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## NORTEC loses court case

Hans Lovejoy

Beleagued employment and training provider NORTEC has lost a court case against local lawyer Mark Swivel in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

It's the latest chapter for the government-funded organisation, which terminated the leases of local small businesses and sold three business incubator sites last December.

Swivel, who is also fronts Russian men's choir Duskyesky, told *The Echo* his claim against NORTEC was it charged rent it should not have charged after last year's floods.

'My claim that I shouldn't have paid rent from the flood in April to when the works started in July was successful.'

'The Tribunal found that the premises were not fit or safe to be used as offices... so NORTEC should not have charged rent. Simple really.'

'NORTEC resisted every step before and during the hearing. Everyone in the organisation, including the former CEO, denied we had a claim. [The result of the case was] they are obliged to refund rent for that period and compensate me for the cleaning I did that they should have done. Other tenants should be compensated the same way.'

Swivel says he contacted NORTEC to ask if that will happen but is 'yet to receive a reply'.

'To be fair, they've reimbursed me already. It was always an outrage that they didn't waive rent from the flood onwards.'

NORTEC was contacted for comment but did not reply by deadline.

## Youth centre goes multicultural



Byron Youth Centre hosted Taste of Byron Multicultural Festival last Saturday at its HQ at 1 Gilmore Crescent. The day brought families together to celebrate the Shire's – and nation's – cultural biodiversity with performances, workshops and food. Pictured are Kizuna Taiko, with young drummers Elshin and Bodhi. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Govt inaction delays Byron school upgrade

A missing government traffic study has caused a delay to the long-awaited upgrade to Byron Bay Public School.

The Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP), an 'independent' organisation appointed by the government, deferred making a decision last Thursday in Mullumbimby owing to the missing report.

Labor candidate for Ballina Asren Pugh said, 'students, parents and staff would be very disappointed by this decision.'

The school's mouldy old de-mountables, with peeling paint and grass growing through the floor are, according to teachers at the school, 'a nightmare to work in' and a completely unsuitable learning environment.

Instead, Mr Pugh said, 'we need to be giving our students the best learning environment possible.'

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## Real estate agents warned over letting

Paul Bibby

Real estate agents across the Shire are being formally warned that they could face prosecution by Byron Council if illegal holiday letting is taking place at any of properties they manage.

In a move that opens up a new front in the fight against short-term letting, Council is sending letters to every real estate agency in the Shire declaring that from now on they, and not just the owner of a property,

could be held responsible for illegal short-term letting.

The letter states, 'To date agents/agencies have expressed the view that it is the owner of the property who is responsible ... and not the agency.'

'[But] having taken legal advice, Council is of the view that a real estate agency can be held to be in breach of the law by using the land for short-term accommodation, contrary to the conditions of the development consent.'

The agencies are being told to ensure that the properties they manage are not being used for unauthorised short-term letting or face the prospect that Council 'may commence proceedings'.

Greens councillor Mike Lyon said the letters were not an empty threat and that Council would 'absolutely' prosecute a local real estate agent who managed a property where illegal short-term letting was taking place.

'We will do anything we need to

to bring about the return of these properties to the long-term rental market,' Cr Lyon said.

'We're under attack as a community and we are determined to tackle this issue head on.'

### Sabre rattling

But agents said the letters were little more than 'sabre rattling' and had no legal weight.

'I don't think they've got a leg to stand on to be honest,' said Tony continued on page 4 >



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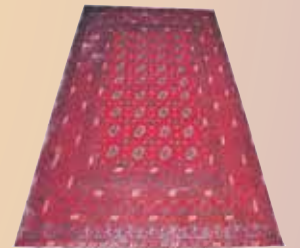
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# SHIKARA DESIGN

## Govt inaction delays Byron school upgrade

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 'The \$7.6 million dollar upgrade was designed to replace up to six old demountable classrooms with a new two-storey building.

'It is a shame that government's decision not to provide a Traffic Impact Statement is delaying this project.

'Such a simple thing that could now mean that students are stuck in old run-down demountables, many of them over 20 years old,' Mr Pugh said.

## Freedom of Info

A Freedom of Information request by Labor has revealed that the Ballina electorate has 70 demountable classrooms and the vast majority of those are over 20 years old.

An alternative to doing a traffic study might be to cap the number of students at the school.

'With the government waving through massive developments like West Byron we can't afford to be artificially capping the number of students at the school. We need to be able to use all the space available,' he said.

## Bangalow goes downhill, with carts



Despite a last-minute shout-out for extra cash to fund the barricades keeping the crowd safe, the Bangalow billy carts rolled merrily down the main street on Sunday to large crowds. Bangalow Rugby Club claimed the grand final title for the umpteenth year running and organisers thanked the volunteers who make the event possible, the Bangalow Lions Club, 'for running it and working tirelessly in the months leading up to the huge event; and Summerland Credit Union, for their amazing work as safety marshalls and adjudicators. And of course everyone else for all the various parts they play.' Photo Jeff Dawson

## Bus service trial extended for a year

A trial bus service between Byron and Lismore will be extended until June 20, 2019 say NSW National MPs.

The announcement follows calls for an extension by Greens MP Tamara Smith last week.

Nationals parliamentary secretary for northern NSW

Ben Franklin said, '... we have worked closely with the minister for transport over the past few months to make sure our community's voices were heard loud and clear and to ensure the bus trial is extended.'

Lismore MP Thomas George added, 'Lismore is

a major regional hub, with good health facilities, particularly Lismore Base Hospital, as well as Southern Cross University and other services. Yet getting there from the coast by public transport is limited and can be difficult.'

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## From deep within the thought cocoon

What better way to craft your inner thoughts than in a luxurious Possum Creek hideaway with a world-class mentor?

Four north coast writers have just spent an intensive week working with award-winning author Marele Day to streamline their manuscripts, which cover genres and subjects such as ecological adventure fantasy, a dystopian comedy future, dysfunctional family tragedies and north coast heroin-smuggling operations.

The mentorship is one of the key programs run by the Byron Writers Festival, and gaining a place is highly competitive. With the gift of time, feedback, and support Marele says, 'Writers can achieve in a week what normally takes months.'

Marele, the author of the



North coast writers Nella May from Valla, Robert Walker from Banora Point, Nick Couldwell from Byron Bay and Richard Everist from Suffolk Park. Author/mentor author Marele Day is in the background. Photo Jeff Dawson

bestselling *Lambs of God*, which is now in production for Foxtel, works with the writers to prepare their books

for submission.

Following the program, all four writers present their manuscripts to Allen & Un-

win and will have a one-on-one consultation with the publisher during the Byron Writers Festival in August.

## Mullum2Bruns not for protesters: organisers

Organisers of the Mullum-2Bruns Paddle, which takes place this coming Sunday (June 27), say they want to avoid the event becoming 'a platform for protest or activism.'

Campaigner Gareth Smith, who has regularly joined with his Palestine Flotilla said, however, he will not be deterred.

Mr Smith told *The Echo* he had received a call from one of the organisers, 'who told me that the purpose of the day was for people to have an enjoyable time on the water and that it was a family event. He did not think the event should be used for any other purpose.'

Mr Smith added, 'I told him that I will be behaving in exactly the same way as I have always done over the years and I would be representing the people of Gaza, particularly now after so many of them have been slaughtered and badly injured by the Israeli military. Gaza Aid Flotilla paddlers have always enjoyed positive support both from fellow paddlers and from audiences on the shore and this is the first time that organisers of the paddle event have raised any objection,' he said.

For more info see *Echo* feature, pages 14 and 15.

## Visitor centre spruced up

The Byron Visitor Centre has been refurbished at a cost of \$620,000, say Council, and improvements include new technologies and a showcase of Byron's history and culture.

Residents and ratepayers can also use the centre, with Council staff now manning a desk to help people with Council-related inquiries.

Mayor Simon Richardson said, 'The Byron Visitor Centre welcomes more than 400 people a day to Byron Bay - that's a massive job. I'm so proud to see the new Arakwal footpath mural providing a welcoming entry to the Centre.'

'I'd also like to extend a

huge thankyou to the management, staff and volunteers for their tireless and critical role in providing exceptional visitor services and for continuing to serve as ambassadors and promoters of our values in this Shire.'

The upgrade of the centre was a part of the first stage of the redevelopment of the Byron Bay Railway Park precinct, which was funded by Byron Shire Council (\$210,000) and the federally funded Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure program (\$260,000).

The members of the Byron Visitor Centre also contributed \$50,000 towards the refurbishment project.

## Real estate agents warned over letting

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Farrell, the licensee of L J Hooker Byron Bay.

'The legal case they're referring to in the letter to support their argument is rubbery at best. I can say that because we've had legal advice to that effect,' he said.

Mr Farrell also said that an 'enormous amount of money came into the local community and economy' through holiday letting.

'At our agency, three of our 14 staff do holiday letting, we employ six or seven cleaners, and I don't know how many tradesmen,' he said.

He also said that there were significant benefits to having agents involved in the process of letting out properties to holiday makers on a short-term

basis rather than property owners doing it themselves.

'At least when there's an agent there's someone with some responsibility for the property that neighbours can come to if there's a problem. It's much more of a problem when people are letting their rooms and their houses without an agent out and then going away.'

The warning to agents comes about three weeks after similar letters were sent to hundreds of property owners across the Shire.

*The Echo* understands these had a similar tone - advising owners that Council was cracking down on unauthorised letting and wasn't afraid to prosecute if it obtained proof of non-compliance.

Cr Lyon said that 180 prop-

erties across the Shire were currently under investigation for unauthorised letting.

'We're compiling evidence for those properties because they've been flagged as being potentially in breach of their development consent orders,' Cr Lyon said.

### Precedent-setting

He also said that he and the other Greens councillors were determined to go ahead with a precedent-setting prosecution of two landlords in the Land and Environment Court.

This case, announced more than three months ago, was intended to pave the way for a crackdown on illegal letting across the Shire and beyond.

However, the prosecution appeared to stall after

Council received legal advice that it needed more evidence against the alleged offenders in order to achieve the result it was after.

This had led some to wonder whether the case would ever see the light of day, given that no proceedings have actually been filed.

But Cr Lyon was adamant the action would go ahead.

'Yes, we've had some hoops to jump through, but the most important thing is that we win the case and get the precedent we need and we're determined to proceed.'

'Only yesterday the notice of proposed orders, which is a necessary step in the process, was sent to the two landowners. I'm very confident it will go ahead.'

**Politics in the Pub**

With the theme of the Arc of Justice, two speakers who have committed their lives to very different approaches to positive change will address Politics in the Pub in Mullumbimby on May 23.

James Whelan is co-founder and director of the Change Agency, which develops and shares tools and trainings for activists in Australia and overseas.

Dr Gregory Smith is a survivor of the so-called care system, and now a nationally recognised advocate for the rights of the 'forgotten Australians': over half a million people who suffered great harm and abuse in orphanages and children's homes during the twentieth century.

Gregory's memoir *Out of the Forest* will be launched at the Ngarra Institute's Politics in the Pub on Wednesday.



**Over 100 presenters and a thousand or so curious minds gathered at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds over the weekend for Renew Fest. Photo Jeff Dawson**

With sonic installations in the large fig trees ringing in a minute of reflection on the hour, every hour, Renew Fest created a space to drop into the depths of our challenging times.

The program included everything from community-

owned renewable energy to breaking the stigma around mental health. Another first for the festival – and the area – was the adoption of the cultural awareness protocol, which aims to ensure elders and indigenous cultures are not exploited for monetary gains.

Renew Fest director Ella Goni-nan said, 'I particularly want to thank everyone for embracing our zero-waste agenda, and dropping deep with us into the minutes of reflection. It felt like a potent mix of dreaming into and making real the future that is calling to us.'

**No plan to move Byron markets: Cr Spooner**

Chris Dobney

A staff recommendation to 'activate the Byron Bay rail corridor' that is due to go before Byron Council this Thursday includes a recommendation to allow 'development for markets with development consent,' much to the consternation of the Byron Environment Centre and some stallholders.

But the monthly Byron Bay community market management have no plan to move either permanently or temporarily to the railway corridor, according to their ultimate manager Paul Spooner.

General manager of Byron Community Centre and ALP

councillor Paul Spooner allayed concerns expressed by Byron Environment Centre's John Lazarus about the staff recommendation, which also includes the option of 'development for the purposes of a community facility, including commercial activity undertaken by a not-for-profit organisation or social enterprise... with development consent within the station building, previously used as a ticketing office for the rail station, and the adjacent railway platform.'

Cr Spooner said the use of the site would be a fall-back option only if use of Butler Street Reserve became untenable during the building of the Byron Bay Bypass.

He told *The Echo* that the Byron Bay Community Association was 'committed to the community markets staying at Butler Street Reserve.'

'No approach is proposed or has been made by me (or anyone else) to facilitate a move of the community markets to either the railway corridor or the beachfront,' he said.

'As I understand it, the proposal for the corridor enables one-off events (eg Soul Street or the like) and if any circumstance arose where it is required to move the markets, eg for the temporary relocation of the existing markets due to Butler Street Reserve not being useable. Without this option the only

other viable location would be the beachfront.'

Cr Spooner also pointed out that 'the planning proposal does not provide any approval for ongoing markets to operate in the corridor.'

'A formal DA would still need to be lodged and the community given the opportunity to make submissions. Under what is proposed, this could only happen when existing markets need to relocate. No new markets could be established there.'

He added the BBCCA was 'committed to working co-operatively with stallholders to ensure the Butler Street Reserve is the home of the Community Markets.'

**Gov't backflips over milk contracts for hospitals**

Hans Lovejoy

Who should be doing victory laps over the reinstatement of NORCO's supply of milk to north coast hospitals?

Both major parties scrambled to claim credit for health minister Brad Hazzard's and HealthShare NSW's backflip, which saw the local dairy co-operative quickly reinstated after a foreign multinational replaced them as a contractor for HealthShare NSW.

According to Health Services Union (HSU) NSW secretary Gerard Hayes, 'It was HSU members at Lismore Base Hospital who initially blew the whistle on the loss of the NORCO contract to more than 16 local health facilities.'

'When health workers first raised the issue, it was dis-

missed by the member for Lismore, Thomas George MP.'

In a remarkable press release, locally based Nationals MLC Ben Franklin said that 'Media stunts like the one we have seen by NSW Labor do not deliver any outcomes for our community. The real work is done behind the scenes.'

*The Echo* is yet to receive a reply by Franklin on how it was a media stunt, given the issue sparked concern with a large cross-section of the community. *The Echo* asked Franklin, 'Don't all political actors (the coalition included) pounce on signs of weakness at prevailing governments in an attempt to gain political capital?'

Other unanswered questions include: 'Is there a trigger in place to alert govern-

ments when contracts such as this are terminated? If not, are you prepared to advocate for that so government departments and contractors don't embarrass the government?'

Another was, 'Do you agree this type of issue gives the public the impression that bureaucracy is in control and those we elect are not? It appears from this and other examples (Mullum hospital, Suffolk Park sportsground, Lennox ski jump) that the government – as represented by you – have to intervene to stop ridiculous decisions that do not meet community expectations. Can the Ballina electorate expect more of this type of governance in the future under the NSW coalition or is there a strategy to address these recurring themes?'

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# Indigenous dancers off to train in Sydney

Aslan Shand

Hunter Mains and Kiahn Ladkin have been selected to join the 2018 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company.

'We learn how to move our bodies more, it feels more connected,' said Hunter who was also selected to participate in 2016.

The program runs workshops throughout the state with the aim of developing the dance skills and cultural awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the style of contemporary Indigenous dance.

Over 1,000 students applied to participate in the program statewide and the northern rivers workshops had around 100 students.

Ultimately, only thirty children are selected for the Sydney-based workshop.

Hunter and Kiahn, who are in year nine at Byron High School, will work with leading dancers from the



Hunter Mains and Kiahn Ladkin. Photo Jeff Dawson

Bangarra Dance Theatre during two two-week trips to Sydney that will culminate in performances as part of the State Dance Festival and the Schools Spectacular.

Kiahn, who has joined the dance program for the last two years said, 'We learn heaps of stories and when I've been down to Bangarra, I've made heaps of connections and learned so much more about my culture - it feels right.'

'Every line that is part of the dance has meaning,' said

Kiahn's mum Melissa Ladkin.

'It's about connection to culture and learning the stories.'

The dance group is half girls and half boys and Kiahn and Hunter agreed that it is really important to have that balance.

While the girls and boys learn different dances they ultimately come together at the end of the performance.

'The boys' stuff is really hard,' said Hunter.

While there is a mix of

off-country and on-country participants Kiahn says, 'The boys we've met are really committed to their culture.'

'There are a lot of boys who participate who are living on country.'

On or off country, Kiahn and Hunter were keen to get as many local Indigenous kids to the workshops this year.

'We went to the audition and took other people from our school. They had a lot of fun,' said Hunter.

It will cost each of the girls around \$4,000 to pay for flights and accommodation to participate in the program and they have previously received support from the P&C and their dance teacher Kate Histon at Byron Dance Dynamics.

'The whole school is so supportive and previously we've raised money with things like mufti days and raffles,' said Kiahn.

If you are interested in helping the girls raise money to participate you can contact Byron High on 6685 8188.

# A first for those with disabilities

Story & photo Aslan Shand

Kia Wasley's voice launched Australia's first mobile recording studio for people with disabilities in Mullumbimby on Thursday morning at local disability services provider RED Inc.

'I've been singing in the shower for a while but this is the first time I've done it publicly,' said Kia as she prepared to record her song.

'I wrote the song myself. It is about disability and bullying. It talks about how you might feel different and don't belong in this world. What I am saying is that you're not alone. I know this because



Kia Wasley records the first song in Australia's first mobile recording studio for people with disabilities

I've experienced this myself. I've had people do things like put compost on my head.'

The song will form part of the soundtrack for a movie

that RED Inc are making on the topic of disability and bullying.

'This is going to give our young people an opportu-

nity to realise their dreams,' said Jenny London the special projects manager. 'It is a wonderful way to build self-confidence and self esteem.'

Funding for the studio was provided by the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, which provides grants which of more than \$1.5m a year throughout Australia.

'Singing is my therapy if I feel down,' said Kia.

'I listen and sing, and I want to have this as part of my life. The mobile recording studio means that it comes to me. It is easy and cheaper and a lot less stress. It means I can record in a familiar environment.'

# Govcorp push for camping around damaged protected pines

Hans Lovejoy

The CEO of the renamed North Coast Holiday Parks, Reflections Holiday Parks, has dismissed resident Patricia Warren's assessment of their arborist report regarding proposed works within the Coastal Cypress Pine forest community at the Terrace Holiday Park, Brunswick Heads.

The longstanding issue has seen a decline in the health of the protected trees over many years, and the latest proposal by the government run corporation suggests using concrete pads, called load cells, to

distribute the weight of campervans and cars.

The full proposal is attached to the agenda for this Thursday's Council meeting.

