on BayFM every Thursday from 11am.

Riddhi will be celebrating ten years of the *Bohemian Beat* in December and, knowing how much she supports privacy rights and hates surveillance, we decided to find out a bit more about this mysterious bohemian at a secret interview we did with her, utilising a hidden note-taker.

Riddhi speaks about the development of *Bohemian Beat*.

'I was convalescing from a



Riddhi celebrates ten years of the *Bohemian Beat*. Photo supplied

car accident and did a radio course through the community college,' she says. 'From an early age, I was passionate about culture, literature, poetry and philosophy... poetry is probably more important now than at any other time!'

She mentions how her love for literature inspired her to travel, 'tracing the roots of our western culture in India.'

Riddhi also describes how community radio supported her passion for culture and free entertainment. 'For me, community radio is about culture. Western culture tends to operate with com-

mercial activity.' When asked where her fascination with culture stems from, Riddhi reveals a little more about herself: 'We travelled a lot in my youth and were always surrounded by multiple cultures... I just found it really interesting.'

Finally, Riddhi reflects on a decade of the *Bohemian Beat* and all the people she has interviewed.

She says, 'It's been a real privilege to have had the opportunity to speak with so many incredible people,' but her interview with the late David Allen is one that has really stuck with her over the years. 'David just got it... he was active, a revolutionary, a true poetic legend...'

And what of the future of the *Bohemian Beat*, you ask?

'Ten years is nothing! I'm there until the community kicks me out! We've a revolution to accomplish first. The *Bohemian Beat* will continue to be that voice, fed by those poets, bards, heroes, revolutionaries and friends.'

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Graduates launch their art



Byron School of Art held its third-year graduation show last Friday. Artist and teacher Emma Walker congratulated the students. The school is located at 112 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. For more info visit www.byronschoolofart.com. Photo Jeff Dawson

Brunswick boat harbour slipway to become green space

Work is expected to begin in January next year to convert the former Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour slipway to a green space.

Nationals parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin says the \$319,000 contract was awarded to the NSW Soil Conservation Service.

He said, 'This investment is the first step in reclaiming land around the slipway and improving public access to the waterfront of the Brunswick Heads boat harbour.'

'The slipway has been out of use for some time now and the community has expressed their preference for the area to be converted to accessible

green space through a masterplan consultation process with the Department of Industry – Crown Lands and Water and Byron Shire Council.

'Around 600 square metres of land will be reclaimed and converted to parkland and the slipway will be back-filled with drainage rock and certified clean fill material.

'In addition, turf will be laid and a new pathway installed to connect the area to the river training wall.

'This new green space will enhance the environment around the boat harbour foreshore and improve access for the entire Brunswick Heads community.'

Work is expected to take

around six weeks to complete and is being funded by the NSW government's Coastal Infrastructure Program.

Given the boat harbour's masterplan created controversy and has not been heard of in some time, *The Echo* asked Mr Franklin where that process was at.

Masterplan

He told *The Echo*, 'Work on the disused slipway has been flagged as a priority by the community and aligns with plans for improved public access to the Brunswick Heads waterfront.'

'Separately, there has been extensive consultation with the community on a pro-

posed masterplan for the boat harbour, including a series of workshops in 2015 and 2016 and opportunities to submit feedback online through the Department of Industry – Crown Lands & Water and Byron Shire Council websites.

'The department is continuing work on a draft masterplan and the community will soon be invited to provide more feedback before any final plan is adopted.'

Land clearing laws challenged

Newly adopted NSW laws allowing landholders to clear large areas of native vegetation without approval are being challenged in court.

Contradiction

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW, represented by the Environmental Defenders Office NSW (EDO), are

taking the NSW government to court to overturn the land clearing codes created under the *Local Land Services Act 2013* earlier this year. Land clearing is listed as a key threatening process by the NSW governments own scientific committee. The EDO claims the minister's responsible failed to execute their legal duties.

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Holley's latest project is RAD



Holley Somerville-Knott, pictured right, with Byron High School students for the launch of Rainforest Action Day (RAD) last Friday. Photo Jeff Dawson

Young activist Holley Somerville-Knott hosted an Australia first last Friday at Byron High School: Rainforest Action Day (RAD).

It's part of her social enterprise, Tell Someone Who Cares (TSWC), which was created to disrupt the palm

oil industry. A sustainable product range containing alternatives to palm oil is instead promoted. Mum Karol told *The Echo* Holley has also been working with the Masarang Foundation and the Dayak people of Borneo.

'So far this year, TSWC has

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Ancient Chinese bureaucracy didn't mess about

Hans Lovejoy

While the dust is yet still settle around Byron Council's ongoing discombobulations, let's look at who had the best bureaucracy.

It was China of course!

The historical tradition of Chinese bureaucracy goes way back to the creation of the Qin dynasty in 221 BCE.

According to www.britannica.com, sitting an exam for the specialist Chinese imperial universities included impeccable calligraphy skills, combined with an ability to fuse vast legal and historical knowledge on the back of Confucian classics.

And you thought applying for a secondary-dwelling DA was complicated?

It was a golden Chinese era where scholars and the intelligentsia ruled the east, while the English, for example, were one foot in the grave at age 30 from rotten teeth and poor hygiene.

Fast forward a few thousand years – has anything gotten better? As Talking Heads might have sung, but didn't, you may find yourself in a room with council-

lors and bureaucrats taking notes while they bash through 1,300-page agendas without a hope of completing it, despite taking six hours.

Mayor Simon Richardson looks like he enjoys his job less and less every meeting.

The humorous quips have almost evaporated and the beltings he and his fellow councillors receive from the public in morning access are getting longer. Last Thursday felt like a record – councillors had to put up with three hours of it. So in total, the meeting was nine hours.

That's a lot of pain.

During public access, long-time Council heckler John Anderson aka Fast Bucks helpfully suggested that councillors could hold more meetings so they could get through the agenda.

He said, 'How can such long meetings be conducive to good decision making?'

'This is ridiculous, he said. 'This means staff can sneak things through. The rezoning of the railway corridor is buried in over 1,000 pages. And the printed attachments only came out the day before the meeting.'



Casual in appearance but not in practice: Chinese bureaucrats from 221 BCE onwards produced the best reports, strategies and forward planning instruments, all with impeccable calligraphy and under a strict Confucian framework that aimed to prevent corruption. Image www.fpfif.org

It's a fair call I guess – the ancient TV sitcom *Yes Minister* is the template for how bureaucrats control politicians.

There is one early episode where the bumbling clueless minister is given vast amounts of reports – or distractions – to deal with while his chief bureaucrat Humphrey Appleby gets on with actually running the place.

Fast Bucks then called on councillors to quit if they don't hold more meetings, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

Meanwhile Matthew O'Reilly – who represents the Shire's progress associations – accused staff of mis-

leading councillors over land clearing at Tyagarah airfield. He showed overhead slides of before and after satellite images, and asserts 500-odd trees were ripped down, some of which are suspected to be koala habitat.

A memorable moment was also hearing market stallholder Ian Brown begin his public speech by singing 'They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.'

Anyway here is some of what happened in the chamber later in the day.

Rural weddings

Event sites/function centres (read: weddings) in rural zones is one step closer after Cr Basil Cameron got majority support to prepare a draft amendment for the Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 and 'insert a clause permitting function centres with consent in zones RU1, RU2 and R5 subject to a range of controls which will manage impacts on existing residents.'

'Information sessions' will also be conducted 'in all rural communities where the proposal may have affect.'

And because it was a motion penned by Cr Cameron,

it comes with thorough and rigorous oversight. It concludes: 'Following completion of the information sessions and other community consultation, a report be received by Council with a review of the community meetings and consultation.'

Cr Coorey, Martin, Lyon, Ndiaye, Richardson and Hackett voted in favour of the motion, while Crs Spooner and Hunter voted against.

Mullum council-owned land rezoning

Cr Spooner heartily congratulated staff for a report that will proceed with rezoning Council-owned land, even if it wasn't written in ancient Chinese prose with impeccable calligraphy.

'It's a sound proposal, has a robust process and is forward thinking,' he said.

The 22 hectares are adjacent to the Mullum Community Gardens between the high school sports fields and railway line and is earmarked for affordable housing

During debate, the mayor took the time to reflect on himself and said, 'Listening to abuse and misinformation is not why I do this job. I live for these big-ticket issues. This is not a 200-house subdivision, [it's an opportunity] to live off the land and interact with the town. It's an opportunity to meet the needs of affordable housing.'

During morning public access, Malcolm Price representing Social Habitat Housing told the chamber, 'I am concerned that many people are leaving the area every day.' He supported the staff report's recommendation.

'This won't be exploited by developers later,' he assured the chamber, 'This could create real housing outside [normal avenues].'

But longtime Council watcher Matthew Lambourne wasn't so impressed, and said it would create 200-odd homes within known flood levels. 'The claims it can be done don't take climate change into account,' he said. 'There are no evacuation plans and it is based on current flooding levels. There is no assessment yet...'

Eco village

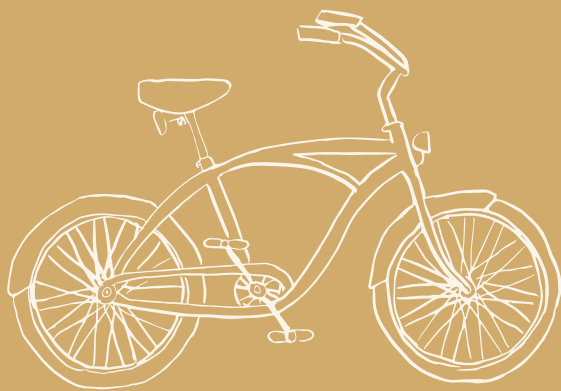
Councillors have put the Saddle Road Bruns Eco Village proposal on hold while staff sift through public submissions from those wanting to rezone their land to affordable housing sites.

Butler Street ownership

Cr Sarah Ndiaye told the chamber she wasn't comfortable with the rezoning of Butler Street. 'I feel like we have been railroaded into decisions,' she said, probably to the surprise of no-one.

Eventually Councillors agreed to ask the minister and the governor for approval to acquire five blocks of land known as the Butler Street Reserve. Cameron voted against and said it needed more consultation with stakeholders.

And here's the last bit that makes it into this valuable white space – Cr Michael Lyon was successful in getting support to not engage in contracts with companies that have ties to Adani. That's could cost Council around \$100,000 as they use Downer for road repairs, staff said,



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Mullum yarn bomber found

Mullum has been bombed and it is going to happen again.

As part of the alternative community in the 1970s, Yazmina-Michèle de Gaye aka the Crochet Goddess would crochet clothes and blankets for people who were having babies and delights in the moments when she sees things she made then reappear on children today.

'I've been crocheting for 42 years designing campaigns for companies and shops, running workshops, designing fashion and soft furnishings and creating crochet designs for magazines.'

Yasmina will be installing



Yazmina-Michèle de Gaye aka the Crochet Goddess. Photo Jeff Dawson

her next bomb for Christmas – sponsored but the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce. The art will be

installed in the trees at the roundabout in Mullumbimby celebrating the festive season as it gets into full swing.

Tackling abuse of the elderly with bingo

Mandy Nolan

When support from family and friends becomes diminished, the elderly can be at risk of 'elder abuse'.

One of the challenges in tackling elder abuse is raising awareness, as very often older people are not aware the conditions that they are experiencing constitute abuse, neither are they aware of the channels that might help them address the problem.

Recently the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) helped fund an elder-abuse awareness-raising program, which is being delivered by Katja McPherson from the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre.

Ms McPherson says they came up with an informal 'bingo card' approach to identifying some of the flags of elder abuse. The elder abuse awareness program is delivered to social groups and day groups and people attending are asked to go through the Bingo Card and mark off if they are aware of anyone who shows these signs.

'The bingo cards have

things like, 'I don't know what's in my bank account, or I am lonely, or I was forced to change my Will,' says Katja.

She says, 'The main aspect of elder abuse is financial abuse with inheritance impatience. People saying, "Oh, Mum, you don't need the big house, we'll move in and build you a granny flat." In some cases the family moves in, but the granny flat is never built.'

'We talk about having the power of attorney and having someone you trust in that role.'

Repercussions

In delivering the session to about 180 older people and service providers, Katja said the main issue that stopped people seeking help was fear of repercussions.

'People are worried that their family may become angry and in some cases that they may experience violence. All the services and help lines are available to them.'

For anyone interested in finding out about more or having a session delivered go to www.elderabusehelpline.com.au or contact the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre.



Death celebrant Zenith Virago led prayers last Sunday at the Crystal Castle for the Day of the Dead ceremony. Combining mementos and messages, those gathered honoured and remembered those who have died. Photo Jeff Dawson

Relocating residents to memorial park shelved

Aslan Shand

Plans to relocate long-term residents of the Terrace Reserve Holiday Park in Brunswick Heads to an 'eco-village' among the memorial trees at the southern end of the Reserve have now been shelved, according to Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye.

An ecologist's report tabled at the Council meeting

at the end of October stated that the Coastal Cypress trees, some thought to be 400 years old, will continue to decline if the current strategy remains in place.

Council are currently negotiating with the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT), who manage the site, and Cr Ndiaye believes that Council are 'in a position where we can work

with the Trust on getting the best outcomes for the community and the Cypress Pines.'

Cr Ndiaye said, 'In an ideal world, a rehabilitation and regeneration of that area would be wonderful, and if that means pulling up roadways and only having porous surfaces and removing the amenities block, so be it. If there are any sites still able to be utilised once correct pro-

tection of the root systems and drop zones are in place (there may be six or seven), then soft camping with no vehicles would be best, perhaps where the tents are provided by the park so there's no non-compliant pegging or tying.' The NSWCHPT were asked by *The Echo* if they planned to follow the ecologist's recommendation, but they did not respond before deadline.

More art comes to Mullum

The old Telstra depot located next to Mullumbimby Woolies has become a new art space for the community

Local ceramicist Tali Cohen-Flantz took it over in July, renamed it the Depot, and has been getting it ready as a studio and gallery space for her work. Tali says she was delighted when Sabine and Vianney Pinon from Still at the Centre in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate came on board to open a quality art shop.

'We would love this to become a creative hub,' said Tali.

'Other artists who would



like to use the space are welcome to drop in and have a look. There is also plenty of outside space that could also

be used.' For more info contact Tali on 0403 663 284 or email taliflantz@gmail.com.

Photo Jeff Dawson

Unfuck the World announce funding projects

Genevieve Lee

Remember that global manifest back in June held at Mullum Civic and presented by the Ngara Insitute?

It was a *Rockwiz*-style event, with Mark Swivel as MC, rockin' it with local band Mercy-Mercy, showcasing the innovative ideas from everyday Byron Shire people for positive local actions to 'Unfuck the World!' Two thousand dollars was raised by the community for those projects on the day! In the

interest of transparency and gratitude, here's an update.

The winner, Byron Water Protectors, have changed their name to Water Places Program and used their winnings of \$1,333.33 to buy two high-quality digital water meters. Training has begun of ten interested Byron residents to test and protect local waterways in their own neighbourhood, in collaboration with Council, and under the expert supervision of Dr Mary Gardner (PhD) and Barb Jensen (LCC, Rous Water).

The land for the homeless project came second, winning \$666.67. They have since incorporated and called themselves One Roof Byron (ORB). ORB are working closely with Council and on-the-ground specialist homelessness service providers and seek to provide and manage an emergency homeless campground and permaculture service on Council-owned land.

For more on these projects check out www.unfucktheworldbyronbay.wordpress.com.



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We wish you all a prosperous lead-up to the festive season and a wonderful start to the new year.

From *The Echo*:

The Echo grew up around here and we're proud to support the Shop Local campaign, because those of us who've chosen to live here love it. You can walk down the street with your kids and they'll know people in the shops. When you buy something, you know your money's staying local - you can see the local owners supporting the schools and other local businesses.

It's probably been like this for a hundred years: 'oyster bars' have been replaced by cool cafes, organic stores and artisan collectives; and it's a bit harder to get a park, but you can still see your friends from the hills shopping in Mullumbimby's main street or at the music festival. There's a great sense of community here that we should support by shopping locally.

WEEK 1 WINNERS: and where they shopped

Yvette Thackray,
IGA Mullum

Liese Lovell,
Mullum Book shop

Wren, **The Magic Pot**
Elanor Bartz, **Sue M's**
Lotus, **Mullumbimby**
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Winner Elanor Bartz with Sue Mallam at Sue M's

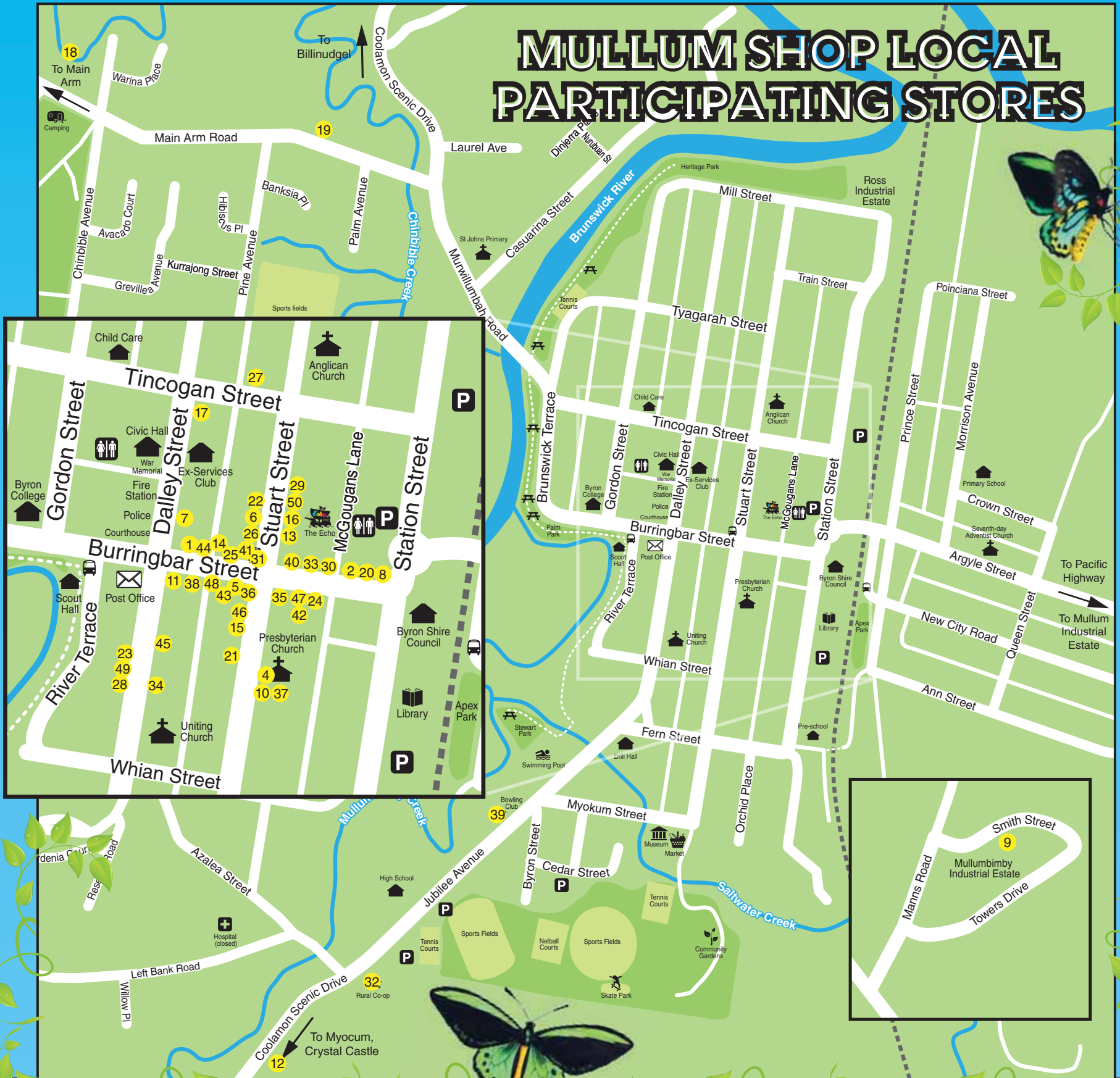
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Boycott this country

The government has known for 18 months that Papua New Guinea was going to shut down the Manus Island detention centre, leaving the inmates trapped in a hostile environment with nowhere to go.

