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Rubber on road



Dickey thought he was going to The Department Of Simple Things for a simple haircut on Saturday. When he emerged from the barber, his beautifully re-imagined '76 Motto Guzzi 850 T3 was surrounded by more than 100 highly collectable bikes – all of which are maintained by Ellaspede in Brisbane. The classic bikes were ridden through the back roads and landed at North Beach's Habitat for lunch. Photo Jeff 'Rubb Dub' Dawson

Bangalow food hub DA withdrawn

A controversial development application (DA) for a massive food-processing estate on the outskirts of Bangalow has been withdrawn following widespread objection from the community.

Both the town's Progress Association and Chamber of Commerce took a stand against the proposed development at 201 Lismore Road, with arguments including its bulk and scale, traffic and parking issues, as well as the potential for flooding and pollution of adjacent Byron Creek.

As a result of the DA withdrawal, a public meeting planned by the Northern Joint Regional Planning

Panel (JRPP) on March 15 has been cancelled.

Bangalow resident Linda Sparrow, who organised a petition against the development, told her supporters, 'With just under 2,000 signatures on our petition both written and on change.org, Bangalow has shown a clear message of opposition to this massive factory development on agricultural land.'

Welcome relief

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson added the news was a welcome relief.

'It is a testament to what an informed, inspired and invigorated

community can do.'

'However, now we must turn our attention to trying to find homes for those food producers who were caught in the middle of the issue.'

'These are great local people making great local food; hopefully, we can all use this same community invigoration to find solutions to their challenges of finding spaces to remain here and grow,' he said.

It is not known at this stage what reasons the proponents, Chase Lismore Road Pty Ltd, gave for withdrawing the proposal.

Bangalow chamber of commerce president Jo Millar told *The Echo*, 'The

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Businesses threatened by high rent increases

Paul Bibby

Much-loved local businesses in Mullumbimby are being hit with substantial rent increases that could force some of them to close.

Five shop owners in the town have reportedly been slugged with rent hikes of between 20 and 100 per cent by their landlords in the past six months.

The shop owners, who asked to remain anonymous, said the increases were unreasonable and threatened the viability of their businesses.

One owner said he was facing a rent increase of more than 50 per cent and had been told the new figure was 'non-negotiable'.

'We don't know what we're going to do, but I think it's quite likely that we will have to shut up shop which I think would leave a massive hole,' said the shop owner.

'These rent increases are going to transform the town. We've seen it happen in Byron Bay, where small local businesses have been pushed out, and if we're not careful it's going to happen here.'

Paying more for less

Another local business owner said his rent had also been increased by more than 50 per cent, despite the fact that the size of his shop had been cut in half.

'I've had to let two staff go and cut the hours right back for the one who's left,' the owner said.

'At this point I'm basically just working to pay the rent and stay alive.'

'The landlord thinks he's being reasonable and that he's just charg-

ing the market rate, but \$280 per square metre [per year] isn't reasonable, it's ridiculous. Just because the value of his property has doubled doesn't mean I'm in a position to pay double the rent.'

Leases at an end

The shop owners are virtually powerless to challenge the rent increases because all but one of them has reached, or is about to reach, the end of their lease, leaving them at the mercy of their landlords.

Mark Cochrane, a local real estate consultant with more than five decades in the industry, said that when a retail lease ends, 'the lessor [landlord] has the right to ask what he wants and it's up to the lessee [tenant] whether they want to pay that or move on.'

'A lot of the time, a retail lease will have an option for the lessee to extend it, and that may contain conditions such as that any rent increase is capped.'

'But when the lease expires and there are no further options to extend, the lessee becomes vulnerable.'

'Lessees should always be on top of the terms of their lease to protect themselves.'

'But at a certain point it comes down to supply and demand and the lessor's ethics. We're all human beings and there is a place for compassion.'

The only option for a business owner in this position is to challenge the landlord's valuation by bringing in an independent valuer.

However, this can cost more than

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Confirmed counterfeit note a reminder for vigilance

Aslan Shand

A counterfeit \$50 note was sent back to a local shop this week, leaving the shop owner down on takings.

The note was returned after the bank identified it as a fake.

A spokesperson for the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) said, 'Counterfeiting in Australia is low compared to international standards. However, the rate has been rising in recent years, and the

quality of counterfeits detected has also been improving.'

According to a *Bulletin* article, *Recent Trends in Counterfeiting*, 'The increasing availability of high-quality, low-cost graphic reproduction technology has allowed criminals to be able to produce larger volumes of more sophisticated counterfeits. However, to be able to then distribute these in large volumes typically requires some sort of organised distribution network.'

Four steps are recom-

mended to check a counterfeit \$50 note. 1. Is it plastic? Try to tear or scrunch the note to check 2. Look for the coat of arms near the number '50' by holding your bank note to the light 3. Look for the seven-pointed star when you hold the note to the light, and 4. Check that the clear window with the stars on it is an integral part of the banknote.

Local police stated that they are not aware of any other reports of counterfeit notes in the region.

Bangalow food hub DA withdrawn

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chamber is relieved that the developer has withdrawn his DA.

'There was substantial concern about the proposal particularly trucks rumbling up and down the main street, and the danger it posed to children making their way to

or from school, not to mention the impact on the village feel.

'The food factory is a great idea, it was just in the wrong place.

'People move to little, heritage, rural villages for exactly that: the small-village feel.

'A huge factory complex with a carpark for 500 cars, sitting on the village perimeter, is not what people expect to find here.'

Member for Ballina Tamar Smith said it was 'very welcome news to many residents of Bangalow.'

Commercial rents on the rise

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\$1,000, which must be paid by the tenant if they are the ones challenging the asking rent.

Even then the landlord has no obligation to accept that valuation.

Despite the high cost, one of the Mullumbimby business owners is hiring a valuer after his landlord told him his rent was going to increase dramatically.

'It was understandable that there would be some type of increase when the lease was up, but this is bloody ridiculous,' the business owner said.

Driven by property prices

The retail rent increases appear to be driven, at least in part, by the boom in the local property market.

With the value of property soaring, new property owners are taking on larger mortgages and many are expecting larger rental returns.

There has been an increase in retail rents more generally across the Shire that is partly being reflected in Mullumbimby.

However, *The Echo* understands that there were a couple of isolated examples of dramatic rent hikes in Mullumbimby prior to the recent increases, which are now being used by some landlords and real estate agents as a 'market rate' benchmark.

Business owners such as local solicitor Wroth Wall say profit margins are not increasing at anywhere near the rate needed to keep up.

'It's becoming increasingly more challenging for business operators to make a reasonable living,' Mr Wall said.

'Rents are going up, other overheads like insurance are going up, but there isn't the money just rolling in by any means.'

There are fears that if this process continues Mullumbimby will once again be sprinkled with empty shopfronts.

'When the GST was introduced in 2000 we had five shops close down in Mullum and within two years we had 11 vacancies,' Mr Cochrane said.

'The rents will continue to increase while there are no vacancies and then when you start to see empty shops they will begin to go down again.'

However, there is also the possibility that local businesses will be replaced by chain stores as Byron Bay has experienced.

Ethical landlords

But not all landlords in Mullumbimby are slugging their tenants with large rent increases.

A number have made a deliberate choice to only increase rents at the rate of inflation to ensure that long-

standing businesses can continue to operate.

Jenelle Stanford, the president of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, said she believed the rent increases were the outcome of decisions by individual landlords.

'My landlord is fantastic - he basically put a freeze on rent increases for us for a number of years when things were tough,' said Ms Stanford, who owns the newsagency on the main street of Mullumbimby.

'There are definitely people out there doing the right thing.'

Moral obligation

Mr Wall said he believed landlords had a 'moral obligation' to keep the livelihood of their tenants in mind.

'Ultimately I think a good landlord wants their tenant to be sustainable, to make money out of their business in the same way they are making money out of the property.'

Mr Cochrane said he often advised property owners to be cautious when setting retail rents.

'I often say to people, "Be careful where greed leads you," he said.

'It may be that you can get a bigger rent but if the person then has to leave you have an empty shop.'

'Greedy lessors eventually hurt themselves in the long run.'

West Byron protesters go aquatic

One hundred and eight people paddled up Belongil Creek on Sunday as a protest against the planned development of West Byron.

The paddle aimed to highlight potential impacts on water quality of the Belongil Creek and the integrity of the Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve, and hence the Cape Byron Marine Park/Pacific Ocean.

Organisers said the action aimed to raise consciousness of the geography and how West Byron interrelates with the Belongil Creek system, which maintains the health of the Cumbebin Swamp Reserve and Byron Bay generally.

New website

A new website has been launched by the protest movement – www.protectbyron.com.au. It points to potential adverse impacts from the development, including traffic, sewage, a 1.3km concrete wall and environmental issues.

Regarding Belongil Creek's role as Byron Bay's 'last active floodplain', www.protectbyron.com.au says the area 'acts like a sponge for all the extra waters from the Arts and Industry Estate and Byron Bay.'

'The West Byron mega-development with all its concrete and bitumen, "hardens" the land and it will not act as a sponge any more. Instead it will add more water to the large flow during heavy rains.'

'Mega-development on the West Byron site will increase flooding, pollute and diminish the value of protected wetlands and the Cape Byron Marine Park, trigger release of acidic



With the solar train in the background, paddlers took to the creek on Sunday to raise awareness of the sensitive floodplain. Photo Jeff Dawson

waters from acid sulfate soils causing fish kills, and spread other pollutants already on site (zinc, copper, lead, and petroleum hydrocarbons).

'The mega-development adds more pollution without any proposals to repair what their works will add, or to deal with what comes onto the site.

'A Plan of Management for Belongil must be created first and then the mega-development considered in relation to that.'

Meanwhile Nationals MLC Ben Franklin released a press release last week on the contentious issue and encouraged 'all residents to make a submission to the Joint Regional Planning Panel before March 29.'

He said, 'In recent months, the proposed West Byron development has highlighted the Byron community's long-

held resistance to larger development projects in our shire.'

'As a Byron resident, I too have serious and genuine concerns about the development – particularly with regard to its size and scale.

'I note the resistance to the project from many residents is owing to the lack of appropriate infrastructure, environmental concerns and increased traffic and congestion in our town. I also believe the existing infrastructure is inadequate for such a development. If it is approved, it is critical that the JRPP put in place conditions that address the nature of the development and the infrastructure necessary to deal with it. It is also vital that they address concerns regarding the potential environmental impact of the development. We do need more affordable housing; however, this must not

come at the cost of destroying our town.'

The Echo asked Mr Franklin if he was actively lobbying his colleagues for a better outcome and asked again: 'Are you confident that residents and the government got the best deal possible with this DA?'

'And, as the local representative for the National Party, what do you propose should be done to ensure this project doesn't create even more traffic problems for the town?'

He replied, 'My colleagues are very aware of my views on this and a range of other issues. As I say in my statement, I believe it is critical that the JRPP put in place appropriate conditions to deal with the infrastructure issues – including traffic.'

The proposal is located opposite the Arts and Industry Estate on Ewsingsdale Road and submissions on DAs 10.2017.661.1 and 10.2017.201.1 need to be made by March 30. Submissions should also be clearly marked with the DA number.

Email submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS COMING SOON

To improve the flow of traffic and increase access to parking spaces, Byron shire council is implementing revised parking management schemes in various locations within Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, Bangalow and Mullumbimby.

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Cash in ya drink containers



Frida and her mum Christina reclaim cash on their drink containers at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road. Photo Jeff 'Contained And Cashed' Dawson

Byron residents can now trade their eligible drink containers for cash following the installation of a 'Return and Earn' container-deposit machine.

The reverse-vending machine has been installed at the Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay and went online last week.

It allows people to claim 10 cent refunds for eligible drink containers.

Nationals parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin said people could donate their refund di-

rectly to charities, receive a docket redeemable for cash or an electronic transfer using PayPal at the machines.

'Return and Earn is the largest litter-reduction initiative to be introduced in NSW, and now there are more collection points for people to be involved,' Mr Franklin said.

NSW environment minister Gabrielle Upton said the Byron Bay collection point was one of more than 425 operational sites across the state, with more to be rolled out in

the weeks to come.

'There has been widespread community support for Return and Earn, with more than 115 million containers returned across the state since December 1,' Ms Upton said.

Eligibility

Most drink containers between 150ml and three litres are eligible for the 10c refund.

Containers should be intact (not crushed or broken) and have a readable barcode to be eligible.

Community solutions panel meets Wednesday, Saturday

What infrastructure spending should we prioritise, and how should we fund these priorities if the rates alone are not enough? These are the types of questions that Byron Council will put to a randomly selected group of 28 people as part of a 'bold new trust-building project' called the Community Solutions Panel.

Everyone is invited to the introductory meetings this Wednesday March 7 from 5.30 till 9pm at Mullum's Council Chambers and Saturday March 10 from 9am till 5pm at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road.

Council say that recent feedback from work on their Community Strategic Plan showed people had a general lack of trust and faith in the council and wanted more community-led decision making.

Mayor Simon Richardson said, 'Let 2018 be the year when we build genuine bridges with our community. For that to happen there needs to be trust and the first step in this process is the Community Solutions Panel project.'

'Over a series of sessions the panel will be tasked with developing a series of recom-

mendations to solve our infrastructure challenge – and then these recommendations will be wholly adopted. We've heard through our special rate variation (SRV) consultation and recent engagement that infrastructure and 'fixing the roads' is a priority – this is the next phase of the process.

'The project will be designed and run by the New Democracy Foundation, a not-for-profit research foundation that is a world leader in innovative and effective community engagement.'

For more info visit www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au.

Mullum Golf Open returns Sat

More than 170 players will tee off and compete for \$3,000 worth of prizes in the Mullumbimby Open this Saturday.

In just its second year back after a long hiatus, the Open is once again becoming a key event in the region's sporting calendar.

One of the event's key sponsors, Gary Brazenor of Bangalow Real Estate and Hinderland Properties, said the

tournament used to be known as the Brunswick Valley Open.

'The Open ran from 1980 till 1991 and last year we re-established the event to a very enthusiastic response despite some difficult weather conditions,' Mr Brazenor said.

'I'm delighted to be a sponsor once again as it promises to be a great day with lots of prizes up for grabs including golf bags and other golf

paraphernalia.'

Joining Mr Brazenor as a key sponsor this year is Haymans Byron Bay.

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Suffolk Park aged care gets creative with art exhibition

Aslan Shand

What do you think life in a nursing home would be like?

Challenging the view that it is dull, nothing happens and all you get to do is play bingo, eat pureed food and wish your life away is the theme of an art exhibition that features works by both residents and staff at a Suffolk Park aged care facility.

General manager of the Patrick Bugden VC Gardens RSL LifeCare, Matthew Ashby, said, 'A new addition of holding an art exhibition to our activities calendar was an idea from one of our residents, which has really changed the energy in the facility.'



Marek Zayler and Beth Treagle from Patrick Bugden Gardens RSL LifeCare. Photo Jeff Dawson

Open to public

'Both residents and staff are involved and very excited by this new initiative.' Ashby says some of the staff are also artists, 'who combine their jobs as carers in the kitchen with painting and sculpture.'

Two of the residents have recently gone back to what

they always loved to do – painting.

With four staff members and residents from the home's art therapy group, the exhibition opened to the public on March 2.

'Creativity can heal,' continued Matthew.

'Together, they prove that living and working in an aged-care facility can be rewarding and we hope to change the perception of what aged-care facilities are about.'

Lives and passions

The excellent display re-

flects both the lives and the passions of the artists and is open to the public until March 16 from 12pm till 4pm in the Halpin Lounge, Patrick Bugden Gardens RSL LifeCare located at 184 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park.

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NSW power stations stuck at 2013FY climate pollution levels

The decarbonisation of the NSW electricity system has stalled, says a peak environment lobby group, with NSW power station emissions 'stuck at the same level as they were in 2012-13.'

Referring to recently published National Greenhouse data, Nature Conservation Council senior energy and climate campaigner Dr Brad Smith said CO₂ emissions from NSW power stations were 49 million tonnes this year, 'up three million tonnes from 46 million tonnes two years ago in 2014-15.'

Dr Smith said, 'The NSW government in 2016 commit-

ted to zero carbon emissions by 2050, but we're seeing no plan and no progress.'

'These latest figures show that rather than reducing our emissions, the state is continuing to pollute.'

'This is a disastrous result caused by the failure of leadership from state and federal governments.'

He says AGL's Hunter Valley Bayswater and Liddell power stations accounted for almost half (45 per cent) the emissions from energy generation in NSW. A further 38 per cent was emitted by the Central Coast's Eraring and Vales Point. The Lithgow re-

gion's Mt Piper power station generated 13 per cent.

Aspirational target

When asked for comment, Nationals MLC and secretary for renewable energy and northern NSW Ben Franklin told *The Echo*, 'The 2050 emissions reduction target is an aspirational target and the NSW government is making strong progress toward achieving it.'

'We have a huge pipeline of clean-energy projects underway – 11 clean-energy projects are expected to be commissioned in 2018, and another four are expected

to commence construction. These will increase the amount of clean energy in NSW and reduce NSW emissions in coming years.'

'With the closure of Hazelwood power station in Victoria, Australia's dirtiest power station, NSW generators have increased output to ensure secure supplies to Victoria.'

'Hazelwood emitted more than 50 per cent more emission than generators in NSW. This means that emissions in NSW rose, but national emissions fell. As more clean energy comes online, this will be further reduced in NSW and nationally.'

Greens senator dismisses claim new law will grab personal savings in financial crisis

A recent amendment to the *Banking Act 1959* and seven other federal laws has given the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) additional powers for 'crisis resolution and resolution planning in relation to regulated entities.'

The Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2018 passed both federal houses of parliament on February 14.

But concerns raised were by the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC) political party, who say that the new law allows the financial regulator APRA to confiscate personal savings, not just certain types of bonds that are written off in a crisis, have been refuted by Greens senator Peter Whish-Wilson.

CEC's website says for 28 years they have been fighting 'Australia's participation in helping to rebuild a world or-

der of sovereign nation-states, to replace the evil, collapsing world order of globalisation.'

CEC say APRA would be able to step in and run a failed financial institution in the event of a financial crisis – in secret. They say the law includes the capability, as dictated by the Bank for International Settlements and the Financial Stability Board, to confiscate certain types of bonds that are specified or written off in a crisis.

Greens senator Peter Whish-Wilson, who spoke to the Bill on the senate floor, told *The Echo* that CEC are 'full of shit,' dismissed their 'whacky ideas,' and said as a political party they are running a campaign.

'There is nothing we could have done that could have placated them,' he said, adding that the CEC simply don't trust the regulator, APRA.

'Trust holds the financial industry together,' he said.

CEC claim in a February 16 report that it is likely personal deposits, not just bonds, would be confiscated.

While they say this assertion has been denied by 'regulators and Treasury,' CEC say those provisions are not excluded in the wording of the legislation. They say this would allow people's savings to be grabbed in the event of a financial crisis.

When asked for comment on the claim, Mr Whish-Wilson said it was a 'fallacious'.

Glass Steagall Act

And while introducing an Australian-style Glass Steagall Act is a campaign of the CEC, Whish-Wilson agreed that if a private members bill was introduced to enact a 'Glass Steagall Act' into Australian parliament, it would generate a good debate.

The Glass Steagall Act 1933 was repealed in 1999 in the US, which was a 1933 post-Great

Depression law that separated high-risk investment banks from commercial banks.

Commercial banks loan individuals and small business for mortgages for example, while investment banks deal with subprime mortgages and the highly unstable futures market.

Nobel laureate economist Joseph Stiglitz said in 2009 that repealing the act contributed as a major factor to the 2008 crash, yet other factors have also been attributed to the crash. According to US-based National Public Radio, former Treasury secretary Tim Geithner said poor mortgage underwriting, inadequate diligence by the ratings agencies and a largely unregulated securitisation market led to the crash.

Mr Whish-Wilson, who is also an economist, admitted there is 'some truth to the lines becoming blurred' regarding the 2008-9 GFC and the repeal of the *Glass Steagall Act 1933*.

Railway square upgrade to start next week

The first stage of landscape design and beautification works for Railway Park in Byron Bay will start next week, say Council staff.

Work will commence in the northeastern section of Railway Park fronting Jonson Street, near the crossing.

Byron Shire Council's acting general manager Mark Arnold said this was an exciting time for Byron Bay, with the works marking the start of the larger Railway Square upgrade project, which aims

to transform Railway Park back into the wonderful community space it used to be.

'Stage one involves new paving, seating and landscaping that will set the tone for the Railway Square upgrade, which was endorsed by Council in December 2017,' Mr Arnold said.

Stage one

The stage one works include the creation of an arrival hub to improve access to the park, construction

of a plaza area and gathering space, additional seating, landscaping including the retention of existing vegetation and improved public safety along Jonson Street.

Mr Arnold said, 'It is expected these works will take approximately four weeks to complete depending on the weather. Council has been working closely with the Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan Leadership Group on a long-term vision to bring Railway Square and the sur-

rounding precinct to life as a place to meet friends, spend time with the children, gather for celebrations or demonstrations, or simply as somewhere to sit and watch the world go by.'

'The start of stage one next week is the first step in making this vision a reality and this is very exciting for Byron Bay,' Mr Arnold said.

To see the full concept design for the Railway Square upgrade go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au or click here.



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Paddles to the ready for Mullum2Bruns, May 27

Each year since 2010, around a thousand people have taken to the water in various non-powered craft to paddle the 10km from Mullumbimby to Brunswick Heads.

Why not join them this year on the nearly legendary Mullum2Bruns Paddle on Sunday May 27?

Paddlers come in various shapes and sizes as do their craft; from individuals with inflatable flamingos to 22-person dragon boats.

There are serious competitors in the challenge events and people dressed up in all sorts of crazy costumes for the fun events. Amongst it all, there are lots of your friends and neighbours out for a lei-



Now in its eighth year, the Mullum2Bruns Paddle returns May 27. Photo supplied

surely paddle down the beautiful Brunswick.

Fundraiser

The paddle is the major annual fundraiser for the three deserving local groups who work very hard all year to make this event happen.

They include the Brunswick Heads Surf Life Saving Club, Brunswick Marine Rescue and the Brunswick Visitor Centre – all worthy volunteer organisations that need your support to continue servicing our local community.

Major supporters and

sponsors include *The Echo*, Mullum Comprehensive Health Care, the Hotel Brunswick and Stone & Wood.

Online registrations for the paddle open on March 8. Register early to qualify for the earlybird rate at www.mullum2brunspaddle.com.au.

Bruns boat harbour plan sparks contrasting views

Aslan Shand

The draft Brunswick boat harbour plan has been released and the public have until May 1 to provide feedback to the NSW Department of Industry – Lands and Water.

There appears to be general support for the toilet and shower blocks, along with facilities for the removal of grey and black water from the boats and keeping the wooden walkways.

Yet there are still concerns from some locals regarding overdevelopment. The Brunswick Progress Association (BPA) and some other boat harbour users are concerned about the size of the planned marina and removal of existing moorings, silting, and that the marina will be gated and locked, which is a change from the relaxed ambience of the harbour. A potential increase in mooring fees and the possible attraction of large Gold Coast-style motorboats, otherwise referred to as 'stink boats,' have also been raised.

However, the marina is considered a positive from the perspective of local yacht club member David Kolb, who has highlighted the reduced health and safety risks a marina brings, along with boat safety during changing weather conditions.