Council staff have recommended deferring the matter and seeking an 'urgent meeting' with holiday parks managers, their consultants, as well as Robert Kooyman and two representatives from the Brunswick community.

Ecologist Robert Kooyman provided an independent report to Council, which suggested the best way to let the trees recover and gain health is to leave them alone.

Yet Reflections Holiday Parks' own report, by an arborist, suggests that camping can continue in the park if managed.

Reflections CEO Edmonds did not address the question of whether the load cell trial would even be successful, given there is no evidence that this has worked previously.

Edmonds said, 'The Trust acknowledges and appreciates Ms Warren's passion and concern for the southern end of Terrace Reserve.'

'Unfortunately, Ms Warren is not qualified to make any value judgments about

the proposed solutions. This is why the Trust has appointed two experts in the field to minimise and improve the quality of threatened species identified in the southern precinct.

'The Trust has appointed ArborSafe, who have a long history in identifying and recording the trees in order to monitor their health. In addition, we have appointed Ecological Consultants Australia, who are experts in the management and coexistence of threatened species in urban environments.'

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## Give a little, change a lot – it's volunteer week!

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Here in the Byron Shire, we are proud of our record of reaching out to those in need.

Cath comes from a mental health background and has been volunteering at the homeless showers two mornings per week for the past eighteen months.

These are located at the community cabin in Byron Bay, and offer much more than hot showers to those living rough.

Cath has helped connect other services which include legal aid, a community nurse, the needle exchange program, mental health services, Indigenous support workers, dental health, breakfasts, clothes, haircuts and access to a washing machine.

She says that the community showers offer a venue that is caring and safe, where clients can be themselves and unpack their life stories without fear of judgment or criticism.



Finance volunteer Hernan Saez being interviewed by volunteer writer Michael Eckersall. Photo supplied

She says, 'It is wonderful to see someone come in looking dishevelled and downcast, needing to go to a job interview or doctor's appointment, and leave feeling clean and presentable, with a load off their shoulders.'

### Money Matters

Meanwhile, Linda volunteers at the Byron Community Centre and co-ordinates a program called Money Matters.

She tells this story: 'A few years ago, I sat down with a client who was experiencing financial hardship and had come to the community centre for help. We spent some time together creating a man-

ageable budget. She was open to making some changes and with encouragement she regained her confidence and trust in a better future.'

'I was happy to come across her in a retail store where she is now working. She recognised me and said how working together making a budget for her had changed her life.'

Another volunteer, Michael, combines his love of writing and meeting new people to create *Who's In The House?* an emailed publication with a photo which seeks to curb the 'passing ships in the night' phenomenon that can happen as volunteers come and go, doing their thing at

the Byron Community Centre.

Volunteers tell as little or as much about themselves as they feel comfortable sharing.

Michael says, 'The range and depth of volunteers' life experiences is extraordinary, and the passion, joy, skill and commitment they bring to a wide range of activities is simply inspiring. I regularly get feedback on how much their lives are enhanced through helping others and through connection with other caring people.'

### Events till May 27

Byron Community Centre Volunteer Hub will be hosting events until May 27 to acknowledge the generous contributions of volunteers in the Byron Shire.

Contact the volunteer coordinator in your organisation for details. If potential volunteers complete an application form online at byroncentre.com.au they will be called in for an interview and can find out what's available in the Byron Shire. For more information call the Byron Community Centre on 6685 6807.

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## Police launch squad at crime, drug supply

Hans Lovejoy

With a new specialist police team targeting mid-level crime and drug supply being announced for the northern rivers region, a former police officer and Tweed Labor candidate is not so impressed.

Describing it as a 'win for the local community,' Nationals parliamentary secretary for northern NSW Ben Franklin said of the announcement, 'Community safety is of the utmost importance, and our local police do a terrific job day in and day out keeping northern rivers residents and businesses safe and secure.'

The Region Enforcement Squad (RES) will cover the Tweed-Byron and Richmond police districts and will consist of one sergeant and four constables. The squad will conduct investigations into drug supply, firearms offences, property crime, and any criminal syndicates in the area.

Northern region assistant commissioner Max Mitchell said the RES, 'will allow officers to focus on proactive policing rather than reactive policing.'

But Labor candidate for Tweed Craig Elliot said, 'This is an alarming admission that



Labor candidate for Tweed Craig Elliot

the cuts to local police numbers under Geoff Provest MP and the Nationals have resulted in rising rates of serious crime across our region.'

### Police cuts

He said, 'We all know the Nationals' cuts are hurting locals and that Tweed needs more police to fight the scourge of ice, home invasions, assaults, and the Outlaw Motor Cycle gangs that have fled over the border from QLD to evade Labor's tough anti-bikie laws.'

'The latest official data confirm there were 198 police in the Tweed Byron police district in February 2012, but by September 2017 there were only 165. That is a cut of 33 frontline officers.'

In reply, Franklin told *The Echo*, 'Labor has deliberately used figures from 2011 as that



Nationals MLC Ben Franklin

was prior to the creation of the Traffic and Highway Patrol and Police Transport commands in mid-2012.'

'This change drew those staff out of Local Area Commands and into the newly created specialist commands. But in actual fact, they all remained attached to policing in the northern rivers area.'

### Juggling numbers

Franklin added, 'Between May and July 2012, officers who were already performing highway patrol or commuter crime-related duties were no longer counted in Local Area Command numbers, but were counted towards the number of specialist police.'

Elliot then replied that there are fewer police in Tweed Byron Police district today than there was in 2012, and the Nationals are trying to 'hide their

incompetence, right down to ceasing the public availability of monthly police strength reporting since September 2017.'

'As a former frontline police officer, I'm disgusted that the Nationals have agreed to recklessly waste \$2.2 billion on demolishing and re-building two existing stadiums in Sydney, while per capita spending on the NSW Police Force has plummeted to a record low under Premier Berejiklian (2018 Report on Government Services, Productivity Commission).'

'Under the Nationals our community is suffering from rising crime rates and chronic understaffing of our local police – all a direct result of the bad choices being made by the Nationals and their Sydney-centric government.'

### Tourism symposium

Tourism experts will gather June 1 for the 2018 Destination Byron Tourism Symposium, to be held at the Elements of Byron resort.

Global trends and local challenges and solutions will be tabled, along with managing sustainable tourism. Visit [www.byronandbeyond.com/event/byron-tourism-symposium-2018/](http://www.byronandbeyond.com/event/byron-tourism-symposium-2018/) for more info.

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## Bobby's footwork for mental health

Aslan Shand

When Bobby Walker's mate took his own life, it changed Bobby's life forever. Wanting to help people at risk Bobby decided that he would do a walk 'for the boyss' from Noosa to Byron Bay.

He plans to do the 310km in just six days to raise money for the suicide awareness charity MindfullAus.

Bobby will be doing the walk with his brother Guy Walker and the CEO of MindfullAus Matt Runnalls. They will be walking an average of 52km per day.

Working full time it has been a challenge to create the time for all the preparation and training required, said Bobby, who has been walking and running 30-50km a week.

Nonetheless 'It has been really positive experience,' said Bobby.

'I have learned a lot about myself and others.'

### Sponsorship

While they now have most of the equipment they need they are still asking for sponsorship to raise money for this much needed cause.

'We've raised eight and a



Bobby Walker. Photo Instagram

half thousand dollars so far,' said Bobby.

For the final day of the walk, May 25, Bobby is asking locals to join them and the parents of his friend who committed suicide to walk from the south wall in Brunswick to Main Beach Byron.

### Walk from noon

Turn up at 12pm at the south wall to join the walkers.

If you can't join them for the walk then you can drop into the Byron Surf Club from 6pm and welcome them

home and help raise awareness of mental health issues.

'We'll be hearing from the mother of my friend who committed suicide and some other great people and we'll get to listen to musician Nick Cunningham,' said Bobby.

Stone & Wood beers will be available, there will be some great raffles, and a one-metre platter from Poor Girls pantry.

If you would like to contact Bobby email fortheboyss.info@gmail.com, follow him on instagram 'fortheboyss.'

## Mur'bah arts winds its trail



Emma Watson and Murwillumbah Arts Trail 2018 curator Dev Lenge at Saturday's opening of the Pallets Exhibition, part of this year's Murwillumbah Art Trail (MAT). Running until May 27, MAT 18 has transformed 35 beautiful spaces around Murwillumbah into art galleries. Photo Jeff 'Is Art The Enemy Of Taste?' Dawson

## Councillors locked into a pillory, this Thursday

Councillors and staff will drag themselves once again before hoi polloi, or the unwashed masses, this Thursday for morning access, and then dive straight into a mammoth agenda of reports and staff recommendations.

Just a few topics gleaned from the agenda include:

Cr Sarah Ndiaye is asking for support to advocate to the relevant federal government ministers for the Newstart Allowance to be increased

from the current rate of \$269, by at least \$70 per week.

Cr Cate Coorey is seeking support to write to the NSW Coastal Panel to express 'concern at the paucity of advertising for the Development Application, the difficulty of finding the advertisement in the local paper, and the brevity of the exhibition period; the difficult of finding the DAs on the Coastal Panel website,' and other concerns.

And not only, Cr Spoon-

er's plan to develop a policy on minimising the harms caused by poker machines has been addressed by staff. The report reads in part: 'With so few NSW Councils making a public statement via a strategy or policy on this issue, Byron Shire Council can provide leadership in this area.'

Suggestions include initiating dialogue with Clubs NSW in relation to Club-Grants distribution.'

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## Development creep

Farming out essential health services like day surgery to a private hospital in Byron Shire is now well on its way, after the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) met in Mullumbimby's Council chambers last Thursday.

The question of whether governments should provide all essential services like health is an important one for the community – we are the ones who will obviously be left having to pay more for private care if/because public health is under resourced.

It should be noted this ridiculous model of allowing the private sector to run health services is also supported by Labor.

The JRPP meeting was to determine whether a private hospital, that is proposed near the existing Byron Central Hospital on the clogged Ewingsdale Road, should proceed.

What unfolded at the meeting was a demonstration of how wealthy developers and the NSW Liberal/National party do business together. Essentially, lip service was paid to the fact that the road is already choked to capacity, but that didn't seem to bother the JRPP, and the panel seemed to embrace the idea because the community would benefit.

The JRPP is supposed to be an independent planning regulator that decides big-ticket items, because, well, democratically elected councils aren't somehow up for the job.

This northern JRPP (there are a few) is headed by former National Party MP Garry West and his panel includes medium-ranking bureaucrats like former GM's.

Instead of the Greens-led council deciding the big planning stuff, we have essentially the National Party doing it for us.

Longtime local John Flick addressed the panel first up, and as owner of adjoining property, he said his existing home would be four metres from the access road. 'The traffic will be 24 hours,' he said. 'The imposition and size is my concern... this is a major commercial development.'

Next, Melbourne-based developer Joel Wertheimer approached the microphone with his small army of planners, architects and assorted experts. They all tried to convince the panel they should be given a foothold so the development was assured.

Wertheimer wanted to 'fast track' their projected financial returns with 'deferred commencement.'

Yet it was clear that much of the development application (DA) submitted was totally inadequate. Council staff told the panel as much.

A lot of it seemed like waffly nonsense from Wertheimer and his small expert army, right down to the Byron Central Health and Wellness Hub presentation on the overhead projector.

'We saw a gap in the market,' was the reasoning for the need, yet it was unclear why the proponent refused NSW Health's offer of operating day surgery from within the existing hospital.

Maybe the returns on a separate building with its own cafe and pharmacy are too attractive to refuse?

The spin here is of course that the public should feel grateful a day surgery service would be made available, yet the question of why the government isn't doing that job was never addressed.

In the end, the the developer failed to convince the panel this time that it should go ahead. Wertheimer and his expert army will have crack at that at another date.

Most importantly, the panel's eagerness to accept this after all the boxes are ticked ignores the increased traffic problems it will create. Yup – The JRPP are just a tool to facilitate more development. In this case, this will benefit private interests over the common good. And West Byron is next on their list.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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## Unbelieva-Bill and other govt inspirations

Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison were determinedly hitting the hustings last week as they tried to persuade the sceptical that their Enterprise Tax Plan was not only viable, but is actually a good idea.

And the signs are that at least some of the public seems to be listening: not convinced, but prepared to accept that the budget is not seriously unfair, and may even be good for the country – although not necessarily for them personally.

But the swinging voters could swing back at any moment, so it is vital that the government grab them by the privates and keep their undivided attention. But, as always, it isn't going to happen. Various distractions have already intervened, and there is no real sign that they are going to stop.

Except for one, of course: the already completed consummation of the union of a royal ranga from a dysfunctional family who appears to have grown a beard to disguise the fact that he has lost his chin in an unfortunate breeding accident and a divorcee from another dysfunctional family of septs named something like Merkin Muggle. We can put that behind us until the inevitable compromising photos appear in the tabloids.

However, there are plenty of problems at home too: the intractable live sheep trade, which David Littleproud had hosed down for the moment, but we can be certain further atrocities will appear unless the business is closed down permanently – which it won't be.

Then there is the ongoing saga of the dual citizens, which Turnbull is trying to twist into a problem of Bill Shorten's honesty. Morrison in particular is trying to twist the campaign over the upcoming by-elections into a rope to hang Shorten; although it appears that he has mercifully dropped the 'Unbe-

lieva-Bill'. The line still is that because Shorten got the dual citizen bit wrong (as, of course, did Turnbull: 'and the High Court will so hold') then he can't be trusted about the budget either.

The problem there is that Shorten and the indefatigable Chris Bowen and their team are taking a belt and braces approach to their costings through both public and private sources and it will be very hard to discredit them except through sheer abuse – which, it appears, is the government's preferred approach.

But once again, the coalition's troops have other things to concern them, and the one

Institute of Public Affairs, she promises to be as smug, spoilt and silly as her father: her call for a \$5 an hour minimum wage was a very promising start.

But if it wasn't really about getting rid of women, no-one remembered to tell the Queensland front bencher Jane Prentice, dumped from her safe seat of Ryan for a belligerent and impatient male protégé. When her supporters both inside and outside the Liberal Party protested, Turnbull and Morrison doubled down to waffle about the need for the rank and file to have their say.

But seconds later, when it emerged that the humble New South Wales backbencher Ann

gue that women have a different perspective from men on many issues, especially political ones.

My own feeling is that some do, some don't; most of the most successful women politicians – Golda Meir, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher to name but three – can be quite as aggressive, uncompromising and domineering as any of their testosterone-charged counterparts.

Within Turnbull's ministry it is easier see Michaelia Cash and Kelly O'Dwyer as disciples of Peter Dutton than Jacinta Ardern. Julie Bishop, despite her death stare, sometimes evinces traces of humanity, but perhaps that's why she is frequently rolled in cabinet even in her own portfolio – her foreign aid allocation is regularly and ruthlessly slashed every budget.

Liberal women in parliament are certainly a very small minority – a smaller one, indeed, than they were 30 years ago. The by-election super Saturday could have been used in an attempt to improve the numbers, but apart from Downer (who, if she wins, will be replacing a woman anyway) the Turnbull team have preselected two blokes to run against the two Labor women who have been flicked by the High Court in Braddon and Longman. And of course the Libs will not be running candidates at all in the two Western Australian seats.

It should not be a major issue, but at a time when there are plenty of others and a tricky budget to sell, it is one more internal tiff our prime minister could do without. He already has a problem with female voters, which is likely to become worse in the heat of what is shaping up as a particularly brutal and unedifying election campaign.

Perhaps he should spend more time talking to his wife Lucy – if not, in a few months he may have rather more time talking to her than he intends.

*As a graduate from the Loony Libertarian Training College, otherwise known as the Institute of Public Affairs, [Georgina Downer] promises to be as smug, spoilt and silly as her father*

by Mungo MacCallum



that made the headlines was the Liberal Party's attempted purge against sheilas in parliament.

That was not quite the way they tried to portray it: good heavens no, it was a healthy outbreak of grassroots democracy, the very model espoused by Tony Abbott in New South Wales when he was trying to stack a few branches to smash the moderate wing of the movement. Preselections should be made from the bottom of the pyramid, not the top – unless, of course, there is crisis in which a favoured candidate had to be shoe-horned into office, in which case all bets are off.

And anyway, it wasn't really about getting rid of women: why, over in Mayo the heir and successor of the Downer dynasty, the Princess Georgina, has just been preselected unopposed. And who could be a more worthy candidate? As a graduate from the Loony Libertarian Training College, otherwise known as the

Sudmalis may be challenged in her seat of Gilmore, the two great protectors of the common people were falling over each other to declare that she must be preserved at all costs. Were they defending a woman? Well, no, they were defending an ultra-marginal seat, which was far more important. This became clear when two more Liberals, Jane Hume and Lucy Guchici, were also said to be in trouble, but were studiously ignored: after all, they were senators, so the numbers were not in doubt.

The issue of female representation, both in the parliament and the wider community, is a fraught one, and one that provokes division and controversy. There are many who say it should not matter – it should be all about merit and gender is irrelevant.

But there are others who say that as half the population is female, we should aim to give women half the seats. Apart from a simple matter of equity, they ar-

### CHESS by Ian Rogers

Until recently people assumed Kirsan Ilyumzhinov would be president of the world chess body FIDE for as long as he wanted.

In his 23 years as president Ilyumzhinov has seen off many challengers, including former World Champions Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov, using tactics which included threats – serious coming from a person alleged to have ordered at least four hits – bribes, disendorsing dissident national federations and replacing them with compliant ones, and, more recently, diplomatic pressure from the Russian government.

However, Ilyumzhinov's loyal deputy and facilitator for the past two decades, Georgios Makropoulos, recently turned against his leader, declaring his intention to run for president in October's election. Makropoulos's first shot was to turn the FIDE web site from an Ilyumzhinov propaganda outlet into the opposite.

Then English GM Nigel Short – a former world title challenger but also the man behind the 'Saudi bans chess' hoax and 'women's brains aren't made for chess' claims – also threw his hat into the ring. Faced with his biggest challenge,

Ilyumzhinov has drawn up a completely new slate of candidates for the top FIDE positions. His list includes a 'highly credentialled' American, Glen Stark – the choice intended as a rebuff to those claiming that the US sanctions against Ilyumzhinov were a serious impediment to gaining US support. Stark has also been put in charge of the new Kirsan Fund, suspected to be a vehicle for buying federations' votes at the next FIDE election.

Suspicious about Stark – his false CV and photo, and his plagiarised web site – were soon confirmed, but it took some great detective work from the Balkan web site Chessdom to reveal that Glen Stark was actually the Russian-born US resident Igor 'Gary' Shinder. (Stark explained to journalist Peter Doggers that he was using a false name because of work on top-secret projects and would reveal all in June.)

Moreover, Ilyumzhinov's proposed Deputy President Behgjet Pacolli is the Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo and one of the richest people in Europe thanks to his construction company, which has close links to the Russian government.

Ilyumzhinov, the man who has won elections while claiming to have mind-melded with aliens, so far appears unperturbed.