It made no effort to resolve the crisis, rejected New Zealand's offer of help and insisted that it is PNG's problem and nothing to do with Australia. By using foreign aid as a carrot and stick it has indeed made PNG accept legal responsibility for the refugees.

However, the rest of the world has no doubt where the moral responsibility lies.

The abuse suffered by those already incarcerated for five years and more has been documented by groups such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the United Nations. There is no doubt that a humanitarian crime has been perpetrated in the name of the Australian people, but despite widespread protests around the country the two major parties are too invested in their policy to do anything to help the victims of their 'people smuggler' narrative.

Both sides are trapped by their extremist positions, adopted in the first place as each vied with their political opponents in an auction of brutality. Both sides also overestimate the influence of our predominantly right-wing media, which, as is becoming increasingly clear, represent only a minority of opinion.

Hence, the detainees on Manus Island and Nauru can never under any circumstances be processed on the mainland, even though that would be the rational course of action. Nor can they go to New Zealand because that would be a 'back-door' way to Australia (it would be extremely easy to get round this with visa restrictions, but the point of course is to be maximally bloody-minded).

So the refugees continue to suffer.

What do we do when flagrant crimes against humanity are committed by a foreign government? We apply sanctions.

This might be seen as an extreme option, only to be meted out to dictatorships and states with appalling records of human rights abuse, but if we were outside Australia looking in, instead of inside looking out, it might not seem a disproportionate response.

At any rate it is the thinking behind the nascent campaign 'Boycott Australia'. The writer Antony Loewenstein has suggested a sports boycott, and Crikey journalist Guy Rundle thinks crowdfunding ads against Australian tourism in overseas media might have an impact.

Frankly, we have no idea if it would work. What is certain is that nothing else is shifting the cast-iron cage of cruelty the government has erected around the refugees incarcerated in offshore prisons.

David Lovejoy

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A fistful of dollars without a plan to fund it

When all else fails, dangle the prospect of a tax cut and hope that the jaded eyes of the voters light up.

Well, perhaps it's not actually a prospect, more of a hint – or just a suggestion of a hint. But Malcolm Turnbull certainly mentioned the idea to an audience of the increasingly irrelevant Business Council, so presumably he intended it to settle in the headlines, which it duly did.

At this stage we have no idea how much or when this bonanza is envisaged, let alone how it is to be paid for, and it is likely that Turnbull himself is equally ignorant. All that can be reported is that he says he is talking about it with ministers, which, given the sorry record of how his 'conversations' turn out, is not reassuring.

But not to worry; there will be pie in the sky, or at least a fistful of dollars at the end of the rainbow. And let's face it, nothing else seems to be working.

But there is a problem; while the attempt to bribe a recalcitrant electorate into submission is an established political tradition, the efficacy is at least questionable. Many years ago the Labor prime minister Ben Chifley defined the hip-pocket nerve as the most sensitive part of a voter's anatomy and ever since then (if not before) leaders have tried to scratch the itch.

The most blatant example in modern times was in 1977, when the government of Malcolm Fraser produced advertisements which showed, literally, a fistful of dollars for the taking. The punters duly took it, but then it was snatched back in a few short months following Fraser's election win; one headline summed up the episode as 'Lies, Lies, Lies.'

In 1983, Bob Hawke was running against Fraser with the

slogan of reconciliation, recovery and restoration. The NSW premier Neville Wran brought the campaign meeting back to earth with the warning: 'Delegates, it's all very well to go on with this spiritual stuff, but if those greedy bastards out there wanted spiritualism, they'd join the fucking Hare Krishna.' Immediately, tax cuts were inserted into the policy speech.

Hawke's successor as prime minister, Paul Keating, went further: tax cuts were to be included as L-A-W law, but in the end they weren't, and Keating was dogged by what was seen as a

stupid; is an already sceptical public expected to believe that our legislators really have nothing to do until the senate has finished talking about the same-sex marriage bill?

With 53 items clearly listed on the notice paper of the House of Representatives, the proposition is too absurd to contemplate by a rational observer. The public may not be hanging out to watch every moment of the parliamentary sessions, but that does not mean they are happy about the idea of their well-paid representatives skiving off whenever they feel like it.

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by Mungo MacCallum



betrayal. And remember: Fraser, Hawke and Keating were all regarded as far more effective and reliable than Malcolm Turnbull.

So it is unlikely that what Bill Shorten unkindly but accurately dubbed the prime minister's latest thought balloon will fly – certainly not without putting a lot more air into it.

But in a sense it may not matter, because, as always, distractions have overwhelmed Turnbull's desperate efforts to regain traction on the slippery slope on which he finds (or more likely loses) himself.

Last week's wizard wheeze was the decision to close down parliament for a few days, a clear signal from the leadership group (an oxymoron if there ever was one) to panic, run for cover and pull the blankets over their heads in the hope things will go away.

This extraordinary desertion of duty has rightly been characterised not only as chicken-hearted, lily-livered and utterly spineless, but also as incredibly

missioner Rosalind Croucher, who has adopted a very low profile following the exit of her predecessor, the redoubtable Gillian Trigg.

The Christians obviously have the numbers, as was intended: there will be an apprehended bias (to put it delicately) that the idea is not religious freedom (already enshrined in the constitution and numerous laws both federal and state) but Christian privilege – further exemptions from secular law. And the idea that other religions, especially Islam, should have a similar advantage is, of course, out of the question: stamp out Sharia law! Ban the burqa!

So the prevarication devised, we are told, by Peter Dutton is simply putting off the next inevitable stoush. Indeed, it may not even do that: Scott Morrison is apparently determined to force his version of religious protection through the same-sex legislation and Matthias Cormann has already decided to plagiarise a human rights convention from the much loathed and derided United Nations to give it some authority. But the serious god-botherers in the party room are not appeased – although of course they never will be.

Just to prove the point, one of their most enthusiastic backers, Andrew Bolt, reported that one of them is preparing to leave the coalition if Turnbull does not knuckle under – a rat is ready to desert the sinking ship.

There have been empty threats from anonymous rebels (and even a couple of empty threats from identified insurgents such as George Christensen) so it might not give Turnbull too much cause to fret – not that he seems to show any, however dire the circumstances.

After the past year, surely things can only get better. At least he can look forward to a tax cut...

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Words of wisdom

Some timely ancient Chinese wisdom for mayor Simon Richardson and BSC legal counsel, Ralph James.

Nothing is gained but ill will if a person uses the threat of legal action in order to force compliance from others. In a legal disagreement, both sides feel they are correct, and each sees coercion from the other side as evidence of malice and evil intent. A man who is upright and who has right on his side has no need to threaten another. Persons of goodwill settle their differences as quickly as possible.

Please consider.

W Boyle
Durrumbul

Transit centre

In regard to the site of a transit centre in town, why didn't the state government let us use the old water tank and its surrounds; it's an historical feature and needs a lot of work but doable.

There is plenty of land running along the railway line; it's a mess and needs to be cleaned up and put to a purpose. The whole area needs attention, looks like a third world country when you cross the rail line. Butler Street Reserve is the easy option.

What has happened to our little Green Frog engine?

Could that get up and running as a tourist attraction? Kids would love it.

L Thompson
Byron Bay

Illegal dwellings

I read, with a distinct sense of deja vu, your article in last week's edition re Cr Hunter and his 'illegal dwelling' and the likelihood that Council staff will 'bounce into action' sometime soon.

This is not, of course, a new topic, having come to the attention of the compliance officers several years ago, in the context of Council's evaluation of one of the Hunters' many forays into 'DA Land'. In fact, as I recall it, this particular issue was, at the time, acknowledged as a problem by the staff and commented on in *The Echo* as being a rather unusual situation for a councillor to find himself in.

Sadly, the lack of action on the part of the staff over this, apparently non-compliant, building has been a characteristic of the staff's whole approach to these property owners' activities over the last few years. Importantly, given the Hunters' penchant for flouting the rules this doesn't augur well for the months and years to come as the Hunters ramp up their commercial activities on the back

of their successful visit to the Land & Environment Court and commence development of a second residence on their property.

Watch this space for further developments.

Graham Mathews
Byron Bay

Bypass, bus or train?

Paul Jones correctly states that the cost of the proposed Byron bypass will most likely be much more than the current estimates (Letters November 25). A very expensive bypass that will do nothing to reduce traffic on Ewingsdale Road, Shirley Street and in the town.

But it makes no sense to then argue that it's fine to waste many millions as long as the ineffective bypass goes somewhere else. Ditto the expensive bus terminal proposed for Butler Street Reserve.

If people really want our money spent effectively on infrastructure that will reduce traffic, pollution and disruption in residential areas, they need to be calling for the state government to restore the Casino to Murwillumbah (C-M) rail line and get the trains running, as they promised to do for eight years. With the 22km connection from Murwillumbah to



Coolangatta built, two million tourists can arrive in Byron on a quiet, low-emissions train, then have easy access to the town, beach, markets and local towns. Locals will have affordable easy access to jobs, medical and education services on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. A train will be running on the Byron section of line soon and we know the line was restored for just over \$1m, which means the C-M line can be restored for a fraction of the cost the government has claimed.

Time to stop wasting our money increasing traffic congestion, toxic emissions, disruption and stress for locals.

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

play at the Murwillumbah Show, promoting Thomas George and Geoff Provost.

I noticed they were handing out balloons and I asked why are they handing out balloons when they are so bad for the environment?

This was met with sniggers. Really - in this day and age? It is a well-known fact that broken balloons are very bad for the environment and wildlife and given that we live near the coast would it make common sense by those wanting to govern to just not hand them out?

Just ask Seabird Rescue about the aftermath they have to deal with.

I am sure the National Party could find something else, non-harmful, to hand out to the kids.

Myrelle Hurst
Murwillumbah

It's time to care

I wanted to make a comment regarding the Nationals dis-

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Great articles

Lately I have been reading the articles in *The Echo* and not just looking at the pictures. I loved S Sorrensen's stories about why he loves Lismore [20 minutes from Byron by Audi]. Laugh I did. But what got me was Giles Parkinson's report on energy storage.

Last July I had Rainbow Power Co at Nimbin install 10 solar panels on my roof and as sun hours increased after August I have been sending half of my electricity to Enova. Blind Freddie could see that if every house in Oz was government subsidised a bit more - getting tax from tax evaders - every building in Oz would be generating electricity with surplus.

In Germany, one day last April, the locals produced 85 per cent of their electricity from renewables and the coal power station was switched off. Germany averages 1,600 hours of sun per year and they are aiming for 85 per cent renewable electricity by 2030.

Tasmania averages 2,200
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Goodbye to the 'Song-Butterfly'

Nuro Oliver

Born in post-war Melbourne, Shanto's first boyfriend was lead guitarist Laurie Arthur. Tiring quickly of watching the boys, she soon began developing her signature style with Melbourne pop-vocal coach Jack White.

After soaring on wings of song in Victorian folk groups, Julie teamed up with Jose McLaughlin from Gerry and the Pacemakers. As the duo Joe and Julie, they toured Europe, and back in Oz won the Grand Final of GTV9's *New Faces* and made records.

Eco-song

Julie performed to the troops in Vietnam with Kamahl, and at one point replaced Judy Durham in the Seekers. Singing gigs with Mookx, aka Brendan Hanley, led to Julie's romantic life partnership, with the couple leaving Melbourne in 1976 for rural NSW to have their first baby Nuro and to birth their band Bahloo.

As gypsies roving the northern rivers, the hippy minstrels evolved their own



Julie 'Shanto' Oliver: 1946-2017.

unique brand of eco-song writing and environmental folk music, joining community blockades at local forests invaded by logging companies.

Early days were spent in Tunttable Falls community, organising the Nimbin Folk Club, Nimbin Choir, Nimbin Silly Symphony Orchestra and Nimbin Allstars. This time heralded a spiritual Sannyasin journey for their family, where they changed their names to Shanto and Muktesh. The meaning of the Sanskrit name Shanto is 'peace'.

A highlight of this era was a cross-country odyssey with 17 adults, seven children, a film crew and legendary musician Hans Poulsen to Mon-

key Mia, Western Australia, to commune with dolphins. The resulting documentary saw the *Bahloo Travelling Cabaret Show* play at screenings along the east coast and a season at Kinsela's nightclub in Darlinghurst, Sydney.

Settling in Byron Bay in the mid-80s as a dedicated mother of two, Shanto became the director of the Gaia Choir, facilitated women's gatherings and became a singing teacher. At their Coopers Shoot home, Mookx, Darmin Cameron and Shanto partnered in setting up a state-of-the-art recording studio where they recorded many local musicians and documentary soundtracks.

Keep Sailing On

In 1988, the First Fleet Re-enactment committee chose *Keep Sailing On*, written by Mookx, as their theme song and and flew the couple with a seven-piece band to Fremantle to be at the Fleet's Australian arrival. A film clip and vinyl souvenir was sold at First Fleet ports around Australia. They then participated in a month-long residency at Darling Harbour playing music every day on the tall wooden ships.

After separating from Mookx, Shanto spent the last ten years living in Bali, enjoying the beauty and rich colour of that exotic culture. She immersed herself in the spiritual lifestyle in Ubud and continued to write and play music in a more informal capacity. Her illness leading up to her death was quick and still unexplained. Such an amazing caring and giving person with the cheekiest of nature, Shanto will be missed greatly and her immense beauty inside and out will remain in our hearts forever.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Australia's newest grandmaster, 16-year-old Anton Smirnov, is now back at school in Sydney, but he took time out earlier this month to demolish the field at the Vikings Open in Canberra.

After a second place as a 13-year-old in 2014, Smirnov has now completed a hat-trick of victories in the Vikings tournament, though this is the first year he has secured a perfect score.

Smirnov's main challenger was local IM and second seed Andrew Brown but Brown struggled for form throughout the event and failed to trouble Smirnov in their individual encounter.

Upon his return to Sydney Smirnov led his team North Sydney to victory in the second leg of the Big Boards match against St George, the only mass-participation team event in Australia.

Smirnov's next target is to raise his world ranking to a level where he can be considered for invitations to high-level tournaments. To this end he will be competing in the Australian Masters tournament in Melbourne in December and the Australian

Championships in Sydney in January.

Should Smirnov win the latter event he will become Australia's youngest-ever national champion, breaking the decades-long record held by John-Paul Wallace. In addition, having recently overtaken David Smerdon to become Australia's number two, a successful summer season could see Smirnov become the new number one by the end of January.

■ This week's game is one of Smirnov's wins at the Vikings tournament.

Tuggeranong Vikings Open 2017

White: W Sidiqi

Black: A Smirnov

Opening: French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3

On the more usual 4.exd5, Smirnov was ready to try 4...Qxd5!?. 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.e5? This takes all the pressure off Black's centre. The correct plan for White is the c4 advance, prefaced by 8.0-0. 8...c5 9.N4f3 Ne7 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nf1 Bc6 13.Ng3 Nxc3 14.hxc3 d4 15.g4! Sidiqi plans 16.Bf4-g3 but in doing so gives Black extra targets. 15...Qd5 16.Bf4 g5! 17.Bg3 h5! 18.Re2 h4 Smirnov is not interested in grabbing a mere pawn and soon generates an overwhelming attack. 19.Bh2 h3 20.Ne1 hxg2 21.f3 c4 22.Rxg2 Bc5 23.Rd2 0-0-0 24.Kg2 Rxh2+! 25.Kxh2 Qxe5+ 26.Kg1 d3+ 27.Rf2 Qg3+ 0-1

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Dah, what am I saying? *Backlash* did not accidentally forget. It was blatant censorship to allow some political posing to gain kudos from the sneer-sharing 'Illuminati'.

Note to self - need a more open honest mind. Perhaps a good note to others too.

There are new perovskite solar panels being developed by the CSIRO for higher efficiency. If the costs of their manufacture were lowered through adequate funding we could make them in Australia. Employment would go up, taxes would stay in Australia and the coal-fired power stations would be redundant.

But we Aussies prefer watching the dinosaurs dig up coal.

I can feel there is a chill in the air. I'll put on my 2,400-watt single-bar radiator and warm up. Cost? \$0.

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Backlash on backlash

Backlash (November 22), with some relish, commented on the launch of the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation. It was a sneering, simplistic commentary which led to the revelation that Tony Abbott and John Howard were at the launch.

Now, why did *Backlash* forget that Kim Beazley, former federal leader of the ALP and former leader of the opposition was also at the launch, and on the board?

Jim Rose
Mullumbimby

Maybe council needs an IQ test too. What is wrong with using the existing, unused transport hub (train station) for the buses? Just bury the rails and use the buildings. Done!

Maybe Cr Spooner can demonstrate how easy it is to hump a 15kg backpack from town to the sports fields.

Market to the dunes? Parking is the fly in the ointment and the elephant in the room! Is there a 'common sense' test? Cr Spooner... Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear.

PS: You're supposed to use the rates hike to fix all our roads, not waste it on mad-cap schemes all in one town.

Lester Prowse
Huonbrook

Rent the bus shelter

Noticed the Council call for submissions on the licensing of the bus shelter building as a 'kiosk'? Notice there is no licensee identified? If anyone would like to have access to

this great little spot to run a business for a year (or who knows how long given the bus transit centre saga), I'd contact Council because I can't see why, according to the plan of management for that land, you can't put in an expression of interest.

Councillors at Thursday's meeting spoke of threats to local small businesses including the problem of runaway commercial rent. Yet their response to doing anything about what's happening at the Byron Visitors Centre (BVC) shows any concern is little more than lip service.

I put in a submission opposed to the BVC being given a five-year lease after Council showed little interest in the ancillary kiosk and rental businesses that are operating there in competition to the dwindling locally owned businesses in town. Businesses that are paying these rents (which contribute to rates) are trying to compete with the BVC in its prime, highly subsidised location.