A spokesperson for the department has said that legally, the moorings are required to be rented out at market rate and that would remain the case. The question remains, however, that if the marina is built and run by a private operator, would this lead to a significant increase in mooring fees?

Encroaching on public lands

The BPA has also highlighted that the 'entrance to the caravan park keeps changing and encroaching on public lands.'

'This entrance should be maintained on the eastern side where it is now,' said Leigh Rees, secretary of the BPA.

'If it is relocated to the proposed position on the draft plan, traffic will be even more congested. The relocation suggested in the draft plan is an inappropriate point of access to the Massey-Greene Caravan Park.'

Ms Rees has also highlighted the limited public access along the eastern side where, according to the draft, it narrows to seven metres in some places.

'There should be at least a ten-metre setback and the road by the foreshore should be moved back.'

The College of Marine Studies has been involved in contributing to the development of the draft Brunswick harbour plan; however, College founder Phil Walters feels that they have been sidelined.

'They have ignored all the issues from the scoping study that we put together on the feasibility of the facility at this site in conjunction with other government agencies at a cost of \$28,000,' said Mr Walters.

The DPI has refuted the claim stating that owing to

the footprint required for the college – and competing needs of the community – a fully fledged marina facility is not suitable to the Brunswick boat harbour.

'There isn't enough space,' said the DPI spokesperson.

'It would impinge on the need for community space and access at the site.'

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Home-sharing refugee program kicks off

Refugees Welcome Australia opened its doors in January 2017. It was started by Byron Shire local Suus de Groot Heupner and four others across the country, and aims to provide home-sharing accommodation to refugees and people seeking asylum.

It currently operates out of Sydney and Brisbane and surrounding areas. Refugees and asylum seekers are connected with hosts who provide long-term housing arrangements, free of rent.

They are interested to gauge the interest in the program from potential hosts in the Byron Shire region.

'Because of the strong networks in the Byron region, there is growing possibility to extend to this area.'

Hosts are asked to provide a minimum of three months to ensure a level of stability to the people being hosted.

'We find it important that, on the road to independence,

the refugee or person seeking asylum is empowered.

'While this kind of willingness may be seen as an act of charity, we acknowledge this kind of engagement is often mutually beneficial and the best matches are those where the hosts recognise this.'

Refugees and asylum seekers come from a range of countries including Iraq, Syria, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Congo (DRC), Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Iran, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia.

'We know that to open your home and family to a new member can be a change to your life so we try to identify and manage the expectations of the prospective hosts as best as we can with workshops and info sessions, guidelines and points to consider that are often overlooked before someone moves in.'

If you would like more information visit www.refugeeswelcome.org.au.

Closing the Gap needs justice targets: NSW Law Society

The shocking imprisonment rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and children have reached a crisis point and are now the most pressing issue facing the criminal justice system, says the NSW Law Society.

President Doug Humphreys has called for a stronger commitment from the NSW and federal governments to a more holistic approach to justice backed by sufficient ongoing funding.

Humphreys said justice targets could be included to reinvigorate the Closing the Gap strategy, in addition to objectives in education, employment and health.

He said, 'A more co-ordinated national approach that includes justice-specific targets and a greater focus on justice reinvestment could better help address key factors that lead to involvement in crime and ultimately detention, such as poverty and disadvantage.'

Shelley's long road to recovery from malaria

Friends of Byron Bay woman Shelley Hill have launched a GoFundMe campaign after she contracted malaria on a volunteering trip in Cambodia.

Before leaving Australia to volunteer at a sanctuary for abused elephants, Shelley says she was advised against anti-malarial medications by her doctor owing to its being dry season.

But upon returning, Shelley began to feel unwell and following a series of tests was diagnosed with a severe strain of malaria. She rapidly deteriorated to the point of being admitted to intensive care, progressing to multi-



Shelley Hill and friends. Photo GoFundMe

organ failure, and eventually being put on life support and dialysis with no circula-

tion to her extremities. Shelley's GoFundMe has raised \$40,000 of its \$50,000 goal.

All proceeds will go towards her treatment, with Shelley looking at several months of rehabilitation ahead.'

Life support

The GoFundMe site claims Shelley remained on life support for five days in an extremely unstable condition.

'She has since made a small improvement and has been taken off life support and is breathing unsupported.'

'She remains on daily dialysis and faces a very long recovery.'

For more info visit www.gofundme.com/shelley-hill-recovery-fund.

Labor vows to fight anti-charity laws

The Law Council have raised major concerns regarding a bill which they say could 'shut down expression of views' from charities, many of whom consider themselves to be non-political.

The *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017* is also inconsistent with the *Charities Act 2013*, say advocacy body the Law Council, and charities would be captured in the law who are 'carrying on their activities in pursuit of their charitable purposes.'

Local federal MP Justine Elliot (Labor) told *The Echo*, 'This Bill is a major concern that many locals have raised with me.'

'Australia's charities and not-for-profits are under attack from Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberal/National government. Labor will not let

the government silence organisations seeking to make legitimate contributions to our nation's political debate.

'It is clear that many charitable and not-for-profit organisations will be prevented from advocating for a more fair and just Australia if this legislation goes through in its current form.'

Bad for democracy

'That would be bad for democracy. Labor will not let the government silence legitimate political debate.'

'Labor is committed to reforming our political donations system to ensure our democracy is protected from improper influence from overseas. Labor has had legislation in the parliament for years to ban foreign donations.'

'However, we are concerned that the government has overreached with its

legislation.

'We will continue to work with the government to find a sensible way to ban foreign donations, without selling out charitable and not-for-profit organisations that do incredibly important work in our community.'

'We believe that robust constraints on foreign influence on our political process can be achieved without unnecessarily stifling the voice of Australian charities and not-for-profits and further marginalising the communities they speak out for.'

Gag clauses

'When Labor was last in government, we banned the gag clauses that the Howard government had included in all federal government contracts with the charities and not-for-profit sector.'

'The gag undermined independence and prevented organisations from effective advocacy.'

'Labor also established the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, which reduced red tape

and streamlined regulatory and reporting practices for organisations so they could focus more resources on core service objectives.'

'Labor's reforms would reduce the donation disclosure limit from the current level of \$13,500 (indexed to inflation) to a fixed \$1,000, prohibit the receipt of foreign donations, ban 'donation splitting' where donations are spread between different branches of political parties and associated entities to avoid disclosure obligations, ban the receipt of anonymous donations above \$50, link public funding to campaign expenditure, and introduce new offences and increased penalties for abuses of the political-donation-disclosure regime.'

'In contrast, the Liberal/National party has been responsible for an increased disclosure threshold and reduced transparency and has now introduced legislation that could hinder the efforts of organisations to provide a voice in our democratic discourse for many marginalised and vulnerable Australians.'

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Women's Shed opens its doors

Photo & story Aslan Shand

Have you ever been a little envious of the men's shed? Well envy no more – this Thursday March 8, International Women's Day, you can celebrate the opening of the Mullumbimby Women's Shed between 12 and 6pm.

In mid-2017 a Facebook post about a women's shed in the area attracted about 300 interested women who were interested in setting up a space for women to work and connect in.

One of the founders Christina Covington says, 'Initially I offered some space from the warehouse I run my business from – the Hari Has Chai – to facilitate setting up the project.'

'Now we have a great space at the Mullumbimby Commons, a wildspace site that provides space for women to meet and create in and it is big enough for the possibility of larger machinery for bigger projects in the future.'

Open Thursdays

The Women's Shed will be open from 10am till 2pm every Thursday, providing a space for women to do art,



Christina Covington and Julie Beesley, two members of the convening committee who are helping create the Women's Shed at Mullumbimby Commons wildspace.

come together and share skills and experiences.

'I moved here fairly recently and I found that a lot of women here feel disconnected, isolated and lonely,' said committee member Julie Beesley.

'There are a lot of women who would just like to connect with other people in a safe space.'

'Some people may have lost a partner or close confidant, they may be single mothers or older women or

they might just be new to the area like I am and they would like to connect.

'The Women's Shed will be a place for women to come together, a place where each woman has her own unique skills and talents that they can share.'

Arts and crafts

The Women's Shed hopes that women will come and use the space to explore a range of arts and crafts including woodwork, painting, weaving, jewellery making and more.

'Women can bring their kids and together as a community we can grow as a community,' said Christina.

'In the future we are also excited to be looking at having cross-collaborative opportunities with the local Men's Shed.'

The Women's Shed is looking for donations of material for women to use as well as support for their costs.

If you are interested in finding out more, connect with the Women's Shed via Facebook or drop in to their open day this Thursday, March 8 at 91 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby.



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Stories in the Club, March 11

This month's theme for Stories in the Club is creativity and those telling their stories will be Simone O'Brien, Suvira McDonald, Oonagh omZuna, Charlie Starret, Lila Maha Lakshmi and Jeni Cargill-Strong.

The event will be held Sunday, March 11 from 4pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club in Dalley Street.

Cargill-Strong runs the afternoon sessions, and says, 'Each teller gets eight to ten minutes and stories can be factual, fictional or factional – which is a blend of the two.'

Simone O'Brien is former creative director of Spaghetti Circus, and will tell her tale of 'Con Calleano', a local Aboriginal man who became a famous tightwire artist and the inspiration behind social circus project Cirque du Coraki.

Lila Maha Lakshmi will tell of an experience she had at 19 during the Summer of Love, in San Francisco on the last day that hallucinogens were legal.

Longtime resident, sculptor and potter Suvira McDonald will tell of how the sculpture walk came to be

and where it is headed.

Award-winning Toastmaster Charlie Starrett currently runs Sacred Attraction events and workshops for both men and women looking for their ideal partner.

Love CLUB founder, host and floetic MC Oonagh omZuna is an improvising poet, presenter and performance activist who will share a funny/poignant tale of triumphant public humiliation, land and creativity.

For more info go to www.storytree.com.au/stories-in-the-club.

Sunday's Naked Bike Ride shoots for biggest yet

Chris Dobney

Byron Bay's tenth annual World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR) is this Sunday March 11 and organisers are hoping it will be the biggest event of its kind in Australia if it exceeds the 270 participants who rode in the event last year.

While the Melbourne ride is several kilometres longer, it attracts fewer participants, according to Byron's WNBR organiser Debra Lee Conomy. Debra says she has already

fielded interest from international media, including the UK, where London hosts one of the world's biggest naked bike rides each year in June.

And despite the recent, ramped-up police presence fining skinnydippers on Byron beaches, organisers have been assured police will not be intervening in this year's parade.

'Superintendent Wayne Starling said there had been no complaints associated with previous rides and he

has okayed the coming event,' Debra told *The Echo*.

She added that mayor Simon Richardson said he 'welcomed the event as it's become an identifiable Byron Bay tourist attraction'.

Organisers are keen to encourage individual participants to choose creative body-paint images and slogans.

People are requested not to bring along large-scale banners and promotional posters for their own groups and agendas.



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Seven years on, Fukushima still a disaster without a solution

High-profile Japanese activist Toshiko Okada will be speaking at the Channon Market from 12pm Sunday March 11 to mark the seventh anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Okada's speech in the Rainbow Chai Tent will be followed by a march around the market, and will include music and art.

Local Japanese activist and actress Saya Minami interviewed Okada, and they spoke about introducing a Chernobyl-type law in Japan – and the rest of the world – to protect people from the risks of radiation.

Where were you when the Japanese tsunami hit the coast?

I was at home in Saitama prefecture, about 250km away from Fukushima; I was watching TV and saw the houses and cars being washed away. I was screaming "Please run away quickly!". My family home is near the ocean in Fukushima so I was very worried about my family. But they were okay. After that the Fukushima power plant exploded and my sister and relatives were evacuated to another prefecture, but the government said it's safe so they went back after a few weeks.

How did you get involved in this work?

After the Fukushima nuclear accident, I heard that the organisation suing to save the children of Fuku-



Japanese anti-nuclear activists and citizens marching in Tokyo. Photo supplied

shima from the risks of radiation had lost a case, so I wanted to help them. I joined as a volunteer. Currently I am supporting their second trial, networking with radiation victims and taking action to help Fukushima children exposed to radiation.

What are the aims of the Citizens' Network for Evacuation from Radiation?

The aim is to connect with citizens' groups and individuals to achieve a society that is free from radiation exposure.

Tell us about the monthly demonstrations in Tokyo.

We protest in front of Shinjuku Station in Tokyo. We speak the truth about Fukushima and call attention to the fact that Kanto district – which includes Tokyo – is also contaminated with radiation, which the mainstream media won't report. We criticise the current government's scary policy, which prioritises the economy over people's lives.

We also protest at the front of the office of the

prime minister once a month, against the government's policy of abandoning the people of Fukushima.

Is it easy to raise issues of nuclear safety and radiation in Japan?

It's not difficult to bring up the issue, but the Japanese government says that it's already safe. They say 'let's eat Fukushima food, let's go to Fukushima.' People think we are spreading a false rumour, which makes it hard for us.

The majority of Japanese people, including the people of Fukushima, are mostly silent, as they might be confused or not interested. That's the biggest problem.

Why is it important to have a Japanese version of a Chernobyl Law?

The public radiation exposure safety limit was 1mSv before the Fukushima nuclear accident, but after the accident, the Japanese government increased the safety limit to 20mSv only for Fukushima people, and they do decontamination and say it's safe. There are 54 nuclear power plants in Japan. We

don't know when we will have another accident like Fukushima. That's the problem. We have to leave a safe environment for our next generation.

Tell us about politician Taro Yamamoto and his role in the anti-nuclear movement.

Most politicians never mention the risks of radiation exposure. Taro Yamamoto is one of the few politicians who raises the issue of radiation exposure and wants an inquiry in the parliament. He is the voice of the people and the best colleague.

What do you hope to achieve with this visit to Australia?

I hope to get support for our action to introduce the Japanese version of Chernobyl law and I hope to tell the truth about Fukushima to the world.

I also hope this law to protect people from radiation disaster will be adopted by the Australian government, to protect Aboriginal people or other people who live with the potential exposure to radiation near uranium mines, nuclear waste dump sites etc.

I hope this law will spread to the world and protect all the people who suffer from radiation disaster worldwide.

I believe that's what we should do for the next generation.

I believe that this action would also add pressure on the Japanese government, which doesn't think people's lives are important.

And it would save the people of Fukushima as well.

Local koalas in danger from land clearing

North Coast koala populations have declined by 50 per cent in just 20 years but NSW environment minister Gabrielle Upton has signed off on land clearing laws that endanger remaining populations, according to the National Parks Association of NSW (NPA).

NPA chief executive Alix Goodwin said the land-clearing laws signed off by the minister have put almost all koala habitat on private land at risk.

Ms Goodwin said freedom of information documents showed that Ms Upton knew that less than one per cent of koala habitat on private land was protected from clearing under the suite of self-assessable codes, but signed off on them anyway.

'Koalas need habitat to exist. Full stop. If we risk losing most of the habitat on private land, we must protect remaining koala habitat on public land,' she said.

'We have proposed a suite of koala reserve proposals – 100 per cent on public land – between Port Stephens and Tweed so that koalas have a fighting chance on the NSW north coast.

'The most important of these is the Great Koala National Park (GKNP). This has been identified by Ms Upton's own department as containing koala habitats of national significance.

'Yet logging is occurring right now in Gladstone State Forest, part of the GKNP, and the minister has done nothing to stop it – despite repeated pleas and in full knowledge that koala populations on the north coast have declined 50 per cent in just 20 years.

'It has been left to locals to blockade the forest to stand up for koalas.

'We know from polling we did before Christmas that there is overwhelming support for new national parks to protect koalas. Public land must be managed in the public interest, and there is no more important animal for the people of NSW than koalas.

'We again call on Minister Upton to do what the public wants her to do and create the Great Koala National Park'

Ms Upton told Fairfax this week her government was 'committed to first stabilising and then growing our koala population and work continues on the whole-of-government koala strategy'.

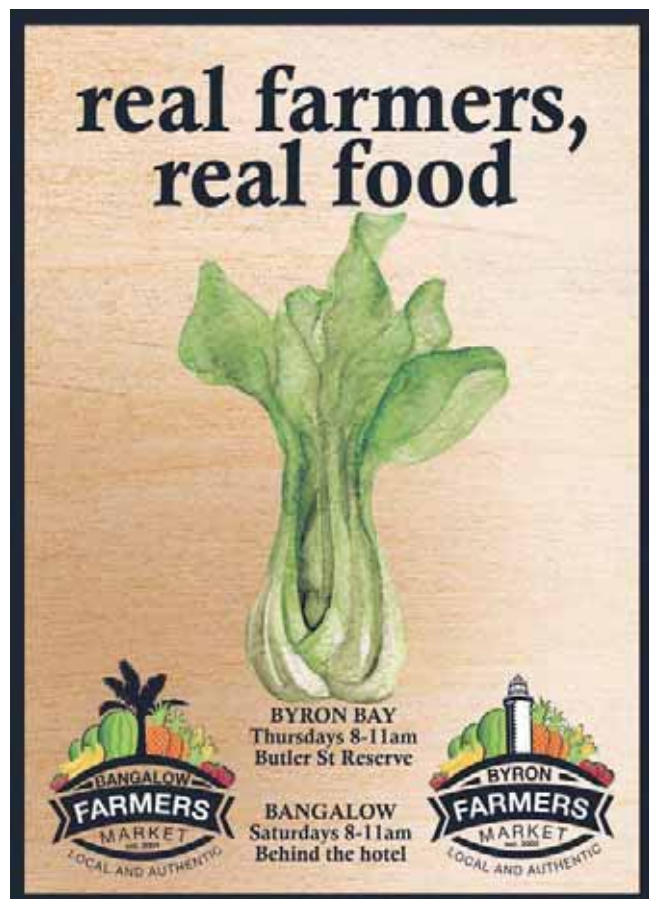
Ms Upton said the Biodiversity Conservation Trust will invite tenders for as much as \$2 million to protect priority koala habitat on private land. Other support includes the Saving our Species (SOS) program and \$10 million of funding from the NSW Environmental Trust to buy land containing high-priority koala habitat.

Online survey

Meanwhile, northern rivers residents are invited to take an online survey to gather information about koala populations.

Residents can record their sightings and thoughts about koalas in the online survey, which can be found at www.northcoastkoala.net.

Those who complete the survey will go into the prize draw for their choice of a two-day break at The Byron at Byron resort or a 2017 iPad Pro.



Macca package challenge this Thursday

Annabelle Hill

The Australian Macadamias Innovation Challenge will be held at The Farm in Byron Bay from midday this Thursday, where competitors Australiawide will submit a range of unique and innovative concepts for newly packaged macadamia products.

Each entry will be judged on criteria including taste, presentation, insight behind the innovation, innovation and originality in the market and key quality attributes.

A VIP function will follow, where local growers will converge at 7.30pm at Harvest in Newrybar for the winning

announcement. Three major prizes are on offer, including two trips to the world's largest food-innovation exhibition (SIAL Paris 2018) and a \$5,000 prize.

The northern rivers is Australia's largest macadamia-producing region, and there is a growing demand for more variety in macadamia products and an increase in supply throughout Australia and overseas.

Pests and diseases

Pests and diseases have caused some longstanding issues for macadamia growers.

With the macadamia nut being notoriously hard to

grow, chemicals are needed.

Measures also need to be taken in order to prevent pests from entering nut farms.

Common pests include Botrytis blight, broad mite, flat mite, flower thrips, fruit-spotting bug (FSB), green vegetable bug, macadamia flower caterpillar and the macadamia leaf miner.

Some possible diseases to afflict macadamias include trunk canker, Anthracnose, blossom blight and husk spot.

According to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), strategies used to control pests and diseases include 'Maintaining an open canopy, or selecting va-

rieties that accommodate an open canopy... it is believed that there is higher pest pressure within darker canopies.'

The NSW government's macadamia plant protection guide also says, 'By opening up an orchard through canopy management there can be substantial reductions in pests.'

Rats can also be a problem, and it may be necessary to set up several bait stations.

The QLD Department of Agriculture and Fisheries recommends keeping grasses short in and around the orchards, as rats tend to avoid open spaces.

■ Annabelle Hill is on work experience at *The Echo*.

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Where did the home ownership dreams go

There was a time, around 40 years ago, where middle-class working Australians could buy their own home.

It was part of the social contract; like in the US, a middle-class family would work hard – on a single income – and eventually pay off their modest home for retirement.

A fair day's pay for a fair day's work – that sort of thing.

At that time, governments would be trusted to supply a stable economic environment for this to occur. But that trust is evaporating quickly across western countries because the opportunity to buy your own home on an average income has all but evaporated.

It's an issue that millennials and future generations will face, along with the dangers of an unstable atmosphere from climate change. Thanks for everything, baby boomers!

Anyway, the left leaning or centrist think tank, the Grattan Institute, have just released a new report outlining how to address the chronic national housing crisis.

It's co-authored by John Daley, who is notable if only for sparring – and winning – complex arguments about negative gearing's impacts on housing with Joe Hockey on ABC TV's Q&A and Malcolm Turnbull via each other's blog.

The report begins: 'Within living memory, Australia was a place where housing costs were manageable, and people of all ages and incomes had a reasonable chance to own a home with good access to jobs. But home ownership rates are falling among all Australians younger than 65, especially those with lower incomes. Owning a home increasingly depends on who your parents are, a big change from 35 years ago when home ownership rates were high for all levels of income. Those on low incomes – increasingly renters – are spending more of their income on housing.'

To address the shortage, the report suggests building an extra 50,000 homes a year for a decade, which 'could leave Australian house prices five to 20 per cent lower than they would be otherwise.'

Other measures have been canvassed for many years, such as reducing the capital gains tax discount to 25 per cent, abolishing negative gearing and including owner-occupied housing in the Age Pension assets test.

Allowing more inner city infill development is recommended, mainly because it's where the infrastructure and jobs are. Overcoming the predictable NIMBY resistance would need a clear strategy, obviously.

The report adds, 'And unless the states are prepared to reform their planning systems, the Commonwealth should consider tapping the brakes on Australia's migrant intake.'

Extreme? Perhaps, but the problem was a result of extreme political decisions over decades, by both political parties, in an effort to appease self-interest and lock out the less wealthy.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Will Adani be Shorten's Franklin Dam moment?

Bill Shorten has finally taken a firm position on the Adani coal mine: procrastination.

The opposition leader tells us that when (not if – there can surely be no doubt of it) Labor becomes government, he will make a decision. And as is almost always the case with our alternative prime minister, it is not clear just what that means.

Shorten has virtuously ruled out tearing up contracts, which removes at least part of the sovereign risk involved in the venture. Instead he has apparently discussed ways and means of finding further loopholes in the Environment and Biodiversity Conservation Act, which may be somewhat more difficult.

Over the years, Adani has negotiated its way through a myriad of objections by various activist groups, most recently the Wilderness Society, and the company has eventually won, achieving both the federal and state permissions needed.

The idea that there can still be more wiggle room may be wishful thinking. But the mere fact that Shorten has been talking about it – even if semi-privately – will give Gautam Adani and his fellow moguls something else to worry about, and of course that was the real point of the exercise.

The revelation came from the philanthropic greenie Geoff Cousins, a longtime opponent of Adani who took Shorten on a working trip (not, in spite of Malcolm Turnbull's attempted put down, a junket) to the Great Barrier Reef and beyond in an attempt to get the ultra-cautious politician off the fence; to make him say, in the manner of Bob Hawke with the Franklin Dam, that he would do everything in his power to scuttle Adani, and he would make it an issue in the next election.