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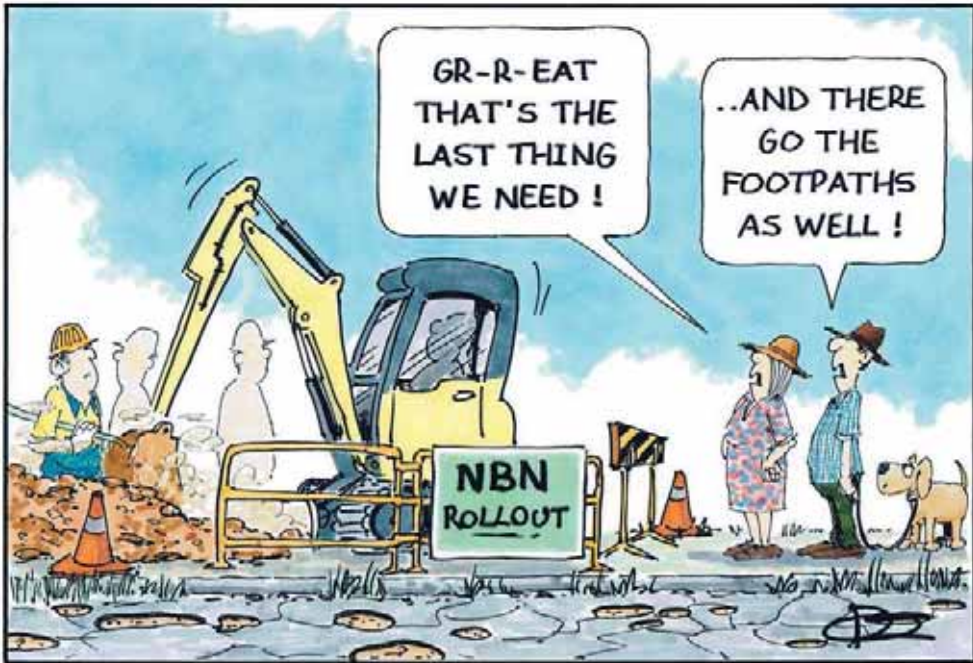
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**On the nose**

David Comin, I believe that nose-in parking was brought in to stop the fumes of the car exhausts spewing into shop doors onto shop staff and customers or onto people enjoying food in eateries or dining on the footpath. Exhaust fumes also affect the humble shopper or pedestrian travelling along on the footpath, with or without kiddies and pets.

Those are good reasons I think... But will it save dogs having drinks on the road behind cars? I don't know.

**Cath Berriman**  
Mullumbimby

**The short of it**

If asked to take Bill Shorten's word, I would – to the nearest garbage bin where his utterances belong. And Albo? I'd take his word full stop!

**J Roe**  
Mullumbimby

**Better than a slap**

It's many years since I've taken much interest in local football but Sunday I went to the Les Donnelly field and I can't think of when I've enjoyed anything so much since my mother stopped slapping me.

Twelve o'clock the girls Aus-tag started and I had no idea we had so many strong athletic women in the Shire, but their enthusiasm was electric and their energy boundless. While they lost a close fought game they certainly lost nothing with the crowd.

So then on came Robbie Goodyear's reggies and let me say most of their players could be in A-grade. Watch-

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ing the milkman tackle was like watching Ron Coote from yesteryear and there were any number of players capable of playing for A-grade. They won a very exciting game.

The A-grade are yet to be beaten and so it was with the opposition. Watching Josh Castellano take the ball up from the kick off was worth the price of admission by itself. Seeing how steady Roy Bell was, to kick a goal from the sideline while the Tweed crowd heckled unmercifully, to get the home team a draw. You have to come to the next home game on Saturday June 2 against Kyogle, it will be worth it.

**WB Crompton**  
Mullumbimby

**Scatterbrain Scott**

What a curious response to Bill Shorten's budget speech in reply. Turnbull and Morrison assumed the mantle of schoolyard bullies with their name-calling designed to shoot the messenger rather than critique Labor's alternative budget strategies. This demeans all Australians and is usually the default position of people who have been outmanoeuvred.

Coalition supporters must be despairing that this is the government's best effort. Their advisers have been very short sighted in suggesting the focus be on the trite and sleazy catchphrase 'unbelievabil'.

There are many plays on words that can be applied to their names. Malcolm becomes 'Mal-content' and Turnbull 'Turn-BULL' or 'Turncoat'.

'Scott' and 'Morrison' provide greater scope. Scott could become 'Scuttle', 'Scourge' or 'Scatterbrain' with two more telling versions.

One is 'Scotoma' – a partial loss of vision or blind spot in an otherwise normal visual field. With the treasurer the 'loss of vision or blind spot' is

permanent not partial.

The other 'Scarify' – to scare, frighten, alarm, worry, terrify, petrify, panic, or shock – exactly what he has done to the most vulnerable Australians. Morrison aptly becomes 'Morri-bund' or 'Morass'.

The government must be praying that the opposition does not stoop to its level and engage in tit-for-tat.

**Meg Pickup**  
Ballina

**Pothole capital**

Jim Beatson is right (Letters 16 May). 'The huge cost of servicing Byron's two million tourists a year... is unsustainable' for this small council. Blaming Council isn't the answer.

A bed tax is one sensible contribution to the deficit. Direct contributions from the state and federal governments is the best solution.

Both governments are happy to promote Byron Bay to attract tourists and not pay for the necessary infrastructure.

As Jim correctly said: The problems 'only get worse' with further delay. Thanks, Jim.

Further, state government take note: 'highrise' will kill the Golden Goose...

**Roger Seccombe**  
Bangalow

**Byron Bay Triathlon**

As a Cystic Fibrosis and double lung transplant recipient in 2016, one of my first goals was to finish the Byron Triathlon. I did this in 2017 and absolutely loved it.

It is so good to see non-'party' events in Byron. Healthy people of all shapes and sizes loving life and achieving goals they have set for themselves; whether just to finish or go for a PB.

I wasn't able to race this year but enjoyed volunteering and hearing the positive feedback from out-of-town-ers who were looking forward to the event. Please keep it up!

**Justin Wall**  
Mullumbimby

The new shortened bike course allowed East and West Suffolk Park exit and entry while the race was happening, such a fantastic idea. The road signage and letterbox drops were very much appreciated. On the day I watched the children competing between 11am and midday before heading home without any problems.

I hope that the race continues as we have many community members who are also in the local cycle club, running club and swimming club competing in the event.

**Geoff Bensley**  
Byron Bay

**Round and round...**

After joking that the Ewingsdale roundabout must have cost a million dollars, I first read in *The Echo*, that it cost over \$7 million! Then a retraction – that it cost just over \$5 million.

It must have taken six months of traffic snarl and inconvenience to the residents and tourists to build. With the RMS black spot grants capped out at \$2 million, that leaves Byron Council with a whopping \$3 million cost per roundabout.

So I called the engineers department at Ballina, asking about their new roundabouts on the coast road to Byron.

Those roundabouts come in at just over \$2 million each to build, costing Ballina next to nothing.

Asking why ours should cost so much, the engineer laughed and said that they often joked about the poor quality work in Byron Shire. He said that Ballina has their own labour crew and they often worked at night to lessen inconvenience for the public.

He suggested that Byron must contract out much of their work. He said that the roundabouts on the coast road to Byron were made in six to eight weeks.

So Byron's roundabouts cost our council \$3 million each, that we the ratepayer must pay for. That \$6 million would go a long way to fixing our dangerous roads that cause damage to residents'

vehicles that Council is now paying for.

Asking about having a roundabout like the one in Bangalow, the costing from one engineer was less than \$100k and taking a couple of weeks at very most.

Further, the new filling of the potholes on the corner of Coolamon and Myocum Road were filled but now are

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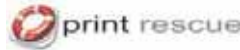
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completely open again after only two weeks. Something seems amiss in our engineering and roadworks department. I'm surprised Bucks hasn't raised a few questions about this one.

**Noah Yamore**  
Myocum

**Smoke, solar and potholes**

In Gayle Russel's letter (April 11) farewelling Billy Snow she mentioned their BugaUp success in getting smokers not to smoke indoors so non-smokers are not forced to passively smoke. Whenever I inhale smoke like that I get fits of coughing.

I've also suffered from smoke pollution in heavy traffic where thousands of cars spew fumes worsening many lung conditions – also aggravated by lack of oxygen due to housing developments and resultant tree clearing.

Visiting Byron on my Easter holidays I had a delightful experience on the solar train. The solar panels and energy from the brakes stopping at stations propels the silent train along the old railway.

Bikeways along old railways could travel beside the railway. At creek crossings cycle and walking tracks could

easily hang beside or beneath railway bridges since they are light. They could later convert more carriages to solar like this one, passing each other at railway stations so only one track is needed. Planes and helicopters are available for people in a hurry.

Australia's population would never viably sustain a very fast train as it takes several miles to stop them so the time speed saves would be lost.

Also mentioned in the paper were potholes in the roads. Our Gold Coast Council has bought at a cost of about \$3,000 a small bitumen machine which fills potholes as they arise. Perhaps cement roads might be used in wetter places, expensive once but cheaper in the long term.

Your papers letters are so much more informative than ours.

**A Sutherland**  
Robina

**Bridge time?**

Causeways have effectively restricted the river flow like dam walls, trapping silt and flood debris (*Time for a free-flowing Brunswick River* May 16). The causeways present a physical barrier to fish crossing, except in flood time.

This brings comparisons

on a number of points to the North Arm of Brunswick River, Readings Bay massive rock wall, continuing mangrove growth taking over the river, especially in front of the New Brighton shop and other rock walls causing silting/stopping river flow identified in Byron Shire Council's Flood Study in February 2016.

Also the canal on Kallaroo Circuit, North Ocean Shores, with the concrete floor of the bund one metre higher than the actual tidal flow is problematic. A bridge was promised to be built replacing the bund in the canal.

**Jillian Spring**  
Billinudgel

**Eat fresh**

I agree with John Campbell that unhealthy supermarket foods are now widely accepted, with the ensuing crises of cancer, heart disease, dementia and obesity, etc. This is normalised by many movies.

Before WWII everyone ate fresh, local organic food (there was no alternative) and movies from the 30s show slim, healthy actors.

S Hutching (*Echo* May 16) personally attacks Campbell from the first paragraph to the last. She could well follow her own advice. Fat naming is not fat shaming. It is great health

advice to a (rapidly) growing part of the body social.

**David Hall**  
Ocean Shores

**It's mine, so I can**

I have to take issue with Damien Antico's letter (May 9). Times change, Damien.

For starters, I'm sure the value of your property has not decreased. If it has, then it was obviously overpriced in the first place.

Before Airbnb there were other ways of renting on a short-term basis, eg real estate agents or placing an ad in the local paper. Maybe you just need to lower your nightly price if you are finding it hard to compete, or list your property on Airbnb!

Regarding fire safety certificates, insurance etc, if you rent your house permanently you do not have to have these, so why should it be different for short term?

Although I sympathise with people wanting permanent accommodation, I do believe that my house is my house and I should be able to rent it either short or long term as I see fit. There just has to be in place a means to contact the owner and have troublesome people evicted.

Most Airbnb rooms average one night per week, which

would not make it viable to pay for a DA and associated costs as you say. But of course your rooms would be more in demand. How cosy for you.

And how is it different if you rent one room or two? You also mention tax. Tax is paid on income no matter what platform you rent through.

As far as your wanting Council to book a room, this is highly immoral and underhand, and Council has more important issues to deal with.

Renting out a room or even two in your home is not affecting permanent rentals as most would not opt for a permanent tenant.

**Ruth Dare**  
Bangalow

**Market duplicity**

For nearly three years Byron Shire Council and the Byron Community Centre (BCC) have, by various subterfuges, attempted to move the Byron Community Market off the Butler Street Reserve.

Indicative of a hidden agenda for control of the Commonwealth-owned site, consultation with stallholders has been negligible. After repeated inquiries, the Rainbow Region Stallholders Association was promised a meeting on this matter by

mayor Simon Richardson, and additionally given firm assurance by Council that the market would remain at its present location, even during construction of the bypass.

Stallholders now find to their surprise that a plan will be tabled, during Council's public meeting on Thursday, 24 May, enabling the market to be moved to Railway Park.

Sadly, this is what we have come to expect. It undermines community trust and makes a mockery of any claim by Council and BCC market management to be 'transparent, inclusive and consultative'.

**Helen Burns**  
Byron Bay

■ See story p5 or online at [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)

**Puff puff and away**

Nice editorial about 'Puff Pieces' in last week's paper and a nice little 'Puff Piece' about Habitat in this week's paper on page 2.

No mention of prices, which I have heard are astronomical... obviously they are having trouble attracting tenants at the extraordinary rates asked but does *The Echo* really need to give them a 'leg up'?

**David Hancock**  
Byron Bay

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# Saving community – the argument against Airbnb

Jan Barham

The unauthorised use of residential dwellings for tourism has been contentious in Byron Shire since 2003.

Recently Mayor Richardson spoke about the impact of Airbnb, commenting on the erosion of our community by the so-called 'share economy' platform Airbnb.

Simon's comments are strongly supported by residents but Airbnb representative Brent Thomas accused him of being anti-tourism.

## Community value

While most residents accept the impacts of living in a tourism town including the pressures of crowding and increased traffic, it is unacceptable when their neighbourhoods are disrupted and they lose their amenity.

There are some crucial points with this controversial issue. Tourism and business zones are where commercial activities have been deemed appropriate but residential zones are defined to provide areas for community to flourish. This involves the establishment of a permanent community by creating



neighbourhoods where people can know who lives next door and in their street.

Permanent residents are the lifeblood of our community; they provide social and cultural capital and form our volunteer base. Volunteers contribute to local events including festivals and farmers markets and are the amazing people who give their time to care for all of us as emergency volunteers with the Bush Fire Brigades, SES, Marine Rescue and others. Volunteers also provide many community services supporting our aged, homeless, young and other vulnerable groups. It is residents who have protected and preserved what is precious in our Shire and what has made it the international tourism icon that it is. It is now sadly ironic that tourism is destroying the amenity of locals.

## Losing residents

The position often put by the 'sharing' economy platforms and advocates is that it helps locals financially and provides a local perspective and experience for visitors.

This argument fails when you consider that approximately 15 per cent of the total of residential houses in the Shire are being let out as entire houses on Airbnb. This is against the residential zoning, which is defined to protect residential amenity and encourage a sense of community and neighbourhood.

There are about 450 properties that advertise a room or two for letting and this does allow for the 'spirit' of the share economy. But the letting out of entire houses on a permanent basis delivers significant issues.

Currently approximately 2,000 houses are not available for permanent residents, either for home ownership or rental, and that equates to approximately 5,000 people who are not able to access housing in Byron Shire. The use of entire houses is like mini-hotels in residential areas; they are tourism establishments, prohibited under the planning laws and are a commercial use of a residential dwelling.

## Shifting costs

Council collects funds to offset the costs of providing services for community and business. Residential rates are lower than commercial as residents are recognised as a great source of value to a community, whereas tourists are a source of value to a business but usually a cost

to Council in terms of wear and tear on public facilities, roads, parks, and they generate waste, which is Council's responsibility and cost.

No wonder Airbnb try to hard to defend their right to operate; it's a lucrative business with no costs or return of fees to the council.

In contrast to this, bed and breakfasts, who also provide rooms to visitors, are required to submit a development application and neighbours have the right to make submissions. They also pay significant development contribution fees and pay increased council rates for the operation of the commercial use.

## Unaffordable housing

The impacts of the unauthorised use of residential dwellings for tourism purposes includes that homes are sometimes vacant, diminishing the sense of neighbourhood. There's also the reduced availability of stock for sale and or rental, increasing the lack of housing availability. The use has also increased the value of properties as the purchase of

a home used for a business increases the value of properties and impacts on housing affordability.

Short-term letting is a commercial activity without any of the real costs of operating a business. It's an attractive investment with some owners also taking advantage of negative gearing and capital gains tax, which were introduced to incentivise property investment to increase rental stock not tourism. The outcome and impacts are far from the intent.

The Australian Tax Office is reviewing and auditing the activity and whether those who use tax incentives are compliant with tax laws.

The reality is that the permanent use of entire residential dwellings for Airbnb comes at a great cost to residents and to Council. Byron Shire Council has now returned to the position that existed in 2010 'to prosecute the owners of unauthorised short-term residential accommodation'. The community should support Council and advise of any impact they encounter to ensure the return of vibrant local community and neighbourhoods.

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## Rule breaker

I broke the rules (200 words) and had my letter to the editor 'restricted'. Hence two important subjects were eliminated.

1. Parking – What new areas is Council providing to help with additional parking? I imagine most DAs require a parking levy. Where is Council spending these dollars? Paid parking does not provide extra spaces.

2. Potable Water – Great that all new homes have to include a water tank (not necessarily potable water).

Just as we have had a recent flood that reached unheard of heights what is Council doing that would ensure, in a drought, we have adequate potable water?

We have more and more people turning on the tap and it would be smarter if we had a surplus supply of water rather than severe restrictions.

Council, just in case the word 'infrastructure' has slipped your mind, please put it on your list.

**Malcolm Murray**  
Mullumbimby

## Vegans for meat

Last year, the dairy industry attempted to ban the use of the word *milk* for plant-based drinks like soy and almond milk. We pointed out that, if accuracy is their goal, their bottles should be labelled 'a mammary secretion of animals for the nourishment of their young'.

Now, the Cattle Council wants to ban the word *meat* from vegan products that look like animal flesh but are clean, cruelty free and better for our health. They want the law changed to define meat as 'coming from the flesh of a slaughtered animal'. We do hope they'll print that on every package – they'll win our campaign for us in the first week.

These petulant reactions are indications of how threatened these industries feel. Suggesting that people do not know that vegan sausages, burgers and schnitzels are plant based and cruelty free is absurd – those are the reasons why these products are taking the market by storm.

Very soon, clean meat grown from stem cells in the laboratory under sterile conditions and without any animals being tormented and slaughtered will be widely available. Except for the absence of bacteria coming from filthy feedlots and abattoirs, it will be identical in flavour and texture to meat from slaughtered animals.

Forward-thinkers like Bill Gates, who recently invested millions into clean meat, know that it is the 'future of food'. Consumers are far smarter than the meat industry believes. They know that regardless of what they're called, vegan and clean meats are the humane and sustainable choice.

**Desmond Bellamy**  
PETA Australia

## Bugger sand mines

It was great to see the letter (May 16) from Mr Asren Pugh, Labor candidate for Ballina, opposing the proposed sand mine for Lennox Head. The community doesn't want it, other politicians don't want it and I'm sure an environmentally sensitive North Creek doesn't want it.

For years Asren has represented workers and their families in the northern rivers, and has been a fierce warrior for sustainable environmental policy. He has also led the charge in opposing bad policy decisions forced on our area both by the Greens-dominated Byron Council and a power-drunk coalition state government.

A good example of this is the current debacle surrounding the immensely unpopular West Byron development that is being forced upon us because the coalition state government in a moment of madness and blatant support for their rich developer mates, withdrew planning powers from local Councils.