Gobsmacked I read Council's responses to me that there were no worries about uneven playing fields and undermining of the businesses.

They said the centre is there to support because: 'BVC is required to use the premises in accordance with the lease and the plan of management, to operate the

premises as a professional Visitor Information Centre only.'

Despite the fact that Council has promised me an answer to my follow-up enquiries about why they think I am hallucinating, I haven't received anything two months later.

They have responded though with some interesting developments. The new BVC lease will not include the bus shelter area, hence the Council advertisements for submissions about the licence. But the ad doesn't clarify that they are planning to just hand this now separate facility to the BVC without any competitive tender process. As well Council are simultaneously considering 'Local Government Act Section 68 application 55.2017.1078.1 (to engage in a trade display and hire of bikes and operation of kiosk).'

Rent, if any, is yet to be determined!

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

Political division
The left currently enquires into the alternatives to neo-liberalism.

Both the left and the right pathologised in the 1930s and they never recovered but went deeper into covering it up with a division between them.

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Community key to protecting biodiversity – local action required

Jan Barham

As a recognised national biodiversity hotspot, our unique north coast natural environment is under threat. The responsibility to protect it is with our community and Council, as state and federal governments are negligent.

We must speak up for the natural world; it's our role to ensure that greed and political power don't destroy the future. The state government has caved in to the pressure of some farmers and developers and is willing to force local government to also abandon nature. It will happen if the community doesn't respond.

Leaders

In the Byron Shire there have been decades of commitment to protecting the diverse and endangered flora and fauna and it's vital that we take action now to preserve and enhance the protections offered by environmental zones. If the community fail to respond there will be a loss of biodiversity that can never be replaced.

In 1988 the Byron Shire became the first council in the state to implement environmental zones to ensure that planning and development not only considered, but also protected, biodiversity from destruction and damaging impacts.



In 2004, Byron Shire Council adopted its Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and provided a funding source to undertake the necessary programs to preserve and protect the precious environment with the establishment of the Biodiversity Levy. The strategy received a national award and was regarded highly as an initiative to meet both national and state biodiversity strategies.

Development pressure

But sadly, times have changed and the state government has reduced its commitment and the planning requirements that local government could utilise to meet the biodiversity protection responsibility. The pressure for development has weakened the planning process

and the potential for zoning and planning rules to provide the necessary protections for biodiversity.

In 2012 politics halted the process of implementing the environmental zones that provided the necessary protections when local coalition government MPs Thomas George and Don Page were responsible for deferring the adoption of environmental zones on the north coast.

Take a stand

An independent review was undertaken that identified the importance of protecting unique, endangered and threatened flora and fauna habitats and endorsed environmental zones as a clear mechanism for managing the landscape. The state government's response was to reduce the effectiveness of the zones. There is so much pre-

cious nature that no longer is afforded the protection it deserves. It's shocking that we have gone backwards.

With this lessening of state and national governments' commitment to the environment, local government's role is vital to ensure that we don't lose what can't be replaced. This is one of those times when if you don't act things will change for the worse; no doubt about it, we are in dark times.

Please make a submission and speak to councillors to ensure that they stand up for biodiversity.

■ See www.byron.nsw.gov.au/environmental-zones-e-zones

Labelling DPRK as 'terrorist state' foolish

John Hallam

The re-designation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a 'terrorist state' is neither intellectually honest, as other states who are far more deeply implicated in terrorism have escaped such designation, nor is it likely to improve the tense nuclear standoff.

It does nothing to take down the diplomatic temperature, and nothing to induce the DPRK to negotiate about anything. It will produce the behaviour it supposedly seeks to prevent.

The assassination of Kim Jong Nam was to be sure a barbaric act. But the DPRK just isn't in the terrorism game when it is compared to governments that are, such as Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. And the US itself is not above criticism.

Importantly, this re-designation trashes a window of opportunity that has existed for around the past 60 days,

during which the DPRK hasn't tested a warhead or launched anything. This was a time in which exploratory 'talks about talks' might have taken place away from the limelight and without Twitter.

Foreign minister Julie Bishop's embrace of this deeply flawed initiative is disturbing. Previously, Julie has spoken in favour of taking the temperature down and negotiation.

The re-designation merely takes us back to the mutually threatening postures of a month ago.

Threat begets counter-threat and pressure, far from achieving its objective, induces the DPRK to do exactly what we try to prevent them from doing. It is a strategy guaranteed to fail. Indeed any strategy that relies on pressuring the DPRK can be put in the 'guaranteed to fail' box.

Do nothing

We need to slowly take

the diplomatic temperature down.

A good start would be if nobody did anything at all. By doing nothing whatsoever even in the face of a possible future DPRK 'end to end' atmospheric test (should that ever actually take place), we can hope to break the perilous escalatory cycle we are now locked into.

A chance to talk

Following this, tentative talks about talks might take place. And following that, what is needed is a completely open-ended, completely preconditions-free dialogue about what a stable relationship between the DPRK and the rest of the world might look like.

And yes, absolutely, there must be talks for the sake of talks. It beats threat for the sake of threats any time, and that is what we have now. With absent talks for the sake of talks we face a real possibility of complete catastrophe.

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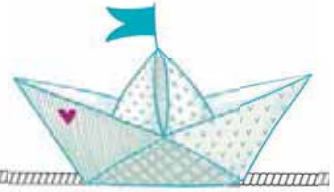
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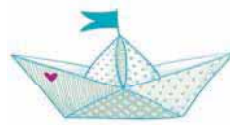


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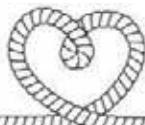
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Paid parking debate continues apace

■ It is completely misleading for the Brunswick chamber of commerce to claim that businesses will suffer as a result of paid parking.

It didn't happen in Byron Bay despite the same initial concerns and as the state government predicts significant population increases in the northern rivers and southern Qld it won't happen in Brunswick Heads either.

Tourist numbers will continue to grow and infrastructure will continue to see increased pressure. And as for 95 per cent of residents supporting no paid parking, there is no evidence, just wishful thinking.

I don't recall the chamber of commerce coming out against the rate increases 'we had to have', while many struggle to pay mortgages (without Airbnb to cover it) and I'm still waiting for an answer to questions regarding what the chamber has done to pressure the government for Council to able to introduce a bed tax? Or why should ratepayers continue to subsidise the tourist industry and pay for infrastructure without a contribution from tourists? Or what significant, alternative, long-term financial solutions they suggest.

I trust the council will not back down on this as it would smell very much like saving their necks for the next election. Bring on paid parking in Brunswick Heads and Bangalow.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

■ All we read lately is Council apologising for their lack of communication with the residents of the Shire after making bad decisions. At the same time they want us to consult with them over the future of the shire in their 'Our Byron Our Future' campaign.

Meanwhile over in Bruns the town is seeing red, and jumping up and down to show council that they don't want paid parking and not many are listening.

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The truth; the suggested natural political system of humankind, is mutual aid.

Interestingly, in the modern period it took a Russian born in the late 1890s to write a book, freshly published in 2017, called *Mutual Aid*. The author, Peter Kropotkin, is often acknowledged as the foremost, in both senses of the word, world authority on social anarchism.

We don't want you putting up ugly parking meters and then turning around later to say sorry. It is simple, Simon: no paid parking – not now, not in six months, not ever.

Cherie Pyke
Brunswick Heads

■ This week I spent my first time in a council chamber meeting. I was there to protest about introducing paid parking to Brunswick Heads.

When I first moved to Bruns it was because I had lost everything of value to me in financial terms. I had nowhere to go and was at rock bottom.

I went to volunteer at the visitor centre and from there was able to rebuild my life. I have watched for four years as the community built itself around a brand of 'Simple Pleasures'. There were times when this was incredibly important to businesses and the economic upturn of the town, with small local events helping to create the brand.

As a resident of the Byron Shire for more than twenty years I have watched Byron Bay become a shadow of its former self, without a strong vision to hold it together.

Today I watched our Green council completely shaft our town. Was this what happened to Byron? Where is the spirit, where is the community that made Byron such an amazing place to be?

Our strong opposition has been dismissed and deemed ridiculous! We are accused of being 'religiously fervent' and 'intimidating'.

For the first time at the last elections, I voted Green and I did it because it was Simon. He came to every meeting and event we had and expounded the virtues of 'Simple Pleasures' and our commitment to Bruns – so I voted for him. Now for a few dollars he has turned on us and stabbed us in the back. I won't do it again.

It is incredibly important to stand up for our village, our small businesses (who are, contrary to Council be-

lief) a part of the community.

Council's whole game is to divide and conquer by suggesting that we are not representative of the Bruns community. This includes the progress association, school, community groups, the Chamber and visitor centre. We in Bruns have the sole responsibility, in the face of our popularity, to manage the outcome of our own town. Paid parking meters are just the ugly tip of an ugly iceberg. It really is now or never. Where has the spirit gone from the Byron Shire?

Cherie Heale
Brunswick Heads

■ The locals know that democracy is not always prevalent in this council.

Jenny Coman's letter (November 22) highlights just one obvious example. From the Council decisions regarding 'paid parking', it would appear that the councillors believe they know better than the communities of Bangalow, Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads.

Pursuant to the implemented scheme in the Bay, they even ignore benefit/cost implications. But perhaps they still believe in rational economics – which has been totally discredited. Many of us know that 'paid parking' will not be cost beneficial in the towns/villages.

I firmly believe the councillors are hoping that we, the voters, have short memories. Keep ignoring the community, councillors, and watch the next election.

Roger Seccombe
Bangalow

■ Irrespective of my opinion about paid parking, I believe that Council has failed to exercise due diligence in implementing paid parking in Bangalow. Council resolved in August to spend \$75,000 of our precious ratepayers' money implementing the scheme with no robust evidence to justify the expenditure.

The parking report Coun-

cil commissioned relied on only one day of parking data. That day was a Saturday with a large festival happening in the showground. The study doesn't represent parking in Bangalow. This was pointed out to Council staff at a Bangalow Guidance Group (BGG) meeting early in 2017 and ignored. Regardless, the study did not recommend paid parking as a first intervention.

Council also spent \$15,000 on a community consultation process which resulted in a) a movement strategy report raising concerns about paid parking in Bangalow, and b) a statistically invalid survey designed by Council staff that reported to Council community support for paid parking linked to revenue. These concerns were raised at the BGG and were ignored.

There are very little data on tourism in Bangalow because they are mostly day-trippers. Locals know that day trippers come to Bangalow for a leisurely shop, coffee and lunch and are therefore unlikely to park in a one- or two-hour, parking zone.

The claims and promises made by the general manager about likely revenue for Bangalow are intemperate given the lack of robust data. Council resolved on August 24 2017 to commence a one-year pilot scheme. There should be no talk or promises about revenue until revenue data from the pilot are available.

At the August Council meeting Council also resolved to enter into discussion with the BGG before the implementation date on January 1, 2018. This has not happened.

Good governance requires good data and real community engagement in order for informed decisions to be made. Something has gone horribly wrong with the process of investigating the feasibility of paid parking in Bangalow. It has all the hallmarks of a fait accompli.

Jenny Bird
Bangalow

aid such as the ants and bees.

In fact if we look carefully at civilised history, it is based in dominance and competitiveness, and the author of mayhem, violence and murder has always been the state.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

Net deaths

In response to the recent article in *The Echo* (November 22) regarding the journalist

visiting the Byron Bay region, Ellen Husain, for her timely documentary *Costing the Earth*.

In the article, writer Paul Bibby stated at the conclusion that 'proponents' of the netting trial have pointed out that there were no attacks during the first trial at Ballina Shire beaches.

Who are these 'proponents'? Are they aware that

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Big Weed in North America: Beyond the war on drugs?

Story & photo David Lisle

Recreational marijuana will become legal in Canada next July when the Cannabis Act takes effect. Prime minister Justin Trudeau introduced the bill to bring marijuana out of the closet earlier this year, honouring a key pledge from his 2015 election campaign.

The policy acknowledges the failure of the war on drugs and aims to keep cannabis 'out of the hands of children, and profits out of the hands of criminals'. Better to regulate and tax the market than outsource these functions to gangsters, who stand to lose \$10 billion a year. This was about harm minimisation and community safety; even if the Liberal Party's messaging revealed a determination to present itself as youthful and enlightened.

Canada: home of 'Big Weed'

Behind the progressive branding and focus on public health and safety lay a more powerful driver. Trudeau wants Canada to be the home of Big Weed. According to Deloitte's bean counters, legalisation could boost the Canadian economy by \$22 billion a year.

As weed is gradually legalised – for both therapeutic



and recreational purposes – in North America the corporate vultures circle. In 2016, \$7 billion worth of legal cannabis was sold here; 30 per cent more than the previous year. Analysts expect sales to reach \$20 billion in a few years. Glossy consultant reports envisage highly developed consumer markets – not unlike that for alcohol – where big brands jostle for market share; niche 'craft' establishments flourish; and connoisseurs pay steep premiums for quality. Hedge funds and private equity firms, ever alert to the vibrations of potential profits, are investing.

One in every five Americans now lives in jurisdictions with legal recreational weed. Two-thirds have therapeutic access. The day Donald Trump was elected president, eight more states voted to re-legalise marijuana – ending nine decades of legal purga-

tory. Ironically, given Trump's campaign rhetoric, it was imagery linking marijuana use to Mexicans that led to the prohibition of what had for thousands of years been considered a beneficial herb. Marijuana is now the world's most used illicit euphoriant.

Trump's attorney-general Jeff Sessions claims marijuana and immigration are driving violent crime. He wants to clamp down on what he calls a 'dangerous gateway drug'; erroneously linking weed to the opioid epidemic that claimed 64,000 American lives in 2016.

The Trump Administration has promised not to impede the medical market but has made threats against recreational weed; dampening investor confidence and highlighting the legal ambiguities facing the industry in the US. Despite a flurry of legalisation by the states, federal law makes marijuana

production and consumption felony offences. Banking regulations that prohibit the 'laundering' of drug money prevent the cannabis industry from accessing basic banking services. So it deals in cash and accesses investor capital with schemes devised by Wall Streets sharpest minds.

Banks moving in

Firms don't face these irritants in Canada, home to the world's largest marijuana companies. As legalisation approaches, banks are actually jostling for the burgeoning industry's business. Canada legalised medical marijuana in 2001 and its firms have since developed sophisticated production techniques and are now exporting product and knowhow around the world; it's a Canadian company planning the huge (100 tonne p.a.) medical marijuana grow in Casino.

The hi-tech weed industry sits well with Trudeau's innovation agenda, as squeezing oil out of Alberta's sand suited the Conservative Harper government's ethos.

Despite strong public support, marijuana legalisation is not uncontroversial: Newspaper opinion pages bristle with the indignation of editors and concerned citizens; police chiefs and mayors wrangle

with budding ganjapreneurs, unable to wait for weed's official legal redemption.

In the central BC town of Williams Lake I met Mark Cowan, an especially impatient ganjapreneur. He owns a weed store called Mary Jane's and is adamant the present system governing medical marijuana is unworkable; doctors who have been indoctrinated against marijuana don't fully appreciate its beneficence, and are failing to prescribe it appropriately. So Cowan is stepping into the breach and supplying adults, whether or not they carry a medical marijuana card. He's a weed evangelist who has long viewed the war on drugs

a failed enterprise.

Twice this year the police have raided his store. Cowan is charged with trafficking a controlled substance but considers himself a caregiver. He says a federal court case, *Allard v Canada*, set a precedent, finding the inability of four BC residents to procure affordable medical weed offended their rights under the Canadian Charter (entitling them to grow their own).

Mary Jane's was doing a brisk trade when I passed through town in October, thanks in part to the publicity generated by a police raid the previous week. Mark Cowan was happy. So were his customers.

WHAT'S NEW

A florist has returned to Mullumbimby!

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How big is your sea sponge? Male humpback dolphins give gifts

Gift giving between humpback dolphins has been recorded by researchers from The University of Western Australia (UWA).

They have captured a rare sexual display: evidence of male humpback dolphins presenting females with large marine sponges in an apparent effort to mate. They also

recorded the male dolphins performing visual and acoustic displays.

Their first observation was between a male and female dolphin and her calf. The male dolphin dived down to remove a large marine sponge fixed to the seafloor, balanced it on his beak and pushed it toward the female.

The use of objects in sexual displays by non-human mammals is rare and the researchers believe it could be a display of the male's strength and quality as a mating partner.

Lead author Dr Allen said findings suggested as yet unrecognised levels of social complexity in these dolphins. 'Here we have some of the

most socially complex animals on the planet using sponges, not as a foraging tool, but as a gift,' said Dr Allen.

Next the researchers hope to determine (through behavioural observation and genetics) if presenting sponges and engaging in sexual displays improves an individual's chance of mating success.

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Byron dreaming: The best bits are still free

Story & photo S Sorrensen

Byron Bay. Tuesday, 1.45pm

Byron Bay is a beautiful place despite the pillaging by modern humans. You can still experience that beauty if you escape the tinnitus and tinsel of town and get to the beach.

I gave money to a parking machine and wandered past the koala tea-towels and cold beers, beyond the bare-chested juggler and the old drunk under Norfolk pines to find the ocean.

The land around here, tended by the Arakwal people for thousands of years to provide everything required for a sustainable society (how could they have forseen the barbarity and lethality of the coming invasion?), has been replaced by an ugly conglomeration of shops, homes and exotic plants.

And let's face it: It is bloody ugly. Sure, it'd be more comforting for me to squint and imagine the whole mess as civilising progress leading the populace to happiness, but... I can't. Not any more. I don't believe in Santa Claus or capitalism. If rushing headlong into social and environmental catastrophe is your idea of progress, well, you're probably a developer.

But, hey... the sea remains and the sun is glinting off the northern reaches of the Tasman. Surfers bob on their boards off The Pass, waiting for the wave that will carry them, for a brief time, into the here and now.

A man with a gym physique and de rigueur tattoos shoulders past me with a woman wearing not much. They check their phones as they walk.

I strip down to my swim-



mers, ditch my sunnies and wander to the water's edge. Beautiful. The sea is as clear as hindsight.

The real value around here comes from nature. It is not the expensive homes, profitable businesses, or reiki massages. Money does not express value, rather it is a gauge of how removed you are from the common wealth. The bigger the price tag, the

more toxic and blinding it is. The juggler with his dirty pants hanging at penis level and the grey-dreadlocked drunk with his paper-bagged bottle are richer than the shop-owner counting money in a backroom of the Byron temple.

The real value in Byron Bay belongs to us all and has no price. (And how Council hates that: Imagine people

sleeping in their vans at the beach! Free!) Two worlds exist side-by-side. One world is flashy, coming at us from every shop window, every screen – from everywhere. It is a cacophony of consumerism, spinning you into an acquisitive delirium, where fulfillment is just a few dollars away. But you never get there.

The other world is quiet, living in the neon shadow, existing outside the screen's blue light, inhabiting the quieter places where nature and humanity are.

The water feels cool, but not cold. As a storm cloud covers the sun, a cooler breeze rolls in from the town, rippling the sea and making it warmer than the air. I jump over a few waves, strangely trying to avoid getting wet while walking deeper into the sea. I dive in. Suddenly, I'm

immersed in wealth beyond price.