Shorten, no Bob Hawke, has not and will not do so – at least not without overwhelming support in the polls, or at least enough of it to blunt any backlash from regional Queensland. So he continues the line that Adani is dubious but mining is fine.

The implication seems to be that if he can just get Adani off the table, the rest of the Galilee Basin can be exploited without hindrance. This, of course, would be deeply unsatisfactory to the green movement, which wants, at a minimum, a guarantee of no new coal mines and ultimately the demise of those

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by Mungo MacCallum

that are already operating. Obviously this will not happen in the foreseeable future, so for the moment the attention is on Adani, and there are some signs that the conglomerate is starting to weigh up whether to cut its already considerable losses.

The company's normal business model is to work through compliant governments to extract concessions, subsidies and whatever perks are available in order to rape and pillage the local economy – to demand feather bedding to the point of corruption. It has had great success in its native India, but its tentacles have spread among many vulnerable economies across the world. Thus when it cast its beady and greedy eyes on Australia, it assumed that the pattern would be the same.

And at first it appeared that all was going to plan. The feds were enthusiastic: There was a promise (well, at least a wink

and nudge) that a lazy billion dollars could be found for a very cheap and probably never to be repaid loan to finance a railway from the mine to Abbot Point before shipping the coal across the reef and wherever it could find customers.

The Queensland government instantly offered a long financial holiday so no actual royalties had to be paid. The fantasy of an El Dorado in an economically deprived area was promulgated: Someone pulled the figure of 10,000 new jobs out of a hat, a number that has been tirelessly repeated in spite of the fact (admitted by Adani

it didn't really need the money anyway, this should not have been a deal-breaker, and in itself it wasn't; but it was another stumbling block on what was meant to be an untroubled way to an offshore tax haven.

And the anti-Adani movement was ramping up; the company had already deferred its starting date seven separate times, with the prospect of more to come. So there is little doubt that if Shorten was prepared to announce that Labor was off the cart, it would be a serious blow. Cousins certainly thought so, which is why he was putting the screws on Shorten to take the plunge: He has said that if this happened, the project would be killed stone dead.

The theory was that Shorten would not have to explain how or when he would act in government: The mere fact of a well-publicised withdrawal of any support for Adani would be sufficient, and the theory may well be right. Shorten is not yet ready to test it; however, sooner rather than later he may have no choice. Turnbull and his troops have apparently convinced the public that the opposition leader is two faced, prepared to say whatever suits his audience, is devious and untrustworthy and must therefore be rejected by the voters. Shorten can probably wear the opprobrium, as long as his polling holds up, but the hard heads in the ALP backrooms may be less sanguine.

There is an old schoolyard joke that goes thus: Question: How do you keep an idiot in suspense? Answer: I'll tell you next week.

The voters will not be taken for idiots forever. Procrastination may be a tactic but it is not a long-term strategy, much less a policy. One way or another, Shorten has to decide.



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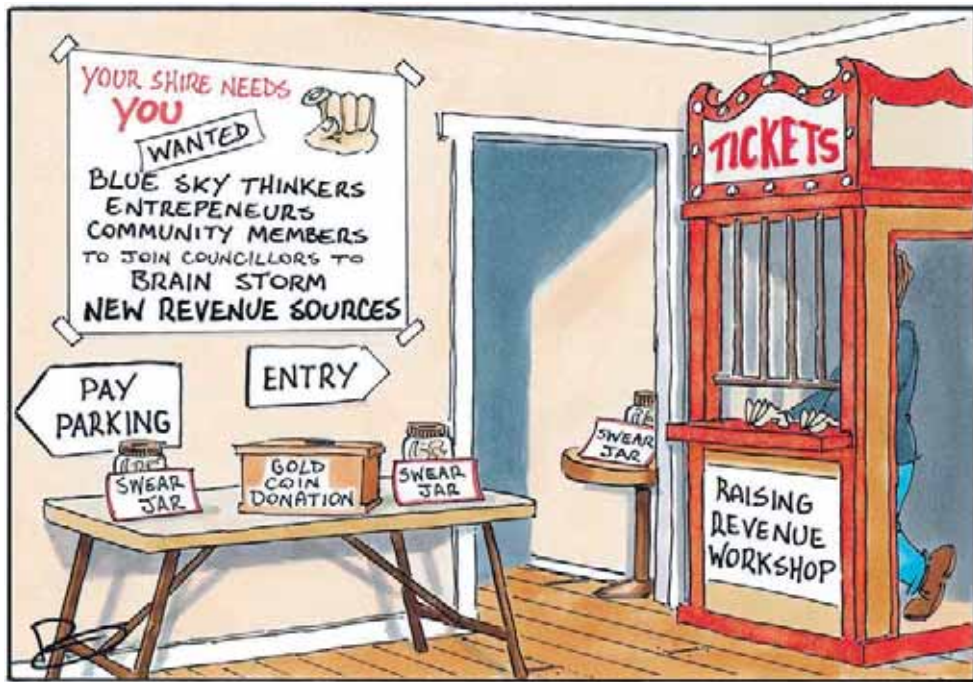
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Echo



Giving the birdy

Am I the only person who can see that the shape of the proposed new megadevelopment at West Byron very much resembles a hand giving the finger, 'The Bird' gesture, with the finger pointing east towards Byron township?

For a quick reference see the cartoon map on page 11 as published in *The Echo* (February 21).

L Kovacs
Ballina

The art of cubby

Council has ordered the Massinger Street cubby house to be removed. 'Public art should reflect and promote the unique character and lifestyle of the region,' says Council. It must be assessed and approved by a 'public art panel'.

One wonders then, if that is the same panel that approved the stainless-steel, dalek-style/robo-toilets that now adorn Main Beach, Byron Bay?

Ron Curran
Ocean Shores

A unique break

Your article *Local realtor in liquidation* (February 21) reports the Unique Estates manager writing, 'wages cannot be paid tomorrow'. Evidently, Unique went broke just before the workers' payday.

The February 21, 2016 article in the Murdoch rag *Byron News* entitled *Chinese eye Byron rural land* states Uniques manager Nicolette Winjaarden has attracted increasing numbers of Chinese investors. 'Some have a view to move to the area long term' she adds.

I wish she were unique, in selling out our country to the wealthy elite of the commu-

nist military dictatorship of the 'peoples' republic of China. But alas, there are others. And what's the definition of realtor? A land peddler with a carnation in her lapel. God help Australia.

Vyvyan Stott
Mullumbimby

Silent on child rape

Fervent feelings were expressed over the Barnaby affair. No fervent feelings were expressed over (or even mentioned to deplore) the rape of a two-year-old Aboriginal girl in Tennant Creek; she reportedly needed reparative surgery in Adelaide.

The Barnaby affair was obviously trumps because it offered political satisfaction while being deliciously salacious.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

The call of capital

My article arguing that capitalism has passed its use-by date, which ran in Mungo's space two *Echos* ago, inspired numerous folks who are doing pretty well under capitalism to announce that capitalism is all-in-all pretty good.

A letter to *The Echo* said I was way more left wing than Mungo. Those lazy enough to score social analyses by popping them into left or right boxes are pretty much guaranteed to be too lazy to read scientists on climate change or to face up to the fact that we are enmeshed in a web of weapons sufficient to kill every one of us several times over. When it comes to sizing up the threats we face, I'll admit I'm far more radical than Mungo.

I'll also admit that these unpleasant, and largely un-

mentioned, facts of modern life are not solely products of capitalism (but as is only right, it deserves most of the credit).

Capitalism's fundamental fault is that its most aggressive proponents base their actions on short-term privatised profit-taking, treating medium- or long-term consequences for other humans, other species, and the only planet we have, as someone else's problem. Most of us are the someone-elses.

Better letter writers called for a program to get us out of this hand-basket we're in. Many millions of people across the planet are working on that, and those who say it can't be done should get out of the way of those who're doing it.

The full text of my Capitalism article is at coorabell-ridge.com or at dailyreview.com.au. The version *The Echo* ran had its tail docked.

Phillip Frazer
Coorabell

Bruns harbour plan

I have moored my marine conservation yacht *Migaloo 2* in the Brunswick harbour for the last seven years.

The current draft boat harbour plan on display at first glance certainly looks more in line with what most of the community wants than the last over-the-top plan.

I and all of the boat owners I have spoken to in the old co-op leased area, however, are concerned that if the floating pontoons get built and leased out to a private company that they will likely more than double the current mooring fees, making it financial unviable for the current local owners to moor their boats in the harbour.

There is also a large ex-

pense to remove existing mooring structures. If additional mornings are needed there is room to instal more poles and moorings for at least another ten boats on the northern side of the harbour and five on the eastern side.

Jacque Parry from the Department of Primary Industry (DPI) said one of the main reasons they want floating moorings is access to the boats and the worry about insurance claims if someone gets hurt getting on or off a boat or walking on an unapproved gangplank.

As all boats must have insurance to moor in the harbour, I can't see litigation being a problem. Surely it would be easier to address these small issues than pull up all the extensive existing mooring structures and construct a whole new floating mooring system that clogs up the centre of the harbour?

Jacque Parry said it would be up to the privately contracted company that won the tender to set the price for a mooring. Basically the DPI is privatising our harbour to the highest bidder. This could result in lots of expensive Gold Coast power boats taking over the harbour and our delicate river system.

I support improving some basic infrastructure such as showers and toilets and adding pump-out facilities so boats can safely remove grey and black water from the boats. I also support the call by many boat owners to have the right to live on their boat where there is no prospect of polluting the waterways and as a way for people to have affordable housing.

My recommendations when filling out the online

survey is be aware how questions are designed to get a favourable statistical response, eg where is the question. Do you want privatised floating pontoons? Fill out the 'further comments' section and resist the privatisation of moorings and building floating pontoons.

Dean Jefferys
Mullumbimby

Bus stop

Picture this: You are a young backpacker, you leave your accommodation to catch an evening bus from the new bus station at the edge of town.

The bus has gone. You wait through the night for the morning bus. You are alone. It is dark, some of the neon lights are not functioning. Nobody else around. Or is there? A man over there, is he pretending to be asleep? Is it

safe to go to the toilet? What do these two intoxicated men coming towards me want?

Tourist bus stations are often sleazy. It is safer to leave the bus station in town.

Neil Buhrich
Suffolk Park

Real democracy

Len Bates's suggestion is brilliant (Letters February 21). Let's pioneer a dedicated Council webpage that lists (succinctly, clearly and in point form) the arguments for and against each major decision affecting our Shire that ratepayers and/or residents then vote on.

The same-sex marriage ruling was made in a similar fashion. Australia was surveyed, 61.6 per cent said Yes and that was that. Currently, a clear picture of each

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The latest world rankings show World Champion Magnus Carlsen consolidating his position at the top but also demonstrate just how difficult it is to predict who his next challenger will be.

The Candidates qualifying tournament, which begins next weekend in Berlin, includes the four players ranked directly behind Carlsen, yet of them only Levon Aronian is a favourite to win the event.

Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, ranked as world number two for the first time, is considered too impetuous to win the gruelling Candidates tournament, especially after the Azeri's Candidates failures in 2011 and 2014.

World number three Vladimir Kramnik is only in the Candidates tournament because he received a wild card to keep the tournament's Russian sponsors happy, and at 42 Kramnik is regularly speculating about his own retirement.

Although Aronian and Fabiano Caruana are favourites, and to a lesser degree world number four Wesley So, it is quite possible

that the winner will come from outside the top 10, with Sergey Karjakin quite capable of repeating his feat from 2016 and Ding Liren a genuine smokey.

For Australian spectators, the Candidates tournament would be a treat were it not for the mid-night starting time.

Chess24.com, having won multiple legal cases against the organisers Agon, are once again staring down the threat of legal action and putting their commentary dream team of Svidler and Gustafsson together. Chess.com/tv, observing a new five minute delay imposed by Agon, will go with the more youthful Chessbrahs team for live coverage.

The official commentators have not been announced, probably because Agon are embarrassed to have their team led once again by the knowledgeable but sexist Evgeny Miroshnichenko.

March 2018 FIDE Rankings World Top 10
1.Carlsen (Nor) 2843; 2.Mamedyarov (Aze) 2809; 3.Kramnik (Rus) 2800; 4.So (USA) 2799; 5.Aronian (Arm) 2794; 6.M.Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 2789; 7.Nakamura (USA) 2787; 8.Caruana (USA) 2784; 9.Giri (Ned) 2777; 10.Anand (Ind) 2776.

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issue is difficult to construct; information and opinions are supplied over a variety of platforms (Council website, newspaper articles and letters, radio interviews, social media etc) over a period of weeks, months or even years. We might read an argument one week, but miss its counter-argument the next. The reality is, there's no such thing as one 'right' answer, or a decision that pleases everyone.

The current approach often results in 'paralysis by analysis' whereas the 'majority rule' would result in efficient, informed progress. A small, knowledgeable panel could oversee argument submissions and summarise each point, secure technology guaranteeing each enrolled participant votes only once. Let's do a test run with this very idea!

Sandy Loyall
Bangalow

Community voice

Please protect our trees – oh, and help with landscaping.

For years our community asked Council to help plant trees and provide some basic landscaping for our park. Instead we had a hideous upgrade of steel and bark, lost our grassed play area, and got no landscaping – at a crazy cost which left 'no money' to actually plant any trees.

Our trees, planted by our local community a few years ago, have been now ring-barked again by a whipper snipper. We have already lost three or four trees in this way, one young Euodia over summer was fully ring-barked and died.

Some help with planting trees and some basic landscaping could have resulted in a wonderful park at a low price. Garden beds would have protected the trees we have planted. The Mia Court park is used often and regularly by many children and a large range of (ratepaying) locals. Please help us maintain it.

Jo Maiden
Ocean Shores

Teacher bonuses

A teacher bonus for getting better results – no. A teacher bonus for more qualifications – no. A teacher bonus for carrying a concealed gun – yes. It's a weird world!

Dennis Fitzgerald
Box Hill

Gun-toting shame

Queensland National party politician, George Christensen, should hang his head in shame.

Threatening Australian

Greens with his gun-toting posting was a deliberate incitement to violence. It should be dealt with appropriately by the police.

It is not a trivial matter. It is one that goes to the heart of the democratic process that allows participants to express their policies and views, without fear or favour.

I am no supporter of hard-line Green policies but I do not support their (physical) removal from the political landscape unless it is the will of the electorate.

The member for Dawson has much to answer for.

Michael J Gamble
Belmount

Propaganda WG3

Working group three (WG3) of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) is an economic think tank responsible for mitigation planning for the greenhouse gases accumulating in the atmosphere and ocean.

WG3 bases their planning on Negative Emissions Technology (NET). This is unproven technology that is hypothetical and generally involves carbon capture and storage way into the next century. Their plan includes the shipping of massive quantities of biomass around the world requiring a shipping industry equivalent to the world's entire present shipping industry!

With changing climates we are concerned about our ability to continue growing sufficient food, let alone extra quantities of biomass!

Governments around the world are relying on this hypothetical technology – that include massive technical and economic unknowns – in their justification of slower emission reductions.

It's just an excuse to maintain the status quo and leave future generations with very nasty problems. IPCC WG3 is a propaganda bureau for the fossil-fuel industry. It should not be part of the IPCC.

We should reduce emissions with the assumption that NET will not work. Otherwise we risk heading for three to five degrees of warming resulting in collapse of civilisation.

Do we really care about our children's future?

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Discrimination

Byron Bay was told that all money put into the parking meters would be spent in Byron Bay maintaining and improving the infrastructure of the town, which is visited by

more than two million tourists every year. A large stress on existing amenities.

The same offer was made to Bangalow and Brunswick regarding paid parking.

After the *Byron Shire Echo* article 'Show us the Money' we have researched where the money has been spent. In 2016/2017 parking meter revenue only was \$2.1 million and more than 50 per cent had already been spent outside Byron Bay. How did this happen?

With the parking meter funds now spent the mayor then stated that Council had decided to give Byron Bay a large chunk of the money generated – 'At least more than half the revenue' as quoted in *The Byron News* 25 January 2018.

Councillor Paul Spooner then moved a motion that Byron Bay receive 100 per cent of the parking meter money that Byron was promised. Council voted to give Byron Bay 50 per cent of the money. So much for 'More than half'. A promise that Byron would get all the money from the parking meters on the Crown Reserve when the law states that all money raised on the Crown Reserve must be spent where it is raised is no gift.

Studies have shown that parking meter money spent where it was raised gains greater respect from the community as they can see where their money has gone.

The Byron Shire as a whole would still get approximately \$1.6 million from parking fines and \$530,000 from parking exemptions.

To create a level playing field for all Byron Shire the answer is simple, Simon: give Byron Bay what it was promised – the same as was recently promised to Bangalow and Brunswick Heads.

Let's have a fair go for everyone and stop the discrimination against Byron Bay

Paul McCarthy
Byron Bay

NCCH: Furious disagreement

Regarding *The Echo* editorial (21 February) 'Furious agreement'.

Your comment about our proposal being 'a lucrative avenue for developers to bypass the normal contribution costs to Council' does not recognise either the role North Coast Community Housing (NCCH) fills in the region as a community housing provider or the reason for the development contribution discount in recognition of the social and affordable housing outcomes on the project as key infrastructure in its own right.

NCCH is not just an 'affordable housing' developer; we are the region's largest community housing provider. We house more than 2,000 residents from Tweed to Grafton.

NCCH develops affordable housing from our surpluses and from private market borrowings and needs to cross-subsidise the social and affordable-housing component of our developments owing to the absence of any government funding.

The lack of clarity you raise around the price paid for the land and Council's negotiating ability is misleading. The block was independently valued as part of the sale process. The valuation was based on the removal of the large fig tree on the site.

NCCH made an initial offer based on the site as one parcel, which Council rejected, as the highest value for the land, according to the valuer, was to subdivide it into four lots and remove the fig tree. We made a counter-offer of the \$1.3M and the condition that we would save the fig tree, which Council accepted.

Regarding the unaffordable rents: Our plan is to have four of the six units set aside for single older people off the social housing waitlist, with the rents set at 25 per cent of their income plus rent assistance. The other two will be at 80 per cent of market value.

Regarding Council ignoring the heritage and character of the street – we made a presentation to Council's Heritage Advisory Panel and have incorporated their suggestions into the final design.

In February Council agreed to negotiate with NCCH to see if Council could receive the value of the land in equity in the project, rather than a cash payment. This would create a 40 per cent affordable housing component.

NCCH is also willing to investigate the possibility of shared equity agreements on some of the for-sale units, to eligible first home purchasers, as a way for them to enter the currently unaffordable Byron Shire housing market.

The fact that we are a community housing provider first and work on the need for low-cost affordable housing in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country on a daily basis, and were able to work with Council should be applauded as a win for the community and not as the loss you made it out to be.

John McKenna
NCCH CE

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Fairly random notes from the Shire and beyond

Phillip Frazer

What Scott Ludlam learned over ten years in the Senate

In this month's issue of *The Monthly*, former Greens senator Scott Ludlam reveals why he hasn't fought like hell to get his parliamentary seat back after he lost it for being a dual citizen. Born in New Zealand, he has been in Australia since he was three, but he should have renounced his NZ-ship before entering parliament.

Ludlam was elected in WA in 2007, the year Kevin Rudd led Labor back to power after 12 years of Liberal PM John Howard. The idealistic WA Green quickly learnt lessons, such as that 'Australia's role in the world is decided in the cabinet room or the prime minister's office with the blinds pulled down'. And the Opposition doesn't fight that because at the top levels they all grovel to 'excruciating lengths' to support US military bases on our land as well as building up our own 'national security state'.

He learnt that Labor leaders keep Greens out of policy-making, and devise wimpy

plans to appease the big businessmen and their Liberal Party, and that those guys are hard to appease.

The best policy making Ludlam saw took place outside the old boys' club of corporate lobbyists when PM Julia Gillard got together with the Greens and other cross-benchers, plus experienced experts and bureaucrats, to design a sensible tax on fossil fuels. The policy, and Julia, then got buried by Abbott's 'bitch-witch' campaign, more Minerals Council money, and Murdoch's media.

Ludlam believes our fundamental political sin, the 'dark, foundational lacuna in our history', is that 'Colonial Australia began as an armed invasion, followed by two centuries of violent dispossession'. Still today, he reminds us, a majority of parliament supports torturing innocent people on Pacific islands, ignores the causes of spiraling wild weather, accepts perpetual war in the Middle East, and approves of rampant global surveillance and drone assassinations.

All this, and the frenetic drudgery of life in parliament, came to mind when a barrister



Dr Sandra Tuszynska checks out her vomiting 'shrooms.

rang him to say he had a document proving Ludlam was still a New Zealand citizen.

He was devastated that his senate career was shot, but he also thought, 'there are many other creative ways to make trouble' and to resist 'our government's ugly drift into bogan authoritarianism.'

Parliament, Ludlam concludes, is evidence that 'we've ritualised the big disputes that in other places and times were resolved with machetes and guillotines; instead we use how-to-vote cards and attack ads with menacing voice-overs'. Now, he says, we must resist the notion that this is as good as it gets.

You may have missed this:

A Queensland mycologist (studier of fungus), Dr Sandra Tuszynska, believes mushroom vomit could one day replace plastics, bricks and certain metals.

She says the mycelium – a white, furry, web-like growth that oyster mushrooms throw up on themselves – is tough, water repellent and fire retardant. She discovered that if she set the 'shrooms loose in a bowl of coffee grounds, they spat out enzymes that digested the grounds 'until the whole thing becomes all white and really sturdy and then you bake it'. As you would.

Dr Tuszynska, who works

as the environmental projects officer at Woodfordia, home of the Woodford Folk Festival, says the mushy goop also digests plastic. That's big, given the world produces more than 400 million tonnes a year of plastic and 95 per cent of it is not recycled. And some Amazonian 'shrooms can digest in the dark, like, under a land-fill.

This fun story is online at <http://ab.co/2Fh6HYo>.

The Bangalow food factory man not mentioned

Mayor Simon Richardson joined the celebrations among careful-progress advocates last week when the development application for a large food packaging and distribution plant on the Lismore Road opposite Bangalow Industrial Estate was somewhat suddenly withdrawn.

That's what an 'informed, inspired and invigorated community can do', he said, then added 'now we must... find homes for those food producers who were caught in the middle of the issue'.

What 'middle' is he referring to? Perhaps the space between Bangalow citizens who couldn't see why the town that sells

\$5,000 leather jackets should tolerate thousands of trucks on its roads – and Bart Elias who was behind the development, who has been linked with John Ibrahim, a Kings Cross bloke described by NSW Police as a 'major organised-crime figure'. Brookfarm and Salumi surely could see those two demographics would never play well together?

NSA boss says Putin has trumped the president

Admiral Mike Rogers, director of America's National Security Agency and US Cyber Command testified last week that: 'I believe President Putin has clearly come to the conclusion there's little price to pay' for having his cyber warriors interfere in America's elections.

'If we don't change the dynamic here,' Rogers added, 'this is going to continue and 2016 won't be viewed as something isolated.' This is a failure even Trump's patriotic backers in Congress find seriously offensive. Trump just tweets 'WITCH HUNT!', perhaps believing that Putin's hackers will be his backers.

■ Phillip Frazer is a dueling citizen at coorabellridge.com.