Maybe the Nationals parliamentary secretary for the north coast Mr Ben Franklin, who for the past two years has been engaged in stratospheric levels of political pork barrelling trying desperately to buy back favour with the Ballina electorate after years of neglect by the Nationals, would like to explain just why his coalition government removed these powers from local councils in the first place?

Unless the Labor Party is in government the Greens are always hamstrung, the Nationals absolutely hate them, no more evident than the manner in which Mr Franklin is now sidelining Tamara at every opportunity.

**Keith Duncan**  
Pimlico

## The results of war

Anyone over 60 will recall those John Wayne era westerns where vicious 'Injuns' randomly attacked innocent wagon trains. The attackers were barely seen as human, let alone as freedom fighters protecting their territory ►

► or their way of life. White vigilantes and later Union armies set out to teach them a lesson, if not to actually exterminate them.

Remind anyone of Gaza in 2018? There we recently had a bunch of Arab demonstrators armed with nothing better than stones and burning tyres being randomly shot dead by Israeli snipers even though the Arabs were on 'their' side of the boundary fence.

A documentary not long ago featured a female Jewish concentration camp survivor who was reaching out to a former Auschwitz guard in a gesture of forgiveness. Towards the end of the program the survivor was introduced to a Palestinian family who had been victimised by Israelis. The Jewish woman could not process the parallel at all and retreated into mute denial and incomprehension.

The best Israel's loudest representatives have come up with in relation to their recent atrocities are: Israel is not as murderous or aggressive as its neighbours; the people of Gaza were stirred up by Hamas, so Hamas should take responsibility; they are just terrorists; and God gave us this land, so just accept it.

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### All about the rails

To clarify a footnote added by *The Echo* to my article (April 25, p19). The Sunrise Progress Association did not object to the 'solar train' from its inception. It objected to the 2014 announcement of a 'clean' solar train being changed to the 2015 planned implementation of a 660 'dirty' diesel. The Association considers itself instrumental – with other parties – in 'convincing' Elements to convert to electric power.

Regarding the term 'solar train.' An ad in *The Echo* (September 9, 2015) and a flyer distributed in Sunrise (September 10, 2015) about a train, stated: 'Byron Bay Railroad Company Ltd, owned by the people behind Elements of Byron Resort, intended 'to convert to solar powered electric operation.' That is mostly true. The train now has a battery, powered by solar and grid to make it an electric train (with a diesel backup engine).

Byron's 'World First Solar Train' is not a solar train. It is the same as an electric car which runs off batteries.

**Raphael Lee Cass**  
Byron Bay

## Good design does more than turn profit

**David Brown**

The character of Byron Shire's built environment is likely to change over the next decade as recommendations emerging from the various town Masterplans take effect.

Change can be beneficial if development proposals are lawful and, more importantly, address real community needs such as housing affordability, and are sensitive to local character.

Inconsiderate, poorly designed proposals are another matter. Emotive, occasionally ill-informed community commentary is often a consequence. But even justifiable opposition has little effect when a proposal complies with the letter of planning law and can withstand Land and Environment Court challenges.

Sadly, Australia lacks the design-aware culture typically enjoyed, for example, by the Scandinavian countries. Instead, the focus of most development is on expediency, cost and profit. These crude business parameters are prioritised leading to the exclusion of good design.

That said, good design is

a loaded term that could be about aesthetics, process, philosophy or all three and more.

I use the term in its aesthetic sense and in the relationship of design to the quality of the built environment.

The role of design has been elevated through a new object in the NSW EP&A Act: 'To promote good design in the built environment.' An object is intended to assist decision-makers to interpret how to exercise their statutory powers. As I understand it, an object has precedence over all other elements of the Act and any related but subsidiary policies.

Announcing these changes in October 2016, then Minister Stokes said, 'Good design is critical to creating liveable, productive, sustainable and resilient communities, and we want to champion good design through a new policy and give it weight through legislative changes.'

The Act's design object is supported by a government architect-developed policy called *Better Placed*. Its aim is to clarify the government's understanding of good design and thereby underpin the new EP&A Act object.

It is not just how a place or building looks, but how it works and feels for people. The document ([gansw.nsw.gov.au](http://gansw.nsw.gov.au)) is worth reading and provides a sound basis for the review and assessment of proposals. It ought to assist everyone involved from the design phase through to development application assessments.

So, in the Shire's sometime fractious development assessment environment one question arises: Who should assess significant projects where good design and responsiveness to local conditions are crucially important? There is a solution Council may like to consider. In addition to good design, recent EP&A Act amendments include the concept of local Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (IHAPs). IHAPs are mandatory for all Greater Sydney region councils and Wollongong City Council but the legislation permits a local council to establish one. Each is made up of three minister-appointed independent expert members and a council-appointed community member.

IHAPs are intended to provide a transparent and ac-

countable assessment process for projects valued between \$5 million and \$30 million.

Importantly, development applications receiving ten or more objections from different households, accompanied by a Voluntary Planning Agreement, seeking to depart by more than 10 per cent from a development standard or for a development associated with a high risk of corruption are also included.

Establishment of a Byron Shire Council IHAP that determines high-value development applications might be beneficial for both the community and Council. This is not intended to unfairly criticise the skills and dedication of Council's officers. They would still determine other applications and provide high-standard reports and recommendations on proposals going to the IHAP or the Regional Planning Panel.

A Byron IHAP could be a way to take the heat off Council when significant development proposals are assessed. One would hope it could also be a means to independently address community needs, local character and good design in the process.

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# Growing organically: Sophie Planque and Jesbo McFly

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Jesbo McFly was hunched pensively over a novel in a cafe in Whitehorse, Yukon's capital. Vix and I had just arrived in town. We'd locked our bikes to a lamppost and rushed inside, eager for respite from the bitter wind, and keen

to eat something that wasn't stale bread, plain rice or sickly sweet biscuits. 'Where are you headed?' asked Jesbo. 'For the moment, south,' I replied tersely; trying to fob him off. 'So are we' was his jovial retort. 'We're going to Patagonia. My partner is in the library'.  
Sophie Planque and Jesbo

McFly (S&J hereafter) are fellow bike wanderers. Despite the inauspicious start we spent a wonderful month riding on and off with this inspirational young French couple. We quickly became close friends: such is the camaraderie engendered by the road.

The rapidly changing season was stirring the migratory instinct, harrying us south. Fall colours, rapidly shortening days and capricious weather were signals for us to leave the wild north.

Vix and I escaped the clutches of winter by fleeing to Vancouver Island, which we reached in late October as S&J suffered the brunt of an early winter in the Rockies.

Watching their faltering progress and exchanged messages on Instagram, we felt guilt, even shame, as we luxuriated in our warm, dry cabin on the island, while they camped in the snow, often at fifteen degrees below freezing.

They suffered terribly but drew something positive from the experience. It was about 'abnegation'; a word shared in French and English meaning renouncement. They had sacrificed their physical comfort and felt empowered.

S&J had the last laugh too:



when we chatted a couple of months ago on Skype to tie up some loose ends for this story, they were in southern California, about to cross into Mexico. They basked in sunshine amid a grove of bananas looking warm, tanned and super-relaxed. We sat in our dark cabin, Vix nursing a broken collarbone after a crash, and me reeling from an acute bout of cabin fever.

Like many of us who are privileged enough to live the bike-life, S&J are sharing their journey with folks back home. Unlike your humble correspondent though, Sophie is highly credentialed; an award-winning journalist and gifted storyteller. As they travel south they're interacting with a large cohort of French school children.

Before they departed France, a teacher friend of theirs wondered how Sophie was planning to satisfy her need to tell stories and suggested S&J share their experiences with his school. S&J loved the idea. Teachers' tongues talked and before

long there were twenty-five schools and over 3,000 school kids involved in the project.

S&J provide the materials, based around a short monthly video, free – their only stipulation is that the material be used in the classroom rather than as extra-curricular.

S&J plan to be travelling for two years and wanted to ensure a solid connection with the kids, so before leaving France they took a three-month trip around the country. 'We stood in every classroom,' explains Jesbo. 'It's not like they just met us on the internet. We did hundreds of presentations. So it's human linked, organic. They can see so many topics: geography, history, mathematics, science, economy, culture, environment, nature. Everything! We want our experience to be useful. I'm not going to change your mind, but I might influence the next generation. Maybe we'll help grow the minds of kids.'

They like the rhythm of stopping each month to make a short video and compile their material. The videos

(which you can find at [www.alaska-patagonie.com](http://www.alaska-patagonie.com)) are beautiful and often heart-wrenching: rarely will they leave you with dry eyes.

I asked Sophie the obvious question: was she going to make a feature-length documentary at the end of the journey? She was one step ahead of me as always. No, she didn't want to do this. It seems too indulgent and she wants to keep her experiences for herself and Jesbo. Rather, she hopes to make a film from the perspective of the kids, exploring how they react to the vicissitudes of the journey, and how their development compares to her and Jesbo's growth throughout their journey.

Jesbo chimes in here: 'You know when you travel long term and you get disconnected from who you were at the beginning – that's one reason to travel in the first place. We'll grow and find out who we are when we travel; and that connection with the kids is like a connection to who we were when we left France'. A reckoner of sorts.



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## Australia comes out on top of US

When it comes to cow milk it turns out Australia has the advantage over the US. According to recent research the reason is 'Simply because they graze in paddocks,' says the head of organics research at Southern Cross University.

Professor Carlo Leifert was co-author of an international study analysing 1,163 milk samples in the US over three years. They found milk from grass-fed cows was higher in omega-3 and other good fatty acids than milk from cows fed a mostly grain diet.

'The result that milk from cows grazing outdoors has more beneficial omega-3 fatty acids than milk from cows raised indoors on grain – which is typically what hap-

pens in the US – is not surprising given cattle have evolved to eat grass or roughage, not grain,' said Professor Leifert.

'And 100 per cent grass-fed organic dairy cows produce milk with an even higher nutritional value. Dairy production in Australia is still mainly pasture-based and producing certified organic grass-milk here is therefore relatively easy.'

The researchers found that cows fed a 100 per cent organic grass and legume-based diet produce milk with elevated levels of omega-3 and conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) – another valuable, heart-healthy fatty acid – providing a markedly healthier balance of fatty acids.

The improved fatty acid

profile in grass-fed organic milk and dairy products brings the omega-6/omega-3 ratio to a near 1 to 1, compared to 5.7 to 1 in conventional whole milk.

Omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids are essential human nutrients, yet consuming too much omega-6 and too little omega-3 can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, obesity, and diabetes.

'The finding that organic "grassmilk" can help to increase omega-3 intake as recommended by nutritionists and food standard agencies, and balance the high omega-6 intake associated with many vegetable fats, may be particularly beneficial with respect to cardiovascular health,' Professor Leifert said.



## The pros and cons of taking in a boarder

There was a time when I was looking at increasing my borrowings against my property and asked my lender if the money I received as board from my daughter, who was living with me at the time, could be taken into account toward my ability to service the debt.

Recently I was reminded of this time when I read an article about the pros and cons of taking on a boarder as a way to help pay your mortgage.

Basically it came down to this.

### Pros for having a boarder

- Additional income
- You can offset your household costs
- Potential tax deductions for property expenses
- The social factor.

### The cons of having a boarder

- Loss of privacy
- Extra responsibilities as a live-in landlord
- The income may push you into a higher tax bracket
- You may be subject to Capital Gains Tax (CGT) when you sell



- Many lenders don't take rent from roommates into account when assessing whether you can afford a home loan. (This was this case in my instance.)

Becoming a live-in landlord can help you pay off your mortgage and cover living expenses, while also allowing you to claim tax deductions in some instances. However, there are important implications to consider, which is why it's so important to consult your accountant or financial planner first. If you'd like to know more about your finance options for purchasing your home, please consult your mortgage broker or lender.

## Considerations when buying an investment property

So you're thinking of buying an investment property. The financial side of successful property investment is a balance between costs, income, deductions and their effect on your cash-flow.

### Initial costs

- Deposit
- Loan establishment fees
- Lenders' mortgage insurance (if you have less than 20 per cent deposit)
- Stamp duty (calculators are available here)
- Conveyancing and legal fees
- Building and pest inspection reports
- Quantity Surveying fees – to create your Depreciation Schedule for the fixtures in the property, so you can maximise your tax deductions (after purchase).

### Ongoing costs

- Rates/government taxes
- Insurance
- Mortgage repayments
- Body corporate fees
- Utilities not paid by the tenant
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- Repairs and maintenance costs.



The key to finding the right investment property is research! You want rental yield that works for your current cashflow and capital growth potential to increase future opportunities.

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- 36A Booyun St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 17 Binya Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 39 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 41 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm

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- Lot 4, 43/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 51 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 50 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2 Heritage Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- Lot 5, 41/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am
- 2 Mackellar Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 33 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 18 Booyong Court, Suffolk Park. \$1.7m-\$1.85m
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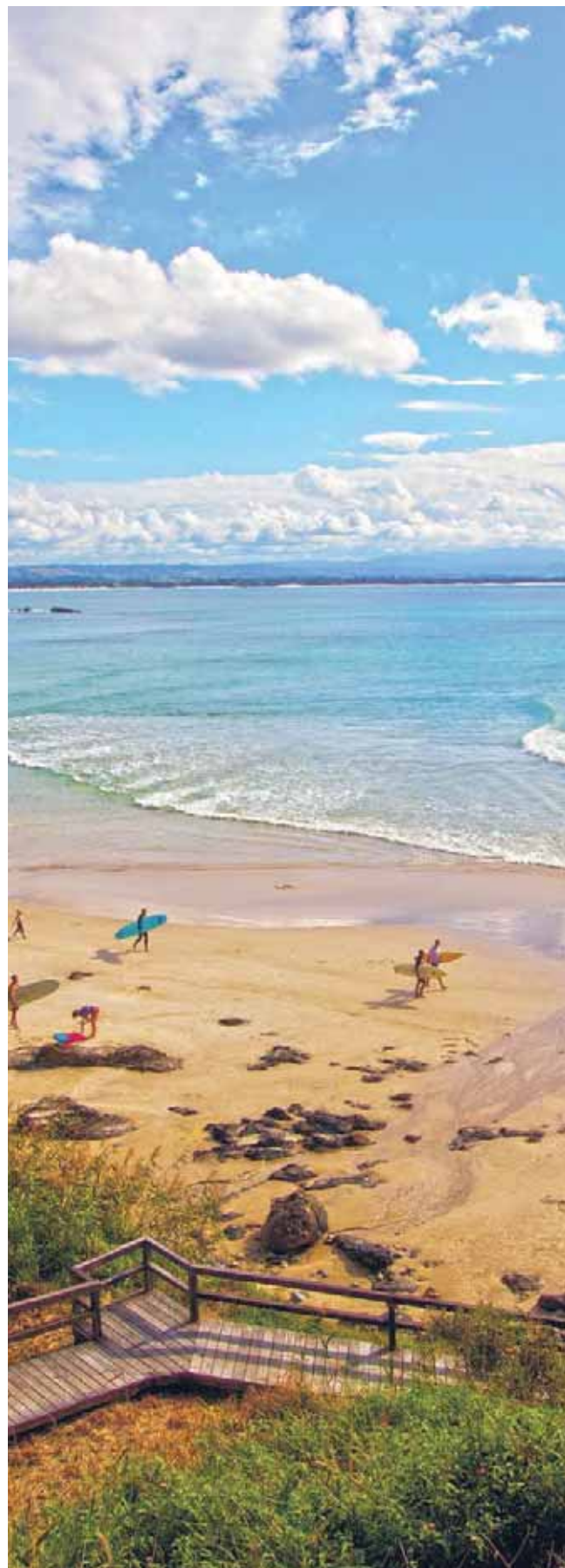
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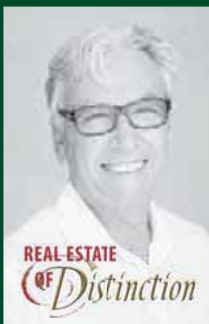
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Kan and Goy at Success Thai.

## Warming Thai food? Success!

Story and photo by Vivienne Pearson

Winter is coming and the need for comforting and nutritious food is rising as fast as the darkness in our evenings.

Thai food ticks all the boxes. Dishes such as green and red curry, laksa, pad Thai and fried rice are perfect for cooler days and nights. At Success Thai in Byron Bay you can be assured that your food will be super fresh, thanks to a quirky menu that offers a different range of dishes each day of the week.

This means that you know that Tuesday's Tom Yum soup was made fresh on Tuesday simply because it wasn't available on previous days. The variety in the menu keeps things fresh (pardon the pun) for regular customers, as well as for owners Kan and Goy Kingaew.

The super popular items of red curry and green curry transcend the nightly menu changes and, if you are really desperate for your favourite stir-fry dish, Kan is able to make it on one of that dish's 'off duty' nights, thanks to that style of cooking needing no preparation. Or, you can use the rotating menus as your inspiration for trying something new.

Goy shares that recently popular dishes are the lesser known chilli jam stir fry and pad see ew, a stir-fried dish using thick noodles, egg and vegetables with a sweet soy sauce.

Thai-born Goy and Kan have been running Success Thai for seven years. They offer takeaway as well as dine in, with both BYO and licensed options for the latter.

They are getting ready for winter. 'Winter is good,' says Goy. 'Once the festivals finish, we have lots of locals enjoying our food.' Goy's only request to locals is that they bring a jumper with them so that they can stay warm while waiting for and enjoying their warming winter Thai food.

**Success Thai: 3/109 Jonson Street, Byron Bay (between Carlyle and Kingsley Streets). Open for lunch Mon-Fri 12-3pm and for dinner 6/7 nights 5-8.30pm. \*Check Facebook @Success Thai Food for updates on whether they will continue to be open Sunday nights over winter.**

## An elixir of hemp at Elixiba

By Vivienne Pearson

At the time of writing it is exactly six months since the legalisation of hemp food. The world hasn't stopped turning and I have finally tried a hemp burger.

Elixiba, a plant-based restaurant in Byron Bay, added hemp burgers to their menu on the first day they were allowed to. They work closely with Bangalow-based Hemp Foods Australia.

'There was lots of conversation about it when it was first legalised,' says Grace Hosken, general manager. Since then, the burger, which combines hemp seeds with black beans and sweet potato, has attracted surprisingly little comment other than how yummy it is (and I can now concur). 'It is in our top three best-selling menu items every week,' says Grace.

That hemp has finally been granted legitimacy in Australia is the source of joy to those who have long understood its versatility as a plant (with uses in food, textiles, plastic alternatives and biofuel), its eco-friendliness (requiring minimal water and with high carbon absorbency), and its health benefits (high levels of Omega 3 and 6, a complete protein, and rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants).

For those not yet in the know, hemp used for food contains almost no THC (the active ingredient in cannabis) and any that does exist (at very low levels) has no psychoactive properties. In short, it is a plant, not a drug.