The second Enlightenment is upon us. As consumerism accelerates to dangerous speeds, we are starting to feel frightened, aware that the driver of this bouncing bus is not human, has no children, and thinks long-term is to the end of the financial year.

Underwater, lines of light race across the bottom leaving small clouds of sand.

As the fiscal fantasy fades, we are waking up. Blinking, we look in horror at the devastation we have caused during our sleep. Awake, we wonder: What now?

Aboriginal people can guide us. They gardened and nurtured Australia, creating a world where people had a place, life had a point and the children had hope.

All this with no credit card...

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at Byron Shire beaches where no nets were installed – for the same period there were no shark attacks?

As for the last paragraph: 'they also point out that the number of non-target animals killed during the trial is dwarfed by the number of dolphins, rays and other large ocean animals caught and killed by the commercial fishing industry each year.'

I find this an appallingly ignorant and callous statement, which ignores the work going into other environmental protection campaigns, battling against corporate, often corrupt, often exploitive and unsustainable, commercial industry prac-

tices around the world.

I have been writing to various people regarding abandoning this second net trial, in Ballina Shire, with so far deeply unsatisfying responses from all levels of government.

My heart sinks when I see the boat coming to install the nets at Lennox Head as part of this second 'trial'.

Seriously, there is a whole 150m of net along the whole length of Seven Mile Beach.

It is amazing how many harmless and in some cases listed vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered species get entangled in the nets.

If the set of data from the first trial is anything to go by,

we can expect literally hundreds of injuries and fatalities.

I am still hopeful that the current trial is abandoned as soon as possible.

Mel Mott
Lennox Head

Memories

Patricia Warren (Letter November 22) seems to be confusing the Honour Avenue tree planting with other beautification work being carried out in Brunswick Heads in 1918 (explained in my comment on Sean O'Meara's letter 'The facts about Brunsh historic memorial trees' on echo.net.au).

To believe her claims it would help if references were

provided. Her 'War blooded and wearied, the returned soldiers planted approximately 500 Coastal Cypress Pines' (Letters 4 October) sounds like it came from an eyewitness but I think Patricia made it up – a bit of hyperbole to get attention. She certainly got mine.

Still I don't think she made everything up. A reference for 'the planting of up to 300 trees on the reserve' would be particularly helpful. This would dispel the possibility that she has confused the Brunswick Heads memorial trees with a proposal to plant 300 memorial trees in Mullumbimby.

Rob Watson
Myocum

Resist, resist, resist

The Council meeting November 23 revealed the mature and remarkable integrity of the Byron Shire community. They are strongly and passionately resisting the onslaught of rampant development; development devoid of transparent and accountable policies.

The recent felling of trees to aid future development in Railway Park revealed that many community members addressing the Masterplan for the Future were hoodwinked by the 'guided' Council process.

The recent Masterplan has by default aided transparent information revealing the real subscripts of altered guidelines to support the master plan of developers.

The destruction of e-zones to aid aerial transport is an outstanding example. Aerial photos supplied during the Council meeting revealed evidence of deliberate chainsaw destruction of protected trees and vegetation.

The new model of business for Byron reveals unauthorised town planning that upholds planning utilised by mining towns. Fly-in-fly out weddings, fly-in-fly-out holidays that aid customers to 'absorb nature'. These proposed business plans and the illegal cultural and social assertion of tampered e-zones are affecting residential farms, the climate, and the very ethos that should support holistic town planning and community rights.

Future generations and the rights of nature must have a community set a precedent and speak for them. The future cannot be adoration of greed and money and 'business as usual'. This is about survival!

Jo Faith
Newtown

Death by scalding

The story on the ABC last week showing chickens being scalded to death in a Victorian abattoir shocked many viewers, but also illustrates a basic truth about animal agriculture: wherever there is exploitation for money, there will be abuse.

Corporations that abuse animals are governed only by their bottom line; animal welfare will always play second fiddle.

This is the way economics works, and calling for better supervision, by governments who see their role as maximising those same profits, is whistling in the wind.

The only way to stop chickens being slaughtered in agony at a fraction of their potential lives, or the other shocking abuse of other animals we have witnessed repeatedly in exposés by animal activists (and never by government inspections), is to vote with our dollars. Three times daily, we can all vote to stop animal abuse by choosing to buy delicious, healthy vegan foods instead of artery-blocking animal flesh, milk and eggs.

Desmond Bellamy
PETA Australia

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And most of all the Mullumbimby and Surrounds community for their attendance at their local Show.

Be sure to save the date for the 111th Show in 2018 – 10–11 November.



Woody Head: cheap fun holiday

If you're looking for a cheap, fun place for the family to get out into nature, you'll probably run into a few Byronians at Woody Head. Only 1.5 hours from Byron, the low-key campsite in the Bundjalung National Park is only five minutes from Iluka and close enough to Yamba to catch the ferry over for a day in the 'big town'.

In addition to camping and caravan sites, there are also some cabins at Woody Head (some with their own bathrooms) but these sell out fast. The well-run campground has hot showers, outdoor cooking fires, and supplies the firewood, meaning that you can cook outside and concentrate on the good stuff such as looking across the rock pools, swimming on uncrowded beaches and fishing, if you like that sort of thing.

On a recent trip, staying in the original settlers cottage, we were woken before 6am by the crashing of debris against the side of the cabin as an excited brush turkey prepared its nest for the 6.30am mating session. Little brush turkeys, wallabies and kangaroos wander through the campground, and inside the cabin we also found a cute little scorpion (Australia's 100 species of scorpion are apparently elusive and relatively harmless, and their sting would cause merely a painful irritation).



Coastal banksias, coastal she-oaks and coastal wattle are found on the dunes that back on to the beach in the Bundjalung National Park

If you can't get into Woody Head, Iluka is a quiet town with a number of caravan parks. The Iluka Riverside caravan park is situated on the river, and for those with little kids it has the advantage of a protected shallow river beach adjacent to the park, and a great playground.

Unspoilt Iluka

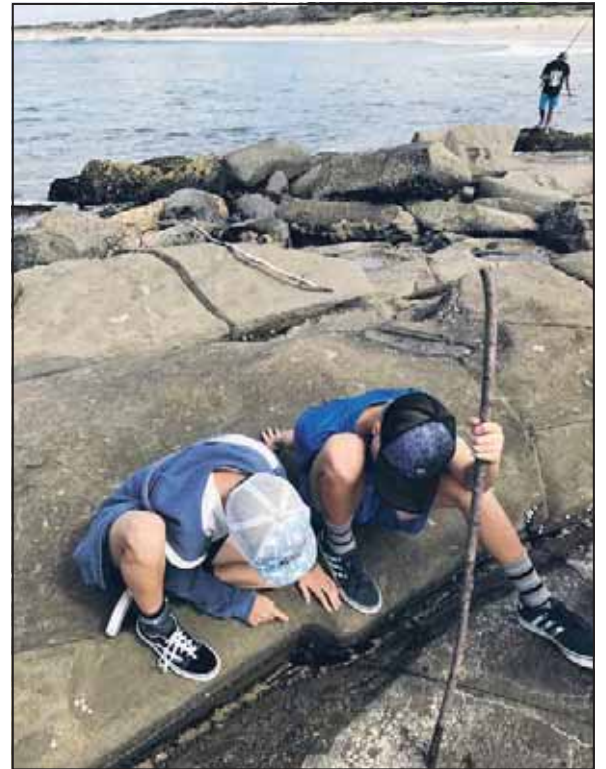
The foreshore park at Iluka stretches from the ferry terminal right to the iconic Sedgers Reef Hotel, a ramshackle pub in a prime position overlooking the river. But see it while you can,

as real estate prices in Iluka, long the topic of conversation with Byron people planning their next real estate move, are already high. A four-bedroom two-storey house in the 'much sought-after old part of town' will set you back \$850,000, where your local cafe would be the Sumth'n Tastee, celebrated by visitors for its 'generous serves' and 'variety of food choices from fish and chips, hamburgers and pizza'.

Plans for a \$10m resort on the site of the derelict service station will soon be lodged by Gold Coast investor Derk Vanderbent of Surf&Yoga Pty

Ltd, who has noted the lack of resort facilities in town. The proposed resort would also feature what is likely to be Iluka's first rooftop yoga deck.

Of course, if you want to take it up a notch, a short ferry ride across the river is Yamba, home of much more upmarket cafes (one favourite is the Turkish cafe) and pubs (the Pacific has great views). Absolutely the best restaurant in the vicinity is Barbaresco at Angourie. Whether you're looking for a pizza with the kids or cocktails and a bottle of Italian wine, this place has the lot.



Finding a sea cucumber in the coastal rock pools



The Yamba to Iluka ferry

Vinnies Christmas Appeal now under way

As the holiday season approaches, most Australian households are starting to plan Christmas Day menus and consider the presents for their loved ones. However, thousands of north coast families are stressing about putting food on the table, and paying essential bills such as rent and electricity.

In fact for many people Christmas isn't even a true holiday, as a large number are un- or under-employed, or working casual jobs that don't offer leave loading or penalty rates.

With these problems in mind, St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDPS) has launched its annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal aimed at helping all families to have a secure and enjoyable Christmas with their children, relatives and friends.

'Here on the north coast we live in a beautiful place, yet more than 80,000 people are experiencing poverty, and a further 38,500 are at risk of it,' said SVDPS North Coast president Yvonne Wynen.

'Even for many people with jobs, financial hardship can be just a few pay cheques away. If they do fall into poverty they face a real risk of becoming homeless.'

Ms Wynen added: 'Around one in four people coming to the Society for help with food vouchers or assistance with utility bills is believed to be homeless. This situation is especially tragic for children, many of whom are at serious risk of abuse because of their vulnerable circumstances.'

SVDPS NSW CEO Jack de Groot said the Vinnies Christmas Appeal helps people at a time when they feel most vulnerable and isolated.

'We want to make sure that thousands of Australian families who are struggling to make ends meet can enjoy a home-cooked Christmas meal and can give their children a gift. We cannot do this without the generous support of our donors across the state,' he said.

Money donated to Vinnies Christmas Appeal on the north coast will be used to help local families. Donations are tax deductible and can be made at any of the 27 Vinnies shops between Tweed Heads and Port Macquarie-Hastings, or by calling the Lismore office on **6621 5835**.

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The Balcony tells us what's on at their venue this summer

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Red Devils upgrade facilities

There have been a lot of renovations at the Red Devils Clubhouse at their grounds in Byron Bay. The showers and toilets, kitchen, and also the bar have undergone a revamp, and even the outside and the roof have received a lick of paint in preparation for the new season.

Last weekend they held an event to show off the renovations. 'We opened up the grounds to the community to show what we've done,' said Shanay Eberlein, joint caretaker with Ben Webber at the club.

Ben has conducted and organised most of the renovations.

'We're hoping to open up the club for more functions and make it more of an appealing site for the community, as it hasn't had much love over the last couple of decades,' said Shanay.

'We have lots of plans for more events in the future – we'd like to make it a more family-friendly environment and last weekend's event was to showcase the new look.'

In addition the Stone & Wood caravan *Bonnie*, MLC Ben Franklin was in attendance at the weekend, praising the leadership of Nathan Cross and Ben Webber at the club.



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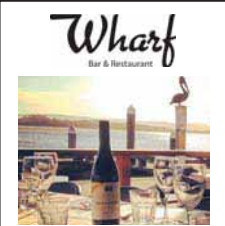


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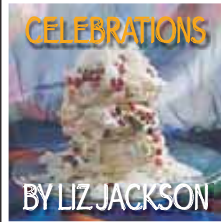


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Confessions of a shedaholic cont

Here is our third instalment as we follow 'Confessed Shedaholic' Kate LeMessurier during the building of her 5-bedroom shed-home form go to whoa!



Beginning of the start of the house fit-out

PART THREE - THE HOUSE FIT-OUT BEGINS

Finally the fit-out has started after all the design and planning. Working with her builder Ian Godwin, Kate has all the quotes from the subcontractors: the electrician, plumber, tiler, plasterer and painter. They are booked in to be part of the team to evolve the shed to a home.



Day 1 bed 1, WIR + ensuite started

Kate shares: 'It is so important to have all quotes from the builder and contractors accepted before starting the fit-out. It means you have all your costs budgeted and also allows a timeline mapping the length of each job. Having this in place allows you to forward plan so each contractor knows when to start their work, which stops any problems in the smooth running of the fit-out.'

Kate has found some fantastic secondhand windows and doors and from all the salvage and secondhand and businesses in the area from Lismore to Tweed Heads.



Day 2 bed 1, WIR + ensuite framed up

The first job to do is setting out for all the framework for the first and second bedrooms, walk-in robe and ensuite, second bathroom and the laundry.

Working with Ian, the builder, they make sure all the dimensions are correct from the approved floorplan design and mark out where the windows and doors will be fitted. After the completing the setting out Ian was able to order the right amount of all the framing timber required for the fit-out and arranged delivery of the timber and it has arrived a week after the order was confirmed.



Day 3 laundry, 2nd bathroom + 2nd bedroom

'There are always a few changes that can be made at this stage, especially the height of the windows and doors, which I have had to do just the height of the windows in correlation to the door heights. It is so essential to get the heights and position right as it's all about how I want the view from every window onto the amazing trees on the property, which is so important to me.' Kate has an amazing eye for this. When you are inside you can't help but be delighted by the views framed perfectly through a window or door.

The framework for the two bedrooms, ensuite, second bathroom and laundry were completed within four days. Next step is the framing up for the external doors and windows and installing them in place. And with this step the metamorphosis from shed to home is underway! Stay tuned.



Day 4 laundry, 2nd bath + 2nd bedroom all framework up



Katrina Beohm

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23 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads

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\$1,550,000



Charm and character abound in this classic 1950s timber home with all of the yesteryear delights – soaring ceilings, polished timber floors, french doors, hopper windows, picture rails, timber walls, Juliet balcony & breezeways.



There's even the old string light switches. Sound old? Well it is. But there are the modern conveniences too like ducted air-conditioning with climate control, Foxtel installed in the lounge room and the master bedroom and ceiling fans in every room. The attractive and low maintenance gardens and yard will provide endless opportunities for lazy afternoon entertaining under a beautiful poinciana tree. Don't feel like entertaining? Then grab a towel and walk 70m and have a swim in the river. Yep, less than 100m to the river and only a very short stroll to the town centre, pub, footbridge, beach and surf club.

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\$339,000



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The home comprises a spacious open plan lounge with dining area and two good-sized carpeted bedrooms with built-in mirror-door robes and ceiling fans. Master bedroom has its own Daikin reverse-cycle air-conditioner.

The kitchen is complemented with tiled splashbacks, double sink, built-in Westinghouse oven/grill and ceramic cooktop.

The tiled bathroom has a shower cabinet and vanity unit with a separate toilet.

Adjacent to the home is a carport with space for two vehicles and the laundry is in a large external building located at the rear of the carport.

Solar panels with an inverter have recently been installed.

Sorry, no pets permitted.

Open: By Appointment
Contact: Kelvin Price 0423 028 468
Mr Property Services

Where the bush meets the beach

246 Skinners Shoot Road, Skinners Shoot

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\$1.75 million - \$1.9 million



This is where the bush meets the beach! The three bedroom timber home is full of rustic charm and has a large timber deck on the northern side where you can relax in peace with wildlife all around. There are high raked timber lined ceilings and a wood heater in the living room. Plus beautiful stained glass throughout. Having one acre gives you plenty of space for extra options you may desire. There is a large 7m x 14m Colorbond shed plus a double garage with 3 phase power and a workshop which is attached to the frame of the old studio. Skinners Shoot is a desirable location! The property is on a sealed road, with town water connected. It is only moments from the CBD and the beach of Byron Bay.



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Open: Inspect by appointment
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Settlement House

18 Settlement Road, Main Arm

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\$849,000



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A recently renovated stylish and charming three-bedroom master residence takes pride of place and offers luscious hinterland views, open plan living, easy care bi-fold doors and generous entertaining decks. Journey to the lower level of the home to discover a sauna, workshop, well-appointed storage areas and a two-car carport.

A separate self-contained studio affords dual income potential for the astute investor and both dwellings come complete with heated towel rails, timber flooring, ceilings fans and air-conditioning throughout.

Inspect: Saturdays 10.00–10.45 am, Thursdays 4.00–4.30pm

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160 Coopers Lane South, Mullumbimby

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\$1,695,000



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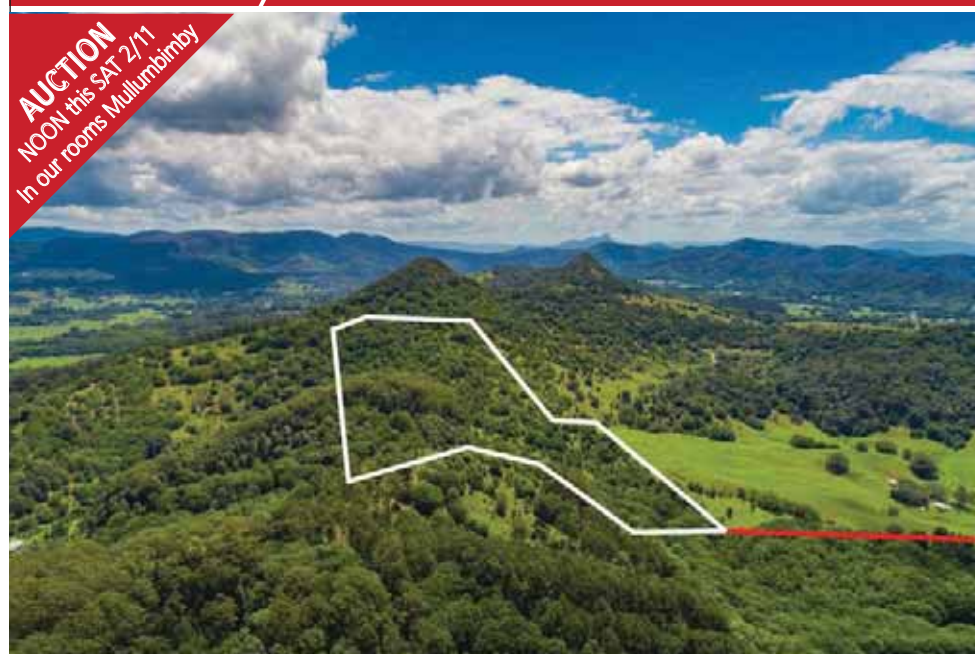
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Lot 1, Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby

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AUCTION: Sat 2nd Dec @ 12 noon, In our rooms

INSPECT By appointment

CONTACT Mark Cochrane 0416 142 663

OFFICE Mullumbimby 02 6684 2615



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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 10.00am

Clunes, Style and Comfort 4 2 6

6 Avalon Ave, Clunes

- ✓ A feeling of quality and good taste pervades this stylish 4 bedroom, 2 bath home.
- ✓ Set on almost half an acre of manicured gardens with private peaceful rural views.
- ✓ Huge chef's kitchen, family living, formal lounge, study, tiled entrance foyer.
- ✓ North facing entertainer's paradise overlooking fabulous in-ground pool.