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1. Victory time with the queen – July, perhaps (6)
4. Chinese delicacies for an English viceroy with a very expensive vehicle (3,5)
10. Red row, prize cat (7,4)
11. Smoke losing 101 fish (3)
12. Arbitrator concerning no charge over the Ecstasy (7)
14. Is French Fitzgerald the object of Pip's hopeless love? (7)
15. Russian author surprised at prison breaks (5,9)
17. Prohibit an article about Hotel 50-99; it's economically and politically unstable! (6,8)
21. Eternal S (7)
22. Grabs back containers of suppuration (5,2)
23. Treetop with each drink (3)
24. In a dazed condition about you, we hear, and Rome – confused? It's an American magazine for women! (4,7)
26. Lays waste from French ship holding a classic city (8)
27. Bring in the French – it confuses things! (6)

DOWN

1. Closet conflict over rising river with British Empire (8)
2. Negative numbers? (3)
3. "Take up small measure of work; I'm English!" – self-exiles (7)
5. Palgrave's classic compilation: one larger study (6,8)
6. Lessee holds a note: come back in! (7)
7. Gale alleges misconduct of smart lawyers (5,6)
8. Successive directions to rising flashy dresser (6)
9. Star of Murder She Wrote irate about unsalable rubbish (6,8)
13. Col followers hooker, perhaps – it's an offence! (7,4)
16. Caught in meals, sinks (8)
18. Sounds like a superior accomplice (7)
19. Peacekeepers gave weapons to double amputees, apparently (7)
20. Settled, wearing a waistcoat (6)
25. Number the Italian – zero! (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Cold season (6)
4. Deep fired Chinese snacks (3,5)
10. Breed of domestic cat with silver-grey fur (7,4)
11. Long thin fish (3)
12. Umpire, adjudicator (7)
14. Anti-heroine of Great Expectations, Pip's hopeless love (7)
15. Author of Dr Zhivago (5,9)
17. Unstable nation heavily dependent on a single export commodity (6,8)
21. Eternal, without cease (7)
22. Seizes, usually a bargain (5,2)
23. Hot drink (3)
24. American women's magazine; also early film by Quentin Tarantino (4,7)
26. Wrecks, ruins (8)
27. Confuses, muddles (6)

DOWN

1. Bedroom cupboard (8)
2. Numbers (abbrev) (3)
3. Willing self-exiles (7)
5. Book of English verse edited by Palgrave (6,8)
6. Come back in (7)
7. Top lawyers (slang) (5,6)
8. Entertainment broken into consecutive episodes (6)
9. British actress, star of American TV series Murder She Wrote (6,8)
13. Illegal method of disposing of the ball in Rugby codes (7,4)
16. Deliberately sinks (a ship) (8)
18. Helper, accomplice (7)
19. Without weapons (7)
20. Settled (of office or possessions) (6)
25. Zero, zilch (3)

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Rail trail grants

The Tweed Shire Council has been awarded \$13 million in matching grants from state and federal governments for a rail trail in the Tweed Shire section of the disused rail corridor. The news has been confined to a few paragraphs deep inside recent editions of *The Echo*.

It would've been front page news if Byron Shire had been the recipient of such grants, and we very well could have been, if only the Byron Shire Council had shown some interest and support for the rail trail proposal.

Instead we've had a lack of leadership and initiative on this issue. The local council seems to be a bastion of TOOT activists opposed to any development of the corridor that doesn't include trains.

The disused rail corridor in our region could be a world-class trail. The failure to make any progress on this issue over the last fourteen years reflects poorly on a council that promotes itself as green and progressive.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Apartheid Israel?

No matter how many sources Dr Vacy Vlazna trots out ('Fact: Israel is an apartheid regime', January 28), the realities on the ground tell a very different story.

I was a senior editor on a staunchly anti-apartheid newspaper, *The Cape Times*, during the apartheid era and I saw up close what apartheid meant and the horrendous iniquities to which black South Africans were routinely subjected. They were denied the right to vote, they were relegated to live in squalid parts of the country, they were charged with 'harbouring' their wives and children if they defied the law and lived with them in certain urban areas, they were incarcerated if caught without an ID and many anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned, tortured and even killed.

Israel is an imperfect democracy – but every Israeli citizen, whether Arab, Muslim or Christian, has the vote. There are a dozen Arab MPs in the Israeli parliament, there are Arab judges on the Supreme Court bench and 20 per cent of staff and students at every Israeli university are Arab. An apartheid regime? Hardly. It's a gross insult to those who did suffer under apartheid to draw such a facile and baseless comparison.

Vic Alhadeff
Cheif Executive NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

Once were wards

Once Byron Council was divided into wards, each ward had an elected councillor.

Their main duty was all about the 'three Rs' – roads, rubbish and rates. Currently Byron Bay is to Ocean Shores as West Sydney is to Bondi.

Regrettably wards were removed and as ridiculous as it is the election of our councillors goes along the same lines as state and federal elections – purely political.

There is no room whatsoever for political party representatives on local councils.

For instance if the Greens want to involve themselves in local government, they should be encouraging their local council to focus on what they do best and that is on purely local issues and not be involved in things outside Council's jurisdiction such as trying to change the date of Australia Day. This is only being mischievous and divisive. Councillors should continue to do what they do best and that is to bring communities together.

So bring back wards and then we would once again have true 'people representatives' on Council and a council who will be advised where to spend their money and not on a Byron Bay rainbow-coloured bridge.

Wilf Sprengel
Ocean Shores

BEV proposal

No doubt many will be dismayed with my belief The Saddle Road/Bruns Eco Village Planning Proposal assessment should be completed. My reasons are threefold. First, the BEV model must be tested as an alternative development and social model. Second, the opportunity to deliver another 80 or 90 dwellings into the housing affordability space cannot be ignored. Third, and most importantly, after seeking affordable housing EOIs and committing to their objective assessment, Council cannot ignore its moral and legislative obligations to complete the process.

My support, however, was far from unequivocal. I said that two additional issues needed to be addressed and flagged four warnings.

1. A thorough landscape architect analysis of view lines, slopes and vegetation must be undertaken to ensure the Shire's ridge tops and slopes will not be brutally disfigured by the sort of senseless development seen in neighbouring LGAs.

2. An assessment of the impact of increased traffic on

The Saddle Road and the intersections at each end is required. (It would be helpful to know the estimated costs so Council knows what it must not be asked to pay.)

3. Concept subdivision layout, road pattern, open space, staging and built form concepts for the R2 and R3 zones were required because town planners' maps and words would not adequately convey what the proponents intend.

4. Confirm the promised affordable housing land contribution in the R2 and R3 zones is to be 'pepper and salted' through each stage rather than segregated onto the least valuable land.

5. A carefully thought-through and well-drafted regulatory framework is absolutely required because changes will be sought if unsympathetic developers see opportunities to expand zoned areas, increase densities or change built form ideals.

6. A draft Affordable Housing VPA that is watertight and defines a staging timetable should be submitted.

I observed that near enough would not be good enough when developer greed overwhelms public interest. The last thing we want is hired-gun lawyers challenging badly drafted instruments, loose VPAs or sensible development concepts.

I read, with some concern, the BEV advertisement that states that the proposal is for 475 homes, 120 of which are in the BEV. This leaves just 355 to be accommodated on the 52 hectares of proposed R2 and R3 land. This is not the 475 dwellings that seems to have been suggested in an 18 December letter to Council. There is a danger, Council.

Developers would normally expect to achieve gross residential densities of around 15 and 20 dwellings per hectare in these zones. On this basis, 355 dwellings might end up closer to 900. (Landcom, the NSW land development agency, states that Gross Residential Density includes residential uses, local roads plus local non-residential uses such as parks and schools. Landcom, not outside agencies, is the authoritative source on such matters.)

Despite well-written planning controls or VPAs, developers looking to buy the R2 and R3 zoned land will expect to achieve accepted residential densities. Some may choose to argue the 'generally accepted' case, take it to the L&E Court and win.

I have been in the industry long enough to believe this could happen and have

conveyed this concern to the Saddle Road/BEV principals. I hope they clarify the dwelling numbers and propose bulletproof ways to ensure proposed limits are not breached.

I believe the way forward for The Saddle Road/BEV Planning Proposal is open, cooperative dialogue and clarity. Council must provide the leadership. The proponents must properly address all the issues.

David Brown
Mullumbimby

Make America great

I fully endorse Donald Trump's laudable aspiration to 'Make America Great Again' and it would be good to encourage and support that aspiration. Doing that could also make Australia great.

The question is how could that happen? America could only now become truly great if it were to take on, with others, the commitment to eradicating poverty. I believe America is capable of doing this; all that is required is the belief that it is achievable, and people dedicating themselves to it.

This would need to begin with poverty at home, but at the same time working with and supporting other countries making the same commitment.

There is the science and technological potential to achieve this. All that is needed is the re-purposing of military funding, manpower, technological capability and armaments production facilities, that would provide the necessary resources without further public taxation.

How would the long-term payback make the investment profitable? Imagine a world with no refugees, no warfare or terrorism, no starvation and suffering, and no more warfare to fear and to take money from health, education and infrastructure programs.

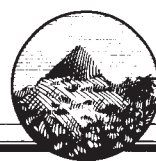
It is easy to see that this would lead to runaway prosperity and abundance for all.

We need a widespread public awareness campaign along with an 'all activists, all out' effort in support of this only logical pathway to addressing what seems to be a never-ending cry for aid for our suffering people and planet.

We've reached a time in human history where it has become all of us or none. Continuing with the same old program, of each for their own, can only lead to catastrophe.

'The Gates to Paradise will only open for all people at the same time.'

Dudley Leggett
Suffolk Park



The end of fun: David Lovejoy concludes the story of the *The Echo's* early years

Thirty-one years have passed since Nicholas Shand dreamed up this newspaper and gathered a band of fellow dreamers to help him make it real. In those 31 years *The Echo* has grown, like a magic beanstalk, far taller than we ever imagined, and it is now a feature of Shire life. Our series on the history of our beloved rainbow rag written by the newspaper's longest-serving drudge, **David Lovejoy**, wraps up this week.

While the drama of general manager Max Eastcott's departure was playing out, *The Echo* passed its tenth birthday, and we marked the jubilee with a fourth awards night.

This was the most ambitious yet, and we shifted the venue from Mullumbimby to the cavernous Byron Bay Epicentre, once the site of the town's meatworks. It was a formal dinner, with awards, entertainment and dancing and we wisely delegated the organisation to Howard Wilkinson, then manager of Santos Healthfoods and a leading light in the drama group the Non-Specific Players.

Our glittering event coincided with the by-election to replace Michael Molloy, the councillor whom Eastcott had bullied into resigning. There was no doubt another progressive would take his seat; the only question was whether it would be Fast Bucks, Tom Wilson or Lisa Christoffersen. Howard and his crew had arranged live links to the tally room and a series of filmed 'vox pop' satires to run throughout the evening. In the end the voters sensibly chose Christoffersen.

There were awards and comedy sketches. Nicholas and I performed a two-hander written by Michael McDonald in which, confined in some future retirement home, we reminisced about the glory days of *The Echo*.

One award went to the recently retired councillor Anudhi Wentworth, who took over the stage to give an impromptu cabaret performance.

That was memorable, but unforgettable was Nicholas's welcome to everybody at the start of proceedings. Resplendent in a baggy checked dinner jacket and green bowtie, he simply walked through the hall, table by table, greeting almost everyone by name. Then he stood on the stage and asked any of the three hundred or so guests to stand up if they had ever worked for *The Echo* in any capacity. As most of the audience sheepishly rose to their feet, there was a collective gasp of amazement, followed by thunderous applause.



Nicholas at Durrumbul Hall getting ready to snap the local area from the sky. Photo Jeff Dawson

Last lunch

A few months later the *Echo* crew, friends and relatives spend the long sunny afternoon of Sunday, October 27, 1996, at Steve Snow's Fins Restaurant on the banks of the Brunswick River. The occasion for the lunch (not that one is needed where Nicholas was concerned) was the visit from Sydney of Sebastian, Nicky and Jane's elder son.

When at dusk the last bottle has been drained and Steve is nervously wondering how he will get the restaurant in shape for his dinner customers, Nicholas courteously bids farewell to each of his guests individually – almost, as some of them remark later, as if he knows he will not see them again.

Late in the evening, only a few hundred metres from his home in Coopers Lane, Nicholas dies in a car accident. The terrible news spreads swiftly and by the morning most of his friends and colleagues are desolate.

But that morning is a press day and we still have to put out a newspaper. In tears and shock we do the best we can. The scarcely credible news on the front page is bordered in black and inside, as if equally emotionally affected, the printer has assembled the pages in the wrong order.

Final farewell

The funeral was held the following Friday. More than a thousand mourners collected at Durrumbul Hall in Coopers Lane as Nicholas lay in state, covered with flowers, in an open coffin which had been built by his friend.

Everyone came from the communes in the hills, but also businesspeople from around the Shire, politicians, ordinary *Echo* readers who felt a personal connection to Nicholas through his writing, and even old enemies from Council.

Speeches were made by relatives, by mayor Ian Kingston, by Anudhi Wentworth and myself, and then the crowd followed the coffin, borne by relays of pallbearers, along Coopers Lane, past the fatal bend, and halfway up a hill overlooking the Shand home.

There a grave had been prepared (with permission from Council) and there Nicholas was laid to rest with a final, moving speech from Sebastian.

The curious thing about

the whole ceremony was that although most people wept at one juncture or another, the overriding feeling was not so much loss but appreciation of the abundant life Nicholas had lived. It was like experiencing one of his exuberant hugs. As one woman wrote in a letter to the newspaper, 'The funeral was one of the best days of my life. Nicholas brought love, warmth and all of our people together. It was like doing a hundred workshops and all being beneficial to the soul, mind and spirit. We thank you, dear Nicholas.'

Challenge of the future

And here the most vivid period in the history of *The Echo* ends. The paper has

continued to chronicle and comment on Byron Shire's diverse, passionate and creative community. It has continued to support broadly Green, socially progressive principles, but not necessarily the Green or Labor parties. It has also, through its extended correspondence section, remained the simplest and most effective way for people to talk publicly with each other about the Byron Shire, its direction, its problems and its triumphs.

For a few years after the passing of Nicholas Shand *The Echo* benefited from the advice of former *Sydney Morning Herald* editor and *Crikey* owner, Eric Beecher, and his business partner, the late Diana Gribble, co-founder of the publishing company, McPhee Gribble. Their input, during the period they held shares in *The Echo*, enabled us to tighten up the finances, conduct ourselves more professionally and punch way above our weight in the local newspaper stakes.

During this period the *Tweed Echo* was started, our second attempt to expand beyond the frontiers of the Byron Shire. Alas, the new paper's birth coincided with the great financial crisis of 2008. Potential advertisers were broke and after a couple of years it had to close, leaving the people of the Tweed Shire to the mercies of the shonky developers and their enabling

politicians, types who seem to infest all beautiful environments.

However, we did find the key to expansion in 2011 when we launched *Echonetdaily*. The paper had always had a website – since 1996 in fact – but the success of Adelaide's *InDaily*, and *Crikey* itself, encouraged us to create an original site dedicated to the news, entertainment and lifestyle of the northern rivers region. While it has undergone some changes, *Echonetdaily* has remained one of the prime sources of information for readers and viewers in our area. And the changes will continue as we prepare a major redesign for later in the year.

Change is the constant of all histories. Some changes may be vast and irresistible, but others are subject to our choices, to what we consider important. It is within our collective will to ensure that the landscape of Byron Shire remains healthy and harmonious.

Nicholas used to give the example of England's Cotswald villages; we can, like the Cotswolds, reject the influx of carpetbaggers seeking to make money out of inappropriate development. It requires from all of us time and effort, unity and constant vigilance, and a committed newspaper like *The Echo* that has remained in the forefront of the struggle since 1986.

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Byron Coastal Real Estate merges with Byron Bay Accom

Twenty-eight is proving to be an eventful year for both the Byron Bay real estate market and the real estate firms who service it.

Byron Coastal Real Estate is excited to announce its recent merger with Byron Bay Accom. After 16 years at the helm of one of Byron's first accommodation-booking services, Grant Hawkins has decided to pursue other interests. Principal of Byron Coastal, Campbell Korff, says:

'Merging the two businesses is a win-win for our clients, staff and owners. Both are proudly local and independent, with a commitment to excellent service. Visitors to Byron Bay can now find the accommodation they want in one place.

I would like to thank Grant for his long contribution to tourism in Byron Bay and for helping make the transaction a success. I would also like to thank Gail Fuller for her



years of service, as she exits the business to pursue a new career.'

The management and marketing of holiday properties is a specialist niche that is rapidly being disrupted by technology and increasing regulation. The merger gives Byron Coastal Real Estate the scale and resources to remain a market leader in this space, while continuing to offer traditional real estate services.

Green? Sustainable? Ever thought of using a co-working space?

The Green Building Centre in the Byron Bay Arts and Industry Estate has recently been refurbished to create four new office spaces on the ground floor. Property Insider is always interested in businesses and opportunities that take a sustainable approach.

The new office spaces are now available for rent to businesses who would like to be part of the centre and work collegially with other businesses in an environment dedicated to green building and sustainable living.

Deb Preston, who has developed the spaces in the Green Building Centre, says there are many benefits. There is the opportunity for gaining referrals to customers from other businesses in the collaborative space. There is the cross-pollination of ideas and knowledge with like-minded businesses and a network of support and inspiration. There are the cost benefits and the benefits to the environment of sharing resources and communal facilities,

to name just a few.

Deb says the space and environment would work well for sustainable architect or building designer, green builder interior designer or any business providing products or services aligned with sustainable building and living.



The latest newsletter from Michael Murray (Byron Property Search) is filled with interesting content, including some useful tips on building a studio or granny flat, his take on the collapse of Unique Estates, and tips for a good read if buying or selling at auction. www.byronpropertysearch.com.au



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FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 2/20–21 Pacific Parade, Lennox Head. Thu 11–11.30am
- 49 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Thu 3–3.30pm
- 15 Glasgow Street, Suffolk Park. Thu 4–4.30pm
- Lot 2/20 Azalea Street, Mullumbimby. Fri 10–10.30am
- 871 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Fri 11–11.30am
- 1635–1651 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 2/6–8 Daniels Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 58 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 6/64 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Fri 2–2.30pm
- Lot 6, 155–159 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Fri 3–3.30pm
- 49 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Fri 5–5.30pm
- 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 9–9.30am
- 94 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 12/21–25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 6/64 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 115 Stewarts Road, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 18 Ridgeland Close, Richmond Hill. Sat 10–10.30am
- 48 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am

- 21 Booyong Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 Glasgow Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 2/5 Kristen Close, Skennars Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 10 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 49 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30–11am
- 18 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 16 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1980 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2/6–8 Daniels Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 15 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 253 Eureka Road, Rosebank. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 600 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 7 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 141 Newes Road, Coorabell. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 451 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 87 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1–1.30pm
- Lot 2/20 Azalea Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 2–2.30pm
- Lot 6, 44 Scenic Vista, Ewingsdale. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 871 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 3–3.30pm

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- 16 Gardenia Ct, Mullumbimby. Sat 9.15–10am
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- 2 Napelle Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 41 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 25 Royal Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 11–11.30am
- 39 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2 Banool Circuit, North Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am

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- 1/26 Lakefield Avenue, Lennox Head. Wed 5–5.30pm

- 10 Angus Kennedy Close, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 2 Short Street, East Ballina. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/26 Lakefield Avenue, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2A Castle Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 45 Unara Parkway, Cumbalum. Sat 1–1.30pm

McGRATH BYRON BAY

- 51 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 14 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park. Thu 5–5.30pm
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 7/19 Teak Road, Federal. Sat 9–9.30am
- 65 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 14 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1 Taylors Road, Eureka. Sat 10–10.30am
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 10.30–11am
- 46 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30–11am
- 151 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 1.30–12pm

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- Lot 3 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach. Sat 9.30–10.30am
- 34 Mia Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30–11.30am
- 29 Rangal Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am–12.30pm
- 11 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 20/2 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 1.30–2pm
- 11 Pottsville Road, Mooball. Sat 1.30–2pm
- 25 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry. Sat 1–2pm

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- 15 Meadows Close, Bangalow

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- 21 Booyong Court, Suffolk Park.

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- 10 Angus Kennedy Close, Lennox Head. \$1,650,000
- 2 Short Street, East Ballina. Auction 24/03/18
- 1/26 Lakefield Avenue, Lennox Head. Guide \$750,000–\$800,000
- 45 Unara Parkway, Cumbalum. Guide \$650,000–\$710,000
- 2A Castle Drive, Lennox Head. \$1,100,000

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- 51 Prince Street, Mullumbimby
- 20 Palm Tree Crescent, Bangalow
- 970 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell

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- 29 Natan Court, Ocean Shores

Auctions

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- 10 Old Pacific Highway, Newrybar. Sat 10 March 10am Onsite
- 15 Meadows Close, Bangalow. Sat 7 April Onsite

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- 7/12 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10th March 11am

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 49 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Auction 10th March at 11am. Guide \$1.6m to \$1.75m
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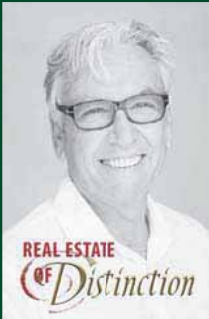


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Northern Rivers

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Vicki Veranese

Alive and Wild

What do you do?

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What do you love about what you do?

The alchemy of working with fresh produce and creative ways to present it, and when I awaken a jaded palate or satisfy the hangry of a carnivore with a plant-based delight!

How long have you been doing it?

Since 2009, rebooted 2017.

What did you do before?

Had a school of consciousness and as an esthetician with Dr Hauschka, a shop and treatment rooms.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

An affinity with the land. It's always felt like home; and the wonderful produce and producers at our doorstep.

What do you have planned for the future?

Retreats and Pantry Boxes. Get our tune-in turn-on drop-out retreats pumping and develop our pantry staples and nut cheese boxes – online and in store.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

Go within, deep breathing, and remember I am deciding my experience, refocus and reset.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Have some substance with your style. I find the most authentic and enduring brands are embodied; they are an extension of the creator, a realised capture of who and what they are. I feel a brand will be evolving as you are, and that expansion happens in an organic fluid way, like water finding its path. Enjoy the journey...

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Here in this Northern Rivers Women in Business feature we are using International Women's Day to focus on some of the amazingly talented women who conduct their business in this diverse region.

As women, indeed as humans, we all go about our lives doing our jobs, filling our roles, finding our purpose. However when we take a step back and look beyond our northern rivers bubble we see a world where in some countries women are denied access to an education or are considered the property of their husbands.

International Women's Day is a chance to check in. How are women doing around the world? Equal pay? Safety? Health? Perhaps having a day that focuses on women gives us an opportunity to assess the situation both locally and globally and ask are we satisfied with the status quo and, if not, what is each of us going to do about it?

Janice Maple

Elders Real Estate Bangalow

What do you do?

Co-principal and licensed real estate agent

Janice is one of the co-principals of Elders Bangalow and as her by line suggests she 'lives, loves and sells' Bangalow. Janice is known within the community for her friendly outgoing nature and this, with her passion for Bangalow and the hinterland, is the reason she is the number-one sales agent in town.

Janice is not just a favourite with clients, buyers and tenants, as her passion for property has led to some serious professional success, including a national high achiever award, being named as one of the top 10 non-metropolitan salespersons of the year in the Elders network and top 5 principal regional gross commission for QLD and northern NSW. Janice was recognised for her sales success in 2017 and 2016 and received an Elite Salesperson Award. She was also awarded #2 auction lister for the northern NSW /QLD area for 2016. Janice has received the rate my agent award for Bangalow Agent of the Year in 2017 and 2018 and her agency, Elders Bangalow, also received Bangalow Agency of the Year 2017 and 2018.