Elixiba has trademarked the slogan 'Home of the hemp burger' but it's not stopping at burgers. In fact, the whole restaurant is far from a burger bar, with a full range of plant-based foods including salads, macro bowls, nachos, bruschetta and desserts.

Hemp also features at Elixiba in the world's first hemp beer. Chilled is one within a range of beers brewed specially for Elixiba by Pickled Pig Brewery in Tweed. Each one contains herbs designed to evoke moods. You can choose from Dreamweaver, Aphrodite's Ale, Brainstorm (ginkgo, rosemary, tulsi, brahmi and herb Robert), or Chilled (with chamomile, passionflower and damiana as well as hemp).

Or, if you want to try sipping hemp but aren't a beer drinker, try a Hemp Happiness cocktail, which features the house-infused hemp vodka as well as damiana liqueur, lemon and mint.

If you need extra incentive to check out Elixiba, consider heading there on the last Wednesday of each month for Pay As You Feel day. Drawing from a model made famous by Lentil As Anything, you can choose from a set range of dishes and drinks and, at the end, choose to pay whatever you feel inspired to.

'It has been received very well,' says Grace of the Pay As You Feel days. 'It attracts people from all walks of life and some really click in with the feel.'

Other events are best found out about via Facebook or Instagram, with offers such as \$10 hemp burgers or Mexican-themed nights. 'We have such a beautiful base of regular customers who are attracted to our holistic and ethical ethos.'

The team are key to this ethos also, with Elixiba choosing a young, vibrant and, at times, eccentric crew. 'This is reflective of our product and space,' says Grace. 'When you eat here, you can feel at ease and be yourself while you enjoy your evening.'

**Elixiba: Shop 10, Feros Arcade (23 Jonson St), Byron Bay. Open 7 days, 12-late. Facebook and Instagram: @Elixiba. Trip Advisor: Elixiba Plant Based Restaurant. Ph 6685 6845.**



Do you feel like trying a hemp burger? – photo Vivienne Pearson



People paying what they feel – photo www.danescott.com.



Elixiba's feeling-based beers – photo Vivienne Pearson



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## Marketing: what money can't buy

Local business woman Anna McCormack has recently been nominated for the Social Media Marketing Institute's Best Emerging Social Media Marketer for 2018 to be announced at the Social Media Marketing Awards in Sydney on August 16th.

Anna started her business Beacon Social Media in February 2017 and since this time has been steadily building a reputation in the local area and abroad, with clients now as far as Sweden and Germany.

Anna says that her passion for supporting businesses with their presence on social media is based on the value she sees in developing those business/client relationships online. She has a knack for simplifying this process making it easy for business owners to develop a solid understanding and practice with their social media activity.

'Social media is about people. It's not a place for business to get on and sell their product, but rather a space where they can share, very simply, who they are, what they stand for and what they offer – but not always in the way we think. It can be the integrity of the business that stands out the most. Their light-heartedness for example, or their consistency... these are things that money cannot buy,' said Anna McCormack

'A lot of my clients breathe a sigh of relief with this approach as it takes the pressure off trying to be something on social media, and rather lets them just be themselves, and have a bit of fun in the process.'

The next step for Anna is a trip to Europe later this year where she will be presenting a series of workshops and talks in London and Amsterdam on the topic of 'True Marketing'.

## Solar train awarded for design innovation

Byron Bay's heritage world-first solar train has been recognised at the 60th Annual Good Design Awards ceremony, held at the Sydney Opera House last night. The highest honour for design innovation in Australia, the Awards attracted a record 536 entries this year.

The Byron Bay Railroad Company 1942-era train was both a Good Design Award Gold winner in the Product Design category and a Good Design Award winner in the Engineering category, in recognition for outstanding design and innovation.

Judges praised the train service, which is run on a not-for-profit basis with tickets costing just \$3. 'What is truly brilliant about this project is that it uses currently available technology applied to a sector in a clever and innovative way,' they said. 'This project has the potential to raise much-needed awareness about sustainable design. A sign of things to come.'

The net carbon-positive train service is entirely funded by Byron Bay Railroad Company and receives no government support whatsoever.

'Solar power can be seen and felt,' said Jeremy Holmes. 'Riding on a train powered by the sun proves that it is possible.'

'This is very Byron Bay,' said Dr Brandon Gien, chief executive of Good Design Australia. 'The designers retained the overall aesthetics of the old train while pointing the way to a sustainable future.' The Byron Shire continues to punch above its weight, with Byron's Flow Hive taking the major award in 2016 for their backyard beekeeping invention.

Gien attributes these successes to a sunny disposition and tolerance for risk. 'Designers and architects are optimists,' he says. 'We look at design as a way of creating a better future. We're living in a volatile, topsy-turvy world. If we are going to provide a better future for our planet, it requires imagination. Design is one of the ways we can make it happen.'

The Byron Bay Railroad Company team were presented with their trophies by Jan Utzon, son of Jorn Utzon who designed the Sydney Opera House. While the train itself will not be present, it will be celebrated among other award-winning innovations during Vivid Sydney over 25-27 May at the Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay.

The train will commence its winter schedule on 1 June. Existing



Along the 3km Byron coastal track

services will be maintained with the exception of Friday and Saturday evening services. The last evening service will be 26 May until evening services resume again after winter.

[www.byronbaytrain.com.au](http://www.byronbaytrain.com.au)



Our solar train took two prestigious awards at the Good Design Awards in Sydney on Thursday night



## We ride the train

By S Haslam

With family up from interstate, we decided to ride the solar train last weekend. Parking at the Sunrise end, I had that sense of anticipation for the train's arrival our children have rarely experienced in the public-transport-deprived Byron region.

About 30 people got off the midday train (it was a sunny Mothers Day), mostly asking for directions to Stone & Wood and the Sun Bistro. Once aboard, we opened the windows, and revelled in the old-style super-comfortable seats that can be flipped back and forth depending on what way you want to sit. And, we got actual cardboard tickets that were punched, and a bit of a laugh with the conductor.

With windows open, the train travelled slowly and surprisingly quietly through a part of Byron I'd never seen; apart from an occasional backyard we saw mostly swampy forest, with one particularly beautiful moment when the train crossed the mirror-like expanse of the Belongil. It was a fun ride, so we went straight back.

From the Sunrise station it was a quick stroll to Graze Restaurant at Elements of Byron, a hit for the second year in a row with the whole family aged 8-80, with classy cocktails (the Aviation is my current favourite), a good wine list, colossal meat dishes for the carnivores, vegan menu, lots of gluten-free options and proper kids' dishes that they can rate out of 10 with their MKR-inspired French accents (luckily they emulate the judges, not the contestants).

**With the oldies deciding to stay the night at Elements, we rolled back to Mullumbimby with the kids wondering why the train doesn't come here any more!**

## Good Taste



## Eating Out Guide

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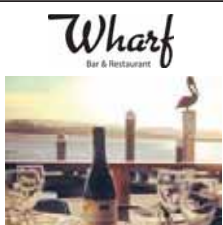
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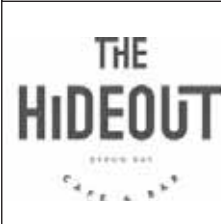


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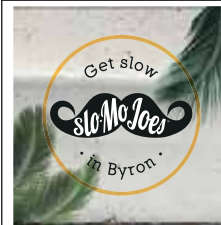
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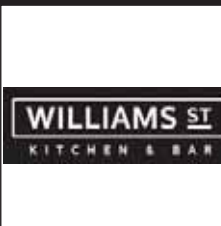
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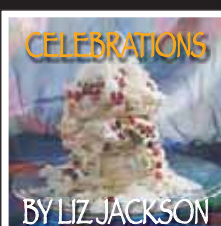
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## LES CARLOTTA!

CARLOTTA HAS ASTONISHING ENERGY. FOR A START SHE'S NO REGULAR 74-YEAR-OLD. SHE'S STILL TOURING THE COUNTRY PERFORMING LIVE SHOWS AND GUESTING ON THE TELLY. CARLOTTA HAS A STORY TO TELL AND SHE SURE KNOWS HOW TO TELL IT.

'I never think about age!' laughs Carlotta from her swanky Gold Coast abode. For a start this woman of the world started out as the boy from Balmain who later went on to have one of Australia's first public sex changes.

'We had to do it tough,' says Carlotta. 'I would love to have been born today because it would have been a lot easier. There is fabulous help now, fabulous doctors, but when I was growing up it was all experimental; it was like living in the dark ages.

Carlotta knew very early on that she was a woman. 'I looked very feminine,' says Carlotta. 'I never grew hair on my face or my underarms. It was just who I was.'

Carlotta's 90-minute show is a biography of music and story telling of this extraordinary life. With extraordinary humour!

Carlotta started out working in the Art department of David Jones. 'They showed me there was another life. I left home at 16!'

Eventually Carlotta got her start at the infamous Les Girls nightclub in Sydney's Kings Cross.

'That era will never be repeated. Most of the kids who were in that show all went on to have sex changes. You don't see impersonators like that any more. Although working was a battle! We had to fight for decent money. It's always been like that. I call it life lessons. I'm not bitter. I still learn about things every day. I have worked in TV and I see how the whole industry works. It's a learning curve every day. You learn what real people are like and what false people are like. If you let things worry you or stress you then you don't have a life. We are here for a short time, not a long time, so I am going to have fun!'

When Carlotta takes her story to the stage she makes sure she gives the audience a damn good show.

'I bring it up. I turn everything up. I rip myself apart. You are out there entertaining! I don't get too serious!'

Expect fabulous show tunes, a tribute to her good friend Peter Allen, some incredible costume changes, although she jokes, 'I used to be a greyhound, now I am a Kelvinator fridge!'

Carlotta still has all her incredible costumes - something she hopes one day to donate for exhibition.

'David Jones did a thing about two years ago for Mardi Gras - they dedicated the whole window to me. It was the greatest honour of my life! I started there at 16 and then there are my costumes in the window! They did a beautiful job!'

Carlotta's show called simply *Carlotta* has won critical praise Australiawide. Come see her in full technicolour at the Bangalow A&I Hall on Friday. 7.30pm. Tickets on sale at [beach-bum.eventbrite.com](http://beach-bum.eventbrite.com)

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## GUNS BEFORE KIDS

I can't understand why America love guns so much.

At this point in history it would appear that those in power love their guns more than they love their kids because they'd rather protect their right to bear arms than create safe spaces for children.

Children have a right to safety. A child should not expect to be shot dead at school. But it seems that expectation is unrealistic.

American children can realistically fear being murdered by someone with a gun during a regular school day. If that doesn't give you anxiety I don't know what will.

In the US there are almost as many guns as people, which means that when you consider that America also consists of reasonable peace-loving people who don't own a gun then the average gun-toting household has an astonishing eight guns!

America represents 4.5 per cent of the world's population, yet owns nearly half of the world's privately owned guns. Why? Why does a privileged first-world country so proud of its shiny democracy need guns?

For Freedom. America won't let go of this thing they call 'freedom': to own a gun and of course shoot a gun.

When I think about freedom I don't think of guns. I don't think about protecting my freedom with a gun. I don't feel limitation to my freedom because I don't have a gun. In fact, living without a gun makes me feel pretty bloody free. If my country were so incapable of keeping me safe that I needed to arm myself then I wouldn't have much faith in my country, no matter how shiny the democracy.

America's definition of freedom is not one I'd want to emulate here in Australia. I can send my kids to school without ever worrying they are going to get shot. I have never once kissed the soft foreheads of my children as I usher them through the school gate harbouring a nagging worry that they could be killed. That this could be the last time I hold them. That my sweet baby gone off to learn to read and write could be shot by a gun in the hands of some deranged schoolmate or rampaging adult with a score to settle.

I don't know how American mums and dads send their kids to school – how they manage that nagging anxiety that their kid might not come home. I have spoken to Scarlett Lewis.

Her 6-year-old son died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. Her son was one of 20 little children aged 6–7 who were murdered by a gunman who later shot himself in the head. It was one of the most harrowing conversations I have had with a person.

As Scarlett unpacked what happened on that day, I couldn't believe the enormity of the tragedy. I couldn't get my head around how so many little kids could be killed like that, on any ordinary day, in an ordinary town. Kids who belonged to ordinary parents like you or me.

I published this interview some time ago and then was anonymously contacted by a person telling me that they had information that the Sandy Hook shooting was a hoax. If it's not cruel enough to lose your children in a horrendous act of violence, then you have this enduring legacy of the pro-gun lobby spreading vile conspiracy theories that the victims fabricated the story. Wow, that's some freedom they're got over there.

If I lived in America I wouldn't send my kids to school. It's too dangerous. This is American school life in the last few months: A 25-year-old girl was shot in a Texan school cafeteria on January 22 this year by a 16-year-old classmate. The next day in Kentucky two students were shot dead when a classmate opened fire with a hand gun; a boy and girl, both 15 years old, died. On 1 February four students were injured in an LA classroom when a gun went off in a classroom with a 12-year-old boy being shot in the head. Valentines Day saw 17 people die at Marjory Stonemason Douglas High School; 7 March another kid got shot at Huffman High School; 20 March a 16-year-old girl died when she was shot in the head... and it goes on until right now when 10 people were killed at Santa Fe High School.

When does it stop? When does a country that cares so much about 'freedom' start caring about their children? Maybe those pro-lifers, who care so much about saving what they call unborn lives, should stop hassling women and start hassling the NRA about the born lives being murdered every day. Oh, hang on, that's right. The NRA are pro-life. Just embryos though. Not actual children.



### HEADLIGHTS AND GOODBYES

*Headlights and Goodbyes* is the title single from the new album of north coast folk rocker **Cheyne Murphy**, and is due for release at the end of 2018. *Headlights and Goodbyes* explores the notion of moving forward with the simultaneous feelings of nostalgia and a yearning for what is being left behind.

**Cheyne is joining forces with longtime collaborator Mark Heazlett to showcase the new material at the Bangalow Market this Sunday, 10am onwards.**

### THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HARRY

**Harry James Angus**, the explosive trumpet-playing singer from *The Cat Empire*, is known for his deeply original live performances, in which the highest standards of musical craftsmanship are thrown into chaos, uncertainty, and ultimately transcendence. Featuring some of Australia's finest jazz soloists, complete with horns, vocal chorus and Angus's soaring trumpet, *Struggle with Glory* is a new project that explores the archetypal stories of ancient Greek mythology – the savage and beautiful world of the Olympian gods, of Achilles and Odysseus, of sea nymphs and of the Minotaur, re-imagined through the swoop and holler of traditional gospel music.

The call-and-response, emotionally charged tropes of American gospel bring these ancient stories to life. Like a church for pagans, *Struggle With Glory* is by turns celebratory and mournful, completed by trad-jazz improvisations that will have even the strictest of pundits idol-worshipping in the aisles.

**Mullumbimby Civic Hall | Friday 1 June | 8pm | [www.redsquaremusic.com.au](http://www.redsquaremusic.com.au)**

### WALRUS & CARPENTER & DINGLE

To celebrate the release of their new single **Walrus and the Carpenter** will be performing at the **Court House Hotel** in Mullumbimby. Singer/songwriter **Matthew Enger** will be accompanied by **Dave Biggin** on guitar, **Vincent Bashford** on drums and **Ben Brennan** on bass. The mood for the night will be set by up-and-coming local-grown talent **Maisy Taylor**. The night will also include the debut screening of the music video for the new single *Home (Waiting for the News)*, filmed and edited by **Sinem Saban**. **As usual Walrus and the Carpenter have made it affordable for all with tickets just \$10 on the door. 7.30pm Saturday.**



### DON'T BE SCARED OF SPIDERS...

The narrative of the **Spiderbait** story is so fantastical it could only be based in truth: three friends from a small Australian country town taking on the Australian music scene on their own terms and emerging triumphant 25 years later, the friendships unscathed but their band one of the biggest and best on the national scene.

As brash and confident as they are strange and uncompromising, the three founding members of Spiderbait – Janet, Whitt and Kram – started humbly in the rural NSW township of Finley, the fervent music lovers taking inspiration from everything from Slayer to The Bangles and meshing into one intoxicating and unique brew.

Spiderbait have racked up pretty much every accolade there is to achieve on the Australian scene, having taken home numerous ARIA awards, chalked up a number-one single (their 2004 cover of Leadbelly's *Black Betty*) and even topped the prestigious Triple J Hottest 100 (for *Buy Me a Pony*, 1996).

They've also become one of the most reliable propositions and biggest drawcards in the live realms, having criss-crossed the country immeasurable times on headlining tours as well as playing show-stopping sets at every festival from Splendour in the Grass and Big Day Out to Meredith, Falls Festival and A Day on the Green (as well as countless others).

But there's no resting on their laurels for the hard-working three-piece, and there are plenty more chapters to write in the Spiderbait story – it's impossible to know what exactly will happen next, but you know it will be achieved by three great mates and soundtracked by music that's catchy and uncompromising.


**They play the Tap House in Kingscliff on 29 June. [tickets.oztix.com.au/?Event=86308](http://tickets.oztix.com.au/?Event=86308)**

### MUNGA MADNESS

Get along to **Munga Madness** this **Saturday** at the **Billinudgel Hotel** from **2pm** and catch a stellar lineup of blues and rock acts banding together to help out their mate. There'll also be auctions and raffles with some great prizes so do yourselves a favour and feel good about it.

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## DUBARRAY AT BRUNZ

Sunshine Coast world music outfit **Dubarray** are bringing their amazing high-energy show back to the **Hotel Brunswick's** famous Sunday session and this time with their highly anticipated new album release *Inner Sanctum*. The album has been in the making for the past two years and the band are celebrating the release with an east coast run of shows. Uplifting, soulful and euphoric, Dubarray combine a fresh fusion of boundary-bending world music that infuses styles such as trip-hop, drum'n'bass, house, reggae, funk, dancehall and tribal grooves layered on a bed of electronic ambience and organic undertones. Dubarray's latest album *Inner Sanctum* is an uplifting compilation of songs that has seen the band spring to new heights in their songwriting and production ability. The album takes you on a journey through the band's eclectic style of music with a powerful message interwoven to the

awakening of self-healing and taking the power back from the imposing external forces of our current world.

**Sunday 3 June at the Hotel Brunswick. 4pm.**

## TEX IS THE MAN

After a sellout stint with *The Man In Black* in Melbourne's Athenaeum Theatre at the end of 2017, **Tex Perkins** is once again reprising his Helpmann Award-winning role – this time for a massive Australian tour. Tex, along with the Tennessee Four and Rachael Tidd, will hit the road throughout May and June, taking *The Man In Black – The Johnny Cash Story* far and wide.

Audiences in Victoria, Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory will delight as these acclaimed musicians showcase why they won the Best Contemporary Australian Concert accolade.

The last time *The Man In Black*



toured Australia, the band were on the road for a massive 18 months, racking up sellout shows and taking the music to some of the best venues in the country. It's no surprise the show is embraced so much by music-loving audiences – there are few artists within Australia who can translate the work of *The Man in Black* and bring it to modern day like Tex Perkins. His reverence for Johnny Cash's career is evident in the way he approaches every song.