✓ Prestige home in walk to village centre location

Price: \$835,000
Inspect: 10.00am this Saturday
Contact: Alli Page 0403 498 648

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Large Family Home Entertainers Dream 5 3 2

47 Granuaille Rd, Bangalow

This beautiful family home is sure to impress and perfect for summer family entertaining.

Large 2 storey, 5 bed, 3 bath home with modern kitchen and amenities with amazing views overlooking Bangalow. Expansive elevated covered verandahs and large entertaining decked areas. Double block with in-ground swimming pool, firepit and beautiful established landscaped gardens. Central location with easy access to cafes and shops.

Price: \$1,150,000
Inspect: Wednesday 5pm
Saturday 10.30am
Contact: Trent Stana 0428 982 359

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Idyllic small acreage + 3 bay shed 4 2 5

10 Carabeen Place, McLeans Ridges

- ✓ "Carinya" - Venture down this quiet cul-de-sac and you will find a hidden 1.5 acre gem. Revealed is a generous size 4 bedroom home with double lock-up garage and a large 3 bay Colorbond shed with high roller doors for the boat or caravan.
- ✓ Inside the home you will be greeted with a formal entrance, leading to a formal dining and lounge area.

✓ The home also includes a separate tiled living and meals area adjoining the well appointed kitchen which open out to the outdoor entertaining area taking in the views to the Nightcap Ranges.

Inspect: By appointment 7 days
Price: \$699,000
Contact: Steve Leslie 02 6686 1100
HARCOURTS Ballina Byron

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AUCTION **PRICE GUIDE \$1,150,000-\$1,265,000**

'Footprints' - The Ultimate Beach House 3 2 2

11/20 Byron Street, Lennox Head

- ✓ Dual level, 3 bed architecturally designed home on 300m² easy care block
- ✓ Coveted northerly aspect + large windows, loads of natural light year round
- ✓ O/sized master suite, bespoke ensuite + built in mirrored robes
- ✓ Expansive open living space flows to elevated, covered deck + direct ocean view

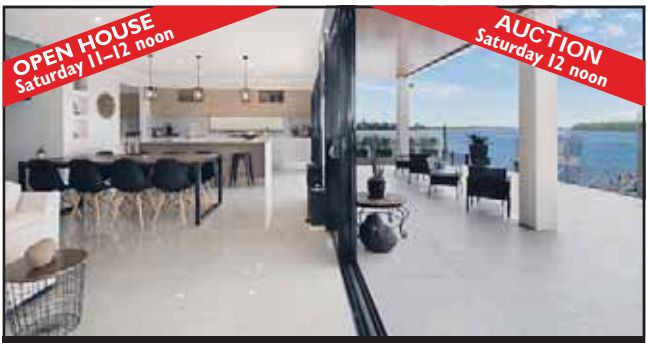
✓ Lower level: 2 spacious beds with built in robes, high ceilings, modern bathroom

✓ O/sized DLUG (too nice for a car!) can convert to another living space

✓ Convenient village location, approx. 550m flat walk to beach

Inspect: By Appointment
Auction: onsite 9 December 11am
Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399

Lois Buckett



OPEN HOUSE Saturday 11-12 noon **AUCTION** Saturday 12 noon

Immaculate & Spacious 4 2 3

101 Burns Point Ferry Rd, West Ballina

- ✓ Brand new, executive residence with countless extras on level 830m² block
- ✓ Set on rare 42m river frontage + private pontoon, expansive views of Richmond River
- ✓ Chef's dream kitchen, stone tops, integrated window splashback + butler's pantry
- ✓ Light filled, vast living/dining space opens onto alfresco, sheltered patio with views

✓ Upper level: master suite + parent's retreat, modern ensuite, walk in robe + study nook

✓ Private i/g salt water pool, new easy care gardens & lawn surround property

✓ O/sized DLUG with workroom space PLUS oversized SLUG-perfect for boat/jet ski

AUCTION onsite 2 December 12noon
Contact: Vaino Lillioja 0487 026 765

Lois Buckett



Gorgeous village living 4 1 1

447 Eltham Road, Eltham

- ✓ Imagine waking in the morning to the sound of birds chattering and after a coffee on the wraparound verandah, take the dogs for a walk to the creek or along the old railway track.
- ✓ It's a great lifestyle in Eltham and this gorgeous 4 bedroom home sits right in the centre.
- ✓ The location is amazing - just around the corner is the excellent Eltham Primary School and Eltham Pantry, walk to the famous Eltham pub and tennis courts, 25 minutes to Byron or Ballina and only 15 minutes to Lismore CBD.

Inspect: By appointment 7 days
Price: \$495,000
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- ✓ Serene 1458 m² block on the high side of a private road, backs on to a nature reserve
- ✓ Coveted NE aspect, enjoys both summer breezes & winter sun - perfect location to build

✓ Positioned within an established & quiet part of Lennox Head amongst quality homes

✓ 7 min walk to Lennox village, 10 min drive to Ballina shops, 20 min drive to Byron Bay

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TALKING ABOUT YOUTH SUICIDE



BYT CAST MEMBERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THEIR LAST PRODUCTION FOR 2017 COMMUNITY AUDIENCES ON SATURDAY 9 AND SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER AT THE DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY.

GONE TOMORROW, FUNDED BY NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CUNNING STUNTS, IS A LINEAR PLAY THAT LOOKS AT THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF A YOUTH SUICIDE, HOW COMPOUNDED MENTAL-HEALTH CHALLENGES CAN SEVERELY AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOW AND WHERE TO ACCESS HELP.

Why has the BYS decided to tackle youth suicide as a topic?

The issues we explore in our productions are always nominated by our youth audiences through our evaluation forms we use after each performance. It keeps us informed about what young people want to know. We were quite shocked by how many nominated this topic but determined to meet the need. We are extremely grateful to Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) for funding this important production and a Cunning Stunts donation.

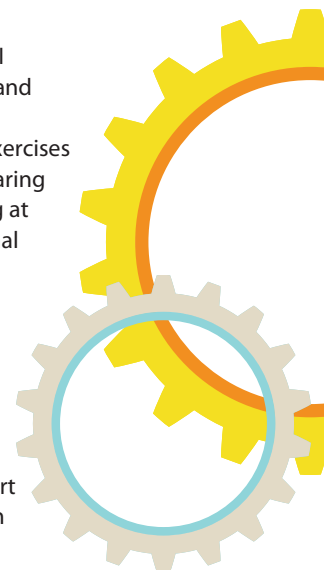
How do you deal with a subject like this without creating a negative or hopeless narrative?

Having already created a Forum Theatre production on youth suicide prevention earlier in the year (funded by CASP) we gained even more insight into young people's concerns. We have used that and combined it with information gained from the community forum we held in September, advice from local services and school counsellors to create a production that has a strong emphasis on getting support when dealing with mental-health issues. This has been our most challenging production but we feel it is imperative to bring more awareness and open up discussions about all the issues surrounding suicide.

How do you manage the mental wellbeing of participants in the process of developing the show, taking into account that suicidality and self-harm are characterised by contagion in

young people – how do you as a theatre practitioner manage the delicate task of telling a story but also supporting the wellbeing of your young actors with such heavy subject matter?

At the start of each production I concentrate on creating a safe and supportive environment for all members through a range of exercises and activities. We had many sharing circles that moved from looking at facts and information to personal experiences. When we started to develop the storyline and characters we used symbolic gestures to demonstrate being in and out of character. Making a clear distinction is vital when working on such issues. We are very grateful to have the support of several local counsellors such as Rosalie Bryant from Byron Youth Service, psychologist Peter Chown, Rose Hogan from StandBy support after-suicide service. and Headspace Lismore and Tweed throughout this process. We have regular check-ins at rehearsals as well



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as through our closed Facebook page. Every member has my phone number and know they can call any time.

How did you develop this show? Whom did you speak to to inform the work?

We always conduct research, connect with local services and interview and survey other young people and community members for every production. We experimented with abstract exercises to connect with the feelings of those who feel confused and overwhelmed by challenges as well as others who are trying to assist people with mental-health issues. The support of headspace and StandBy support after suicide, as well as Peter Chown and local school counsellors, have been our 'rock'. These people are dealing with such issues every day and been a vital resource both in supporting us as well as for script development. It has taken us longer to develop a complex storyline that portrays incremental life challenges for the main character as well as exposing the effect of a suicide and the importance of getting support. There has been a lot of testing and trying out even after the initial script was written. I believe we have achieved a dynamic and powerful play with important messages for our community.

Tell me about the kids in the Byron Youth Theatre and what they bring to the production?

The cast of *Gone Tomorrow* are exceptional young people. They consider BYT to be 'a well-functioning family'. We all care very deeply for each other. The cast of nine ranges from 14 to 21, many of whom sing, dance and play musical instruments. We are including some of these media in the play. I am truly blessed to work with such amazing creatives. The issues we get to explore in each production not only develop each person's awareness and understanding; it bonds us. It is a journey of exploration and development on a professional and personal level. The sharing circles are a favourite as there are limited places where young people can really talk about issues. The BYT cast are smart, intelligent and talented. Everyone has contributed so much to the development of this production.

The play *Gone Tomorrow* is based on a compilation of real stories, showing how a combination of stressful events can lead someone to suicidal ideation and how important it is to notice and take action. The production includes stylised scenes as well as music.

THERE WILL BE THREE PERFORMANCES AT THE DRILL HALL THEATRE IN MULLUMBIMBY: SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2PM WITH GUEST SPEAKER ROSE HOGAN FROM STANDBY SUPPORT AFTER-SUICIDE SERVICE, 6PM WITH TRAUMA COUNSELLOR MICHELLE WALTER, AND SUNDAY 10TH AT 6PM WITH LOCAL PSYCHOLOGIST PETER CHOWN. EACH SPEAKER WILL GIVE A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE, INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AND A BRIEF Q&A.

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During the show Ross performs a fabulous rendition of the Santana classic *Black Magic Woman*, showcasing his incredible guitar talents.

Ria and Christine send the show into overdrive with a dedication to Blondie, singing *Call Me* and *Heart of Glass*.

Finally in a highlight that brings the crowd to their feet, Audio Vixen take on one of the classic rock giants Queen and pay special tribute to frontman Freddie Mercury.

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Audio Vixen dinner and show at the Ballina RSL 16 Dec.

CAROLS BY THE SEA

Christmas is a time for gathering together with friends, family and loved ones to sing some of your favourite Christmas carols, and what better location than the world-famous beach of Byron Bay?

Byron Bay Carols by the Sea is here again, presented by the combined churches of Byron Bay, and directed by award-winning jazz and gospel music artist Sharny Russell, whose band will also provide music for the event.

Carols by the Sea is a free family event held at **Apex Park** in beautiful Byron Bay, on the beach end of Jonson Street Byron Bay, opposite the Beach Hotel.

Carols by the Sea starts at 6.30pm, Friday 8 December, and will feature Byron's iconic djembe drumming, school choirs and of course an appearance by Santa.

Flameless candles will be for sale at the event.

HEADLINERS!

The **Headliners Chorus** would love you to join them on **Saturday afternoon 9 December 2017 at 3pm at the Ballina RSL Club's Level One Auditorium** for an afternoon of fun, singing and harmony, featuring new repertoire, old favourites and some seasonal songs to begin the countdown to Christmas.

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Saturday Ballina RSL Bowling Club.

Doors 6pm, dinner 7pm. Show 7.30pm with tickets at the Ballina RSL Box Office on 6681 9500.

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SAD BAD MUM

When you are a comedian people say things to you that they wouldn't say to other people. They think you can handle it. They think that you don't have feelings like normal people. That you are bulletproof. That everything is a joke. That you dish it out so you can take it. Which is generally true. Most times you can say anything to me. I have pretty good self-esteem. I don't tend to take things personally. I don't take it on. I see the funny side. Most of the time. But not yesterday. Yesterday I was tired, and already feeling a bit sad. That generalised Sunday kind of sad – the kind of sad you want to put in the oven with a roast dinner and pull out when it's done. That sad has sat on me for some time but it's not depression. It's just a human sad. I don't like how easily depression is used to categorise our normal sad feelings. I understand that depression for a lot of people is an illness. But my sad feelings aren't an illness. They're just part of me adjusting to the changes in my life and trying to accept that

I can't control everything. That's a 'sad' trigger for me. Some days the reminder of my dwindling significance sits on my shoulders as a dark wet blanket. It makes me wonder who I am, what my purpose is. It's generally got to do with my kids. About their not needing me any more. About their childhood being over. About my being a crap mum. About how much of their life I've missed out on because I've been working. Or not paying attention. About how I can never get that time back. About how no matter how hard I try I can't recall their baby faces except in photographs. About missing those moments when they sat wrapped in a towel on my lap, or smelling the tops of their sweet little heads as I pull them close to me, about their feeling like I can solve anything, about sneaking in and watching them while they sleep. I wasn't prepared for how hard it is to have your kids grow up. To become so physically and emotionally separate from me. I know it's a privilege to have healthy adjusted kids, but letting go sucks. I've never been good at that shit. It's why I breastfed them all for three years each. It clearly had nothing to do with them and everything to do with me. I was the one who struggled with separation, who mourned when they no longer slept in my bed. I have been known to tip-toe into their rooms at night and sneak into their beds. They would wake in shock at 3am to find their mum spooning them. I'm sure that's gonna come up in therapy in years to come. So yesterday I fly back in from a job in Townsville and spend the day helping my eldest daughter move into a new place she's rented in Brisbane. I hang her paintings. I make her bed. I sit watching her hang her clothes and feel the pang of seeing your child's place away from you. I give her my usual lecture about 'getting a job', recalling it's the same lecture my mother gave me. I feel happy for my

girl but it's that feeling of joy with an ouch in it. I am starting to get used to it. But I still get the sting. We go to the airport to say goodbye to Charlie who's flying to Italy with his school. I'm terrible at airport goodbyes. I'm an embarrassing sobber. I'm excited for him – it's just a month. But it's a long way. He's just 16. At the airport I see his group. There're almost as many mums as there are kids. I think they've come to say goodbye but they're going to Italy too. I'm the only parent at the airport who isn't going. That's when one of the mums says something that I am sure was intentioned as a joke but didn't land that way. She says, 'Oh what a shame you can't go. You have to stay here working to pay for your kid's going.' Ouch. I smile one of those fake smiles you smile when you feel like saying 'go fuck yourself'. I'm thinking, who would say something like that to a person? I have that feeling I had when I was a kid at school when you get excluded. When you're not part of the 'in' group. I'm not. I guess I have never been. The 'in' group is the group of mums going. The 'out' group is me not going. The really good mums who have been able to dedicate themselves to their kids in a way I have never been able to. Yes, I've had to work to pay for them and I miss out because of it. I feel like a loser. It's the you're loser kind of sad that settles on me. This morning I get a call from my daughter, who is in Italy waiting to see her brother. She's crying in pain because she's burnt her leg badly with hot oil. I tell her what to do. It's a big nasty burn. If I weren't such a loser I'd be arriving in a day or so and I would be there with her too. But I'm not. I'm here writing about being a sulking loser. I might be a shit mum but I get paid for it.

PUNK UKE

Never mind the bollocks... come to **Punk Uke Night** with guest vocalists Lady Boho, Jono Hillman and some surprises. Bring your uke and bad attitude as Miss Amber and Stukulele present two glorious sets of Punk tunes – Sex Pistols, The Clash, Ramones, Blondie, X-Ray Spex, Green Day, Frenzal Rhomb and more. **Thursday at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.** Entry is \$12.50 per adult, kids under 16 \$2.50... join the mailing list at www.ukemullum.com for the link to the songbook.

DUCKING OUT FOR JAZZ



Sharny Russell, a seasoned Australian jazz artist of unique abilities, has recorded on the ABC label and won the APRA Jazz Award in 2004. She hails from a majorly talented family of jazz musicians and speaks the music like it was a native tongue. Her synergistic flow on piano and voice together is breathtaking and totally accessible. So are her original songs – several of them being in the Australian Jazz Real Book. Her album *A Good Thing on Hold* was the best-selling ABC jazz album for a long time, and she counts jazz legends (the late) Ray Brown and James Moody, plus Seekers singer Judith Durham, among her most ardent fans. Sharny writes songs that go straight to the heart and mind of audience and musicians alike, and is widely known for her vocal scat ability, which she often performs in unison with her piano.

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TAY STORY



Since his win at the Byron Bay Blues Festival Busking Competition, supporting Kim Churchill on his national tour and the release of his single *Like Waves*, the dynamic **Tay Oskee** has been having a sea of success in the Australian music industry. Not only did the single land at #8 on Amrap's Airt Regional charts but it's also been getting air play on Triple J's *Roots 'n' All* and was added to Rabbit Radio. Tay's schedule has changed a bit since busking the streets, and now the Aussie muso is even busier as he's extending his east coast tour including a string of shows in Western Australia.

Like Waves came about as Tay was living in the suburbs of South Brisbane; it was being surrounded by everyday modern life that triggered the idea for the song. 'I feel very lucky that I had the opportunity to grow up surrounded by the Yolngu culture of northeast Arnhem Land and I think this is why I've always felt a deep connection to nature and having an alternative lifestyle. I never saw myself working a 9-5 job, saving money, buying a house and starting a family as modern society wants to tell us to do. Mental health problems are at an all-time high and it seems everyone is stressed out; on top of this we are destroying our planet at an unprecedented rate. This song is an anthem for those people who are stuck in that life that modern society has moulded them into but want to change. It's about having the courage to say no, to stand up and live a life that is good for you and our beautiful Earth.' The new single was recorded with Murray Burns (Mi Sex) at Rockinghorse Studios in the Byron Bay hinterland as part of Tay's Byron Bay Bluesfest Busking Competition prize. As Tay explains, 'Working with Murray was great and it was nice to be in such a beautiful area of the world while recording. This is only the third producer I've ever worked with so for me it was a completely new experience that I really enjoyed. It was nice to have a little more time to experiment with mics, tones and composition and I think that can be heard in this release.'

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It's a big weekend for emerging artists in Mullumbimby with the graduating art students from the **Byron Community College** also presenting their end-of-year exhibition on Friday night. Head tutor Virginia Reid says: 'The exhibition will showcase a range of recent work from students of the year-long **Certificates III and IV in Visual Arts**'. Included are works of sculpture, drawing, painting and print. 'During the year, students are often pushed outside of their creative comfort zone, with some impressive results. The exhibition is an opportunity to share these with the community.'

The show will be **open over 5-7pm on Friday** with drinks and nibbles and at **10am-2pm on Saturday**. **The Laneway Studio** is located at the college's Mullumbimby campus. Head down Riley Lane, next to Chincogan Motors on Burringbar St.

NINE CREATIVES COLLABORATE

BSA Project Space is showcasing another great lineup of emerging artists who have just completed their BSA Visual Arts Practice Course.