Chances are, if you've lived in Bangalow, you've already met Janice! She and her young family are an integral part of the Bangalow community, and over the last decade Janice has been an active member of the Bangalow Children's Centre, Bangalow Public School, Byron Bay High School, Bangalow Soccer Club, Byron Bay AFL Club and Bangalow Netball Club.

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Dee Driscoll

Lennox Sanctum

What do you do?

I am a naturopath, remedial massage therapist and a yoga teacher.

What do you love about what you do?

I love seeing the transformation that occurs in people's lives when they are ready and open to embracing change in their health and well being.

How long have you been doing it?

I have been qualified remedial massage therapist for nearly 25 years and a naturopath for 10 years. I opened the Lennox Sanctum in July 2017.



What did you do before?

Before I started in my commercial premises in Lennox Head I was working from home in my garage. Also in Lennox.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

I have lived in this area on off for the past 25 years. I knew this was where I wanted to raise my children. Lennox was appealing as it still has that small-coastal-town charm. There was nowhere in Lennox that was offering a diverse range of holistic therapies, unlike Byron. It has always been my lifelong calling to open a multidisciplinary clinic and the support from the Lennox community has been overwhelmingly positive.

What do you have planned for the future?

Lennox Sanctum is planning more workshops and classes in the future. Most excitingly we are working on a community clinic one day a week where we will be providing heavily reduced treatments for people within our community who are caring for people with a disability. If you are carer please get in touch: info@lennoxsanctum.com.au.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I find inspiration in gratitude. My son, who is now eight, was born with a very rare brain tumour, he endured multiple surgeries and was given a very grim prognosis for a normal life. I only need to look to him and my amazingly strong daughter to propel me forward when I feel challenged.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Always remember to celebrate your successes, no matter how small. As women we often look at all the things we need to accomplish instead of acknowledging all the little things we have achieved. Celebrate your wins and successes and prioritise self-care, ALWAYS.

If we do not first care for ourselves then we cannot truly care for others.

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Sarah Pastyn

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What do you do?

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What do you love about what you do?

Connecting a network of people who are interested in home improvements.

How long have you been doing it?

Almost three years. Started as a part-time hobby but we have been able to develop it into a full-time family business.

What did you do before?

Worked in the travel industry. I enjoy the adventure of travel and the new experiences it brings.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

Diversity. Being based in a region heavily focused on sustainability allows us to think creatively to bring some big-city comforts to hard-to-reach places.

What do you have planned for the future?

We hope to extend our network through to the Sunshine Coast and offer the regional population the same opportunity we do in the northern rivers. Family-wise, we are visioning a nice little property for our three young boys.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

The people around me, especially my kids. I consider each challenge as an opportunity for a new experience that in time will benefit our family.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Focus on your strengths and don't dwell on your weaknesses, and try combining that with something you're passionate about.

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Women in Business



Catherine Russo

SHEgreen – Arboriculture and Horticulture

What do you do?

Consulting arborist (tree doctor) and consulting horticulturist (plant doctor) plus manage, maintain and create beautiful gardens

What do you love about what you do?

Everything! I love trees and plants. I love the science of the way they work and the best way to care for them. I love working outside and having my hands in the earth.

How long have you been doing it?

I have been involved in horticulture – retail nursery, garden design, installation and maintenance – for three decades. Once achieving my Horticulture qualifications, I found trees. That was the beginning of my new 'branch': Arboriculture. Seven years later I am still totally hooked.

What did you do before?

Apart from being a mother and all the great things that includes, it's been green, green, green!

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

The tide brought me back home! I grew up in Byron Bay and went to Byron Primary School and Mullumbimby High, moved away to work in the mid-1980s and returned in around 2000. This is where I live and I'm passionate about what I do.

What do you have planned for the future?

Learn as much as I can about trees and pay it forward to my clients or anyone who cares to listen and understand about all the benefits trees pay forward to us.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

Roam around a treed area, whether it be an extensive collection at a botanic garden or a local park. Look, see, touch and take heaps of photos.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Take a big breath, centre yourself, step outside your comfort zone and go forward into an amazing and diverse industry. Learn as much as you can and then keep learning more; ask questions and don't stop asking until you understand; consult experienced people in your chosen field to help you and put your hand up to go on projects with them (work experience); and see, touch and experience things. www.facebook.com/SHEgreenArboriculture

Nancy Evans

Organic Rosehip Skincare is celebrating 25 years in business. It was founded in 1993 and is Australia's original organic skincare company. 'Nancy Evans has reached her second decade of formulating and research development of more than 60 Certified Organic Products. Her business has turned into a dream come true as she has hit the overseas market and is now selling her Organic Skincare all over the world.' *New Idea* 2002.

What do you do?

The Organic Rosehip Skincare range includes organic face care, body care, personal care, hair care, sun care, makeup, lipsticks, nutritional supplements, weight loss, beauty devices, perfumes and much more.

What do you love about what you do?

'It is my passion and visualisation to nourish and rejuvenate my customers' skin texture with the absorption of unique and the most precious gifts ever put together – my skincare works,' says Nancy.

What did you do before?

'I grew up on the island of Mauritius and learnt from an early age the gifts of nature. I was always told by my grandmother not to use any chemicals on my skin,' says Nancy. Prior to starting Organic Rosehip Skincare, Nancy was a bank officer for many years.

'I have always been great with mathematics, which later proved handy for my skincare formulations.'

What do you have planned for the future?

As a researcher and developer I have plans to continue raising awareness and educating around health and skincare.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Love what you do! If you have the passion to turn your idea into a successful business venture, then there is no reason you cannot succeed. Plan, as business planning will give you the confidence to make smart business decisions in the future. Have fun with it and network! Be passionate, stay humble and make smart business decisions. Positive affirmation will bring you in great wealth and a great career. Do your work with love and kindness.

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Deborah Preston

Painted Earth and Green Building Centre

What do you do?

I established Painted Earth to give people the option to choose non-toxic and eco friendly paints and wood finishes for their homes or commercial buildings. The Green Building Centre was developed as an expansion on this to promote other green building products. I've recently revamped the Green Building Centre and created four new office spaces so that it can become a collaborative working centre for businesses associated with green building and sustainable living.

What do you love about what you do?

I love interacting with the people who come in to purchase these products and I love the creative possibilities of using all the different paints and wood finishes and renders we sell.

How long have you been doing it?

Painted Earth has been going for 15 years now, and the Green building Centre for six years.

What did you do before?

I worked as a chef in the organic and wholefoods industry in Sydney, and also catered for retreats at Sangsurya Retreat Centre here in Byron.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

Because it is simply THE BEST place to live and work. The beauty of the natural environment and the community of progressive thinking, creative people here is fulfilling to interact with.

What do you have planned for the future?

Mmm... I would like to find a successor to take over the paint business so that I can go back into cooking.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

Gratitude - for all that we have in this blessed life here.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

I started with no knowledge of the retail paint business and so have had to learn about it as I went. This is very doable today with all the resources we have available, but in hindsight I think some experience working in the industry first would have been very helpful

www.house-paint.com.au

Natalie Cusack

Lighthouse Pilates

What do you do?

I am a Diploma-certified Polestar Pilates instructor, for both mat and studio. I have recently opened a fully equipped Pilates studio in Suffolk Park.

What do you love about what you do?

I discovered Pilates during my first pregnancy and enjoyed the mindfulness of the discipline, while recognising immediately the benefits in my own body.

Following cervical spinal surgery five years ago, I dedicated myself to Pilates to assist in my rehabilitation. I'm passionate about sharing with others how Pilates can positively influence the way their body moves and ultimately how they feel.

How long have you been doing it?

I have worked in the health industry from early in my career and practised as a Kahuna massage therapist for the last 12 years, I have been practising the Pilates method for 10 years and have been teaching for the last three years.

What did you do before?

I left a corporate career in the health industry to focus on being a mum to my two boys and worked as a Kahuna massage therapist.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

We moved to Byron eight years ago to be closer to family and fell in love with the area, the people and the strong sense of community.

What do you have planned for the future?

I plan to continue teaching Pilates within our community.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I'm lucky enough to have a strong peer network and supportive family to help me when challenges arise. I am committed to ongoing education and draw on my mentors' knowledge from within the Pilates community.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Find the right training and accredited course to learn the Pilates method. Also work with an experienced teacher and mentor who can guide your practice and teaching while gaining experience in a working studio.

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International Women's Day

Northern Rivers

The women of First National Byron Bay

All over the world, women are proving that they have what it takes to be successful business leaders, none more so than the talented team at First National Byron Bay.

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have been high-heeled out the door with our office proudly maintaining its position as the top agency in the Shire and the No 1 First National Office in Australasia. While all this is outstanding, our main focus as mothers, sisters, wives and locals ourselves, is supporting our community. www.byronbayfn.com.au



Su Reynolds

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do
Director/Sales

What do you love about what you do?

I love helping people

make life changes which real estate transactions often involve. I enjoy guiding them through what can often be a stressful time. I love working with the people in our team and regularly meeting new people in our community.

How long have you been doing it?
26 years

What did you do before?
I went straight from high school into real estate.

What do you choose to do what you here, in this area?

I love the challenge of this job and if you are going to sell the merits of homes in any place in Australia, there is no place easier to sell than Byron Bay. I love that my kids can grow up with freedom and safety here surrounded by interesting and inspiring people in our diverse community.

What do you have planned for the future?

To continue to question how we can do things better and help evolve our business to a new level and also to travel more with my husband and kids.

What do you have planned for the future?

Simply to put things into perspective and compare the challenges I am facing to this of people facing real trauma in their lives. I find inspiration in resilient people with positive, no-excuse attitudes.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Go for it! Work really hard to establish your career. Be involved and give back to your community. Work with good people who will care enough to offer you proper training and inspiration and teach you the right way from the start.



Helen Huntly-Barratt

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?
Director/sales

What do you love about what you do?

I love the amazing team I work with. I love this beautiful community in which I work. I love this

industry and I love a challenge! I love being a proud member of a number-one team and I love looking forward to the future.

How long have you been doing it?

Twelve years with BBFN; 19 years in real estate.

What did you do before?

I was the area manager, (Mid-North Coast and Far North Coast) for Ray White Corporate Office NSW.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

My family and I would make the 12-hour drive from mid-

western NSW to visit my grandparents, uncles and aunts for the school holidays. The environment left me with a lasting impression and my mind, body, and soul wanted to be here. I've always loved this area. I moved up from Sydney to take up the Ray White job. The rest is a very happy history.

What do you have planned for the future?

I plan to renovate our new home, travel more with my partner, raise a few more chickens, and nurture more successful people in our business... and lose a few kilos!

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I slow down and breathe, access some great brains and experience from my colleagues, find a solution or a win-win outcome. We can complicate the most simple things; often the answer comes of its own accord or organically when we slow down and listen – really listen!

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Be patient. Real estate is a long game, not a short game. The more you put in the more you will receive out; it's a dynamic and rewarding industry. Keep moving forward when it's tough, never give up. Practise 'goodness' – we all know what's right and wrong! Surround yourself with established and experienced people who can train and support you!



Tara Torkkola

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?
Real Estate Sales

What do you love about what you do?

I have made a lot of my closest friends through selling their homes.

How long have you been doing it?

Over the past 10 years.

What did you do before?

I've worked in sales since I was 15 years old!

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

The diversity of our clientele. I've always been interested in the art of selling and I am proud of what I do.

What do have planned for the future?

Continue to grow my business work with people I

love, build my team, renovate my home for my family.

What do use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I learn from every experience and have a knowing that if it was that easy, then everyone would do it.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career?

It's not for the faint hearted! You get as much back as you choose to put in and for me it has been having a supportive partner who accepts the high demand of this career. Real Estate sales is not a job it is a lifestyle.



Helene Adams

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?
Sales specialist

What do you love about what you do?
Connecting with many different people and building good relationships

How long have you been doing it?
3 Years

What did you do before?
Travel consultant

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

I love the byron shire and always have since i was in my teens. I also enjoy being in an environment that is highly competitive, challenging and also rewarding

What do you have planned for the future?

To continue my role in sales. A 10 year plan before i retire in the south of france

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I have amazing mentors around me and i always seek their advice when the going gets tough. A healthy exercise regime also keeps me on track

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Start with the basics. Get to know your community. Keep it real. The relationships and trust will follow.



International Women's Day

Women in Business

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Claudette Martin

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?

Company administration / financial controller.

What do you love about what you do?

I love the challenge of providing beneficial information to partners and employees relating to the financial and administrative side of the business.

How long have you been doing it?

I have been working for this business since 1988, 30 years. I have always worked in the field of bookkeeping / accounting since 1978.

What did you do before?

I was a secretary with an accounting firm for eight years working full time before having my son, had a couple of years' break then became a contract bookkeeper for numerous businesses including Byron Bay First National Real Estate.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

I always enjoyed figures and received a great deal of experience in my first job working for an accountancy firm in Mullumbimby. I was also born in Mullumbimby, grew up in Brunswick Heads. Why would you leave? I didn't.

What do you have planned for the future?

At 56 years of age I intend to keep working and as we all know it is always great to learn something new, which happens on a regular basis. My life revolves around work, family and my weekly golf game.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

I have always had the ability to problem solve over the many years of my career. I have worked for numerous clients and as you can imagine there has always been a challenge to overcome. My tool for inspiration would be the belief that I possess a hard working ethic.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

My advice to young women working in the field of accounting / administration would be to believe in your abilities and listen and learn to achieve the best results.

Megan Chynoweth

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?

Sales administration.

What do you love about what you do?

Primarily I love the people. Our team is an amazing group of individuals, as are our clients and suppliers. I love being a part an endeavour and a team that is recognised for professionalism, being honourable and kind (as well as one that is such a huge success!). Being a Virgo I really like things neat and tidy and in their spots so I do get a secret thrill about having our sales and listing paperwork and systems tidy, and being able to source answers for our team and clients in an efficient manner.

How long have you been doing it?

I have been directly involved in real estate (residential, property management and business) for about 15 years, and indirectly through franchise business sales for an extra two or three years.

What did you do before?

I came up through the ranks in hospitality – mainly front office but a bit of the other departments, and ended up as a lecturer in Front Office Management and Housekeeping through TAFE in SA and Qld.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

Because I enjoy it.

What do you have planned for the future?

Continue my part-time studies, travel more, stress less, and eat cake.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

My husband inspires me – he is a really good person with a kind and lateral though process. He is capable of seeing and sharing many perspectives without taking away from my concerns.

The people I work closely with inspire me always – they make me smile and are able to analyse a problem from many different perspectives. We have an open and very trusting working relationship so I never feel silly asking for their thoughts (even if the concern is not in their area of work). And we have fun.

If I am stumped I always fall back on taking a deep breath and step away from the situation before I do anything. I then highlight what the question is in its simplest form and work from that.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

Stay true to yourself and your core values. Speak up for yourself (when appropriate, not just for the sake of being heard) but always be kind.

Stay away from the nonsense, and work hard.

Always be learning – from formal education to cooking lessons it broadens your horizons.

Take every opportunity to travel – get out and immerse yourself in the culture (don't just tick off boxes of sites to see).



Lauren King

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?

Marketing.

What do you love about what you do?

I love thinking of ways to do things differently using innovation and creativity – a combination of art and science. I get a real buzz seeing the results of an amazing property campaign and I enjoy writing.

How long have you been doing it?

Ten years.

What did you do before?

I was a hairdresser and worked at Philip Johns Hairdressing in Ballina for many years.

Why do you choose to do what you do here, in this area?

I consider myself very lucky to live in one of the most beautiful regions in the world. There is inspiration to be had everywhere. We have a wonderful community and the properties are amazing.

What do you have planned for the future?

Careerwise for me it's delving deeper in the world of digital marketing. In my personal life I hope to earn my black belt in Kyokushin Karate within the next few years.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

Walking. Nothing clears my head or gets me inspired more than a good long walk on the beach with my dogs.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business?

You can't control people but you can control how you react to them. Also, your first thought is never your best thought; take some time out to think and that's when the magic happens.



Tammy Prior

First National Real Estate Byron Bay

What do you do?

Sales Administration and Marketing

What do you love about what you do?

Interacting with a wide range of people, helping achieve their property goals

How long have you been doing it?

4 years at First National Byron Bay

What did you do before?

I worked in real estate in Melbourne.

What do you choose to do what you here, in this area?

I have spent the majority of my career in real estate, to be able to work in a well-respected agency in a beautiful community like Byron Bay is quite special.

What do you have planned for the future?

Building and renovating properties and creating my perfect country garden.

What do you use for inspiration when challenges arise?

My husband, Paul, is a real estate agent we tend to bounce our goals, challenges and inspiration off one another.

What advice would you give to young women starting in your career/area of business? Work hard and you will reap the rewards. Find an environment like the one at First National, where there are many. Our successful and inspiring females in all areas of the business.

Feel on holiday at Byron at Byron

By Vivienne Pearson

The Byron at Byron (I always have to remember to add the *The*) is best known for being a resort for visitors and holidaymakers. But it is also for locals. 'The beautiful surrounds instantly relax you, whether you are visiting or whether you live four doors down the road,' says new executive chef Matthew Kemp.

Matt started at the resort (on the road between Byron and Broken Head) in October 2017 and has been getting to know the vibe and gradually tweaking the menu.

'I don't change the whole menu at once; it's too stressful for the kitchen staff,' says Matt, who is also not a fan of shouting as a kitchen-management technique. He is working alongside longtime head chef Gavin Hughes, who still is the main driver of the resort's strong connection with the Byron Bay Farmers Market.

New local produce is added all the time; Matt's chance encounter with a local resulted in Suffolk Park honeycomb sourced from 'over the back fence' – with a strong possibility the bees are visiting flowers in the resort's own backyard rainforest. Served in little morsel-sized balls alongside serrano ham (a dry-cured Spanish ham), bitter leaves and pickled cherries, the dish is a perfect reflection of the menu – different, delicious and produce focused. When I asked Matt how the honeycomb is prepared, he laughs. 'When nature gives you stuff that good, I don't mess with it.'

This reflects the philosophy of a longtime friend, the recently deceased chef Darren Simpson, who modestly said of himself: 'I'm not a great chef but I'm a bloody good shopper.'

Of course, Matt is a top-class Michelin-trained chef with 30 years of experience, so when he lets the flavours of an heirloom tomato and peach salad 'speak for themselves', there is an art to this. The different tomatoes provided a riot of red-greens, served with pistachios and a wonderful local stracciatella cheese (a creamier version of mozzarella).

Matt trained at The Square in London, then moved to Banc in Sydney before running his own venture, Balzac. He most recently completed a 20,000km 'half-lap' of Australia, kids in tow, before arriving in Pottsville, where he had bought previously knowing he would make the move at some stage.



The New Copper Bar at The Byron at Byron



Chef Matt Kemp, formerly of Banc and Balzac

Before Sydney, he was a UK Essex boy. 'I worked with so many Aussies and Kiwis in London restaurants that I had to come check it out,' he says.

He has experienced surprising reconnections, running into people from his 'former lives' in this part of the world, including with a butcher he worked with in Sydney – Paul Newsom from Jack Sprats – who provides the sirloin on the bone, which has been aged for two months, giving what Matt describes as an almost 'blue cheese' flavour.

Whether you come for this special steak, a special occasion or simply to soak up the rainforested atmosphere over a drink during daily Happy Hour, you are welcome any time.

The Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, 77–97 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Ph: 6639 2111, www.thebyronatbyron.com.au. Lunch, all-day dining and dinner. Happy Hour daily 4.30–6pm.

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Check out the rock at Aquarius

By Vivienne Pearson

I admit that I've been past The Rocks @ Aquarius many times thinking: 'That looks nice but I wouldn't go in because it's a backpacker hostel.*'

Luckily, this story made me walk in the door and I will now definitely go back. The Rocks @ Aquarius is a backpacker hostel but also a place for locals (and non-backpacking visitors).

'We have a huge local following,' says Bel Grbac, general manger, 'including library staff, cyclists, and the 'beach boys', a group of local surfers who come in every day.

'We also have families who holiday here regularly – we see the same faces every year.'

The street-side cafe has a cool, green-adorned verandah that captures the morning sun in winter but stays shady for much of the hot days of summer.

The food is unfussy and good, with dishes such as Ultimate Salad (crumbed chicken, haloumi, olives, lettuce, cucumber and a basil-and-lime dressing) and Atlantic pan-seared salmon (served with tabouli and a honey-and-cumin yoghurt dressing). Head chef is Kath Hobbs, who has worked at The Rocks for five years, after a stint of running the restaurant at the Bangalow Hotel.

Locals and families are also welcome in the more backpackery area** where food is served once the streetside cafe closes at 2pm. There is table tennis and a pool table and, according to Bel, the cheapest bar in town. 'A schooner in our 6–8pm Happy Hour is only \$3.50,' she says.

I have also now discovered a well-kept Byron secret – the outdoor 'backpacker' eating area has a pool that is welcome to be used by anyone eating. The small, resort-style pool is well visible from several tables – perfect for families where the adults want to enjoy a decent-length lunch but the kids need other activity.

The history of the building is interesting. It was the first motel in Byron Bay. 'It was the only fine dining in Byron,' says Chris Schneider, manager. 'Like where you would take your missis to to propose.'

The name comes from the giant rock that was craned in in the mid-1980s in order to hold up the roof. 'The architect was a bit alternative,' says Chris, adding that the rock apparently fell and broke – you can see the repaired split if you look carefully.

Bel assures me that I'm not the only one who has mistakenly skirted around The Rocks. 'People say: "Isn't it only for backpackers?" all the time.' Not any more.

* No offence intended to any backpacker – I was one once, and loved that stage of my life.

** Families with under-18 kids are welcome in the bar area until bed-ish time (8pm).

The Rocks @ Aquarius, 16 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Streetside cafe open for breakfast and lunch 7am–2pm, then afternoon/evening food until late in the bar Ph: 6685 7663, www.aqcafe.com.au.



The Rock. Photo Vivienne Pearson

Margarita March at The Balcony

Balcony Bar & Oyster Co is hosting what they call the town's first ever Margarita Festival this March. To celebrate the traditional Mexican drink, a specialty cocktail menu has been crafted by the mixologists behind the balcony.



One dollar from every Blood Hound Margarita featuring blood orange juice (yum!) will be donated to the Animal Welfare League (who work to rehome, desex, and reduce cruelty to dogs and cats): see #haveadrinksavedog.

The Margarita March Menu features a twist to suit every tastebud with all drinks featuring quirky dog-themed cocktails such as:

The Mezcal Mutt – Monte Alban Mescal, 1800 Coconut tequila, Malibu, lime juice, coconut syrup and toasted coconut flakes.

Melon Collie – El Jimador Reposado, Vok triple sec, lime, cold pressed watermelon juice, agave nectar

Pomeranian – El Jimador Blanco, Pama pomegranate, lime and agave nectar

Chihuahua – Jalapeño infused El Jimador Reposado, Vok triple sec, lime juice, muddled cilantro and cold press cucumber.

Blood Hound – El Jimador Blanco, blood orange Cointreau, Lime, blood orange juice

Now for the purists who just can't go past the classics, there are \$15 margies all day every day for you. Or if you're a real margarita maven, The Balcony have a top-shelf option just for you called The Regal Beagle, which is made with Don Julio Anejo, Dry Curaçao and lime.

More info: www.balcony.com.au
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Puremelt Mullum: 100% vegan burgers

What do you get when an eco-jeweller and a chocolate-making goddess come together with a shared passion for making delicious food, mix it together with a love of all things organic, gluten free, cruelty free and locally sourced?