Johnny Cash made an indelible impact on the international music scene. From his rise to fame in 1954 he had a string of Top 10 hits, including *Ring of Fire*, *Folsom Prison Blues* and *Don't Take Your Guns To Town* to name a few. Tex Perkins needs no introduction to Australian audiences; he is a legend within the Aussie music industry and is revered as one of the country's rock'n'roll outlaws. It is said his affinity with Johnny Cash started in his earliest band and is an enthusiasm he hasn't relinquished. After fronting *The Cruel Sea*, *Beasts of Bourbon* and touring with *Tex*, *Don* and *Charlie* and *The Dark Horses*, Tex Perkins has had an incredible and varied music career.

**The Johnny Cash Story starring Tex Perkins | Sun 27 May | 7pm | \$79 | www.twintowns.com.au**



## BAKER WOMAN

VOCALIST AND FRONTWOMAN CAITI BAKER WAS RAISED IN A HOUSE FULL OF THE SOUNDS OF VINYL, CD AND TAPES OF BLUES, SOUL, GOSPEL, JAZZ, BIG BAND AND ROCK'N'ROLL. IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT THIS DAUGHTER OF A BLUES MUSICIAN SHOULD BECOME ONE HERSELF.

**How has your childhood with a blues musician as a father influenced your own musical career?**

Entirely I would say! I guess you're a product of your environment and I grew up immersed in the sounds of America's great founding blues musicians and everything that was spawned from or influenced by it. I grew up watching my father in the industry in Adelaide and wouldn't say I was disheartened, but I got a realistic view of the ins and outs. I have never been hoodwinked by the facade of the musician's life. I never saw it as glamorous or easy; I saw it as something that required hard work, determination and a thick skin beyond the love and need to do it. I'm lucky that music is my vocation and, no matter what my circumstances, I'll always be doing it because I need to. But I definitely work for it and I'm grateful that my childhood prepared me for that!

**I heard you started writing songs when you were 12. Can you still remember any of those songs you wrote?**

Yes! I get one of them stuck in my head every now and then – they're little ear worms. With terrible lyrics! I have the bag of mini-discs that I recorded a lot of these songs on... I will find a player one day and sit through and listen. I'm sure there's some gold in there somewhere. Definitely some laughs!

**How did your reunion with your dad influence your music? Did you use any of the music he had recorded in your music?**

For my debut album *ZINC* it was in fact the reunion with my father that influenced the style and sound thematically. We hadn't spoken for more than four years before meeting up and he bestowed upon me and my producer James Mangohig a USB key filled with files. Files that had to be converted to MP3s to listen to. MP3s of recordings my dad had made using a crappy phone's voice recording app. He recorded guitar lick ideas, riffs, entire compositions, harmonica lines, sung ideas and thoughts. James sorted through the sample heaven and using his signature hip-hop production style, created banging instrumentals for me to write to.

**You seem to have many musical influences. What direction do you see your music going? Is there a progression to a particular destination or is it more of a spontaneous unplanned process?**

Music is spontaneous to me; it's a reflection of what I'm going through and my reactions to life's experiences definitely aren't planned! I love a variety of music, I'm influenced by a lot of sounds, artists, genres and eras. I think I will create music as I create it and release it appropriately. I definitely have a few avenues I'd like to venture down – I love low-fi RnB, acoustic soul, a little country, produced hip-hop – there's lots of places I can go!

**How did you like playing at Bluesfest? I saw your gig and your ability to engage with the crowd was really impressive.**

Thank you! Bluesfest was a pinnacle for me performance-wise. I absolutely loved every second of that festival and being onstage doing what I do. It was an amazing audience to have and I enjoyed performing for them, sharing my music and making memories!

**What can people expect from your gig at Bello Winter Music. Do you have anything special planned?**

I think my performance at Bello will be a surprise even to me! I'll have finished up a national tour with *The Teskey Brothers* in June and that set will be something I've not yet done before, so it'll be a surprise for all of us I think! I'm extremely excited to be in Bello and am grateful to play two shows; there will definitely be something special in the works!

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# THE GUYS FROM GLASGOW

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**You are acclaimed for your live performances. What is the essence of one of your shows and why do you think it connects so solidly with people?**

We always strive to give everything in our shows, no matter where we are or whom we are playing to. We want to put across the stories in our songs and really try and touch every single member of the audience in some way.

**How much of your sound and the way you play is influenced by Glasgow where you come from? Is it possible to hear a place in the music?**

I think it is possible to hear a place in music, especially folk music. Being from Glasgow many of my songs are influenced by my surroundings and history and I hope that comes across to the audience.

**What was the concept for your fourth album *Paths that Wind*?**

I don't think we really had a concept for *Paths That Wind*. I had just spent a year living and working in Florida when we recorded so I suppose lots of the songs were influenced by that, especially the more political ones. Donald Trump was starting to gain some momentum toward the end of my stay in the US and there was a great deal of unrest across the country, which did influence my writing and song choice.

**How do you write songs as a band and get them from concept to a fully articulated song?**

I write the songs and then bring them to the band to see what we can all come up with in terms of arrangements. I think it's always been that way and it seems to work.

**What song are you most enjoying playing off the new album?**

I think I enjoy playing *Long Days* as it's a very meaningful song for me; I wrote it while I was living in the US. I struggled a lot with homesickness and this song is a



reflection of that. I also love *Song of Choice*. It was written many, many years ago but is still a valid commentary on today's world.

**Which one gave you a bit of trouble but you managed to knock into shape?**

I think we had the usual hurdles with all of the songs and tunes on the album but having a great producer in John McCusker made everything a little easier for us.

**What should we expect for your upcoming show in Mullumbimby?**

You can expect a fun-filled show with real, meaningful songs and stories and some great Glasgow banter thrown in for good measure. We try to keep our shows full of energy and want everyone to come along and have a great time!

**They play Club Mullum at Mullumbimby Ex-Services on Sunday. Tix at [redsquaremusic.com.au](http://redsquaremusic.com.au)**

## LIVE MUSIC CONTINUED

### TRUST ME I'M A POLLIE

Jasper Corner, Federal, is hosting a show by Bronny and the Bishops: *Trust Me, I'm a Politician*, this Saturday at 7.30pm.

The evening will be in support of and catered by **Federal Loves Refugees**. Finger food, plus supper.

**Bronny and the Bishops** is a local trio (Peter Lino, guitar; Wendy Simpson, keys; Carl Moore, uke, melodica, percussion and 3-part harmonies) who have been performing social and political satire for more than four years.

Enjoy a musical romp thru the Right Whinge, with songs like *Plastic Pauline, I Don't Know Much, Barnaby's Choice, Model Of An Immigration Minister, I Love To Live In An Economy, My Sweet Coal...* You can trust Bronny and the Bishops to digest the flood of fake news and regurgitate it in a torrent of truth that chucks the mock back in democracy.

### COSMIC COWBOYS

Special guests for this month's **Outlaws and Cosmic Cowboys Uke Night** include Sara Tindley as well as Ash Bell and Justin Bannister and for the first time local legends **Phil Levy, Steve Gilbert and Diego Zaragoza**, collectively know as **Backwater Brethren**.

**Club Mullum on Thurs 31 May from 6.30pm. \$2.50-12.50 at the door.**

### THE CASTLE

Australian five-piece **Castlecomer** are dropping their banging-new single *Move* – the first cut off their heavily anticipated debut album! With sonic hints of Daft Punk and Phoenix, frontman **Bede** says that the band 'wanted a tune to lead our charge into America' – alluding to their move to Nashville in 2018. The song encapsulates the raw energy, drive and enthusiasm the band are feeling



towards their relocation. After they electrified the crowds at SXSW in Austin last year, the US industry was quick to pounce on the Sydney talent; within weeks the boys had inked deals with Concord Records, Paradigm Agency and Mushroom Music Publishing. Since then, they have been recording their debut album, as well as slotting in some US tours. They're going to be massive.

**Catch them on this Friday for a free show at Byron Bay Brewery.**

### LIOR & GRABOWSKY

This performance is a collaboration of two of Australia's most respected artists. Singer/songwriter **Lior** shot

to the public's attention following his 2005 debut album *Autumn Flow*, which became one of the most successful independent releases in Australian history.



His collaboration with composer **Nigel Westlake** won best classical album at the 2014 ARIA awards. **Paul Grabowsky** is an acclaimed composer, pianist and polymath who has received numerous awards in his illustrious 40-year career. He has been a director of some of Australia's most prominent arts festivals, the composer of nearly thirty feature-film scores, and several works of music theatre, the founder and leader for nineteen years of the Australian Art Orchestra, an executive at the ABC, and is currently at Monash University, where he heads up the Academy of Performing Arts. Whether as composer, teacher, television personality, mentor or advocate for

the role of artistic expression as a defining attribute of contemporary life, for him this is all informed by his work as a pianist, and composer, particularly in the field of jazz, where, according to him, 'the piano never lies'.

**They play Lismore City Hall on Thursday 31 May at 7.30pm. Tickets at [lismorecityhall.com.au](http://lismorecityhall.com.au)**

### EXTRA SHOW FOR THE SULTAN

After wowing audiences at WOMADelaide and Bluesfest, **Dan Sultan** has announced that **The Brunswick Picture House** will be the only northern rivers show on his intimate **Killer Solo Tour**. And guess what? He sold out the Sunday show so now he's had to add a Monday and that's almost gone too!

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Logie Award nominee and international comedy star **Dave Eastgate** comes to the **Ballina RSL** for a very special Big Gig.

Dave's gift for comedy writing and performance had him (the self-proclaimed black sheep of the family) captivating audiences with his own madeup characters in the theme parks of southeast Queensland as a 16-year-old. Dave has starred in a range of comedy series for the ABC and other networks including the smash hit *Ronnie Chieng: International Student*, the multi-award-winning *A Moody Xmas*, as well as *Maximum Choppage*, *Soul Mates*, Channel 9's hugely successful comedy *Here come the Habibs*, The Comedy Channel's flagship skit comedy series *Open Slather* as well as many appearances as a standup comedian on Channel 9's *Mornings*, SBS's *The Full Brazilian*, Channel 10's *Thursday Night Live* and the Comedy Channel's *Stand Up Australia* and *Just For Laughs* at The Sydney Opera House. He is supported by **Mick Neven** and **MC Mandy Nolan** at the **Ballina RSL** on **Thursday 31 May. 8pm Free.**

## LAUNCHING MELT

Lennox Head author **Lisa Walker** has spent a lot of time in snowy places, including working as a back-country ski guide and igloo-building instructor. She drew on these experiences in writing her latest novel, *Melt*, which is set in Antarctica.

*Melt* is a fish-out-of-water comedy about a woman who is forced to impersonate a TV science superstar in Antarctica, Lisa said.

'I wanted to write a romantic comedy about climate change and, although I've never been there, Antarctica felt like the right place for it. I think it helped that I could visualise the hardships and the beauty of such a snowy environment. I also researched extensively, visiting Antarctic displays in Tasmania and New Zealand.

'I've had many jobs in my life, but the one that always gets people's attention is the igloo-building instructor. In *Melt* I set my character, Summer, the job of building an igloo all by herself, which she finds extremely challenging.

'Writing *Melt* was an immersive experience. I've spent so much time thinking about Antarctica, it almost feels like I've been there.

*Melt* is far from a dark, apocalyptic tale. Instead it takes a playful approach, using humour to tell an important story.'

**Lisa's Byron launch of *Melt* by Sarah Armstrong. Byron Book Room | Thursday 31 May | 6pm | RSVP [byron@thebookroomcollective.com](mailto:byron@thebookroomcollective.com) or call 66858183**

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## DARK SECRETS

*SECRET PARLOUR* IS THE DARK CABARET THAT BRINGS TOGETHER ALL THAT IS WILD AND WONDERFUL FROM THE GUILTY PLEASURES SHOWS. LOUISE MCCABE SPOKE WITH *THE ECHO* ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT...

**Can you tell me what inspired you to create *The Secret Parlour*?**

*The Secret Parlour* is an antidote to the 'you must think positive ALL THE TIME' vibe we're stuck in – it's a bit bloody unrealistic! But at the same time it's a chance to escape from the increasingly crazy outside world. And what better time to celebrate our dark, mad nature than in the lead-up to the solstice?

The show draws on 'dark' genres like Victorian gothic, dark cabaret music (google Brecht, Amanda Palmer, or The Tiger Lillies if you don't what I'm talking about), 1930s Berlin, Nordic Noir – even a bit of slightly spooky sci-fi chucked in... and we're definitely not afraid to take the piss out of these genres.

**Can you tell me a little about some of the acts that are going to perform?**

Gold Coast's Class Act Creative helped instigate the show. They're dancers and choreographers who've travelled the world, performing in some of the world's premier nightclubs. They were huge hit at the Guilty Pleasures Cabaret and Burlesque Festival last year at the Memorial Hall. They're presenting three acts, including two especially choreographed for *The Secret Parlour*.

Our MC Caitlin Strongarm is a performance artist from Brisbane. Caitlin's a fascinating, truly unique performer who characters combines cabaret, physical theatre, mime and a gorgeous soprano voice. The show will also feature local troupe El Bari, who will bring their passionate and fiery version of flamenco to the stage. And I'm presenting my new character, Lulu Delacour-Boullabaise-Crochenbuche-Pompidoux-Paris-De-St-Germain, a murdered 1930s cabaret singer. Undeterred by the fact that she's dead, she's determined to relaunch her career and expose the identity of her murderer while chain-smoking and getting through a bottle of red – all in less than 10 minutes.

**This show has music from a live Balkan swing band. Who are they? Tell us a little about them.**

Our highly theatrical house band Out of Range draw on a wide range of musical influences including Balkan, gypsy jazz, swing, Klezmer, ragtime and Dark Cabaret. They'll be performing their own material plus some fabulous covers – and providing atmospheric music throughout the show.

**Any surprises?**

Many: from a kooky front-of-house team to an crazed actor desperate to play Richard the Third, to a very cheesy quiz show with prizes... and much more but I'd better shut up now or they'll no longer be surprises. Buy a ticket to the show and find out!

**What makes great cabaret?**

Strong stories and visuals, high energy, larger-than-life performances, the desire to look completely ridiculous, and sequins... lots of sequins. The audience plays a huge part too – the more they get into it, the more they get back.

**What should we expect on the night?**

Get ready to be immersed in the world of *The Secret Parlour* from the moment you step in the door. Everyone's welcome to frock up – Gothic Victorian is suggested but your favourite finery will do. It's a sit-down cabaret, with drinks at the bar and the option of ordering dinner from the club's restaurant.

**So expect a fun and slightly crazy night out with your mates, celebrating the darkness. *The Secret Parlour – A Dark Cabaret*, at Club Mullum, Saturday 9 June at 7.30pm.**



# THE EVER-CHANGING WH CHONG

WH CHONG IS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S FOREMOST COVER DESIGNERS, WINNER OF MULTIPLE AWARDS, AND IS AN INDUCTEE IN THE BOOK DESIGNERS HALL OF FAME.

He is well known for his portrait drawings of writers and artists – his near-life-size portrait of novelist Michelle de Kretser is in the collection of the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. The Green Room in the Wheeler Centre in Melbourne is hung with his drawings of visiting authors. His art is often seen on books, gracing more than 100 covers of Australian literature in the Text Classics series. Chong has been coming up from Melbourne to enjoy Byron and its hinterlands going on twenty years. He is looking forward to coming back to open his exhibition at Lone Goat Gallery in Byron, Everything Changes.

**Tell me a little about yourself.**

I design book covers, and paint and draw. Designing books is a great job, but holding a brush or pencil and facing a blank surface is one of the most absorbing things I can think of.

**What is the concept of your work? How have you realised the fact everything changes in your work?**

This show is titled Everything Changes – a crucial Buddhist saying. Personal themes are something that artists search for, but mainly themes come to you because of the life you have lived. As I say in my artist's statement: '... freedom is achieved when we discover the art that comes of personal necessity. When we grasp what we need to make we are released from convention, from fashion, from dogma, from self-consciousness. Then we are free to make the marks drawn from the deep well within.'

**How have you changed? As an artist...as a person... even since you made the work?**

For the artist, making new work is the engine. Because new work comes out of older work, and the cycle goes on. The work changes and how you feel about yourself and the art changes. It goes up, it goes down!

**How much of your Buddhist philosophy makes its way into your work?**

Let me be clear: I'm not a practising Buddhist. I grew up in an atmospheric mix of Daoism, Buddhism and paganism. I've read enough Buddhist texts to suit me – as Huineng, the Sixth Patriarch of Chan, might say, if you 'get it' you don't have to keep listening to long sermons or talk about it. My paintings may well say more about my real 'philosophy' than I could in words.

**I'm interested in the choices artists make when they work. Do you have a clear idea of your intention when you start how do you know when to stop? What's the process for you?**

Sometimes I start with an idea, say, a Chinese character. But I also accumulate sheets of random marks – like automatism – and at certain points I will paint over it in a rush, not knowing what will happen. Nobody really knows how to stop – but I stop when the rush of energy ends. There are many more pictures destroyed than kept!

**What will people expect from this show?**

Painting! Painting as a contemporary form is not dead. There are many pieces riffing off the ancient tradition of calligraphic abstraction. I have also reworked a Northern Song Dynasty scroll, *Rivers and Mountains Without End*, into a set of brightly coloured drawings. There are reinvented Chinese scrolls, hanging two metres long; these combine digital processes and hand colouring.

**What will you be covering in the artist talk?**

It will be a Walking Conversation with the curator. We will walk around the room and he will ask me about various pictures. I hope the audience asks questions too! I should add that I'm doing a design workshop the next day, Sunday 3 June, in association with the Byron Writers Festival: Zen and the Art of Cover Design with WH Chong. Please note: I didn't pick that title!

**The exhibition is on show now until 13 June at Lone Goat Gallery and opens with a talk by Chong on 2 June at 6pm.**



## CUBIST DREAMING

A familiar figure in his paint-spattered clothes, local artist **Zion Levy Stewart's** next solo exhibition *Picasso Would Be Jealous* opens at the **Project Space, Byron School of Art, 112 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby this Friday at 6pm.**

Now 39, Zion has been drawing and painting for almost 20 years. This prolific painter creates art every day and loves working with clay, painting and drawing. His distinctive style captures the people, objects, memories and magic that surround him in his colourful world. Zion's acrylic paintings illuminate local scenes; his quirky portraits overlaid with sketches often depict his characters gender details under their clothes. His ceramics are glazed earthenware, decorated with animals, birds and fish with brilliant underglaze colours.