The nine participating artists – Kathy Egan, Renee Gordos, Spider McKey, Diana Miller, Steve Bush, Teresa Ebenstreit, Toni Clarke, Anna Honeychurch and Helen Farley – will exhibit a diverse body of work incorporating painting, drawing, installation and sound works. Michael Cusack and Emma Walker, two of the BSA directors and teachers, are obviously very proud of their students. 'We've just come off the back of a great show from our third-years and they are handing over the baton to their fellow students. This is a great opportunity for our students to really expand their practices and broaden their ideas about what's possible, both within their own work but also as a group. Every year we are blown away by what they produce.'

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NUDGING FOR A FRIEND

Nudge Nudge Wink Wink at the Billinudgel Hotel has become one of the most popular Sunday happenings on the coast. This coming Sunday marks two years and during that time the crew have donated almost \$85,000. December's upcoming Nudge sold out in less than 24 hours!

This December's Nudge Nudge Wink Wink is raising money for You Have a Friend <http://www.youhaveafriend.com.au/> – they are solely dedicated to supporting the homeless, marginalised, single parents and their children. You Have a Friend is a 100 per cent not-for-profit organisation (no-one is paid).

For Nudge's second birthday celebrations resident DJs Lord Sut and Dale Stephen will be rotating throughout the day delivering delicious beats to ensure dancing, celebrating and rejoicing in the joy of conscious FUNdraising and giving forward. **Sunday at the Billinudgel Hotel.**



KU PROMOTIONS PRESENT DUB CLUB FEAT MACKY BANTON UK // CHAMPION SOUND // DUBWISE, FROM 6PM SATURDAY 2 DEC AT COORABELL HALL

HEROIN TOWN

I know you've seen the posters around town and some of you are probably thinking Louis Theroux has been in Byron Bay making a movie about our heroin problem and that's weird, because you haven't noticed. It's not. It's about the US. We're only addicted to beer and pot. Louis Theroux's latest documentary **Heroin Town**, about the US's opiate crisis, and the special-event screening are brought to Louis fans by BBC Worldwide Australia and New Zealand and Sharmill Films.

In a return to US territory for Theroux, **Heroin Town** explores the nation's soaring addiction crisis, as seen through the eyes of the community of Huntington, West Virginia, a city stretched to its limits by widespread heroin use.

America's love affair with prescription painkillers has led to a widespread dependency on opiates. But a crackdown on over-prescription means the pills are becoming increasingly expensive and scarce on the black market and vast numbers of Americans have turned to a cheaper, stronger alternative: heroin. The drug now claims more lives in the US than car accidents or gun crime, according to US government data. For the first time in two decades, life expectancy in the US is declining – a drop in which the rise in fatal heroin overdoses is a significant factor.

In Huntington, Theroux, with his trademark warmth, empathy and candour, embeds himself among frontline emergency workers and a community ravaged by addiction. Such is the heroin crisis in the city that one in 10 babies is born addicted to opiates and it has a fatal overdose rate 13 times the national average.

Screening at Byron Theatre, Saturday 7pm. Tickets: \$20 at www.byroncentre.com.au

YERMA



The incredible Billie Piper (Penny Dreadful, Great Britain) returns in her award-winning role, joined by acclaimed Australian actor Brendan Cowell.

A young woman is driven to the unthinkable by her desperate desire to have a child in Australian director Simon Stone's radical production of Lorca's achingly powerful masterpiece **Yerma**.

The unmissable theatre phenomenon sold out at the Young Vic and critics call it 'an extraordinary theatrical triumph' (*The Times*) and 'stunning, searing, unmissable' (*Mail on Sunday*). Billie Piper's lead performance is described as 'spellbinding' (*The Evening Standard*), 'astonishing' (*iNews*) and 'devastatingly powerful' (*The Daily Telegraph*).

Set in contemporary London, Piper's portrayal of a woman in her thirties, desperate to conceive, builds with elemental force to a staggering, shocking climax.

Streaming for a screening Byron Theatre on Saturday at 1pm.

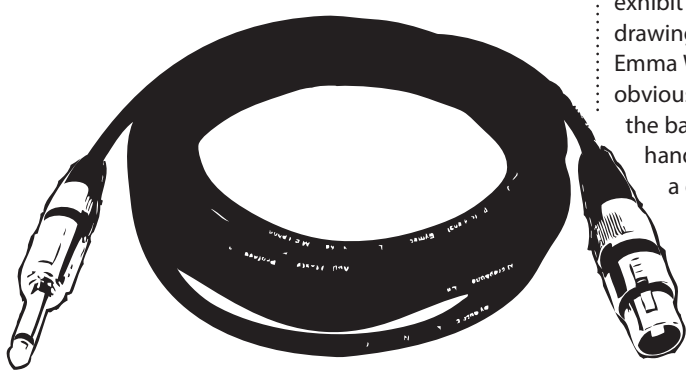
POETS AT THE RAILS

Byron's iconic spoken-word event **Writers at the Rails** will feature occasional poet/singer/comedian as a special guest performer, along with well-known local poet and songstress **Vasudha Harte**, at the final 2017 show this Sunday afternoon for the year.

The event will also host a series of open and invited readings, together with another popular **Poetry Slam**.

Show starts around 2pm. Free entry.

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ALL SHORTS CALL FOR ENTRIES!



iQ Inc is proud to be able to provide inspiration and a world-calibre benchmark for local filmmakers since 1999, by presenting **Flickerfest International Film Festival Tour screenings** and by providing a platform for local filmmakers since 2006.

Byron All Shorts celebrates the filmmaking talent of the northern rivers region and encourages audiences to experience the many amazing films and local stories that are produced here each year.

Byron All Shorts finalists will screen on 27 January at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall, alongside the best in Australia and the world on 26–28 January at **Mullum Flickerfest 2018**, Australia's leading Academy®-accredited international short film festival and 'the home of great short film'.

Filmmakers from across the region are invited to submit their short films of up to 30min in length, from all genres.

Prizes and cash to the value of around \$3k will be included in awards for the Flickerfest-iQ Best Short Film Award, the SAE Qantm Emerging Talent Award, the SCCU Peoples Choice Award and more.

If you live in the northern rivers, or have produced a film in the northern rivers, or have made a film about the northern rivers you can enter Byron All Shorts. **Entries close 15 December 2017. Entry forms and info at iq.org.au | 0414 779 881.**

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BOHEMIAN RADIO

'Where are the poets and intellectuals of our time? The risk takers? The revolutionaries?'

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These words represent the diversity of our spirit, the freedom of being our community and our desire for positive change.

These are the words that start the intro to the **Bohemian Beat**, hosted by Riddhi on **BayFM every Thursday at 11am**.

'Ten years is nothing! I'm there until the community kicks me out! We've a revolution to accomplish first and Byron is a great place for that to happen... we have the type of community here that isn't afraid to speak freely and listen intelligently... we need that and *Bohemian Beat* will continue to be that voice, fed by those poets, bards, heroes, revolutionaries, friends.'

Riddhi will be celebrating 10 years of the *Bohemian Beat* this December. Tune in to Bay FM to hear her weekly show.

POP YOUR CHRISTMAS COMEDY CHERRY!

What does it take to be a standup comedian? **Sixteen local comedy students** are finding out if they are made of funny stuff as they complete **Mandy Nolan's 6-week standup comedy course**, run through Byron Adult Community Education. This marks the course's 21st year with more than 1,500 people making the jump!

'People always say that comedy is the hardest thing,' laughs Mandy. 'It's so not true! In fact it's the opposite is true. What I try to teach people is that comedy is actually pretty easy. It's about finding your voice and what you have to say about how you see the world. People are just wanting to connect and laugh, so if you find the groove you are riding the comedy wave!'

The final term sees another diverse group of people come together to share their life experiences. This standup comedy course boasts a few horticulturalists, a skydiver, a teacher, North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au

a receptionist, a clairvoyant who just won some big dollars on *Millionaire Hot Seat*, a social worker, a tradie, and even an internet-famous musician... for the first time ever one of the No Frills Twins has opted to do something without her twin! She's hysterical!

This amazing group bring their everyday lives to the stage as they pop their comedy cherry at the **Virgin Sacrifice on Monday at the Byron Services Club**.

Show at 8pm. Doors at 7pm. MCed by Mandy Nolan. Tix at the club or book on 6619 0529.



STOP ADANI CONTINUES TO GATHER MOMENTUM WITH ANOTHER SCREENING OF *GUARDING THE GALILEE* AT THE REGENT CINEMA IN MURWILLUMBAH ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 6.30PM WITH FILMMAKER NELL SCHOFIELD

WEST PAPUAN DOUBLE FEATURE



Two West Papuan feature films will be screening at the **Brunswick Picture House on Wednesday**. The first is ***The Forgotten Bird of Paradise*** – a 27-minute film, shot undercover in the region of West Papua, which still suffers under a brutal 54-year Indonesian occupation. Dominic and

all those who were filmed or accompanied him risked their lives being involved at every step. The film includes interviews with human-rights victims and political prisoners as well as footage of separatist guerrillas at their jungle stronghold. It is a unique insight into these indigenous tribal people caught halfway between two worlds while fighting for their lives and their freedom every day.

The Road to Home is a more personal documentary about West Papua and its current political struggle. It follows the story of Benny Wenda, a West Papuan tribal leader, whose village was bombed by the Indonesian military when he was a child. Many of his family were killed. He went on to campaign against the occupation and was arrested for leading a peaceful movement for independence. He suffered imprisonment, torture and threats to his life before he daringly escaped and sought exile in the UK. He and other members of the ULMWP are tireless in giving a voice to their people until the day they can return home. Dominic followed Benny's life for two years in order to make this film, which was released in 2015.

Running time 53 mins.

Proceeds of the film screening will go to the ULMWP – United Liberation Movement of West Papua. It will directly help their five executives to attend the UN General Assemblies in the coming year.

Brunswick Picture House at 7pm, followed by a Q&A with veteran West Papuan freedom fighter and independence leader in exile, Rex Rumakiek, and long-term local campaigner, Matthew Jamieson.

For tickets go to brunswickpicturehouse.com.

IT'S A BIG UNDIE XMAS!



Women Like Us comedians **Mandy Nolan** and **Ellen Briggs** bring their evil charm and their smash hit show *Women Like Us* to the **Ballina RSL and the Kyogle Bowling Club** for a special Xmas show. *Women Like Us* is two hours of standup comedy – an hour a piece. The girls have spent the last two years touring the country and have now performed to more than 20,000 people, bringing their unique take on the everyday and seeding what they call The Women Like Us Movement. 'You don't have to do anything to be part of the movement,' says Ellen. 'That's the point. You just have to be a bit resentful that you work so hard for so little return. That's the mindset of most middle-aged women these days!' If you're chockas full of botox don't sit in the front row. 'One of the things we focus on is this ridiculous pressure on women to conform to a look. Botox is going to be the asbestos of the future. Except that's not cladding. That's a face.' The girls have just returned from a sellout show up north, and are on the road for most of December, returning to home base for an end-of-year show at the Ballina RSL and another at the Kyogle Bowling Club. Ellen and Mandy talk about housework, chickens, love, big undies, disappointment, resentment, sex when you're drunk, fit bits, yoga farts and being a menopausal woman dealing with teenage angst.

Women Like Us is a riot. Audiences have complained of aching stomach muscles, sore jaws, and at one show a woman actually injured herself when she laughed so much she slipped from her chair onto the floor!

Kyogle Bowling Club, Saturday 9 December. Tickets \$30 at the club or online at womenlikeus.com.au.

Ballina RSL Club, Thursday 21 December. Tickets are \$30, Box Office 6681 9500 or online at ballinarsl.com.au.

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♈ **ARIES:** If your ruler Mars in maybe/maybe not, let's-get-consensus Libra elevates impatience levels round midweek Aries moon and it all gets too frustrating for your let's-just-get-this-done operational mode, don't go troppo. Bless the mess and take a break. Cough up that hairball of irritability quietly, and ideally alone.

♉ **TAURUS:** This week it's definitely worth chanting Marge Piercy's Charm for Attracting Wild Money: *You are the green of elm leaves in summer. New you are crisp as filo dough. Old you are soft as well worn leather... Come, O green and murmuring swarm, build your wasp nest in my empty purse.*

♊ **GEMINI:** Current research showing that information overload actually makes us dumber must be confronting news for you data addicts. Don't believe it? That's your right. But why not check it out this week and decide for yourself whether less is more: if being choosy, selective and discriminating really does make life easier and less frantic.

♋ **CANCER:** Another mixed week (but then when isn't it?) of swings and roundabouts, moody blues and happy news, fits and starts, fun and dummy spits, generosity and let-downs, wild surprise and exasperating behaviour. But don't make your address @ CampCrankyCrab – not with Venus inviting you to dance this mad fandango.

♌ **LEO:** *Everybody's talking at me, I can't hear a word they're saying, only the echoes of my mind...* Let everyone else be that person this week, when listening will make all the difference. Pay attention to the signals others are giving, and to what's not being said. Do your research before purchasing. Avoid emotional spending.

♍ **VIRGO:** Others being less reliable and consistent than you expected? Highly likely this week, which requires you to channel nervous energy where it doesn't zoom you to the verge of burnout. So rather than resent alterations, setbacks or disappointments, a shrewd move would be using them to hone, focus and direct your intention.

♎ **LIBRA:** As we approach the pointy end of the year, Libran seesaws start flipping the familiar ups and downs, angsty like Hamlet (obviously a Libran) whether to buy or not to buy. Try relaxing the resist/indulge dynamic – and because Venus in Scorpio has a sting in her tail, aim for sweet speech this week.

♏ **SCORPIO:** As we enter the festive season of frayed tempers and snappy reactions, the benevolent effects of Jupiter and user-friendly Venus in Scorpio are currently stretching your personal settings beyond lower-octave churn-and-burn behaviour. Well away that's the plan... and with everything going your way this week you can afford to be gracious.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** With the season of unreason heating up to full throttle, you of all signs can approach shopping as a fun adventure rather than fraught obstacle course. If home affairs are more emotional than easygoing Archers prefer, this week you're blessed with the gift of Mercury giving your words wings.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Gone into list-writing overdrive there on Planet of the Planners? For this week's decisions, a bit of behind-scenes string pulling won't go amiss. If it makes life a little easier, why not? And if a discussion session's needed to clear the air and get back on track, let the facts speak for themselves.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** As the general velocity speeds up, don't forget you're the zodiac's contrarians who might therefore delight in doing the opposite: slowing down. Giving yourself extra room to move is definitely this week's sanest, safest chill pill. And if the latest techno gizmos catch your eye, make sure to try before you buy.

♓ **PISCES:** This speedy and exhilarating week could easily send you off on tangents that drive those around you wild, and not in a fun way. Especially fire signs. So do your best not to get distracted. Keep directions and instructions easy to follow. Be clear, simple, uncomplicated. Thank you.

50 YEARS OF HELEN GARNER



Photo: Nicholas Parcell

Byron Writers Festival is delighted to present a special evening with one of Australia's greatest writers and longtime Festival favourite, **Helen Garner**, appearing in conversation with Matthew Condon at **Byron Theatre this Wednesday**.

In her first appearance in Byron Bay since 2004, this much-loved literary star will share an intimate retrospective of her writing life, spanning 50 years of work, from her Australian classic *Monkey Grip* to the

brilliant literary true-crime book *This House of Grief*.

Byron Theatre, 69 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Tickets: \$25 Members / \$30 General.

Bookings: byronwritersfestival.com or call 6685 5115.

FUNNY WOMEN

If you love funny and you love funny women even more then you are in for a treat when Mandy Nolan presents a night of comedy with **Mel Buttler and Jackie Loeb**.

Aussie comedian and Mo Award-winning comedian of the year for 2016 Loeb spends her time working the comedy clubs of LA and has found herself starring in a few sitcoms.



She's an incredible talent – able to combine music and comedy seamlessly – she looks like the nice lady next door but Jackie Loeb is a long way from that! Mel Buttler is one of the most exciting new voices in comedy. She's got a touch of the Judith Lucy about her, she's disarmingly honest, and as quick-witted as they come.

Catch Jackie Loeb, Mel Buttler and MC Mandy Nolan at the Byron Services Club on Monday 11 December. Tickets are \$25/20 and can be booked by phoning 6619 0529 or online at mandynolan.com.au.

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PERIWINKLE XMAS FAIR

Every year families in our region enjoy the simple pleasures of the **Periwinkle Xmas Fair**.

Last year was their first year as a Waste-Wise Event and it was very well received. They filled just 1.5 compost bins! Once again, they will be using a wash station, stainless-steel and banana-leaf plates, biodegradable cups and straws and fresh drinking coconuts. All food scraps will be composted and you won't see a single plastic cup or fork anywhere! They also have fantastic entertainment onstage this year including local circus legends The Space Cowboy and his miraculous acts and Dr Hubble's amazing bubbles... as well as plenty of live music from our talented Periwinkle Parents. The story and song sessions will be hosted by Periwinkle founder Susan Perrow and Periwinkle teacher Simon McLean and is set to be a big hit at the fair.

Saturday 10am–2pm at Periwinkle Preschool.

ARTSTATE



Regional Arts NSW has announced the full program for the inaugural **Artstate Lismore**, a four-day event that will welcome an anticipated 200 arts-industry delegates from **Thursday till Sunday**.

Artstate is a four-year program of conversations, partnerships and opportunities for regional artists and arts organisations with an aim to demonstrate the vibrancy of the arts sector in regional areas through a stimulating and inspiring two-day conference program alongside an exciting and diverse arts program that will feature a selection of regional NSW creatives. Lismore is the first host city for Artstate. Opening the event will be the two-day conference program, examining the themes of creative practice and creative partnerships through keynote, panels and break-out sessions. Artstate keynote speakers include internationally renowned musician Soumik Datta from the UK. He is a virtuoso sarod player and his creative practice is deeply based in his Indian heritage. Soumik has collaborated with an eclectic range of artists including Beyonce, Jay-Z, Bill Bailey, Manu Delago, Akram Khan, Bernhard Schimpelsberger, Talvin Singh, Joss Stone, Shankar Mahadevan, City of London Sinfonia, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. As well as his keynote presentation, Datta will hit the stage as part of the Artlands arts program in his only Australian performance.

Featured speakers also include director of the Norway international indigenous arts and culture festival, the largest indigenous festival in northern Europe, Riddu Riđđu Festivála, Karoline Trollvik; and member of the Bundjalung nation Rhoda Roberts, who is head of Indigenous programming, Sydney Opera House, creative director, gallery and events, festival director, Boomerang Festival and curator of the second annual Parttijima – A Festival in Light event in Alice Springs.

Alongside the speakers program will be an arts program open to the public. The impressive lineup will feature the world premiere of local theatre company Northern Rivers Performing Arts' new production *Djurma*; as well as a lineup of great local talent including Tora, The Wharves, Sarah Tindley, Blakboi, Tra La La Blip and Tullara.

In a big coup for Artstate, Brunswick Picture House is moving to the big smoke of Lismore for the weekend with its Cheeky Cabaret. Bold and brash, sexy and dangerous, the show smashes together circus, vaudeville, comedy and everything in between, and is a must-see on the arts program calendar.