Mullumbimby's first and only 100 per cent vegan burger place and chocolate lounge! Not what you were expecting? Neither did we, but we're excited! Those of us who have been fortunate enough to enjoy the decadent chocolate lovingly hand-crafted by the beautiful Sarah and her lovely crew at Puremelt, are well aware of just how good it is.

What you may not know is that many of the deliciously rich and creamy creations don't actually contain any dairy. This hidden gem has been low on the vegan radar until now. With a huge range of local, organic milk alternatives for coffee, homemade hot chocolate, dandelion tea, chai, turmeric latte, and milkshakes, a chocolate cookie that some say will change your life, vegan sorbet, of course

the famous chocolate, and now a pop-up burger shop of an evening. What more could you want in one place?

The burger night is kicking off on Friday and Saturday evenings, showcasing a range of burgers that Jed promises will be 'mouth watering and delectable'. With your choice of hand-cut sweet potato or desiree potato fries, the burgers are organic and vegan.

Sarah and Jed say that they want people 'to be able to fully enjoy your meal knowing you are supporting local farmers, creating a lesser impact on the world's resources by choosing cruelty free, and nourishing your body with the best organic produce the northern rivers has to offer'.

'We aspire to do our part in looking after this beautiful planet and all of its inhabitants. We would love it if you would be a part of that too. What better way to help maintain this pristine chunk of Earth we call home than eating organic, ethical, healthy, cruelty-free food?

'The Pure Melt Chocolate Lounge is paving the path for ethical business ideals, and we are so excited to give Mullumbimby the option to enjoy its first 100 per cent vegan burger place. Though we can't do it without the love and support of our community, so pop in and be enticed by the delectable handmade chocolate, enjoy a creamy coconut mocha, or indulge yourself on a guilt-free burger of the scrumptious variety,' they say.

Sarah and Jed would like to invite everyone to come in, meet their friendly crew and see how delicious, easy and affordable eating organic and cruelty free can be.

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Happy Birthday to Brunswick Fish Bar



Jack Wright and staff celebrating the Fish Bar's 2nd birthday

By Vivienne Pearson

The Fish Bar that Jack Built has turned two! The big day was Saturday (3 March), and was celebrated with face painting, balloons, spot give-aways, a 'design your ultimate burger' competition, and lots of quality fish and chips.

Owner Jack Wright had a simple birthday message: 'A massive thankyou to my staff!' he said, although he did also want to thank his loyal customers for their patience during the inevitable surges in demand that occur in holiday towns. 'At busy times, we've had 30 people in line,' he says.

As a thankyou, this birthday sees the start of a 10 per cent discount for locals. And by 'locals', Jack means really local. In keeping with their social-media handle (@brunswickfishbar2483), the discount will be served up to anyone showing the postcode 2483 on their driver licence.

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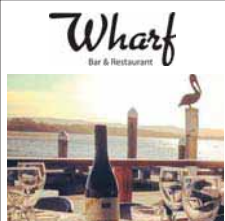


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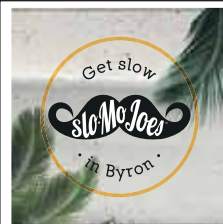
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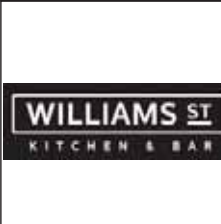
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GETTING THE ANZAC STORY WRITE

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In a call to young creatives the Byron Writers Festival presents writer, historian and journalist Mark Dapin, who has written and edited numerous books on war. Dapin's work has seen him shortlisted for the Mark and Evette Moran Nib Literary Award Military History Prize.

Dapin believes that military history has particular relevance for younger generations because it's about understanding how to stop wars, not how to fight them.

'I am torn really because I do genuinely believe commemoration is important, even though I think the First World War was a horrible disaster and murderous calamity, and the men who fought and died. It wasn't a sacrifice worth making but I still believe they should be remembered from a practical point of view - remembering that the government sends millions of people to war and remembering that government ideas can have murderous consequences. People lived short lives because of political systems at the time. I don't believe it's ancestor worship, but we have to acknowledge the story.'

His research on war writing led Dapin to the conclusion that there were marked differences between British and Australian war writing.

'That deep kind of abhorrence of militarism and war that comes through in the great works of Sigfried Sassoon and Robert Graves barely existed in Australian war writing. Contemporary Australian writing was more directed toward low-key patriotism. The Australian writers settle into a kind of feeling that the war was something to be handled, and when it was over, it wasn't a bit thing.'

In approaching his books Dapin wasn't looking for material that was the most historically significant; he was looking for the best written. 'I was staking claims for Australian war writing, especially from the Second World War. Some was journalism that first appeared in collections and then from soldiers. There were some excellent war correspondents such as Kevin Slessor the poet; Donald Friend the painter kept a diary and George Jonston, who wrote *My Brother Jack*. Even Patrick White wrote a memoir of his time in the army.'



The hero stands strong in the popular concepts of ANZAC writing, but in reflection on the real human stressors at the time Dapin drills down to what it means to be a hero.

'There's a fine line between heroism, madness and suicidal behaviour,' says Dapin. 'A hero is someone in war, someone who puts the interest of the collective before their survival, someone who goes out to dress the wounds of a dying man.'

Interestingly, in his research Dapin has discovered that oral histories aren't always reliable.

'I am hugely sceptical of the value of oral history; people don't seem to remember things clearly or at all. I certainly interviewed people a number of times, especially in subsequent conflicts, and the things that they believed happen to them couldn't have possibly happened, or things they remembered when they weren't present. There is literature around a collective history that tends to become expressed in fighting men where they adopt the stories of others as their own. This is clear, through all oral history in conflicts, in all nations.'

That is why for Dapin it was important to source original writing from the time of the conflict, as reflection was often wildly inaccurate or misremembered.

When Dapin gives his lecture at the launch of *Northern Rivers' Memory of War: Stories of then, told by people of Now* he will also be available for Q&A.

Mark Dapin on the Anzac legacy | Thursday 8 March | 4-5.30pm | Whitebrook Theatre, Southern Cross University, Military Road, Lismore | Free | Bookings: byronwritersfestival.com/anzac



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If I weren't a comedian... I'd be selling my arse on the street corner. No-one wants that. Please buy tickets.

What I hate most about being a comedian... is the repetitive questions like 'Why did you get into comedy?' and 'If you weren't a comedian...'

The secret to finding love... is probably not held by a single man in his thirties.

The thing no-one knows about me... is that I'm actually great in bed. Even the people who have slept with me don't know that.

When I dance... people come to my aid because they think it's some kind of fit or breakdown.

The first film that really moved me... if anyone in your life uses the phrase 'that film really moved me' stop hanging out with them immediately; they sound painful.

The film I love that is embarrassing... *Dumb and Dumber*. It's an amazing comedy. People mock me for saying that but it's brilliant.

My worst habit... is that I don't always finishing my sentences.

My greatest achievement... I went to Bali once and didn't get crook; that's pretty good I guess.

If I were prime minister... I'd root one of my staffers just so I could get shuffled to the back bench but keep my sweet salary.

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FEELING TOEY

Last week I faced my fears. I went to the podiatrist. Her name was Louise. She was very nice. Very reassuring. It made me wonder why I've put it off for ten years.

I don't like showing my feet to strangers. I'd rather show my vagina any day. Toes are weird. The more you look at them the creepier they become. Feet are just unnatural. I know they're a crucial part of our bipedalism, but they're ugly. Bumpy, dry, knobbly. Hairy toes. Cracked nails. Weird growths.

Feet are like the weird porn you find on the dark web. You know it's out there, but you'd be better off not looking. Feet start off good, but it's pretty well downhill once your paws hit the pavement. Feet don't lie. They know how old you are. How you have lived. What you have done.

I sometimes wonder if I find feet disgusting because they're unfiltered. Feet are Truth. It's probably why baby feet are so achingly beautiful. Babies are pure. Their puffy tootsies are like fat silky caterpillars. I want to kiss baby feet. Smell them. I once

imagined biting off each tiny perfect toe. So plump and pink and fleshy. Once those hoofs hit the highway, start sweating in their sneakers, start stinking up socks, it's game over.

I think any person who works on feet is a saint. Mary Magdalene was possibly the world's first podiatrist. She didn't have the luxury of a Danoz Direct foot spa; she had to use her own tears. And hair. If you think about it for too long it's disgusting, because Jesus would have had manky feet. He wore sandals FFS. He spent a lot of time at the markets. He was walking around the desert. Animals would have shat in the street. There was no proper sanitation. Jesus would have had some serious parmesan cheese-styled cracked heel going on there.

But Mary didn't care. She knelt before Jesus and administered quite possibly the best pedicure on the planet. I bet the apostles were unstrapping their sandals hoping she'd do the lot of them. 'Mary's such a giver,' they thought, wiggling their hairy toes under the table in sheer anticipation. But there's only so many tears a girl can shed in a day. Even if it is the heart-wrenching regret of a prostitute.

The Last Supper foot-washing scene is probably the most erotic passage in the bible. Christians harp on about Christ being celibate but he was still a man. I'd reckon there would be no way the dude wouldn't have had a pretty impressive erection going on there. Maybe even Priapus. It could have well been how he managed to rise from the dead later that week. Just thinking about that foot washing would get any man off his death bed.

EL James in her S&M bible *50 Shades of Grey* doesn't come anywhere near the pure unadulterated eroticism of Mary on her knees at the dinner table in John 12. He really nailed the foot-washing scene.

I hope Jesus didn't have toenail fungus like I do. It's why I am at the podiatrist. I have ignored it for 10 years. Hoped it would go away. And when it didn't I painted over it so I couldn't see it. Because that's what you do with stuff you don't like, isn't it? You hide it. Like the speeding fine I put in the bin and pretended I never saw. I knew that my toenail was deteriorating, but I tried not to think about it. I used darker polish. Thicker socks. Until the other day it just tore right down the middle. So that's why I'm at the podiatrist sitting under the poster with all the pictures of calluses and bunions and hammer toe.

Oh Sweet Jesus please deliver me from Hammer Toe. Dear Louise, or Mary Magdalene as I am thinking of calling her, isn't crying, nor is she using her hair. Her hair is cut short. Probably a workplace health and safety thing for people like me hoping for the Hair dry. She has equipment, and she seems unfazed by what I am certain is hideous. She snips away at my toenail with the same ease a farrier files down a hoof. I am tempted to whinny. Instead I whine, 'Will it be okay?'

Louise smiles, 'Yes, it's very common'. Well that's reassuring. It's probably the reincarnation of that kombucha scobie I dropped on my foot almost two decades ago.

Louise keeps clipping. The toenail is almost gone. I can see the nail bed. She assures me that in a few months the toenail will regrow. The fungus will be gone. I am not so sure. All I know is that I have entered the realm of feetal unattraction. No amount of tears is gonna wash away my sins.

In the meantime while my toenail undergoes treatment I am enjoying the unexpected thrill of sending unsolicited toe pics to friends and family. The kids in particular. Be warned. You could be toed.

LIVE MUSIC



THE RAVEN HAS LANDED

Doni Raven plays the Byron Brewery on Saturday and Tuesday at Howl & Moan Records in Byron. He is joined onstage for both shows – world music, contemporary jazz, and flamenco guitarist **Bart Stenhouse**, along with **Barry Hill** on bass, **Fiona Dell** on keys and backing vocals, and **Benji Keogh** on drums.



WOMEN OF ROCK

The best local and interstate artists are coming together this Friday night as part of the Women of Rock music showcase at the Byron Brewery for International Women's Day.

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Sophie Ozard, **Dicklord**, **Spacie**, **Double Trouble**, **Mady Mooda**. The event will be held across the two stages of the Brewery.

There will also be a karma keg with funds being donated to the Women's Resource Centre in Mullumbimby. The WRS provides counselling, support and advocacy to women in the Byron Shire affected by domestic and family violence.

Don't miss out on a huge night of music and good times. Kicks off at 7pm, free entry.



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SUFI MUSIC

Well-known 'local mystic' **Tahir Qawwal** has just spent the last month touring throughout India with his Sufi Qawwali ensemble (Fanna-fi-Allah). It has been an interesting mix of playing music for Bollywood stars in a mansion in Goa, to performing at the Royal Opera House in Mumbai, as well as schools for children, and a function for the Federation for Global Culture.

While it is a point of novelty that the group is mostly 'white', they are greatly respected for their mastery of this beautiful and difficult art form of Qawwali music. It has been a long journey of study and performance for the group over the last 16 years.

Qawwali is the Sufi devotional music of South Asia, the origins of which stretch back some 900 years. Sung in many languages, including Urdu, Farsi, Hindi and Punjabi, Qawwali is a ritualised form of music, which aims is to induce a kind of divine ecstasy in the listener and performer. On 17 March Byron Spirit Festival present *Music of the Mystics*, a night of Sufi Qawwali music and poetry. This is Tahir's last concert before he travels to Bali, USA and the UK with his group Fanna-fi-Allah.

Saturday 17 March | Byron Theatre | Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm | Pre-sale tickets available for \$30+booking fee at www.byroncentre.com.au.



LIVE YOUR VISION

One Vision Productions will be holding a signup day for workshop enrolments and music tuition this Saturday at 12-4pm at their Creative Hub, **4/10 Wollongbar St, Byron Bay**. If you have ever wanted a career as an MC, DJ, music producer, musician, film producer or singer/songwriter this is the place to start learning! This is a great opportunity for potential students to meet their tutors, sign up to courses and check out the facilities available to them, including a brand-new industry-standard recording studio. On the day there'll be performances by Gold Coast's **Emph 'n' Treats** plus sets from local hip-hop artists **Katia** and **Stay Nice**. 'Where we differ from most music schools,' director Mark Robertson states, 'is that we offer a nurturing environment where we educate our kids on the alternative careers in the creative industries.' This is a place where dreams can become reality. Follow your passion and join the One Vision Productions family.

CASH FOR COMMENTS

Daniel Thompson and **Stuie French** are heading to Park Lane Theatre in Ballina on 23 March for their *Johnny Cash The Concert revisits Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison*, performing the tracks from that live album and more Johnny Cash favourites. Daniel spoke with *The Echo*.

What is it about the music of Johnny Cash and the mystique of the man that seems to continue on?

There is a lot about Johnny Cash that seems to resonate with people but more than anything there was a lot of honesty in his music and the stories he told. He was a very skilled songwriter and performer in that he was able to make his music relatable to many different people on many different levels and people so there is something for everybody in his music.

How do you embody the story and music of Cash?

Our show pays tribute to Johnny Cash and his music. I am not up there doing an impersonation of him but I try to approach his songs in the same way that he did. There is quite a bit of aggression required to sing these songs the way that Johnny did. They just don't come out right if you don't put as much effort into singing them as he did, so it can be quite exhausting after two hours onstage.

Do you emulate his voice and his look or is it more than that?

I do try to emulate his voice and his look as much as I can but there is a bit more to it. In performing his songs, it helps to understand where he was coming from, why he was saying what he was saying. Fortunately there have been many biographies written and there is lots of footage and documentaries about him and I have watched countless hours of footage and read a lot in order to get to know him.

How do audiences respond to your show?

We always get a really enthusiastic response to our shows and this new show is no exception. Audiences are really loving hearing the *At Folsom Prison* album performed live. In the past I've had people come up to me in tears at the end of a performance because they loved the show so much. It's really rewarding when that happens.

This show revisits the Folsom Prison. What songs are featured?

We are performing the *At Folsom Prison* album track for track as it was released in 1968. It leads off with *Folsom Prison Blues* and also features *I Still Miss Someone*, *Cocaine Blues* and *Jackson*.

The second set is a selection of Cash hits and favourites including *I Walk The Line*, *A Boy Named Sue* and *Ring of Fire*.

The Johnny Cash catalogue is enormous and there are so many great songs that we are able to feature in our show.

One of my favourite songs is *Why I Wear Black*. Do you think he gave a social conscience and more of a leftie feel to country music, which usually aligns itself as middle of the road and right wing?

In many ways he most certainly did. The song *Man in Black* spells out exactly what he was all about. He stood up for things when it wasn't popular to do so and he gave a voice to minorities who didn't have a voice of their own. He used his fame to draw attention to things that he thought were not right and wasn't afraid of the consequences. This is one of the greatest things about Johnny Cash. He was doing all of this in the early 1960s, long before anybody else was.

Cash is the ultimate outsider. Why do you think people resonate with that?

I think all of us feel like outsiders at some point in our lives. As I mentioned earlier,

Cash had an amazing ability to make his music relatable to many different people on many different levels. I relate to a particular song in one way and someone else might get something completely different out of it... He was a very skilled songwriter and artist in that way and I think that's why so many people of all ages and from all walks of life love Johnny Cash.

What is your favourite part of the Cash story?

There is so much. He was an amazing man and an incredible artist. After a lifetime of making music and at 70 years of age he released his cover of the Nine Inch Nails song *Hurt*. It was a stunning cover of an extremely powerful song that really struck a chord with a younger audience; 18-year-olds still buy that song to this day, 15 years later. There are not a lot of 70-year-olds who can put out a record that resonates with people like that.

That is just one of the many many stories that I love but there is so much more to the Cash story.

Do you have a June Carter?

Yes we do. Queensland-based singer/songwriter Rebecca Lee Nye joins us to sing *Jackson*, as well as some of the the other Johnny and June classics. She's fantastic!

What should we expect for your show in Lennox?

All of the above and more. There are some great stories that go with the songs as well as the *At Folsom Prison* album. We'll talk a bit about that and of course try and bring to life Johnny Cash and his music with the amazing musicians whom I get to share the stage with.

Daniel Thompson and Stuie French present *Johnny Cash the Concert* on Friday 23 March at Park Lane Theatre in Lennox. Tickets on Trybooking.com or call 6687 6291.

SINGING UP A STORM

If singing up a storm is your idea of a great Sunday afternoon, set aside 18 March for a sumptuous Spanish singing session with choir director extraordinaire **Jessie Vintila**. Journey in song through the rolling green hills of northwestern Spain, get a bit tiddly with some rollicking Galician drinking songs, and some classic folk and bluegrass will

be thrown in for good measure. It's a great opportunity to sample the musical aspect of Sing the Camino, the singing walking adventure that Jessie leads every year, a filled-to-the-brim bucket-list experience on the ancient pilgrimage trail in northern Spain.

Jessie's four Raise the Roof choirs across the northern rivers now number more than 100 people. She shares her love of harmony singing with regular workshops around New Zealand and Australia, and this year, along

with tour manager Emma Royle, will embark on a new Sing the Camino adventure tour on the Camino Portuguese.

Sunday 18 March | 2.30-5.30pm | St Kevin's Hall, Bangalow | \$25 earlybird, \$30 from 16 March or at the door | Tickets at www.singthecamino.com | No Spanish or singing experience needed | All are welcome.

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SUNDAY SAFARI

The past few months have been hot and steamy, with Sunday Safari showcasing a huge bill of incredible artists such as **Tiga, Patrick Topping, Jack River, Motez, Set Mo, MK and Touch Sensitive**, to name a few.

Hard acts to follow indeed, but Sunday Safari has done it again as they bring us internationally acclaimed disco vigilante himself, **Late Nite Tuff Guy**.

Prowling the neon streets on a mission to reclaim the clubs and fuck shit up, Late Nite Tuff Guy (LNTG) comes from a strong background of techno and soul. With thumping edits such as I Get Deeper, LNTG's cuts are already classics in their own right, deftly reworking vintage disco and soul tunes into modern clubbing wonders and proving that LNTG is an alchemist of dance music. He is tuff, but he's a lover too. The only thing he fears now is a warm-up DJ playing 140 BPM, and the only thing you should fear is missing out on him.

Supporting this legend in disco is our local disco shamans, **Somerville & Wilson**, Lismore's biggest sonic export. Meeting through mutual friends in late 2011, **Richard Somerville** and **Craig Wilson** quickly realised that they had a strong mutual love for a wide variety of musical tastes across the dance spectrum including a massive passion for Nu Disco and House. Blending a love of old-school vibes with modern textures and flavours, these boys are certainly onto something special.

Pro surfer/DJ hybrid **Dimity Stoyale, aka Shimmy Disco**, (is there anything she can't do?) is on board, as well as the beloved Safari DJs and some very special guests.

Sunday at the Beach Hotel | Presale tickets start from \$15, available from sundaysafari.com.au, Mr Simple and the Beach Hotel Bottle Shop.

FREE MUSIC WRITING WORKSHOPS

The first of the APRA AMCOS songwriting masterclasses for 2018 kicks off on 15 March with **Shellie Morris**, Australian singer/songwriter formerly of the **Black Arm Band**. Shellie Morris will be giving a songwriting masterclass in the Contemporary Music Program in Session 1.

Proud Yanyuwa and Wardaman woman Shellie Morris is a multi-award-winning singer/songwriter creating and singing in around 17 Australian Aboriginal languages.

Shellie was the 2014 Northern Territory Australian of the Year, the 2014 NAIDOC National Artist of the Year, a multiple winner of the Deadly award and a driving force of the acclaimed album *Ngambala Wiji li-Wunungu* and the internationally award-winning musical documentary *Prison Songs*.

While she has been in the spotlight over the years for involvement with Black Arm Band, ARIA nominations, Music Australia award and GR Burarrawanga Memorial Award, by and large she works on the ground empowering and gently effecting change.

Her Songwriting Master Class is at 10am-2pm on Thursday 15 March | Studio One29 | Southern Cross Uni | Free.

The following month on 5 April features Harry James Angus (Cat Empire).



BLUESFEST BYRON BAY HAS TAKEN HOME SILVER AT THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARD FOR BEST MAJOR FESTIVAL AND EVENT AT A CEREMONY IN PERTH ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

The festival has enjoyed recognition in Australia and in the US over the past months. In November 2017 Bluesfest was honoured with an admission into the NSW Tourism Hall of Fame after winning Best Major Festival & Event at the NSW Tourism Awards three times in a row. Bluesfest was also nominated for the sixth time in a row at the Pollstar Awards for International Festival of the Year and received the Keeping the Blues Alive Award from The Blues Foundation in Memphis Tennessee. And it's this commitment to presenting talent from around the world, across genres and demographics, that has kept the festival on the global best fest radar.

One of the acts Bluesfest is presenting this year is Darwin-based rhythm and blues,

BAKER'S BLUES

soul and beats singer/songwriter **Caiti Baker**. Some have said she's our Amy Winehouse. It's a comparison she gets a lot, and still finds flattering.

'I would put her as a contemporary in that I've been listening to her music since Frank. I'm much less jazzy, I guess, in aesthetics when it comes to music. I was more on the blues side, and I guess I still am, but I've always absolutely loved her, and I've loved the aesthetics that she's put together with jazz and hip-hop. I guess it's maybe a similar dynamic in what I've done with blues, but her voice is, and her presence and her phrasing, and everything about her is ... It's a great loss that it's no longer present in the world. But yes, thank you, it is super flattering. I don't personally see it, but ... Yeah. I don't know what to say, really. Just humbled by it.'

Blues is in Caiti Baker's blood. In fact she says, 'I exist because of blues music.'