## WILSONS CREEK MARKET & GARAGE SALE

Get amongst your vibrant and creative community for the **Wilson's Creek Community Market and Garage Sale 10am-2pm this Saturday** for food, games, goods and all sorts of fun stuff! Fundraising for the Wilson's Creek Community Hall, where the markets are held! And if you want to be a stallholder, call **6684 0299.**

## CLEMENTS MILKS THE SACRED COW



As a former Buddhist monk in dictatorship-ravaged Burma and a journalist in areas of extreme conflict, including the former Yugoslavia, **Alan Clements** has a special insight that allows him to riff on issues of violence and nonviolence, compassion and greed, servitude and freedom, meditation and indoctrination, from his personal experience and a rare satirical humour, while giving audiences a captivating expression on how WE — the PEOPLE can safeguard ourselves from spiritual and political propaganda. And in so doing, relearn active citizenry by liberating our own minds from fear, apathy, and cynicism. His show *Alan Clements Uncensored: Spiritually Incorrect* is a scorching comedic romp that touches on meditation, mindfulness, Ayahuasca, religion, propaganda, indoctrination, Trump, god, guns, gurus, ISIS, sex, war, corporate totalitarianism, climate change, extinction, denial, consciousness... and the mind! Can the world be saved? Find out now. Find out how.

**Friday at the Byron Theatre at the Community Centre at 7.30pm. \$35/30. Tix at byrontheatre.com.au**

### CULTURE CONTINUED

## GILBERT & SULLIVAN FOR BALLINA PLAYERS

Ballina Players presents the musical comedy *HMS Pinafore* by Gilbert & Sullivan, directed and choreographed by Jaime Sheehan, musical directors Warwick Binney and Marie Caldwell. The story takes place aboard the ship *HMS Pinafore*. Captain Corcoran's daughter Josephine is in love with a lower-class sailor, Ralph Rackstraw, although her father intends her to marry Sir Joseph Porter, the First Lord of the Admiralty. She abides by her father's wishes at first, but Sir Joseph's philosophy

of all men being equal encourages Ralph and Josephine to overturn conventional social order. They declare their love for each other and eventually plan to elope. The captain discovers this plan, but, as in many of the Gilbert & Sullivan shows, a surprise disclosure changes things dramatically near the end of the story.

**Tickets are available now: online at ballinaplayers.com.au/bookings (No Fee) or; at Just Funkin' Music in River St Ballina near the pedestrian lights (\$2/ticket booking fee) in person or on 6686 2440. Tickets are \$30/Adult and \$22 (Child 16 & Under). Opening Night Special: Canapes and FREE glass of champagne from 7.15. Season runs from 15 June until 1 July.**

## BABY CRASHERS

The good people at the **Brunswick Picture House** continue to think about the social needs of those with babes in arms with a screening of the hilarious *Wedding Crashers* on **Wednesday at 11am**. In case you haven't seen it, the film tells the story of two divorce mediators who crash wedding receptions for free booze and vulnerable women.

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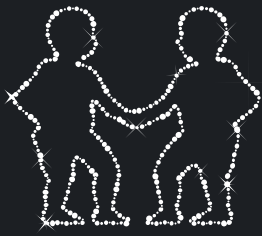
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## STARS

BY LILITH



WHEN MUTABLE MERCURY MEETS CHATTY GEMINI SUN AND MIDWEEK FULL MOON IN THE SIGN OF ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION, AIRWAVES BUZZ WITH WILD IDEAS AND FIZZY POSSIBILITIES...

♈ **ARIES:** Aries's ruler Mars in Aquarius is currently inspiring a new vision of your future. Perhaps not what you planned or expected but, just because something seems impossible, has that ever stopped you? For best results, balance individuality, initiative and innovation with kindness, courage and curiosity – you're well stocked on them all.

♉ **TAURUS:** If midweek full moon brings money matters to a head, with recurring themes of rethinking work-to-reward ratios, streamlining assets etc, keep lines of communication open, even if they seem jammed with differences of opinion. That done, Venus in Cancer insists on a swag of self-nurturing personal pampering as a reward.

♊ **GEMINI:** This week's trio of outer planets in earth signs offer powerful reality checks on worldwide economic and environmental concerns, which of course affect your own small corner. But sudden rash decisions or money moves aren't your best bet, so be guided by in-depth research, careful assessment and the lessons of past experience.

♋ **CANCER:** Surface information isn't giving you the full story, so you'll need to dig deeper this week. Knee-jerk reactions to unsettling news are understandable, but they're best not acted on. Let fears and feelings settle, avoid getting caught up in the stresses and strains of inflammatory debates, find a new comfort zone to operate from.

♌ **LEO:** As everyone on planet Earth, no exceptions, navigates current shifts and changes, this week's entertaining camaraderie, enjoyable interactions and satisfying self-expression make it easier to deal with the fraught and frazzled energetics of circumstantial upheaval. There are plenty of local activities to keep you busy, and any generous gestures will be well received.

♍ **VIRGO:** Uranus in fellow earth sign Taurus sets your focus on health: the inner and outer robustness of your work and relationships. Avoid negative self-talk, mentally rerunning anxiety scenarios or indulging in worryfests. Position problems to stew and brew on the back burner while you enjoy this week's influx of interesting visitors.

♎ **LIBRA:** Synchronicity rules in the time of the networking Twins, so this week you're in the right place at the right time charming the right people with all the right lines. And weighing your natural extravagance against the lessons of experience to realise that it's absolutely okay to just enjoy what you already have.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Your resourcefulness and mystery-solving skills get a workout sifting through this week's fake news, misleading disinformation, rumour, hearsay and gossip – all of what might politely be termed alternative facts. Midweek full moon sets the stage for some out-of-the-box thinking and vibrant dialogue, from which new relationship patterns emerge.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** As Jupiter continues its healing work, be clear about your own role and motives when addressing this week's challenges. While quick cut-to-the-chase solutions appeal, they're not necessarily the best, may make things worse. Midweek full moon in your sign finds you in full voice, sharing sage counsel with family and friends.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Capricorns like riding on top of change holding the reins, but this week you'll be way better off surrendering to the inevitable – it's been a long time coming. Venus in Cancer sweetens relationships, making it easier to team up than be adversarial, with late-week Capri moon highlighting a personal power and pleasure peak.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** This week's unstable but undeniably exciting climate presents some intriguing opportunities to exercise that unique Aquarian skillset. Midweek full moon speaks to your inner gypsy, firing lively conversational exchanges, during which it would be easy to let your mouth run away with your manners and common sense – but much smarter not to.

♓ **PISCES:** This week manufactures distractions from a dozen different directions, and multitasking has definite downsides when 100 per cent of your focused attention's required. The last three days of May are graced with an auspicious full moon in Sagittarius plus a sublime grand water-sign trine of Venus, Jupiter and Neptune: guaranteed blissout ingredients for Pisceans.

# CINEMA REVIEWS

## LIFE OF THE PARTY

As a comedienne of faultless timing and subtle delivery, Melissa McCarthy can be both vulnerable and madcap. In this piece of fluff she plays Deanna, a doting mom whose husband of twenty-two years tells her he wants a divorce on the day that their daughter Jennifer (Deby Ryan) is entering college. Deanna is shattered, but she decides to start her life anew by completing the degree in archaeology that she abandoned when she fell pregnant. That she would enrol at the same college as Jennifer is too schmaltzy by half, but when she starts hanging out with the girls at Jennifer's sorority house, who think she is the bee's knees, you can only guffaw. Lurching from the ridiculous to the even more ridiculous, Deanna attends a party with Jennifer and the mother gets laid by handsome frat boy (Luke Benward). There's nothing wrong with the fantasy of reliving the golden days of one's youth, but in this case the older woman's success at mixing it with her juniors stretches credibility. Some of the jokes verge on the icky, too – Deanna refers to her vagina as the va-google, assuring her new friends that they can consult it if they have any questions about sex. There is also an outrageously 'wrong' scene in which she and some of the 'sisters' get accidentally stoned – after eating chocolate that has been laced with marijuana, they behave as



though drunk, not high. A fantastic twist, concerning the jock who has a crush on Deanna, flies into the story from left field and brings with it a welcome edge, but the script does not take advantage of its potential to make things more interesting. Deanna's fellow students are pretty and vacuous, Benward is a log, and Maya Rudolph goes over the top as the housewife buddy who is so inspired by Deanna's liberation. As chick-flicks go, it's comfy but unchallenging, with director Ben Falcone (McCarthy's real-life spouse) encouraging his leading lady to breeze through it on auto.

## DEADPOOL 2

This movie had smashed all box-office records after opening in the US, but Hoyts at Tweed City might have been gilding the lily just a tad by giving it fifteen sessions on the day of its debut in Oz. There were only five other punters in the cinema when I went, so the programmers' greed obviously didn't pay off, which, as a death-rider of blockbuster 'events', pleased me no end. Having said that, I have to confess that I enjoyed it immensely. Two hours of root canal dental work is usually preferable to sitting through any Marvel flick, but my initial trepidation at attending another slaughter-fest was eased when I saw that its principal writers were Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, the pair who came up with the fabulously irreverent *Zombieland* (2009). You get an idea of the ironic tone that will prevail when the first big rumble (which comes even before the introductory credits are rolled) is accompanied by Dolly Parton singing *Nine to Five*. Russell (Julian Dennison, the kid from *Hunt For The Wilderpeople*) is a supernaturally gifted boy who needs



to be protected from the bad guy, Cable (Josh Brolin). Wade Wilson/Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds) takes him under his wing and mayhem ensues. What is different this time around is the movie's self-awareness. It mocks itself and the genre constantly, while at the same time providing all the thrills and spills and CGI smash-ups that are expected of it. The joke wears thin

from time to time, especially when Wade talks to camera about his actions and motives, with lines like 'that's just lazy writing', but there are too many laugh-out-loud sequences to not enjoy the ratbagery of it all – the parachute jump of the X-Force (Wade rejects *X-Men* as too gender specific) is hilarious and the scene in which Wade's legs are growing back after he was torn apart by Leviathan had me in stitches. A dose of sentimentality and commentary on institutional paedophilia broaden the scope of what is a total hoot.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **BEN JANSZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **LULU RAYS**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON BAY 7PM **MANOA**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY 6.30PM **ENTROPIX**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **3 FORM DJS UPSTAIRS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.45PM **SILK & OAK**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ROB EDWARDS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 6.30PM **JAZZ NIGHT - ACID BLEED**
- NORPA, LISMORE **PAUL CAPSIS - RESIDENT ALIEN**
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FRIDAY 25

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- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM UPSTAIRS **DJ KYLE WALKER, 9.30PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY 6.30PM **ZAC**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 7PM **BIGGY P**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.45PM **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY **MICK AND HANNAH**
- PIZZA PARADISO, BYRON BAY 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW **CARLOTTA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **BLUES CLUB**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **RICHE WILLIAMS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **ASA BROOMHALL**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART PROJECT SPACE, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **ZION LEVY STEWART PICASSO WOULD BE JEALOUS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN**
- BURRINGBAR SPORTS CLUB 7PM **MASON RACK BAND**
- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **KENT EASTWOOD**
- BALLINA RSL 5PM PIANO BAR, 8PM **THE JAMES PALMER DUO FEATURING, GUY DUTTON**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 6PM DE PLUS BELLE**
- ELTHAM PUB 5.30PM **FAMILY FUN NIGHT PAINTED CROW**
- NORPA, LISMORE **PAUL CAPSIS - RESIDENT ALIEN**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **CHECK 2**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **THE SILENCIO + GUESTS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM **AFRO DANCE SESSION, 7PM JAZZ AND GUMBO WITH THE MAGNIFICENCE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **HIPSHOOTERS**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6PM TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB **THE EARLY BIRDS, 7.30PM THE WHOPPING BIG BAND**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS 7.30PM **LISA HUNT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **SWAMP CATS**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **BEN AMOR**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 4.30PM **MIDNIGHT COWBOYS, 9PM SMOKIN' CRAWDADS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS JUNIORS 5PM **GREEN SINATRAS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **STINGIN ROGERS, DIE FOR MUSHIES, MNVR**
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE **LULU RAYS**

SATURDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **COCO REPUBLIC**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 10AM **GROOVE THERAPY DANCE CLASS, 9PM DR RHYTHM**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM - **BRAZILIAN PARTY - ZAMBABEM (BEER GARDEN) + WHITE BLANKS, CONCRETE SURFERS, BLEACH GIRLS (BAND ROOM)**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **MELBOURNE CITY BALLET CARMEN**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY 6.30PM **OLE FALCOR**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **LOCAL DJS, 9.30PM BIGGY P**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.45PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **GREG KEW**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **THE VIEW FROM MADELEINE'S COUCH**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- JASPER CORNER, FEDERAL 7.30PM **BRONNY AND THE BISHOPS: TRUST ME, I'M A POLITICIAN**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9.30AM **DROP N' SHOP**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **VERTIGO DUO**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **ZION LEVY STEWART PICASSO WOULD BE JEALOUS**
- THE EMPIRE CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SALSA**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **KIT BRAY**
- WILSONS CREEK COMMUNITY HALL 10AM **WILSONS CREEK COMMUNITY MARKET & GARAGE SALE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL, 2PM - **MUNGA MADNESS, SOULSHAKERS, PROPELLERS, SHAKE APPEAL, THROW MUMMA FROM THE TRAIN, JERRY & THE ROLLERS, ADAM BROWN, SLICK PICKENS & DR BAZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **FOZZY BEAR**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **SOFIELLA AND THE HANDSOME HUSBANDS**
- BALLINA BOWLO 6PM **PAUL MULQUEEN**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 2PM CE QUI NOUS LIE (BACK TO BURGUNDY) 5 PM NUMERO UNO (NUMBER ONE)**
- BALLINA RSL 6PM **LIVE MUSIC, 9PM LIVE BAND**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **MISH SONGSMITH BE YOURSELF ALBUM LAUNCH WITH ESSIE THOMAS AND THE NORTHERN RIVERS FOLK CHOIR**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **SHUFFLE BOYS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE INSOMNIACS**
- NORPA, LISMORE **PAUL CAPSIS - RESIDENT ALIEN**

SUNDAY 27

- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 12.30PM **DAVE BARBARA AND MICHAEL SKINNER, 4PM DRAGATHON CABARET**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MARTIN WAY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **TK REEVE, 7PM JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **BENNO & SCOOT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS SHOWROOM 7PM **TEX PERKINS THE MAN IN BLACK, THE STAGE 4.30PM REMEDY, 9PM SMOKIN' CRAWDADS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **KIT BRAY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **THOR PHILLIPS BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4.30PM **MADE IN AUSTRALIA, 9PM SAFARI DJS**
- BYRON THEATRE 1.30PM **MELBOURNE CITY BALLET CARMEN**
- BALCONY, BYRON BAY 4PM **BEN WALSH**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB 4PM **EPIC**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 1.30PM **MELBOURNE CITY BALLET CARMEN**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY MUSIC **FROM THE SKYE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY **SUNDAY SESSION DJS LUNCH - LATE DJ JEZ VEGAS & DJ DANGEROUS COBRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE BAND OF FREQUENCIES**
- CLUB MULLUM **THE PAUL MCKENNA BAND**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **LIVE SESSIONS AIR STRUCTURE**
- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL, 2PM BELLE AND SEBASTIEN 3 (FRIENDS FOR LIFE), 5PM LA MELODIE (ORCHESTRA CLASS)**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **STU BLACK**
- ELTHAM PUB 1PM **PHIL LEVY**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 11AM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 10AM **SONIC BLISS, 12.30PM THOR PHILLIPS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFÉ, MT BURRELL 12NOON **LUKE VASSELLA**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 1PM **COUNTRY MUSIC SESSIONS - CHRIS COOK**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2.30PM **JASON KAFOA**
- CABARITA HOTEL 4PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **DAN HANNAFORD DUO**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 3.30PM **BUGGY BROS**

MONDAY 28

- THE IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS 2PM **KENNY SLIDE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 2.30PM **STEVEN JAYMES BAND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **THE ANCHORMEN**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 1PM **SMOKEHOUSE COUNTRY MUSIC**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **BUSBY MAROU**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JOE MURPHY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9.30PM **THE PICTURE HOUSE CHOIR**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **ASA WAX LYRICAL NORTHERN RIVERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12PM **DAVID LEE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE SHOWROOM 11AM **FRANKLY SINATRA, THE STAGE 4PM LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON, 7PM MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **FAT ALBERT**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **BEN WALSH**
- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM, BYRON BAY 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS SHOWROOM 11AM **FRANKLY SINATRA, THE STAGE 11.30AM**

TUESDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **BEN WALSH**
- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM, BYRON BAY 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS SHOWROOM 11AM **FRANKLY SINATRA, THE STAGE 11.30AM**

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WEDNESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE WHITLAM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC WITH JOHN FOG**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING CLASSES**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **BUB'S CLUB WEDDING CRASHERS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **TRIVIA NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 12.30PM **CHI CHI, 4PM THE FLOORBURNERS, 7.30PM THE WANDERERS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**

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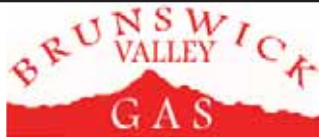
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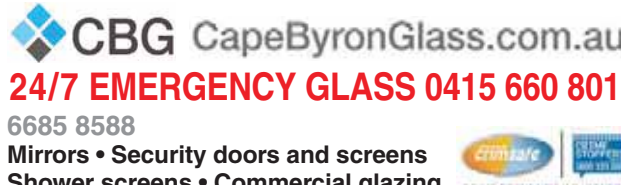


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Hi-tech security. **66872333**

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With items arriving daily Loved + Lusted  
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**Brunswick Heads**

2br 1bth \$380

2br 1bth \$390

2br 1bth \$440

2br 1bth \$450

3br 1bth neg

**South Golden Beach**

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This is a long term position and the successful candidate will be joining the Beach Hotel at a time of growth and change which could lead to further career opportunities for the right person.

The candidate will be required to work a mix of days and nights plus weekends.

Applications by email to [shane@beachhotel.com.au](mailto:shane@beachhotel.com.au)



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**Wed 30th May**  
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**Fri 1st June**

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## LIFE CELEBRATIONS

### Farewell

#### Karsten Light

Brunswick Heads character who passed away peacefully on 19 May 2018. Lovingly remembered by Inge, Anja, Jens, and their families.

We especially appreciate the long term care by Dr Marc Heyning, as well as by other health carers, Byron Aged Care & the support of the Bruns community.

## SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS

# BAR STAFF REQUIRED

### 19 TO 22 JULY 2018

Applicants must hold a current and valid NSW RSA

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## FUNERAL NOTICES

### NICHOLLS, PETER JAMES

Much loved son of Mike and Judy. Beloved brother of Mathew, Louise, Alice and Jane. Adored uncle of Iris, Henry, Lucia and Akira.

Peter will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Aged 32 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Requiem Mass to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on FRIDAY (May 25, 2018) commencing at 10.00am followed by burial at Mullumbimby Cemetery.

MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS • 66846 232

### DYANI ONOWA BEVINS

daughter of Evelyn and Michael, sister of Emanuel and Imogen, died peacefully on 3rd May.

We will be celebrating the beautiful life of the Warrior Woman on Thursday 24th May at 11am at Ewingsdale Hall.

All are welcome.