Artstate will also see musical theatre with a performance of *The Daughters of the Rum Rebellion* that reveals the hidden history

CINEMA REVIEW

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

DADDY'S HOME 2

of Australia's female bushrangers, starring Gleny Rae and Ilona Harker, and a little something for the kids with performances of Roundabout Theatre's new interactive production *Colours* daily.

Coinciding with the launch of the new Lismore Regional Gallery, *Dreaming Trails* is a partnership between Lismore Regional Gallery and Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, and has been curated by Gumbaynggirr cultural worker Alison Williams. The legendary Djon Mundine has curated the second exhibition, *Four Women (I do belong)* inspired by the 1966 Nina Simone song *Four Women*. Four Aboriginal and four non-Aboriginal artists evoke the atmosphere of the northern rivers region that speaks of a deep and metaphysical connection to the land, the modern history and environment.



Who doesn't adore Winnie the Pooh? The mere utterance of the teddybear's name, along with Piglet, Tigger and Eeyore, is enough to transport so many people of a certain age to a happier world of uncomplicated intimacies and honey-soaked innocence. The history behind Pooh is considerably more layered, however. AA Milne (Domhnall Gleeson), a successful West End playwright, returned from the carnage of WWI suffering severe shellshock and, like countless others of his generation, he struggled to resume his pre-war lifestyle. Blocked as a writer and tormented by the bloody futility of the trenches, he moved from London to the Sussex countryside with his wife Daphne (Margot Robbie), who would be unwilling to forego the glitter of 'society', and young son Christopher Robin (Will Tilston). Olive (Kelly Macdonald) joined the family as the nanny and was to develop an inter-dependent relationship with the little boy that was more dear to him even than that which he shared with his parents. On one of their regular walks in the woods, Milne was inspired by Christopher Robin (or 'Billy Moon', as he called him) to write the Pooh stories, and they were an immediate publishing triumph. In a gentle way, the film deals with big issues, including the terrible psychological scars inflicted by the 'war to end all wars', the catharsis of creativity and the crushing burden that fame and celebrity can inflict on those whose hordes of fans might love them to death. Gleeson's Milne is a remote, insular character, detached from much that is happening around him; Macdonald is, as always, sympathetic and warm hearted, while, in a truly remarkable performance, the deeply dimpled Tilston brings to life the overlooked child. The illustrator Ernest Shepherd (Stephen Campbell Moore) is involved for a time, but not given the kudos that he deserves – surely his drawings had as much to do with Pooh's phenomenal and lasting success as Milne's writing? Otherwise, this is a treasure.



Possibly because its forerunner was not quite so bad as I expected, I foolishly thought that this might be one of those breezy, wise-cracking bromances that mildly amuses before being instantly forgotten. The latter qualification applies, but not the former – it stinks. Part of the reason could be that the duo of Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell, who combined well enough in *DH1*, has had its chemistry diluted by the additional presence of Mel Gibson and John Lithgow, actors who don't like to be ignored. Brad and Dusty (Ferrell, Wahlberg), two fathers sharing custody of a nauseating brood of children, are as different as chalk and cheese – their grudging acceptance of each other before becoming bosom buddies was the hackneyed theme that worked first time out, but it really did not deserve a sequel. Their fathers Don and Kurt (Lithgow, Gibson) are, if you can believe it, just like their sons, only more so. The seniors have decided to spend Christmas with the boys, setting up a series of dumb sight gags, pratfalls and oafish antics. You know straightaway from the greeting at the airport that the movie is on the slippery slope to the dunny pan when Brad and Don kiss and cuddle in the most excessive, stupid way. Ferrell, who can be so measured in his extremities (*Talladega Nights*, *The Campaign*) carries on like a goose throughout. Lithgow is similarly over the top, while Wahlberg anchors it and Gibson, indulging in appreciable self-parody, appears to be wondering throughout if he has wandered on to the wrong set. What it does have is perhaps the most reprehensible moment in a G-rated movie that I have seen all year. Dusty buys a rifle for his little girl and she soon after shoots two turkeys with it, which is meant to be funny. What is WRONG with America? And as for the distributors rolling out a Chrissy pic before the end of November – we're not all mug punters. Or are we?



Closing out the event on Sunday morning will be a free concert by the young and extremely talented musicians from the Regional Youth Orchestra. Selected by audition from the network of 17 regional conservatoriums, the orchestra members will be travelling from all over NSW to perform at Artstate.

For full details of the Artstate program and tickets to the event, visit www.artstate.com.au.

SAE OPEN NIGHT

SAE Creative Media Institute are opening the doors to their state-of-the-art campus this Thursday. If you're considering studying creative media next year, now is the time to speak to SAE's experienced team, and pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. On the night you can take a tour of their awesome campus, sit in on an information session, check out some students' work and have a chat with staff and lecturers about how SAE students are gaining the competitive edge. With a great reputation for career-ready graduates, the SAE Byron Bay Info Night is the perfect place to start. SAE Campus, Byron Bay, 4-7pm.

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THURSDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE SWAMPS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **DEVILS KIOSK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **WILL SPARKS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 8PM **STORY MEDICINE AND HOW TO MAKE IT WITH HOST KORNBERGER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **CHEF DE PARTY & FRIENDS**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON 7PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREE HOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **SKY EATER**
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- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **PUNK UKE NIGHT WITH MISS AMBER & STUKULELE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **LIVE GYPSY JAZZ**
- MIDDLE PUB MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **BEN WALSH**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA**
- BALLINA RSL 7.30PM **BIG GIG COMEDY WITH ALAN GLOVER, S SORRENSEN, MANDY NOLAN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8.30PM **STU BLACK**
- BALLINA RSL THE BOARDWALK 9PM **MAL'S BLUES BAR**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **BOB WALTON** 9.30PM **DUSTY & THE DIVAS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **DJURRA**
- LISMORE: **ARTSTATE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- LUSCIOUS FOODS, BYRON 6PM **BAIANOS**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ KYLE WALKER** 9.30PM **BIGGY P**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **CHEYNNE MURPHY**
- THE SUN, BYRON **HAYLEY GRACE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **YOYO TUKI**
- THE EMPIRE, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **PRANA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **LOUNGE SESSIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMER'S MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY '9' **CREATIVES COLLABORATE EXHIBITION OPENING**
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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SWINGING DETECTIVES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MALCURA**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 5.30PM **MONSTER TOY RAFFLE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **CRUSH**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **JADE HURLEY CHRISTMAS SHOW**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM **FRED COLE** 8.30PM **THE SWAMPS**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE, **MARY POPPINS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **DJURRA**

FRIDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **TAY OSKEE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **GOODRICH**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **THIS IS LIVING**
- BYRON THEATRE **MULLUMBIMBY'S MAGIC PART 1**

- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE 7.30PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- SERPENTINE GALLERY, LISMORE 6.30PM **HAVOC**
- THE BANK CAFE, LISMORE 6.30PM **BUNS & HOPS: TOBIAS**
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- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH LINDA & SHARON, THE SHEDDI KNIGHTS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BRETT HEALY PROJECT**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY **MULLUMBIMBY'S MAGIC PART 1**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **MICHAEL DUNSTAN & JORDY MAXWELL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **SALOON SESSIONS WITH DJ MILES JACKSON**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **LOUNGE SESSIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **THE LYRICAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **GALAPAGOS DUCK & SHARNY RUSSELL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 2.30PM **CHRIS FISHER** 7PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **UNDERCOVER**
- COORABELL HALL 6PM **DUB CLUB: MACKY BANTON**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **COL GERMANO**, 7.30PM **KATHRYN JONES & STEVE PASSFIELD** 9PM **PUSH**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE, **MARY POPPINS**
- LISMORE: **ARTSTATE**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **DJURRA**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE 7.30PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- THE CHANNON TEA HOUSE 6PM **VIRTUAL SHADOW BY ANDI NEILAND EXHIBITION OPENING**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **WAYWARD SUNS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **BLUE CHILD COLLECTIVE** 7PM **CROOKED WEATHER**

SATURDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **CROCODYLUS, RUMINATORS, ISRAELI CHICKS, LIQUID FACE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **SWAMPS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **BLUE CHILD COLLECTIVE**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **CHEYNNE MURPHY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET SUNDAY 9AM **TIM STOKES & THE COASTAL FOLK, RAKU O'GAIA, MARK HEAZLETT AND MARK RIDOUT & THE RHYTHM**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **YERMA**, 7PM **HEROIN TOWN**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM - 3AM **LOCAL DJS** 9.30PM **OOZ**
- THE SUN, BYRON **OOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- PERIWINKLE PRESCHOOL BYRON BAY 10AM - 2PM **XMAS FAIR**

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JASON KAFOA & BLACK PEARL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **JOHN WILLIAMSON**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
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SUNDAY 3

- RAILS HOTEL BYRON 2PM **WRITERS AT THE RAILS W PETER WILLEY** 7PM **JAX HASE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **SUPERCHEEZE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SUNDAZE WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 2.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON** 5,30 **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE, **MARY POPPINS**
- LISMORE: **ARTSTATE**
- POTTSVILLE TAVERN 2.30 PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 2PM **TWEED LINKS QUARTET**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

MONDAY 4

- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **STU HARCOURT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB 8PM **VIRGIN SACRIFICE COMEDY W MC MANDY NOLAN**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH CHRIS FISHER**

TUESDAY 5

- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS WITH MUSICAL BINGO**
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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **COUNTRY CLUB COMEDY**

WEDNESDAY 6

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY, JAZZ**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **HELEN GARNER IN CONVERSATION WITH MATTHEW CONDON**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **FORGOTTEN BIRD OF PARADISE, THE ROAD TO HOME**
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ROBIN DUBOKOVICH

28.9.29 - 13.10.17

88 years, died peacefully with family. Will be sadly missed by her many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

RODNEY FORD

Peacefully passed 20.11.17 aged 65. Beloved husband of Joy. Father & father-in-law of Ray & Genevieve. Grandpa to Ella & Alex. He will be dearly remembered and sadly missed by all

MARGE HOLLINGWORTH

15.06.1923 ~ 21.11.2017

Passed away peacefully at Byron Hospital. Dearly loved mother of Jon, Susan and their families. Much loved sister of Vida (dec), Stella (dec) and Moya.

Sadly Missed But In God's Care

A Funeral Service for Marge has been held.

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IN MEMORIAM



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1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	0490 026 840	5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT	Woodburn	0439 489 631			
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433			
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609			
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568			
2nd SUN	Tabulum Hall	0490 329 159			
2nd SUN	Coolangatta				
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370			
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0413 804 024			
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150			
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333			
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328			
4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631			
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911			
4th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000			

WEEKLY MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Byron Artisan Market 4-9pm 6685 6807

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Each THU	8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172

DECEMBER 2017 Astronomical data and tides

○ Full moon	Dec 4	02:46
◐ Third quarter	Dec 10	18:51
● New moon	Dec 18	17:30
◑ First quarter	Dec 26	20:20

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	F 0540	1929	1644	0332	0717,1.56; 1921,1.41	0042,0.17; 1316,0.36
2	S 0540	1930	1749	0425	0805,1.70; 2012,1.41	0124,0.10; 1412,0.28
3	S 0540	1931	1857	0512	0853,1.81; 2102,1.38	0206,0.05; 1506,0.21
4	M 0540	1931	2005	0604	0941,1.89; 2152,1.34	0249,0.03; 1600,0.17
5	T 0540	1932	2111	0703	1030,1.93; 2152,1.34	0335,0.05; 1655,0.17
6	W 0540	1933	2212	0805	1120,1.91; 2336,1.22	0423,0.10; 1751,0.19
7	T 0540	1934	2306	0910	1211,1.85	0513,0.18; 1847,0.23
8	F 0540	1934	2354	1015	0033,1.17; 1303,1.75	0608,0.29; 1945,0.28
9	S 0540	1935		1118	0137,1.13; 1359,1.64	0710,0.39; 2043,0.32
10	S 0541	1936	0037	1219	0248,1.14; 1456,1.52	0819,0.49; 2141,0.35
11	M 0541	1936	0116	1317	0401,1.18; 1555,1.42	0934,0.55; 2235,0.35
12	T 0541	1937	0153	1413	0508,1.27; 1656,1.34	1049,0.57; 2326,0.33
13	W 0541	1938	0228	1508	0605,1.36; 1752,1.28	1157,0.55
14	T 0542	1938	0303	1601	0654,1.45; 1843,1.25	0009,0.30; 1256,0.52
15	F 0542	1939	0338	1655	0736,1.53; 1928,1.23	0048,0.28; 1346,0.47
16	S 0542	1940	0415	1748	0815,1.59; 2009,1.22	0124,0.25; 1430,0.42
17	S 0543	1940	0455	1840	0851,1.64; 2046,1.21	0158,0.24; 1512,0.39
18	M 0543	1941	0537	1931	0927,1.67; 2123,1.20	0230,0.23; 1550,0.36
19	T 0543	1941	0622	2020	1000,1.68; 2159,1.18	0302,0.24; 1627,0.35
20	W 0544	1942	0710	2106	1036,1.68; 2236,1.16	0335,0.26; 1702,0.36
21	T 0544	1942	0800	2150	1111,1.66; 2314,1.14	0410,0.29; 1739,0.37
22	F 0545	1943	0852	2232	1147,1.62; 2355,1.12	0447,0.33; 1817,0.39
23	S 0545	1943	0944	2310	1225,1.57	0528,0.39; 1859,0.41
24	S 0546	1944	1038	2347	0041,1.11; 1305,1.52	0612,0.46; 1944,0.42
25	M 0546	1944	1133		0135,1.10; 1349,1.46	0704,0.52; 2033,0.41
26	T 0547	1945	1228	0023	0239,1.13; 1442,1.40	0808,0.58; 2126,0.39
27	W 0548	1945	1325	0059	0348,1.20; 1542,1.36	0923,0.60; 2220,0.35
28	T 0548	1945	1425	0136	0456,1.31; 1646,1.33	1041,0.58; 2314,0.29
29	F 0549	1946	1527	0215	0557,1.46; 1734,1.38	1155,0.52
30	S 0550	1946	1632	0259	0653,1.61; 1854,1.31	0004,1.22; 1302,0.43
31	S 0550	1946	1739	0347	0746,1.75; 1953,1.32	0054,0.15; 1404,0.33

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.



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Fluky breeze tests Tweed sailors



The TVSC fleet riding a fluky but sometimes gusty breeze on Sunday. Photo Bryan Townsend

Bill Fenelon

The Tweed Valley Sailing Club conducted its fourth race of the Summer Pointscore Series with testy conditions on the Tweed River including a strong flooding tide and a light fluky southeasterly breeze with occasional nice gusts.

The fleet included 18 boats sailed by 33 crew.

Habitual winner Dave Chester, with crewman Isaac Poulsen, again got line honours on Hobie 16 *Sledder*, completing the course in only 61 minutes, second place finisher was *Weta Scored a Tri* with John and Saffron Cook on board.

First Mono hull to complete the course was NS14 *Radical Phase* sailed by Glen

Slight and Kynan Luescher, beating second finisher, Laser *Siesta* sailed by Gary McCrohan, by two minutes

Championship

The big race of the day was heat two of the North Coast NS14 14ft dinghy championship, contested by six boats, all sailed two-handed.

Also racing was heat two of the Olympic Class Laser Championship, sailed by five boats.

The first NS to finish was *Radical Phase* (Glen Slight and Kynan Luescher), getting home three minutes ahead of *Zarzan* (Adam Hurt and Tom Busbridge), with *Tornado* (Bill Fenelon and Taj Krasna) coming in 50 seconds behind in third place.

Glen and Kynan got away

quickly at the start and led the entire race.

In the Lasers, getting the bullet was *Siesta* (Gary McCrohan), beating *Silent Partner* (John Heywood) by one minute and third was Maurice Meyer, 30 seconds later.

It was a close contest in the Lasers, but after the first lap, the boats spread out into the finishing order.

Pointscore

Winner of the Pointscore Handicap series was *Tasar Hippocampus* (Mike & Imogene Mansted), second was *Weta Scored a Try* (John and Saffron Cook), third went to Laser *Vickie 2* sailed by Maurice Meyer and fourth was Corsair *Epic* (Peter Skinner, James Nickless and Caspian Nickless).

Disabled surfers seek volunteers this weekend



A disabled surfer enjoys a wave with the aid of supporters. Photo Diana Willis

The Disabled Surfers Association along with Byron Shire are celebrating the International Day of Disabilities at Clarkes Beach, Byron Bay, this Saturday December 2nd with a gathering for the Disabled Surfing Community.

Volunteers are needed to enable the DSA to provide a

safe water experience.

Water-support people can arrive at 9am for a quick briefing and then a couple of hours in the surf, followed by a sausage sizzle. No experience necessary.

DSA supplies rash vests, suntan lotion, water and lunch.

Participants are welcome to sign on from 10am for a fun-filled event that is guaranteed to put a 'smile on your dial'.

For further information: branch president, Colleen: 6680 8494, or email: secretary, Diana Willis: dianasgard@hotmail.com.

No obstacle too tough for Wollongbar school families

Close to 100 people entered the superstar obstacle course and many more came as spectators to the fundraising day organised by the Wollongbar Public School last Saturday.

The multi-event obstacle course was set up with assistance from Edge Fitness Alstonville and included burpees, an army crawl and a team sprint, and finished off with a burst of colour to run through!

There were also roadblocks set up throughout the course challenging participants with fun puzzles to complete before they could proceed to the next obstacle.

The Curtis family was a highlight, P&C secretary Maureen Bezanson said.

'Glen Curtis competes in all sorts of tough, mudder-type competitions but said he



Glen, Fynn, Kasadevi and Torren Curtis survived the Wollongbar Public School obstacle course. Photo supplied

liked our event because it was something he could do with the family,' she said. 'They liked it so much they re-registered and went through the course a second time!'

But the kindy kids from

Wollongbar Public School stole the show.

'They rolled the tyres instead of throwing them, struggled with the burpees, but embraced the colour with huge smiles,' she said.

Dreams to be made or lost at Sunset Beach

Crystal Cylinders

The dream is not over yet for Byron Bay's Soli Bailey and Lennox Head's Adam Melling in their bid to qualify for the newly announced 2018 Dream Tour.

But with only one event left on the Qualifying Series they will need a win at Sunset Beach to have any chance to finish in the top 10 and qualify.

Lennox Head's Stuart Kennedy is in a similar position, needing a win at the final Championship Tour at Pipeline to sneak into the top 22 and qualify.

Kennedy also has a chance at the Sunset Beach QS event to qualify through the QS rankings if he wins or is runner-up.

The opportunity is still there for our local area to have a representative on the Championship Tour in 2018, just.

Mo for men

The Morning of the Mo didn't have epic surf this year but it was a great success with heaps of good vibes, fun, amazing costumes and quality surfing.

Held at North Wall in small waves, the surfing event was won by Lennox Head's Dustmo (Dustin Hollick). Winning the surf event is



'David Moey' aka Evan McGregor rips into his ukulele. Photo Ryankenny@moceanmediahouse

only part of the deal. Lennox Head's David Moey (Evan McGregor) won the overall event by staying in character from 7am and holding it right through the day, from surfing in costume right through to the after-party and dance-off.