'My father's a blues musician, and he met my uncle, my mum's brother, in bands, and they used to play together, so I came about through the Adelaide blues music scene. I was based in blues, and soul, and rock'n'roll, and gospel and country blues as a baby, and didn't really listen to anything else other than that until I kinda discovered hip-hop, and pop, and R&B, and new jack swing in my late primary-

school times, and from there moved to Brisbane from Melbourne. Adelaide, sorry, oh my goodness. I'm in Melbourne right now. I moved from Adelaide to Brisbane, and I discovered a hip-hop and R&B show on a community radio show on 4ZZZ, and got heavily into everything from Lauryn Hill to Wu-Tang Clan, Leela James, and on the flipside also really loved the music and work of Fiona Apple and Cat Power, and more indie, kind of soul-based, I guess, pop and rock artists. That's where my melting pot of influences kinda stems from. Our families used to drive to the Byron Bay Bluesfest, and as a kid I slept in the car waiting for them to finish. Can't really do that any more. Times have changed.'

They sure have; now she's playing at Bluesfest.

Baker's story is one of pleasure and pain, music and art, trauma and struggle. In just three years she's produced an album, dealt with chronic fatigue and been diagnosed bipolar.

'One of the good things about music is the release. It's therapy. It's something I wouldn't know how not to do.'

The talented Caiti Baker is one act you need to make sure you catch this year at Bluesfest.

For tickets and program info go to www.bluesfest.com.au.

HELL, WHISKEY & HARLEYS

Ocean Shores Tavern are gearing up for their big **Harley Davidson giveaway** this month. Be there for the draw on Friday night when Gold Coast duo **Hell & Whiskey** play. Combining the soul of old delta blues with the high energy of 50s rock'n'roll, Hell & Whiskey span a multitude of genres while keeping to their signature dusty style. Dick's whiskey-laced voice and desert harmonica mashed with Benny's blistering lead and glass-shattering falsetto make this band's sound timeless and unique. Playing together since 1999 in various acts, their improvisational skills and professionalism are second to none. From their purpose-built foot-drum kit to their sharp getups to their old-school sound, everyone always leaves a Hell and Whiskey show with a shuffle in their step and the blues in their soul.

Ocean Shores Tavern from 8pm.

MUSIC FROM UTERO TO YOU



Byron Music Society's next concert **Lullabies for Zander by Muses Trio** features a world premiere of a piece (trio) inspired by Byron Bay Natalie Williams, proudly commissioned by local arts lover and supporter Vicki Brookes (of Gretel Farm).

The concert will be preceded by Byron Music Society's 2018 concert series launch, a free event upstairs at Byron Theatre at 1.30pm. Lullabies for Zander is a musical portrait for pianist **Therese Milanovic's** firstborn, Zander, who arrived in July 2017. While immersed in utero, Zander was also immersed in an intensive residency at Bundanon with Muses and members

from Vulcana Women's Circus, and preparation for a program of brand-new trios for the inaugural Creative Women in the Arts Conference (ACU), at which the Muses performed as Ensemble in Residence when Zander was only four weeks old. The power of being surrounded by this music in the womb was such that he peacefully slept whenever Therese played piano, not only throughout the pregnancy. Interestingly, this particular repertoire calmed him to slumber during subsequent rehearsals and performances on the outside.

While some babies slumber to nursery rhymes or white noise, Zander's dreams in the womb and beyond were coloured with the sounds of brand-new music by Australians Nicole Murphy, Elena Kats-Chernin and Hilary Kleinig, and music of the past by Clara Schumann, a lullaby by Rebecca Clarke, and a cradle song by Luise Adolpha le Beau.

Meanwhile, brand-new compositions for the Muses were gestating; a minimalist work by Natalie Nicolas, who is part of the exclusive Women Composers' Development Unit at Sydney Conservatorium, and a new trio inspired by Byron Bay by Natalie Williams, proudly commissioned by local arts lover and supporter Vicki Brookes. Byron Theatre on Sunday at 3pm.

BEST JAZZ IN THE GALAXY

Galaxy Jazz Band, formerly known as the Northern Rivers Big Band, will be appearing in concert at the Ballina RSL this Sunday.

The lineup will still be a large band by most standards, comprising around 14 members, including vocalists **Kristian Keogh** and the fabulous **Kristina Kelman**.

Musical director **Royden Ainsworth** on alto sax and clarinet, shares with us his vast experience.

The play the Ballina RSL on Sunday at 2pm with doors at 1pm | Tickets are \$15 at the club. ballinarsl.com.au.



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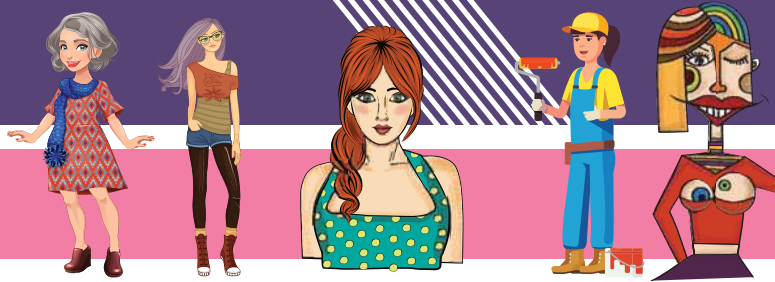
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BYRON GETS RAW

Last month **Arna Rogers** from No Frills, the band with a huge online following and national success on *X Factor*, showed that she has still more untapped talent when she took out first place at the RAW Comedy heat in Mullumbimby last month and will be heading north to Brisbane for the state final later in March. There is still one more local heat for up-and-coming comedy talent in this nationwide search by **Melbourne Comedy Festival** for future comedians. Once again 16 new and emerging comedians with their sights set on super-stardom, or at least 15 minutes of fame – or perhaps shame – line up for what is sure to be a night of spills, thrills, but this time **No Frills!** Headed up by comedian **Mandy Nolan**, RAW comedy heats are always brilliant fun with the comedians on the night really upping their game but delivering routines that are always a few notches above their usual standard! Judges on the night are comedian **Ellen Briggs**, **Paul McMahon**, and one-time comedian and comedy lover, ABC radio's newsman **Bruce McKenzie**.

So be part of the fun and cheer your local comics on – with one of the winners going through to the Qld state final!

Who knows – you could be witnessing the birth of a comedy genius. Or you could just be a little bit pissed!

RAW comedy with MC Mandy Nolan | Byron Services Club | Monday 8pm | Doors at 7pm | \$15 | Tix at the door or online at mandynolan.com.au.

HEART FOR FUKUSHIMA

Sunday 11 March 2018 is the seventh anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear disaster that continues to spew radioactivity into the water, land and air, threatening not just Japanese citizens but the global community.

The **Channon Market** will see a day of action, speakers, music and art focusing on Fukushima and what we can do about this dire situation.

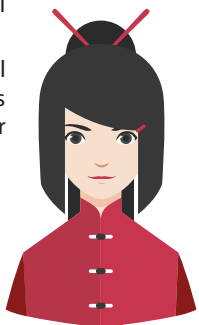
Activist from **Fukushima**, Toshiko Okada, will speak on the issues affecting Fukushima residents. Toshiko is a member of a citizens' group that is fighting to enact the Chernobyl Law in Japan, so the Japanese government can provide continuing support to all those who have been evacuated owing to radiation issues.

Standup comic **S Sorrensen** will MC a day-long program, featuring Kirtan by **Mico Sundari**, **Shivam Rath** and **Armando Ornano**, young performers from Nimbin and Byron, **Bo Kaan**, flamenco guitarist **Bart Stenhouse**, **Dinkum Bohos**, Japanese reggae artist **JT Rastasamurai**, Latin grooves by **Passando**, Brazilian diva **Priscila Rios**, Welcome to Country and a big drum up.

There will also be an art show, featuring the work of **Masami Nakagawa** – who combines healing and readings with art – and local artists, including Manga artist **Nozomi Yamashita** and Lismore TAFE student **Tien Winston**, with all artwork available for sale.

A magic hat will be passed around with all proceeds from the art show and donations going to Japanese NGO Citizens' Network for Evacuation from Radiation.

The day starts at the Rainbow Chai Tent at 10am. At 12 noon there will be a march around the market to protest the inaction of governments over the Fukushima crisis.



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PEEPSHOW

Circa's **Peepshow** will have its world premiere at **NORPA** before heading overseas to perform at the Underbelly Festival in London for three months followed by a six-month European season. *Peepshow* is described as a seductive dance through the hall of mirrors that is the imagination.

Thursday 22 March till Saturday 24 March | Lismore City Hall | Tickets on www.norpa.org.au.



STORIES ON CREATIVITY

This Sunday **Stories in the Club: Drawn from Life** invite tellers on the theme of creativity. Presenters are **Simone O'Brien**, **Suvira McDonald**, **Oonagh omZUna**, **Charlie Starret** and **Jenni Cargill-Strong**. Each teller gets 8–10 minutes and stories can be factual, fictional or factional – which is a blend of the two. Simone O'Brien, former creative director of Spaghetti Circus, will tell a tale of Con Calleano, a local Aboriginal man who became the world's most famous tightwire artist and the inspiration behind social circus project Cirque du Coraki. Suvira McDonald is a longtime resident of the Shire and is a practising sculptor and potter. He is also a founding member of Creative Mullumbimby, who are currently overseeing the Mullum Sculpture Walk. He will tell of how the sculpture walk came to be and where it is headed. Love CLUB founder, host and Floetic MC Oonagh omZUna is an improvised poet, presenter and performance activist whose back catalogue includes a memorable nude talk on body consciousness at the Sydney Opera House. She will share a funny/poignant tale of triumphant public humiliation, land and creativity, featuring her good self, DaDaTree (Daavid Allen, GONG) and Elliot Mackrell (Kangaroo Moon).

Charlie Starrett is an experienced award-winning Toastmaster, who was for two years their international director. Currently he runs Sacred Attraction events and workshops for both men and women looking for their ideal partner. His beloved, Kageni, told a story in November.

Jenni Cargill-Strong, who curates the event, is a professional storyteller and teaches storytelling (a unit her friend Susan Perrow wrote) at Southern Cross University, will also tell a tale on the theme.

Sunday | 3.30pm for a 4pm start | Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Dalley Street | Entry by suggested donation of \$10 | Stories end by 5pm.

GRACE JONES: AN ENIGMA

I saw her at Bluesfest a few years ago. I couldn't believe the energy she had. I was guessing she was 70. Strong, flexible, energetic, powerful. I started wondering if **Grace Jones** wasn't in fact from another planet. She certainly doesn't age like we do down here. The Brunswick Picture House are presenting *Grace Jones: Bloodlight and Bami*, an electrifying journey through the performance, private and public worlds of pop cultural icon Grace Jones. Jones's bold aesthetic echoes throughout the film as director **Sophie Fiennes** creates a powerful cinematic experience, contrasting musical sequences with intimate personal footage and reaching beyond the iconic mask.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday | 5pm.

CORNY COMEDY

Fundraising is vital for the survival of rural halls. Maintenance and insurance on these old buildings is very costly and ongoing. The income from fundraising is often the only way communities can meet the halls' financial obligations. At Corndale, comedy has been an integral part of this process for many years.

After some time away, **Jonathan Atherton** is back in Australia performing for us, after spending some eight years establishing, developing, and encouraging standup comedy in Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia.

In countries where free speech may not be as freely accepted as it is here, comedy provides a way, even if it is a bit edgy, for ideas and values to be exchanged.

Jonathan has selected a fantastic cast for the return of comedy to Corndale. Jonathan himself will be performing, along with headliner **Peter Berner** ably supported by **Mandy Nolan** and several others.

The comedy night is to be held on Saturday, starting at 7.30pm. Entry is \$30. Intermission supper provided. Around halftime, there is an open microphone, with a golden drinking voucher (\$50 note!) for the winning joke from members of the audience. Comedy returning to Corndale Hall will be keenly anticipated. Book now, for a great night of fun and laughter. Come along and be part of it all.

TALKING THROUGH HIS TEDDY

International comedy star **David Strassman** will have audiences in stitches with his hilarious brand-new show *iTedE*. *iTedE* is an uproarious take on our technology-laden lives. The sharp-tongued Chuck Wood and loveable Ted E Bare have been thrust into the world of social media, constantly on their iPads and iPhones, not interacting with the real world. With everyone connected to the internet 24/7, will Strassman get them back under control?

Combined with cutting-edge lighting and jaw-dropping production, Strassman and his well known puppet characters will bring mayhem and theatrics to a set designed by one of New York's most renowned stage designers, Luke Cantarella.

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CINEMA REVIEWS BY JOHN CAMPBELL



RED SPARROW

In *From Russia With Love* (the novel), Tatiana Romanova was a ballerina in Leningrad before joining the Russian Secret Service, whereupon she was trained as a siren to seduce and execute James Bond. If not a conscious homage to Ian Fleming, this movie has a striking parallel in the character of Dominika (Jennifer Lawrence),

whose mission, after a career-ending accident onstage at the Bolshoi, is to get into the sack with Nate (Joel Edgerton), an American spook, and discover through him the identity of a mole in the Kremlin. There is also a heavy dose of Flemingesque sadism in the murder and torture scenes plus, as a bonus for old-time fans of the genre, nudity that never made it into theatres when Albert Broccoli first took Bond from the page to the screen. As spy flicks go, this one is timeless in that there is no political context framing the narrative – not even a mention of Putin, other than as ‘the President’. It is purely and simply a Cold War drama, with the Ruskiies as the evil megalomaniacs versus the West. Shot on location in Moscow and Budapest, and featuring lavish tea-rooms, grand hotels

and a public indoor pool, the plot doesn’t get underway until after Domenika has finished her training as a whore under the guidance of the grim Matron (Charlotte Rampling). It’s a voyeuristic and (depending on your tastes) ugly sequence that has more to do with catering to pornographic fetishes than developing story and character, but it will get bums on seats. The morality is intensely anti-Russian – Nate is a saint compared to his opposites – and the script gets tricky at times. Lawrence is up against it, but she prevailed in *The Hunger Games* so you know that the gal is made of the right stuff – and she is drop dead gorgeous as a platinum blonde. But overall it’s just more grubby sexploitation pretending to be empowerment, but the sting in the tail is okay.



FILM STARS DON'T DIE IN LIVERPOOL

Gloria Grahame is not exactly a household name, but in 1952 she won an Oscar as best supporting actress for her performance in *The Bad and the Beautiful*. By 1981, when this film begins, she was just another faded American star, working on the stage and reduced to doing her own makeup (it’s a beautiful opening scene, with Gloria sitting in front of the mirror in her dressing room, accompanied by the piano from Elton John’s *Song For Guy*). By this time she was also critically ill with cancer. When the disease brings her down, she calls on the last love of her ‘colourful’ life, Peter, a younger man whom she met two years earlier in London, to look after her. Annette Bening and Jamie Bell are perfectly believable as the odd couple, but I struggled throughout to feel much sympathy for Gloria – in fact, I didn’t like her. Everybody has a sob story and hers is neither more nor less unfortunate than a million others, but we are meant to care deeply because she is sad that the passage of time has caught up with her and she is no longer in the limelight and making movies with Humphrey Bogart. Why Peter fell for her is not clear, for Gloria is voraciously needy and self-centred – to the point that she would quite happily let Peter’s parents cancel a trip to Australia for a family reunion so that they can fuss over her in

one of their upstairs bedrooms. Director Peter McGuigan tells the story of Gloria and Peter’s brief romance with subtlety and more affection than I could muster, smoothly shifting in time and location – working-class Liverpool, California, New York – as Peter’s memory transports him to special moments in their relationship. As a film to savour for the acting, this is basically a two-hander that succeeds because of its fantastic leads and fine support cast, including a thankfully restrained Julie Walters. My companion was moved to tears, but my reaction was ‘meh’.

STARS



AS MERCURY AND VENUS LEAVE THE SIGN OF THE MYSTIC FISH FOR ASSERTIVE ARIES, CELESTIAL MOMENTUM HEATS UP COMMUNICATION ON EVERY LEVEL...

ARIES: This week suggests a review of investments: Could your time, love, energy and money be spent in more satisfying or rewarding ways? With good-news, fun-time Venus, planet of attraction, vamp-ing into Aries in her best red dress perhaps it’s time for a brave new adventure, a fresh quest?

TAURUS: Since prevention’s generally preferable to damage control, it’s worth spending the next fortnight ticking off the to-do list before retro planetary energies make everything just that little bit more difficult. Although this week’s smorgasbord of alluring indulgences could certainly make attending to mundane chores less than tempting...

GEMINI: With idealism inclined to override practical considerations this week, ambivalent feelings could interfere with decision making. If emotional intelligence seems elusive, give it a leg up by synching logical Twin with intuitive Twin: get them working together rather than bickering over conflicting agendas. Then do something nice for both of them.

CANCER: This week operates more on who you know than what you know – though watch for possible stumbling blocks of inflated promises, misplaced sympathy and/or manipulative others. With celestial input stimulating your house of ambitions and aspirations, the present oceanic vibe might be screening travel dreams on your inner cinema...

LEO: Mercury and Venus flaming into fellow fire sign Aries reboot your enthusiasm for lively conversations, playful entertainments and creative brainstorming. Will they also stir up a stew of irritation and impatience? Probably. But if others are infuriatingly indecisive or unreliable, rein in the snappy reactions and model grace under pressure, majesties.

VIRGO: Mind manager Mercury likes the impetus of this week’s move to the sign of original ideas, so put this to good use on your pending file of loose ends before the energetic messenger goes slow-mo later this month. Your social agenda’s vibrant and vivacious, but if communications fray, aim for clarity, and whatever happens act with compassion.

LIBRA: While Sun/Neptune in Pisces like to dream and drift in a soulful love stream that gives daily life a touch of romantic fantasia, Venus/Mercury in Aries relish the immediacy of present pleasures. Which means this week’s watery and fiery astro-energetics need your tightrope walk balanced between feeling and doing, reflection and action.

SCORPIO: March recharges soul batteries and warms up your Scorpio waters. And as Venus and Mercury in fresh-start mode set up office in your house of work, health and service, this week asks whether or not you really want to renew that contract – or contact? You already know the answer.

SAGITTARIUS: You’ve got your happy face on, what’s wrong with everyone else? Not on the same wavelength? If you’re holding on to any old grudges or resentments, this week’s people will feel it. Consider getting a reality check from a trusted friend or confidante, and be sensitive to others around late-week Sagittarius moon.

CAPRICORN: This week’s complex brew comes with a few surprises, so go with the flow – because even Capricorns know deep down some things are more fun when they’re not controlling them. As Venus and Mercury heat you up like a hangi with creative inspirations, consider some renos, upgrades or beautification to the home zone.

AQUARUS: While you relate to its idealistic vibe, this touchy-feely week’s more emotional than your intellectual mindset’s comfortable with. If interpersonal interactions start feeling sticky, attend to unfinished business: Get those loose threads in the tapestry of life tucked in and tied off before Mercury goes on strike later this month.

PISCES: It really isn’t a smart idea to make decisions this week based on hearsay, unconfirmed information or unrealistic Pollyanna-type thinking. That said, Pisces’ upcoming birthday weeks in the sun predict plenty of happy hanging out with your heart family, communing with fellow travellers and like-minded souls.

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Saturday March 10

The Post	11:20am
Sweet Country	1:40pm
The Shape of Water	4:00pm
The Florida Project	6:15pm
I, Tonya	8:30pm

Sunday March 11

Coco	11:45am
Three Billboards	2:00pm
Sweet Country	4:20pm
Between Land & Sea	6:40pm
The Florida Project	8:30pm

Monday March 12 - Tix \$11

The Post	1:45pm
Three Billboards	4:00pm
The Florida Project	6:15pm
The Shape of Water	8:30pm

Tuesday March 13 - FINAL

Sweet Country	1:45pm
The Florida Project	4:00pm
The Post	6:15pm
I, Tonya	8:30pm

Wednesday March 14 - FINAL

Three Billboards	1:45pm
The Post	4:00pm
The Shape of Water	6:15pm
The Florida Project	8:30pm

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THURSDAY 8

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **SKYEATER TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **REUBEN STONE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY **QUALITY STREET. HIP HOP NIGHT** (BEER GARDEN), **BLUESFEST LAUNCH PARTY** (BAND ROOM)
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **MAPSTONE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **ROB EDWARDS**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 5.30PM **LAUNCH - CLARE HOKPINS**, **ESCAPE TO NATURE**, **SUZANNE RIENITS PAPER ENO** (ZEN CIRCLE) **EMILY IMESON** EXPERIENCED LANDSCAPES
- WHITEBROOK THEATRE, SCU, EAST LISMORE 4PM **MARK DAPPING** ON THE ANZAC LEGACY
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM KINGY COMEDY FEAT. **PETER BERNER, PETER WILLEY & MC ELLEN BIGGS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS - THE STAGE 12.30PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 7.30PM **ELEVATION**

FRIDAY 9

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **NICK CUNNINGHAM, THE DREGGS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **BEN WALSH**, 9PM **MADISON KAT**
- BYRON THEATRE, 6PM BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL PRESENTS **ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON BAY 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **WOMEN OF ROCK - MYLEE & THE MILKSHAKES**, **GALAXY GIRLS**, **PUSSY IN THE DARK**, **FIONA FRANKLIN**, **SOPHIE OZARD**, **DICKLORD**, **SPACIE**, **DOUBLE TROUBLE**, **MADY MOODA**.
- FRESH, BYRON BAY 4PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- RYCE, BYRON BAY 9PM **BEN POPP**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 7PM UPSTAIRS **LOCAL DJS**, 9.30PM **OOZ**
- SUN BISTRO, BYRON BAY 6PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **THE IMPRINTS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE MUSIC & DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **ROBERT EDWARDS**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM DOCO SERIES - **GRACE JONES: BLOODLIGHT & BAM!**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD** 7PM
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **HELL & WHISKEY** 8PM
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT**
- RSL LEVEL ONE, BALLINA 9.30AM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATON - MORNING MELODIES**, 5PM **BOARDWALK PIANO LOUNGE NARELLE HARRIS**, 8.30PM RSL **BOARDWALK LOUNGE FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM. **AFRO DANCE SESSION**, 7PM **DINNER UNDER THE STARS WITH THE DEADSET FUN NUGGETS**.
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **KAZAH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM - SHOWROOM **ANDREW STRONG PERFORMS 'THE COMMITMENTS'** - THE STAGE 11AM **DANIELLE GOULLET PRESENTS JEANETTE HORN**, 4.30PM **THE FUNKWAGNELLS**, 9PM **ELEVATION**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **UNACCEPTABLE, FILTHY MINDS, THE AUNTIES, CHEEKY VELVET**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

SATURDAY 10

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **BUCK DEAN & THE GREEN LIPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **DAVE SCOTT BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 6PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DJ CAISMIR**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **DONI RAVEN + THE GENES & SPECIAL GUEST DANIEL HEND**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **TWELFTH NIGHT SCREENING**
- RYCE, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIPPO**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 7PM UPSTAIRS **DJ PARTY**, 9.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- SUN BISTRO, BYRON BAY 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **FUTURE FAKTORI**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**