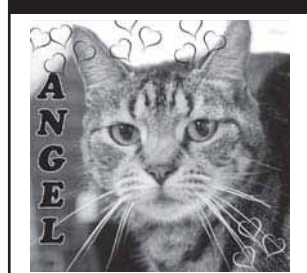


## PETS

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To meet Cherry, Peppa & our other cats & kittens, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 DALLEY STREET, MULLUM OPEN: Tues 2.30-4.30pm THURS: 3-5pm SAT: 10am-12 noon Call AWL 6684 4070 Like us on Facebook!

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### OUTCALLS

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AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay .....	131 233
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Mullumbimby.....	6684 2144
Byron Bay .....	6685 9499
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily .....	6680 7280
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NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE.....	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service.....	6628 1898

## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### Neighbourhood Centre

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

### Low-cost or free food

**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges,

and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Thursday 9–11am at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILS referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to [www.c3byronbay.com](http://www.c3byronbay.com) to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

### 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](mailto:volunteers@byroncentre.com.au).

### 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](mailto:fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au), website: [www.byronrespite.com.au](http://www.byronrespite.com.au).

### Alateen Meeting

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

### Help with bills

Program providing people on low income assistance with electricity and natural gas bills. Phone Kristin at Byron Community Centre 6685 6807.

### Cty Shopping Bus

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

### Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd Friday from 6pm. Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook. Contact [byronbaylanguages@gmail.com](mailto:byronbaylanguages@gmail.com).

### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** Open Monday–Friday 10am–3pm. Corner Ashton & Deacon Streets Bangalow. Available for event hire and welcomes all groups and visitors. Phone 6687 2183.

### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au). Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 [www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia](http://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](http://www.crystalmeth.org.au).

### Volunteers sought

Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations seeks volunteers. Info: 6621 7397.

### 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.

### Breast Cancer Support

Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay meets at the NSW Cancer Council rooms, 8/130 Jonson St, Byron (upstairs in shop complex next to Byron RSL) at 12pm–2pm, every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Family and friends welcome. Phone Ingrid 0431 207 453.

### Free ESL

Free English as a Second Language classes in Mullumbimby, all levels: beginner to advanced. For more information phone 66720834

### 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](http://www.exitinternational.net) or phone Elaine 07 5580 8215 or 0421 796 713.

### Seniors computer club

Byron Shire seniors computer club invites interested seniors to come to learn how to use your photos creatively. Meets at Ocean Shores Community Centre, Wednesdays 1–3pm during school terms. For more information phone Gloria on 0428 845 339.

### Stress relief

Free support service led by qualified practitioner. Join this small group to bring more flow and relaxation into your life. Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in Mullumbimby. To register phone 0401 660 073.

### Choirs

**Bay Singers** meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10–11am. Ukelele class at 11.45am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, [kim@kimbanffy.com.au](mailto:kim@kimbanffy.com.au). **Singronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Mullumbimby Civic Centre, 55 Dalley Street, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@[raisetheroofoosinging.com](mailto:raisetheroofoosinging.com) 0417 277 211. **Brunswick Valley Choir** Monday nights at Bruns Bowlo, 6.30pm ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Picture House Choir** - quick sing fix at Brunswick Picture House on Monday mornings 9.30am till 10.30am

[byronshirechemicalfreelandcare@gmail.com](mailto:byronshirechemicalfreelandcare@gmail.com) before working bees. All Bitou Bush must be cleared by June 30 or a \$1.1 million fine can be issued to Byron Shire Council.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

Members are asked to bring along a review of a book they have read recently to our meeting on Monday, 28 May at 10 am in the Mullumbimby Ex-services rooms. All welcome, with or without a review. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### Biggest Morning Tea

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Bangalow Quilters Inc is hosting morning tea for the Cancer Council at All Souls Anglican Church Hall Bangalow on Thursday 24 May, 10 till 11.30am. Entry \$5. All proceeds to The Cancer Council.

### Federal Exchange

Autumn Federal Exchange is on this Saturday, 26 May at 10am in Federal Park, opposite Doma Cafe. Veges, fruit, seeds,

Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Rebel Rebel Girls Choir** for ages 8 to 12. Meet Friday at 4pm, Ocean Shores. Ph: Janet 0438 965 397.

### Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, [mazzeratiz2010@gmail.com](mailto:mazzeratiz2010@gmail.com).

### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8am–12 noon and first Thursday of the month 9am–11am. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.15pm, Saturday 9am–12.15pm. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–2pm.

### Potters & Sculptors

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

### CWA Bangalow

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

### Baby massage

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

### Over-60s Fun Fridays

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

### ESL classes

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

### Timebanking

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

### Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at the Ocean Shores Country Club, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors

welcome. See [bridgeweb.com/brunswickvalley/home.html](http://bridgeweb.com/brunswickvalley/home.html) or for partner ring Phyllis Keyte 6684 1103. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club. Play resumes Saturday, January 6.

### Repair Cafe

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

### Permaculture Byron

Permaculture Byron Bay meets 1st Wednesday of every month at Marvell Hall 7.30pm. Ph 0427 862 902

### Mahjong, canasta, 500...

Play mahjong, canasta, 500 etc and enjoy a cuppa! Fridays at 1.30pm at Marvell Hall, Marvell Street East, Byron Bay. Enquiries Nancy 0498 480 373.

### Cryptic Crossword Club

Any cryptic crossword trags out there – beginners or advanced. If you'd like to share your obsession with others and get together once a week at Marvell Hall as part of the new seniors' activities, please ring Christine 0407 857 991. As a team we might be able to conquer DA!

### Grief support

The Good Grief Group meets every Monday 6–7.30pm upstairs at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. This is a safe place for people to share their grief and bereavement.

### Ballina Photography Club

The Ballina Camera Club meet every second and fourth Thursday of each month commencing 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre on the corner of Moon Street and Bangalow Road – new members welcome. Enquiries: Jean 6686 0462.

### Junior chess club

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

### Bush School

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

### Homeschool teens

Get together with other teens and their families for regular meet-ups and activities in and around Byron Shire homeschooling families. For more information join our Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/byronbayteenhomeschool/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/byronbayteenhomeschool/).

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Street, Byron Bay (200 metres off Jonson Street). Contact Cathy: 0434 438 585.

### Breastfeeding support

We're talking about allergies and food intolerances at our ABA mothers' support meeting at Ocean Shores Baptist Hub (next to Target) Rajah Road on Monday, May 28 at 9.30am. All welcome. Enquiries Jan 0431 477 445.

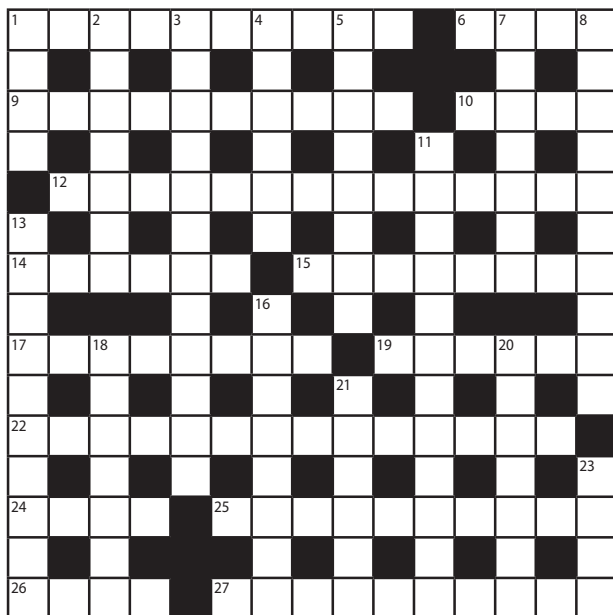
### Brunswick Bush School

Brunswick Bush School's term-time nature connection programs for kids are taking enrolments now. From 9am till 3pm we spend the day outdoors learning, connecting, sharing and creating. Black Cockatoos is for kids aged 6–12 on Thursdays, Wild Wallabies is for kids aged 3–6 on Fridays. Contact Rohan on 0407 898 374.

**Please note:** This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups, not for invitations to free events to be followed up by paid workshops.

## Mungo's Crossword

N232



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

1. F – well, sort of – and NC, they say. It's a good outcome for the effort involved (10)
6. Just a festival (4)
9. Scams and plagiarism – crooks working together (10)
10. Metal, unknown among a hundred (4)
12. Tom, about that place – and Sir Thomas! It's a sales pitch! (4,6,4)
14. Shortlived insect – it's allowed to take off (6)
15. Mean but popular compiler is in the gallery (8)
17. Dissenters divide shire, etc... (8)
19. ...non-drinker in his coffin – and he's resentful (6)
22. Cheerio, they say – then put down father, Spooner adds! It's another sales pitch! (3,3,3,5)
24. Drop the edge of the mat – it's greasy (4)
25. Iron bubble bursts – but they said it was first class (4,6)
26. Bean is in there, also yam (4)
27. Men, rotters, racked by torturers (10)

#### DOWN

1. Every fruit needs its top removed (4)
2. Soft drink sugary at the edges – it's a thing of wonder! (7)
3. Surrender gleefully to Italian cup (12)
4. Crude ochre? (6)
5. Hag embraces cool museum guide (8)
7. State song about cut off defined area (7)
8. Crooks say they're tennis players (10)
11. Inclusion of idiot – one murderous Ivan on a charge (12)
13. At home on land or water – oh, pub is aim, anyhow (10)
16. Paul, confused in current firm – somewhere in Mexico (8)
18. Writer's reward from the monarch (7)
20. Shake and increase threefold – about a thousand (7)
21. Place of instruction for torn muscle – substitute yttrium for sulphur (6)
23. The load's on you and me (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

1. Competency in performance (10)
6. Just, equitable (4)
9. Plot involving a group (10)
10. Silvery metal alkali (4)
12. Sales pitch to keep customers interested (4,6,4)
14. Shortlived flying insect (6)
15. Involved closely and personally (8)
17. Religious rebels (8)
19. Sour, acerbic (6)
22. Encouragement to hire purchase (3,3,3,5)
24. Unctuous, pinguid (4)
25. Safe and profitable – of stocks and shares (4,6)
26. Tofu base (4)
27. Sadists, torturers (10)

#### DOWN

1. One of many (4)
2. Dream, illusion (7)
3. Surrender (12)
4. Crude, mildly obscene (6)
5. Guide to galleries and museums (8)
7. South-western American state (7)
8. Crooks, swindlers (10)
11. Process of including foreigners (12)
13. Able to live on land or in water (10)
16. Mexican tourist resort (8)
18. Part of the monarchy (7)
20. Shake, shiver (7)
21. Athenian place of instruction (6)
23. Burden, responsibility (4)

### Last week's solution N231

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## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

### Calling artists!

Start preparing your entries for the 2018 **Ocean Shores Art Expo**. This year's theme is TREASURES. Entries close 24 July (open for registration mid-June). More than \$5,000 in prize money. Visit: [www.osartexpo.com](http://www.osartexpo.com) for more information.

### Bitou Bush alert

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next fortnightly working beewill be at New Brighton on 26 and 27 May, 2, 3, 11, 12, 16 and 17 June, 9am till 1pm. Please email

## Shores United beat MBVFC

Marc Patten

In last Friday night's long-awaited first-division match Shores United Brownsnakes downed Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC 6-1.

It was a turnaround from the weekend before last when Shores' thirds left MBVFC's Pine Avenue field battered and bruised, on the end of a 4-1 defeat, to the red-hot Valleys side.

Right from the first whistle on Friday night the Snakes put it to the young fellows from Mullumbimby. The Snakes controlled the ball and the first half well, dictating play. An own goal and a nice finish from Matt Rowland saw the Snakes up 2-0, before the Valleys scored a goal on the stroke of half time.

This only seemed to stir up the Snakes, because the second-half performance was pure champagne. Both Brunos were unstoppable as raid after raid came at the brave MBVFC team. A fantastic effort from the Valley's keeper stopped a rout.

In the end, second-half goals from Jarvis, Dan, Matt and Bruno sealed it, 6-1 for the Brownsnakes.

The mighty sixes took on Pottsville at Shara on Satur-



Dylan House (red and white) controls the ball for Shores thirds. Photo Michelle Begg

day. Both teams were equal third on points. In a sometimes heated match, Potty seemed to have the upper-hand and went into the break 1-0 up.

Soon after Pottsville went 2-0 up and the Shores old boys were in deep trouble. Like so many times before, the old guard rallied.

A beautiful through ball to the storming Jamaican import Lloyd saw him make no mistake against his old club, 2-1. Shores began to get the upper hand and Ray was brought down in the box, Andy slotted home the pen-

alty. Not our best game, but the 2-2 result fair enough.

### Thirds

Shores thirds took on travelling Woodburn and wanted to impress in front of a big home crowd. In a sometimes scrappy game Shores did look the better team.

Fast flanking raids by Shores saw the boys from Woodburn start to crack. Some good finishing saw the Redbacks up 3-0 and cruising. Two very late Woodburn goals saw it end 3-2, but in the end Shores won pretty comfortably.

## Skaters battle at Brunswick

Berri Drum

The Brunswick Heads Skate Park exploded with talent and dwtetermination as dare-devils of all ages gave their all at the Battle @ Bruns.

The annual Youth Week event is run by Byron Youth Service, Byron Bay Skateboard School and Byron Shire Council as a way of promoting healthy outdoor activity in a family friendly environment.

This year some new contenders blow the crowd away and take first place.

Keep your eye on Byron Youth Service for the next competition.

### Results

Girls: Izzy McPherson, Hailey Peet and Maddy McPherson



Plenty of rail grinding at Brunswick Skatepark over the weekend. Photo Jeff Dawson

U/8 Boys: Jaylen Jones, Archi McVergl, Ryder Johnson  
U/12s Boys: Ash Wilcomer, Kaedyn Collins, Jack Lewis  
U/16 Boys: Raife Quinn, Keoni Swindells, Nakula Boag  
Open: Shaun Baucher, Sam Windhorse, Bailey Ryan  
Masters: Robert Brasher, Justin Jit, Chris Enwright

## Brothers impress at Lennox Longboarders

Crystal Cylinders

The 36 members who turned up for the Lennox Longboarders Mothers Day round got to enjoy a pristine day at Main Beach with one metre plus waves.

Standouts for the day were the mums and their commitment to surfing.

Voucher winners were Adele Purbrick and Roz Brown.

The Martinovich lads, Kai and Dan (new to the club), were also standouts.

Kai won the Firsts and Dan came third in the Seconds final.

The commitment award for surfing some of the gunner sets on the bank outside went to Rob Rye and Will Petrie.

### Results:

Firsts: Kai Martinovich, Matt Durkin, Nelson Stevens, Steve Walshe, Aden



Mothers Day at the Lennox Longboarders. Photo supplied

Corbett and Greg Gover.

Seconds: Will Petrie, Rob Rye, Dan Martinovich, Jim Baker, Terry Kay, Meg Smith.

Thirds: Max Squires, Eleanor Robertson, Celine Walshe, Adele Purbrick.

Fourths: John Eddy, Roz Brown, Tom Silver, Andrew Thomas.

Fifths: Bob Mills, Jake

Ryan, Heather Reynolds, Emily Simmonds, Liz Peterson.

Sixths: Grant Ryan, Reuben Greentree, Veronica Silver.

First Round contenders: Nathan MacKenzie, Nick Mitchell, Wayne Booth, Mal Lewis, Steve O'Neill and Dan Naughton.

## Billy Goats charge in Grafton



The Brunswick Billy Goats had a good win playing in Grafton. Photo supplied

Alisha Bower

The U/13 Brunswick Billy Goats rugby union team defeated the Grafton Redmen on Friday night playing away

in Grafton.

After a long drive the boys played exceptionally well, earning themselves a convincing 54-7 win in their second game of the season.

There was a great show of sportsmanship by the Billy-goats as they loaned players to Grafton to even out player numbers.

A great team effort by all.

## Bladers vie for NSW title

Bert Hardman

The second annual Brunz Blade Battle was held at the Brunswick Heads skatepark on May 5 and decided the U/18 NSW champions in the skatepark and bowl division.

Competitors came from Australia-wide and the level of skating was amazing and shows that, although it is a small scene, it is very strong.

### Results

Bowl U/18: Andrew Staszewski, Ethan Gray

Bowl Bladies: Jenny Logue, Shine Au-Yeung

Bowl Mens: Brad Watson, Martin Gade and Hayden Golder



A competitor gets plenty of air at Brunswick skatepark earlier this month. Photo Gerard Ahrens

Park U/18: Andrew Staszewski, Ethan Gray

Park Bladies: Jenny Logue, Shine Au-Yeung

Park Mens: Phil Moss, Thomas Dalbis and Tom Scofield

Best Trick: 900 Transfer by Tom Scofield

Hellman Award: Phil Moss for breaking his face in his opening run in the finals and not only skating the whole final, but he went on to win it.

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According to CBS, the UK royal wedding last weekend cost an estimated \$45 million, yet almost all of that (about \$40 million) went towards security. Who pays for the security costs? The public of course, *The Independent* reports. In a perfect world, humans wouldn't be so easily infatuated by outdated models of governance and the flaunting of obscene wealth and privilege by inbreds.

A 200-year-old fig tree that is disrupting someone's driveway on Castle Drive, Lennox Head, is now likely to be axed by Ballina Council, despite concerted protests from those who see the obvious value in such heritage. Mayor David Wright says all options have been exhausted. 'Since 1980, developers with fig trees on their property have to put a 50-metre buffer around it; that's how much we want to protect fig trees, but this one of course didn't have that,' he said.

Parents are asked to keep an eye out for hand, foot and mouth disease after a local school reported a case. Signs and symptoms start with blisters that begin as small red dots, which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. For more info visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

The government-run corporation that is trying to fleece Brunswick Heads - The NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust - has another name to go by! Yes, one of the best way bureaucrats and corporations can confuse and muddy the waters is by constantly renaming your brand. It's been hard to keep up with this lot, who continually change CEOs and board members. In true dystopian Orwellian style, they are now calling themselves Reflections Holiday Parks. So where is the reflection?



The Brunswick Heads Scouts held their big day on Saturday at the Soundshell. Pictured are Okie Greenwell, Jayden Tonnet, Kai Berriman, Blake Nicholson, Blake Nicholson, Oliver Webb, and Tom Kuskink with Sylvia, the Big Fish purchasing officer. Photo Jeff 'Woggles' Dawson

Anna McCormack from Beacon Social Media was recently nominated for the Social Media Marketing Institute's 'Best Emerging Social Media Marketer for 2018'. The winner will be announced at the Social Media Marketing Awards in Sydney on August 16 - good luck, Anna!

Want a quick insight into how govcorp do their business? See editorial on page 12, where the proposal to plop a large private hospital on Ewingsdale Road is slowly making its way along the Joint Regional Planning Panel conveyor belt. And it's all without much in the way of traffic mitigation.

Council's Transport Asset

Management Plan is on public exhibition! Staff say it will guide the management of assets such as roads, footpaths,

bridges, parks and culverts over the next decade. Visit <http://bit.ly/2GCCJgN> for more info.

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