The MOTM raises money and awareness for men's health.

Tour changes

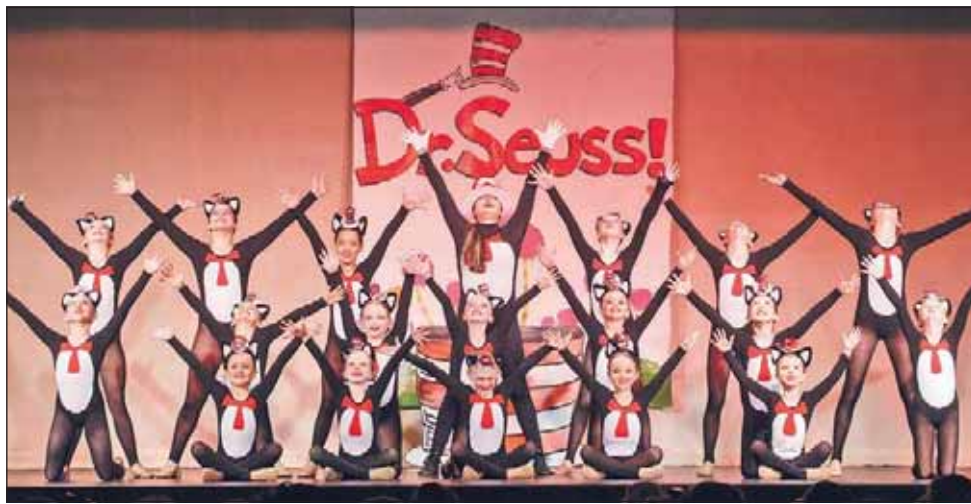
The World Surf League has released the 2018 schedule of events covering the men's and women's Championship Tours (CT), Qualifying Series (QS), Pro Junior

and Longboard tours as well as the WSL Big Wave Tour (BWT).

'The 2018 calendar has some of the most significant changes we have implemented in many years,' Byron Bay's Kieren Perrow, the WSL commissioner, said.

Some of the major changes are: no Fiji event, no Trestles event (it will be replaced with the first-ever artificial wave event at Surf Ranch), the women will get a Jeffreys Bay event, the Championship Tour will be returning to Keramas, Bali, and there will be no women's event in Portugal.

Dancers cap year with glittering show



On a stage full of kittens Tiarè Lee, centre, played The Cat in The Hat at the BVSD end-of-year concert. Photo Tree Faerie.

The Brunswick Valley School of Dance end-of-year concert featured more than 250 dancers playing to a full house at the Murwillumbah Civic Hall over the weekend.

The concerts featured Peter Pan and Dr Seuss themes for the juniors.

Senior dance ensembles did rap, jazz, tap and ballet routines.

The age of dancers ranged from under five right up to the over 50s.

The concert was also a

chance to acknowledge the high achievers for the year.

Award winners

Senior Awards:

Amber-Rose Keller (Contemporary), Kaia Shearer (Jazz), Shelby Booth (Hip-hop), Ahlia Savage (Dancer of the Year), Baillie Murray (Ballet) and Tiarè Lee (Dedication)

Intermediate Awards:

Ella O'Donnell (Dedication), Olivia Grosser (Contemporary), Alisha Baldwin

(Jazz), Chloe Lang (Tap) and Marni Carson (Hip hop)

Junior Awards:

Evie Wilson (Ballet), Nes Lebovits (Tap), Charlotte Kilgriff (Hip-hop), Jess Sharman (Jazz), Jada Coughran (Contemporary) and Naomi Ben-Harush (Dedication).

Encouragement Awards:

Zahli Currie, Bethany Ferguson, Montannah Archibald, Thandi McAllister, Lani McCauley, Samara Grainey, Claire Melene and Alice Gaylard.

Marquee signing for the Mullumbimby Giants

The Mullumbimby Giants rugby league club has recruited top player Roy Bell to join the coach Dallas Walters for the 2018 season.

'Roy comes to our club as an outstanding footballer within this region for many

years and we are delighted to now call him a Giant,' club stalwart Steve Butler said.

Signing Dallas Waters as head coach for 2018 has already generated great interest within the area and the NRRL. 'We are all excited about

season 2018,' he said.

Meet the coach

Sponsors and club supporters are invited to meet Walters and Bell on December 1, from 6pm at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club.

criterium cycling returns to Byron Bay for summer season

Ritchie Duncan

The Byron Bay Cycling Club was back racing on Sunday and despite being a little damp there was a pleasing number of riders signed on with grades A to D ready and keen to go.

A and B grades were combined to keep things competitive and kept up a solid pace with plenty of attacks and chases. The showers did slow the pace at times with safety taking priority. Anthony Wood and Jethro Lampe took turns at ramping up the pace only to be chased down by the group.

It the end the final sprint was between two of them with Anthony taking line honours by half a wheel.

Tim Knight riding his first BBCC criterium rode strongly to take third.

In B grade the riders did well to stay with A grade for



Just some of the BBCC riders gathered around the podium after last Sunday's racing. Photo supplied

the race with Brett Shipp showing some solid speed in the final sprint with Liam O'Grady taking second and Connor Gibney, best young rider, taking third.

In C and D grade the racing was no less competitive with numerous mini-breaks thwarted as the main bunch managed to fight back.

During the last few laps

Jason Denson looked to be getting away from the main bunch but in the final lap sprint Nick Smith closed the gap and went through to take victory by 20 metres with Jason taking second and Glen Hannan securing third.

Graham Way rode well in D grade taking line honours and Cameron Johnson riding gallantly in his first Crit.

Can world champion Mark 'Mono' make it three in a row?



Mark training for the large left-handers available at Puerto Escondido, Mexico, which is the next stop after the world championships starting this week. Photo Seabourne Charte

Local adaptive surfer Marl 'Mono' Stewart gives us his views on his sport as he sets his sights on collecting a win at the international championships for the third year running.

Q: You have won the world championships twice before. Are you a shoe-in to win it again?

A: Hahaha. Nothing is certain, ever. The competition the past few years is getting tougher every comp. There are new board innovations and techniques to contend with, and the athletes are getting fitter and more experienced.

Q: How important is the development of a world tour for adaptive surfers?

A: Very important. There is already a list of competitions running and starting up around the world. A professional group has formed the ASL (Adaptive Surf League) that is contemplating a world tour for next year including the existing competitions in Puerto Escondido (Mexico),

US Open (Oceanside, USA), Dukes Oceanfest (Hawaii) and Adaptive Pro Invitational (Newcastle, Australia).

Q: Are mainstream surf organisations getting behind adaptive surfing? What more could they do?

A: Yes to a point. With the Olympics and Paralympics in the not too distant future most large organisations are realising and recognising how big the sport is and its potential. Having said that, it is still extremely difficult to find a larger company willing to support athletes on an individual basis. So most of us struggle from comp to comp on our own funds.

Big barrels

Q: What needs to happen to keep momentum building in the sport?

A: Media exposé, financial support, progression in abilities of all athletes; we need to start to really push the boundaries of adaptive surfing.

This could happen in the

Puerto Escondido contest straight after the ISA World Championships next week.

Puerto is renown for having the biggest beach break waves in the world and hopefully we adaptive surfers can get some huge barrels to show the world what is achievable.

Q: What does it mean to you to be part of the early development of the sport in Australia and internationally?

A: It's great to know Australians are pioneering the sport in our country and internationally. With the ASA (Adaptive Surfers Australia) now formed through SA (Surfing Australia) it gives our youth a stepping stone into the sport. The future is so strong with adaptive surfing being a real chance for the Paralympics in 2024, France.

Q: What advice to you have for people looking to take up adaptive surfing?

A: Give your local boardriders club a call or ASA. Give it a go; the ocean is such a great equaliser and is very healing.

Bowlo claim top spot in Twilight cricket

Syl Reid

The Bowlo are now outright leaders on the points table of the Byron Bay Brewery Twilight Cricket competition.

In a game that went to the last ball the Rip Starters defeated one of last week's leaders, Eureka Grass. For Eureka Ryan made 33 runs but Greeny from the Starters knocked up 38.

Tuesday's matchup between PMD and the Rugby

Club was a low-scoring affair won by the Paul Munn Designs side. No-one hit the magical 30 mark during the game.

Wednesday saw the mighty Bowlo hit the top of the table after a win over the West Tower Windies. John and Casper made 30 runs apiece for the Windies but the Bowlo players scored consistently with Simon getting 30 to take out the match.

Town & Country Surf-

boards hit up a massive 155 runs off their 16 overs against the Hot Bread Loafers to win Thursday's game. Mitch (32), Martie (31), Wilba (30) and Toby (30) all contributed while GT hit 35 for the Loafers.

TNR defeated the Kronix on Friday with Jakob getting 31, Nick 30 and Pagey 30. Chris Cubis took 2/14 with his wily spin. For the Ks Lachie hit 33 and Graz 30.

Go the Bowlo.



Regular As Clockwork

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Neighbourhood Centre

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

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.

Alateen Meeting

Alateen Meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Social sporting groups

Senior social table tennis at Bangalow Bowling Club Sundays 2–4pm. All levels welcomed. Call Margot 0412 394 932. **Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club** welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, Mullumbimby, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058.

Breast Cancer Support

Byron Breast Cancer Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday 12–2pm at NSW Cancer Council rooms 8/130 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Anyone experiencing/ed breast and gynaecological cancers are most welcome to attend. Enquiries Linda 0413 668 828.

Volunteer hub

Choose from 40 organisations at the volunteer hub at Byron Community Centre. Make a difference in your community, have fun, learn new skills and meet people Ph 6685 6807 email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au

Cty Shopping Bus

Seats available on fortnightly Community Transport Shopping Bus from Suffolk Park/Byron Bay to Byron town centre. The door-to-door bus costs \$6 and is available to people who can't access mainstream transport due to age, disability or other reason. Call Amanda 1300 875 895.

Language exchange

Byron language exchange club is a free conversation meet up held twice a month in Byron Bay. Contact Paola info@clacademy.com.au, and don't forget to mention the language you want to practise. Volunteers welcome.

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 Heritage House Museum & Cafe** Open

Monday 12–4.30pm, and Tuesday–Friday 7.30am–4.30pm. Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Available for event hire and welcome all groups and visitors. Phone 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.au. **Crystal Meth Anonymous** is a fellowship of people for whom all drugs (but especially crystal meth) had become a problem. Meeting held Thursday 6pm, Presbyterian Church Hall, 13 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Call 0478 061 479 or visit: www.crystalmeth.org.au.

Over 60s Fun Fridays

Fun Fridays 2–5pm at the Hall, 37 Marvel Street East, Byron Bay. (Next to the Preschool). Meet, play games and have a cuppa and a chat. A new venture for seniors, and your suggestions are welcome. Entry \$5.00. Enquiries: Nancy 6685 3969 or 0498 480 373.

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.

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Contact Improvisation Saturdays in Mullumbimby 10–12 noon at St Martin's, Church Hall, Stuart St Mullumbimby. All level of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. For more information phone Elaine 0755 808 215

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. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Prebytarian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Megan 0424 002636 or Bruce 0418 515 991.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. Dzogchen Meditation and Study Group 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby Civic Hall. 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. Buddhist meditation and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** Free meditation classes Monday, 7.45pm, Ananta Yoga Studio

(above Byron Music) 2B/144 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Go to www.wisdom.yoga phone Kris 0435 300 743.

Social Table Tennis

South Golden Shores Community Centre every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 2pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932.

Bruns tennis

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 5–7pm. \$6.00, all welcome. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.

Men's Groups

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

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.

Choirs

Bay Singers meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@raisetheroofting.com 0417 277 211.

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.

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.

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon,

On The Horizon

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Parkinson's support

Parkinson's support group Friday 8 December from 10am, Crowley Village Activity Centre, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. \$10 for morning tea and Christmas lunch. RSVP by Monday, 4 December 0427 042 607 or email gmtelfer@gmail.com.

Byron Naturists

Nude Sports & Social Day Sunday December 2, 10am–2pm (weather permitting). Join Byron Naturists for a fun, family-friendly day at Tyagarah Beach. Turn right at the Grays Lane car park & look out for the flags. https://www.facebook.com/byronnaturists/

Wilson's Creek Preschool

Wilson's Creek Community Preschool fundraising event Friday 1 December from 5pm in the Wilson's Creek Hall. Performances, DJs, outdoor fire, kids space, face painting, raffles, food.

BH Progress Association

Final meeting of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association for the year on Monday 4 December followed by our Christmas party. Start at 7pm at the Memorial Hall, Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. All residents welcome.

at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. A large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

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, mazzertat2010@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. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.15pm, Saturday 9am–12.15pm. 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.

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

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

Baby massage

At the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre. Friday mornings, weekly, baby massage classes for expectant and new parents and carers. Gold coin contribution. Bookings essential. Linda 0411 985 557

Grief loss bereavement

Free support service. Carl Moore, registered psychologist. By appointment grief.loss.bereavement.byron@gmail.com 0401 081 713.

#StartupByron

#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused on connecting anyone interested in

SP Dune Care

Suffolk Park Dunecare's last working bee on Saturday 2 December at 8.30am at the beach walkway in Alcorn St opposite Midgeon Park. Please contact Helen on 6685 4964.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. The next meeting will be held on 9 November. For more information phone Elaine 07 5580 8215.

Carols by the Sea

Carols by the Sea are looking for volunteers to help at the event on 8 December, 6–9pm. Contact Julianne 0468 342 073.

St Paul's BB

Annual lamington drive is on. \$10 per dozen and \$5 per half dozen. Orders phone Sue 6685 3680. Last orders Sunday 11 December.

U3A Ballina/Byron

David Shaw will present a session on the poetry of Leonard Cohen on 5 December at 10am in the RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby. Bring a 12-line (or less) poem on the humble sausage. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting Tuesday 5 December at Ocean Shores Country Club. Meeting starts 10am sharp. Guest Speaker is John Bandcroft from the Helicopter Rescue Services. Enquires Margaret on 6680 3316

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

startups or small biz. See startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/startupbyron-networking.

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.

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.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community groups. Info: 6621 7397

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.

Timebanking

Timebanking can help you build a network of support within your community through sharing skills. For more: Northern Rivers CommunityGateway 6621 7397.

Landcare

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

CoDA

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

Mungo's Crossword N207

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Break bread with English cardinals in a Scottish port (8)
- Lacking a gamble about the umpire (6)
- Haunted iron way concealed by popular journalist (8)
- Born in outdated farm building (6)
- Hold captive a displaced Latino between different countries (13)
- Approaches new listeners (5)
- Nymph comes back holding little rug for spotted dog (9)
- Messiah dismembered devil in front of two queens (9)
- Chore mixing pigment (5)
- Soldier lays carnal cop role (5,8)
- Luhrman backs Rural Assistance Association to provide a market (6)
- Favouring a disagreeable person in charge of the rules of metre! (8)
- Began the game, and noticed 500 around the meeting place (6)
- Overdose? Say why, doctor Seuss – 'It took him ten years to get home!' (8)

DOWN

- 2005 Australian of the year Wood embraces 99 in a party – she's a fan! (10)
- Little being pushes the top two off the ledge! (3)
- The way up, covered by straggly reeds and leaves (7)
- Constructing melange, erred – produced a vivid virescence! (7,5)
- First class – not directions turning to this country (7)
- The remains of a fire can be seen around the ruined hills – find someone to make it beautiful! (11)
- Bound to break diet (4)
- Edge back – fat covers hurt boxer – it's scarlet! (6-3,3)
- Pioneer, but does he set fire to dog? (5,6)
- Plaits – it's cleaner, surprisingly (10)
- Grape producer includes label – it's about the wine (7)
- Resists work, sits (7)
- I twice get the bird! (4)
- Muslim feast – turn up and pass on! (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS


- Port city in Scotland (8)
- Deprived, suffering loss (6)
- Haunted, plagued (8)
- Shed for keeping livestock (6)
- Between or among different countries; worldwide (13)
- Approaches (5)
- Breed of spotted dog (9)
- Redeemer, Messiah (9)
- Pigment, coloured clay (5)
- Lowest rank of NCO (5-8)
- Market place, souk (6)
- Relating to the rules of metre, intonation etc (8)
- Sufficed, waited upon (6)
- Another name for Ulysses (8)


DOWN

- Admirer, fan (10)
- Small fairy (3)
- Betrays, abandons (7)
- Vivid viridian colour (7,5)
- Baltic nation (7)
- One who elaborates or decorates (11)
- Bound, joined (4)
- Brilliant scarlet colour (6-3,3)
- Pioneer, guide to new territory (5,6)
- Plaits, weaves together (10)
- Age, especially of wine (7)
- Resists, fights against (7)
- Wading bird (4)
- Expire, decease (3)

Last week's solution N206

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John Mitchell and Karen Martin say they are thrilled at the groundswell of community support after *The Echo* story about their franchise agreement dispute for Mary Ryan's bookshop in Byron. The franchisor was contacted to keep the shop as is and they were able to negotiate to stay on. 'I've had people come in and tell me they were going to boycott the shop until they saw me back in the shop through the window,' said John. They are now happily back in business in the Bay.

Five non-violent peace activists known as the Pine Gap Peace Pilgrims have been found guilty of unlawful entry to the Alice Springs US spy base under the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*. Sentencing has been deferred for December 4, and the government prosecution has recommended a jail sentence for at least two of the defendants. Under this law, they face up to seven years' jail despite the group gaining entry only for peaceful prayer. Car pooling is planned from the northern rivers to attend the sentencing. For more visit www.closepinegap.org.

Nice one, Queenslanders, on the recent vote! There is awareness that Adani is a disaster, the reef matters and that there are better jobs in tourism and renewables. Pauline Hanson's One Nation scored below expectations at 13.7 per cent. *Crikey's* Bernard Keane summed it up: 'That so many people continue to think this party of scapegoating and smears is a solution to anything illustrates a depth of socio-economic disillusion that should trouble the entire governing class.'



It's no wonder Rupert Murdoch's global news empire continues to decline given its ugly reporting. Last week saw Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* scramble words into garbage with its coverage of Byron schoolies. Thankfully Murdoch's local media organs *The Byron News* and *The Northern Star* did not reproduce the vitriol. So schoolies, while you respectfully enjoy Byron – remember that picking on the vulnerable and voiceless is what privileged old whining wealthy white men with enormous power and no morals do. Your generation are better than that! Photo of schoolies at Main Beach by Jeff 'Beached Since 1986' Dawson

Where is the capital of Zimbabwe? In a Swiss bank account. Boom tish!

When Vespasian ordered the construction of the Colosseum, he did not take funds from Rome's roads and aqueducts to pay for it. Fast forward a couple of millennia and the NSW government is going to spend \$2.3 billion on two unnecessary amphitheatres to satisfy the sports bullies, while roads, schools and hospitals in Sydney remain underfunded. Must suck to be more profligate than a Roman emperor, eh, Gladys?

Domain reported last week that an 'Airbnb host near Byron Bay took in \$3.7 million across 40 properties.' When will the NSW Liberal-Nationals introduce a bed tax via Airbnb? Other countries do!

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