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- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM DOCO SERIES - **GRACE JONES: BLOODLIGHT & BAM!**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SMASH AND BANGERS**
- DRILL HALL MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **DAVID BOWIE SHOW**
- RSL BOARDWALK, BALLINA 6PM **OOZ** 6PM, 9PM **BOARDWALK LOUNGE TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- RSL BOWLING CLUB, BALLINA 6PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- CORNDAL HALL 7.30PM **COMEDY NIGHT JONATHAN ATHERTON, PETE BERNER, MANDY NOLAN + MORE**
- LISMORE CITY HALL - LISMORE LAUGHS COMEDY FESTIVAL 2PM **JOSH EARL** (IDEAL FOR AGES 4-10), 7.30PM **MERRICK WATTS**
- EAT THE STREET FESTIVAL**, LISMORE 12-8PM
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM LISMORE **WOMEN'S MICRO-MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- OUT OF RANGE** 3PM, MAIN STAGE, **EAT THE STREET**, LISMORE
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 10AM **THE NAKED BIKE RIDE**, 1PM **THE PAT EYRE TRIO**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **ROBBIE BOSTOCK**
- REGENT THEATRE, MURWILLUMBAH 4PM **FLICKERFEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS - SHOWROOM 8PM **BOYS IN THE BAND** 4.30PM **REMEDY**, 9PM **ELEVATION**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2.30PM **ALEX LAHEY & THE BELLIGERENTS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **UNACCEPTABLE, FILTHY MINDS, THE AUNTIES, TOBI ORLANDO**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- DUST TEMPLE, CURRUMBIN 9AM **STREET 66**

SUNDAY 11

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **PHIL & TILLY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **LITTLE KING**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**, 8PM **SUNDAY SAFARI FT LATE NIGHT TOUGH GUY**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON BAY 4PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM **BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENT MUSES: LULLABIES FOR ZANDER**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- SUN BISTRO, BYRON BAY 5PM **FELIX**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY LUNCH 'TIL LATE SUNDAY **SESSION DJS, DJ DANGEROUS COBRA & FRIENDS**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM DOCO SERIES - **GRACE JONES: BLOODLIGHT & BAM!**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE MOULDY LOVERS**
- CLUB MULLUM 4PM **STORIES IN THE CLUB WITH SIMONE O'BRIEN, SUVIRA MCDONALD, OONAGH OMZUNA CHARLIE STARRET, LILA MAHA LAKSHMI AND JENNI CARGILL-STRONG**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **DAVID BOWIE SHOW**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **JAMES BENNET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **DAN HEND & DEATH CREEK RISING**
- RSL BALLINA 1PM **THE GALAXY JAZZ BAND** (FORMALLY NORTHERN RIVERS BIG BAND) UNDERAGE PERMITTED WITH A PARENT
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **TOMMY LITTLE**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 1PM **LAURIE AGAR**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 10AM **SONIC BLISS**, 1PM **RIVERSIDE JAZZ WITH THE CRUISE BROTHERS**

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- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 3PM **JAMES BENNETT**
- REGENT THEATRE, MURWILLUMBAH 4PM **FLICKERFEST**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **THE BASSDREAD QUARTET**, 7PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS - THE STAGE 2.30PM **ROCKIN' EDDIE**, 7PM **ELEVATION**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET **STICKY ROCK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **LISA HUNT**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

MONDAY 12

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JAMES BENNET**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 9PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB 8PM **MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL RAW COMEDY HEAT W MC MANDY NOLAN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **RUSSELL HINTON - LINE DANCING**, 7PM **MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 13

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **FINTAN CALLAGHAN & GUESTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- HOWL & MOAN RECORDS, BYRON BAY 7PM WITH **DONI RAVEN, THE GENES & SPECIAL GUEST DANIEL HEND**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **ANGEL OLSEN**
- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SALSA CLASSES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**

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WEDNESDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **LA DUCE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **ANNA & JED**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING CLASSES**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE NIMBIN **HOOP JAM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 12.30PM **THE HEMIS**, 4PM **ROCKIN' BODGIES**, 7.30PM **SEVEN DEADLY SWINGS**

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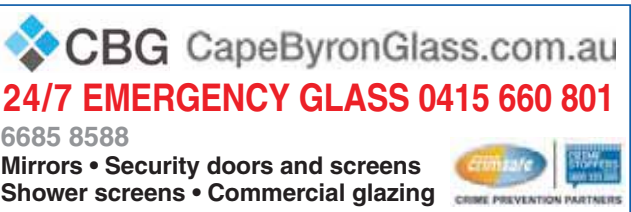
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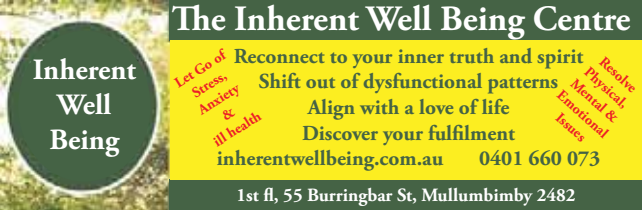
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Exhibition of Development Application Coastal Protection Works – Belongil Beach

Application No	CP 17-006
Location	1 and 1A Don Street, Byron Bay
Proponent	Ralph Lauren Pty Ltd
Council Area	Byron Shire Council

Description of proposal
Coastal Protection Works on the applicant's land at Nos. 1 and 1A Don Street, Byron Bay

Exhibition
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Exhibition of Development Application Coastal Protection Works – Belongil Beach

Application No	CP 17-007
Location	44 and 48 Childe Street, Byron Bay
Proponent	Robert Watson
Council Area	Byron Shire Council

Description of proposal
Coastal Protection Works on the applicant's land and existing public road reserve, immediately northeast of Nos. 44 and 48 Childe Street, Byron Bay.

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 **NSW Coastal Panel**

Development Application Coastal Protection Works – Belongil Beach

Application No	CP 17-008
Location	6B Childe Street, Byron Bay
Proponent	Stewartville Pty Ltd
Council Area	Byron Shire Council

Description of proposal
Coastal Protection Works on the applicant's land and existing public road reserve, immediately northeast of No. 6B Childe Street, Byron Bay.

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Development Application Coastal Protection Works – Belongil Beach

Application No	CP 17-009
Location	4 Childe Street, Byron Bay
Proponent	Kurt Rettenmaier
Council Area	Byron Shire Council

Description of proposal
Coastal Protection Works on the applicant's land, adjacent to No. 4 Childe Street, Byron Bay and existing public road reserve, immediately northeast.

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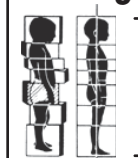
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Please Note: Only short listed candidates will be contacted.





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<p>Mon 12th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegan Nut Cheeses & Milk Hypnosis For Fun & Fascination <p>Tue 13th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Of Dreams <p>Fri 16th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercolours FULL <p>Sat 17th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro To Permaculture Design Energetic Anatomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hidden Camino Henna - Sacred Body Art Self Publish Your Own Books With Amazon <p>Sun 18th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blogging For Beginners Soils - Organic Management Are Solar Panels For You? FULL Relax your shoulders Writing For Wellbeing
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Office of Environment & Heritage



Field Officer General Operations (Aboriginal) - Identified

- Office of Environment and Heritage
- Job Grade/Classification: Field Officer General Operations
- Location: Verges Creek (Kempsey), Alstonville, Byron Bay, Dorrigo
- Employment Status: Ongoing, Temp
- Number of Vacancies: 4

The Department of Planning and Environment is the lead NSW Government agency in planning for a growing NSW.

Primary purpose of the role: Undertakes basic maintenance and cleaning of assets, park facilities and infrastructure within NPWS workplaces, parks and reserves including basic maintenance of walking tracks and trails; undertakes weed and fire management activities; operates and maintains minor plant and equipment and provides initial response to visitor enquiries. Contributes to ensuring OEH obligations and aims are met through the enhancement and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage values of parks. Performs works programs to ensure that the public has access to appropriately maintained and safe recreational facilities.

- Essential Requirements and Job Notes:**
- This role is an identified Aboriginal role and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job
 - Current Drivers licence and ability to obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (up to 12 months).
 - Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and ability to obtain relevant Safe Work NSW certification to appropriately operate and maintain minor plant and equipment along with an ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
 - Certification, or ability to obtain certification within the probationary period (up to 12 months), to operate a chainsaw to crosscut standard; ability to operate two-way radio.
 - Ability to carry out frontline firefighting duties and support roles including ability to obtain and maintain certification as a crew member within the probationary period, and a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
 - NPWS is a non-smoking workplace and smoking is not permitted in national parks.

This role requires physical fitness, working in an outdoor environment and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer General Operations applicants must meet the requirements of a firefighting medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake frontline firefighting roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (up to 12 months) and annually thereafter.

To Apply: <https://www.hoban.com.au/nswparks>

Applications Close:
Wednesday, 14 March 2018 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Russell Madeley on 0429 393 437.

If you have any queries about the process, please email HR on HR-FutureNPWS@environment.nsw.gov.au. If you have any technical issues, please email Hoban on nswparks@hoban.com.au or 1300 201 856

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BARNETT, PETER FRANCIS

1/8/1952 – 5/3/2018

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Aged 65 years.


Loving husband of Rose and father of Matt, Mark, Tim, Dave and son in-law to Lucy. Respected brother, uncle and friend to many.

"Forever in our hearts"

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend a requiem Mass to celebrate Pete's life to be offered at **St Kevin's Catholic Church, 1 Deacon St, Bangalow NSW, Friday March 9th, 2018, commencing at 11.00am.**

A private cremation will conclude this service.

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Loving husband Trevor, your beautiful children Matthew (Dec), Melissa, Alison, Dianah and precious grandchildren Will, Georgina, Andrew and James

RETURN THANKS

Helen Margaret Holland

20th July 1922 - 23rd February 2018



The family of the late **Helen Holland** (Grammy) aged 95, would like to thank relatives & friends for their expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness and support after the sad loss of our dearly loved Mum, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great Great Grandmother. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr Caryll O'Shaughnessy, the Byron Community Nurses & for the WONDERFUL CARE given to mum during her time at the RSL LifeCare in Suffolk Park. To the fabulous Michael Currie Funerals and to Fr David Gilbey, Parish Priest. To Anne and Ian for your spiritual companionship. Quietly each day your memory we will treasure. Missing you always and loving you forever

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LOST: Devon Rex cat, black male, Bayside Brunswick area. 0421064100

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2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
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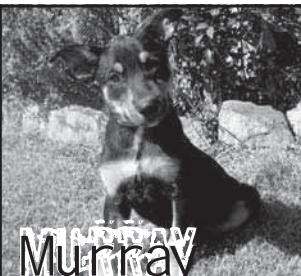
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Each WED	3-6pm Nimbin	6689 1512
Each THU	8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172

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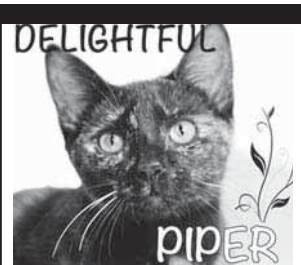
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Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and 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?

On The Horizon

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Chemical free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday 10 March, from 9am till 1pm, at Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road fire-track gate, not far from the surf club. Tools and first aid kit will be provided. Call if you can't find us: 0478 272 300.

Save Suffolk Park

Save Our Park - Suffolk Park community presentation - March 13. Give your feedback to the draft plan for the park that will be presented to the community on Tuesday 13 March, 10am at the Park Hotel (children welcome), and 7pm at the Community Hall. The landscape architect and a Council staff member will be present.

Cancer Support Group

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group is looking for new participants to restart the group early this year. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling. For more information contact Ken: 0411 233 755, David: 0428 187 025 or email: david@davidyoung.com.au, kenconnell46@gmail.com.

BV U3A

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 13 March 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Andrew Green talks about how 'Vinnies' operates, services and funds are expended. Visitors and potential new members very welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

AGM Mullum Ag Show

The Annual General Meeting of the Mullumbimby Agricultural Show Society, 7pm Wednesday 21 March at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club auditorium. All financial members welcome to attend and vote. Membership available from 6.50pm. All positions vacant. Info Facebook or email: secretary@mullumbimbyshow.org.au.

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 is 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 owing 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.

BB Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club meets Saturday 10 March at 1.30pm in the ANZAC Room at Byron Services Club. Lunch at 12.30pm. Guest Speakers - The Ab Fab Nursery. Note your Nambour deposit is due. New members welcome. Enquiries to Jeni on 0439 344 281.

BB U3A

U3A Ballina/Byron. Guest speaker David Green on Tuesday 13 March, 10am in the RSL, Mullumbimby. Subject: Tectonic Plates. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Ballina Photography Club

The Ballina Photography Club, Thursday 8 March, 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre, corner Moon Street and Bangalow Road. New members welcome. Enquiries, Jean on 6686 0462.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: The Codes of Creation. Jain, founder of Mathemagics, showcases his geometries. Thursday 8 March, 1.30 till 3.30pm, at Marvell Hall, Marvell St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire next meeting Wednesday, 21 March 10am at Brunswick Heads Bowls Club. New members welcome. Library users from Brunswick Heads welcome for a discussion on the Brunswick Heads library.

Breastfeeding Support

Stepping out with my Baby - some tips for easy travel. Thursday 8 March, 9.30-11.30am St. John's Hall, Murwillumbah Road, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries: Jan 0431 477 445.

AA convention

Mullumbimby Civic Centre, March 23-25. Registration open. Email byronshireaaevents@gmail.com or text 0423 958 466.

BV VIEW

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club next luncheon meeting at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Thursday, 8 March at 10.30am. Guest speaker Coral Grogan. Apologies to Maureen: 0408 294 973.

Liberation gardeners

Liberation Larder gardeners are growing staple vegetables at The Farm every week. They are harvesting 20-40kg of fresh

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 Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Available for event hire and welcome all groups and visitors. Phone 6687 2183.

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.

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

produce for meals and produce bags. If you have a few spare hours and would like to join the crew, contact Helen 0439 409 655.

Sanctuary NR AGM

The Sanctuary Northern Rivers Inc AGM will be held on Monday 12 March, 6pm in the downstairs room at Lismore City Library on Magellan Street.

Library book fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are now wanting books for their annual Book Fair, to be held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July at Byron Bay Surf Club. All clean books, fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, games etc will be gratefully received. Please call Beryl: 6685 3030 or Janene: 0407 855 022.

stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia. **Crystal Meth Anonymous** is a fellowship of people for whom all drugs (but especially crystal meth) had become a problem. Meeting held Wednesday 7.30am, Byron Bay Surf Club. Call 0478 061 479 to speak to a local member or visit www.crystalmeth.org.au.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit Members. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Elaine 07 5580 8215.

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@sl.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 6.30-8.30pm, 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 or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Community Yoga Nidra class** Free, Wednesdays 1-1.30pm at the Bamboo Yoga School, behind The Health Lodge, 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Call Matt 0430 008 293. **Meditation Collective** Mondays 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: www.byronbaymeditationcollective.com.au or contact Geo 0431 747 764.

Indonesian dance

Indonesian dance classes running Wednesdays till 25 April at the Youth Activity Centre, 1 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay. Classes run from 6 till 8pm. Dance classes are being held as a fundraiser for Byron Harmony Day.

Peace Love and Crêpes

Run by Alliance Française. Coronation Hall, Walker St, Clunes. Sunday 25 March, 11am-2pm.

Crystal Meth Anonymous

Crystal Meth Anonymous meeting held Wednesday 7.30am, Byron Bay Surf Club. Call 0478 061 479 to speak to a local member or visit www.crystalmeth.org.au.

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\$500 GRANTS MARCH 2018

The Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby are offering



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Contact the **Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby PO Box 12 Mullumbimby**

Email: clairejharris999@gmail.com

An application will be sent to you.

Applications must be received by Saturday 31 MARCH 2018.

A \$500 grant for February was awarded to The Uncle Project Byron Bay

Unsuccessful applications do not carry forward, a new application is required.
Any questions phone Tony Cornell 6680 2011
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Kennedy chasing WSL return



Lennox Head surfer Stu Kennedy took another step toward his goal of returning to the World Surf League Championship Tour with a semifinal finish at the Burton Automotive Pro in Newcastle last week. Photo Bennett/WSL

Crystal Cylinders

With a semifinal finish up against a huge international field, Lennox Head's Stu Kennedy was the best of the locals who competed at Newcastle's Merewether Beach for the Burton Automotive Pro last week.

Joining Kennedy at the a WSL QS 6000 rated event were fellow local professional surfers Matt Wilkinson and Soli Bailey from Byron Bay, and Adam Melling from Lennox Head.

Wilkinson and Bailey

started with strong heat wins in the round of 96 while Kennedy and Melling had solid second places to all advance into the round of 48.

On a day that saw multiple major upsets, many past and present CT competitors fell to lower seeds in the draw including Wilkinson, who was eliminated by less than half a point.

Bailey and Melling also suffered defeats that saw an end to their campaign while Kennedy survived the difficult conditions and advanced in second place to the round

of 24 where he stepped up his energy and posted a heat win and then followed that up with another in the top 16 man-on-man round, scoring an excellent 8-point ride to impress the judges.

Kennedy blitzed his quarterfinal and just came up short in his semifinal to finish in equal third place and win US \$5,500 and 3,550 valuable QS points.

He now has a keeper result in the bag for his quest to fight his way back onto the WSL Championship Tour.

Mikey Wright from Cul-

burra Beach won the event.

Stephanie Single from Lennox Head had a great start with a powerful heat win in round one of the Grandstand Sports Clinic Women's Pro but failed to find any rhythm in slow conditions in her round two heat and was eliminated from competition.

Meanwhile, Byron Bay's Kyuss King finished runner-up in the four-man final at the 2018 Key Sun Zinke Sydney Pro Junior, which featured punchy two-foot peaks at Manly Beach.

Cricket finale looms



Tim Stokes's safe hands weren't enough to save Eureka Grass in their twilight match with T and C. Photo supplied

Syl Reid

Both of Byron's Senior grades lost last weekend as the end of the season loomed with one match to go this Saturday.

The Byron Bay LJ Hooker Seconds remain in the final four despite a touch up by Tintenbar East Ballina last Saturday while the Cellars Fourths can take an early road trip to watch the 2s, after their loss to Bangalow.

The Seconds started out well with the bat being 3/79 at one stage but then our old mate 'Col Lapse' joined the game and we were all out for 113.

Darren, at #2, was our highest scorer followed by Matt on 17, Toby with 13 and Max 11.

Levi bowled a beauty to get our only wicket as the Bar cruised to an easy win.

This week we take on Pottsville at Reg Dalton Field in Cudgen as we don't have a playable turf wicket yet. Short Stats: Tintenbar East Ballina 1 - 116 (B Crawford 27 n.o., M Gabriel 40, P Dalli 45 n.o.)

defeated Byron Bay 113 (Darren Wright 38, Matt Irwin 17, Owen Delian 14, Toby Schott 13, Max Bear 11, Bailey Crawford 3/3, R Richards 3/19, B Frost 3/31) at Kingsford Smith South, Ballina.

Our Thirds came up against a red-hot Bangalow side at the Rec on Saturday where we won the toss and batted.

Alas, we were all out for 73 with Tim getting 15 runs, Dylan 13, and 10 each to Greg and Ewan.

The strong Bangalow batting side went past us without loss. We have a home game against the Alstonville Wood Ducks to finish off the season so we are looking to go out with a win.

Short Stats: Bangalow 0 - 84 (T Plummer 38 n.o., R Jacob 34 n.o.) defeated Byron Bay 73 (Tim Goodhind 15, Dylan Bailey 13).

Meanwhile, in twilight cricket Eureka Grass were defeated by T and C in last week's full-moon clash.

Student swimmers make a splash at carnival

Max Binkley

On February 21st the Tweed River Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah saw an invasion of very talented High School swimmers.

They had come from more than a dozen schools scattered across the large region from Ballina to the Queensland border.

After the water had been turned into white wash time and time again by the competitors, a number of Mullumbimby high school students had emerged with a first or second in at least one of their races.

The following students have now qualified to represent the Far North Coast at the upcoming North Coast carnival: Thomas Cheek, Zara Morris, Luke Caldwell-Werne, Natasha Fraser, Amber



Swimming success: Mullumbimby High's swim stars are off to the North Coast carnival after strong performances in the Far North Coast carnival. Photo supplied

Borthwick, Seamus Greame-Cook, Mollie Cheek, Charlotte Archibald, Raife McKenzie, Bronte Barnes, Ruby Parker-Herriot, Lucy Colli, Kiara Robinson, May Morgan, Pia Brittain, Alisa Tomasella, Madison Caldwell-

Werne, and Ashton Morris.

Amber Borthwick and Ruby Parker-Herriot finished second in their age groups; Thomas Cheek and Zara Morris were age champions for the 13 years boys and 12 years girls.

Zara was also the top-

scoring swimmer for the entire carnival.

Huge congratulations from all the staff at Mullumbimby High School to our talented team of swimmers, and all the best for the upcoming North Coast Swimming Carnival.

Soccer champs crowned



The Maddogs celebrate victory in the Mullumbimby six-a-side soccer competition. Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby six-a-side soccer competition was decided last month when the Maddogs achieved a 2-0 victory over their arch-rivals Classic VI in the A grade grandfinal.

Each team had beaten the other during the season so the ultimate prize was far from a foregone conclusion when the sides met in the competition's highly-

anticipated finale.

The Maddog's captain proved the difference and led the way for his team scoring both of his side's goals.

Grandfinals were also conducted in all other grades. The winners were:

B grade: A Stars
C grade: Rusty Trombones
D grade: The Jerrys
E grade: Benoits
F grade: Young Guns.

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Last week's *Echo* stated that Santos Organics is offering a 60 per cent locals' discount for Renew Fest tickets bought from any Santos Organics outlet. The correct discount for all Byron Shire locals is 40 per cent. Normal ticket prices are: \$135 for full fest price, \$120 for the weekend, \$30 for Friday and \$65 for Saturday and \$65 for Sunday. The discounted local prices for full fest price is \$80, \$70 for the weekend, Friday evening will be \$15, Saturday is \$40 and Sunday is \$40. Photo ID with current address is required at time of purchase at your closest Santos Organics store.

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A new website has been launched – www.protectbyron.com.au – which aims to inform residents on the soon-to-be-decided West Byron development. The website's content designer is local ad man Alan Morden. Alan conceived the hugely successful tourism advertising campaign *100% Pure New Zealand* while art director with Saatchi & Saatchi. After arriving back from an overseas trip, he discovered 'The horror that is West Byron', and immediately put his energy to the cause. 'The problem is that most people think West Byron is a done deal', he says. 'So we need to explain that it's not and that their submissions can, and will, make a difference. The website will give residents and visitors the facts they need.'

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Congrats to Will Hodgman and powerful gambling lobbyists who will now work in perfect unison to form a Liberal-gambling government after the weekend election in Tasmania. *Crikey's* William Bowe says the clearest loser in



The last train from Pottsville arrived at Mullum Station on Monday. It was lifted from the tracks – which is a simpler operation than it sounds – and shunted into the smallest gallery in the arts end of the Shire. Potts the engineer, waiting at the station, oversaw the transfer to the Byron Shire Council foyer's Cube Gallery. Photo Jeff 'Art Installation Since 1986' Dawson

the state was the Greens, 'who have now progressed from 21.6 per cent of the vote in 2010 to 13.8 per cent in 2014 to barely 10 per cent in 2018, and from five seats to three to potentially as few as one.' Ouch.

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Now that the Fair Work Commission have approved the merger of Australia's largest unions, the CFMEU, TCFUA and the MUA, will they be able to turn around rising inequality? Perhaps big business and their Liberal and National Party muppets have the answer, which is essentially to trust them instead to make the economic pie big enough so there are a few more crumbs for the 99 per cent. The big business fear campaign kicked off immediately, calling it an 'entity with the capacity to shut down multiple supply chains and effectively hold the economy to ransom.' It appears it's either big business or unions who hold us to ransom.

Congrats to women's world champ and local legend Pauline Menczer, who has be-

come the 40th inductee into the Australian Surfing Hall of Fame!

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