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Welcome to Byron

Simon Alderton

Do you believe in love at first sight? Many people love Byron and at first sight. Turning onto Ewingsdale Road you pass The Farm, the hospital and then lot 101 - an abandoned homestead on a beautiful elevated piece of land with a few grazing cows.

You can't miss this house, it stands out for miles as you drive the main road into town and looks most 'unloved'. Driving past every day I often imagined this historic homestead in all its glory. What a stunning entry into one of the most unique, character-filled towns in Australia. Then, I wondered how on earth this amazing property was allowed to fall into such disarray?

My curiosity led me to ask questions about the Higgins Homestead and an avalanche of responses followed. Stories going back into Byron's history, music videos showing the pop group Dope Lemon dancing around the quintessentially Australian verandah and of course, lots of angst from local residents about the sad tale of its contemporary demise.

This property is currently owned by Belbeck Investments, part of the majority-Chinese-owned McDonald's beef empire with an interest in property. In 2013 they sought rezoning of the 15-hectare precinct for a proposed 200 or so unit retirement village on the site; the Higgins Homestead was to be restored, but lost in amongst the urban sprawl.

Council deemed the development 'inappropriate' and knocked it back and the house has been left to

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Nude bathing case thrown out



Maxine Hawker at the tea tree lake where she was charged on January 20 with offensive behaviour for bathing naked. Photo Jeff Dawson

Chris Dobney

Non-mainstream lifestyle choices aren't 'axiomatically offensive', Magistrate Dunlevy told Byron Bay local court on Friday, ruling that Sunrise resident Maxine Hawker had no case to answer for bathing naked at the tea tree lakes at Grays Lane in January.

The magistrate said that the police had failed to prove Ms Hawker's actions were 'calculated to wound feelings, or arouse anger, disgust, resentment or outrage'.

Ms Hawker, who represented herself at the hearing, told the court she had no idea she was breaking

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the law and had not seen a sign near the entrance to the lake, which had been recently installed, warning of penalties.

But within minutes of arriving and entering the water, she was issued a \$500 fine for bathing naked, which she chose to fight, telling the court, 'I'm not a criminal, I'm a law-abiding person.'

Ms Hawker went with a male friend to the lake on a whim in the

early afternoon of January 20 and decided to take a dip. Having recently had a shoulder operation, she told the court she thought it would be therapeutic.

She stripped off and her male friend, who was wearing board shorts, helped her into the water.

She said there were a few other people about, none of whom appeared the slightest bit perturbed that she was naked.

Senior Constable Michael Chaffey and Constable Timothy Hayes, of Brunswick Heads Police Station, told the court they witnessed Ms Hawker 'very slowly and gingerly entering the water' from about 40 metres away.

Sexual assaults

Cross-examining Snr Const Chaffey, Ms Hawker asked him why he was patrolling the lake that day.

'We had received reports of sexual assaults,' he said, adding police were 'targeting naked people as well as more lewd activity', as they had

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I hold that a strongly marked personality can influence descendants for generations.

– Beatrix Potter

Welcome to Byron

► continued from page 1 the elements ever since. The doors and windows disappeared and internal features were vandalised.

It is understood that Belbeck has the property on the market and are currently in negotiations with the hope that it will be going under contract soon.

It is interesting that the real estate agent advertised the property as ‘a development site’, yet the house and farm are still zoned as rural.

Happier days

In happier days before investors held the title deeds, this house was inhabited by the Higgins family until 1967 and then the Grisell Family until 1993.

Built in 1900 during the era when dairy was king in Byron Bay, the property once encompassed 180 acres from McGettigans Lane to the old Pacific Highway. Cows and



Imagine Sydney without the Queen Victoria Building, Vaucluse House or The Rocks? Too often our local heritage, whether European or Indigenous, is disregarded and lost. Photo Jeff Dawson

draft horses roamed and the Higgins family sold sweet potatoes to the town from their market garden.

Edward Higgins bought the property from Sir Thomas Ewing in 1910. Many members of the Higgins and Grisell families still live in the shire.

Vicki Moerig of Byron Bay, granddaughter of Norman and Gladys Higgins, spent the first few years of her life in this house. She remembers the homestead being

surrounded by a garden alive with poppies and azaleas.

The homestead is the last one in the district with a separate kitchen and Vicki remembers the family spending most of their time in the kitchen. At night the children would run back to the main house through the breezeway in the dark.

Leeanne Hall of the Grisell family told me that as the house was the first building people saw coming into By-

ron Bay, they would often stop and look around. Her mother would welcome people who wanted to view this iconic country Australian homestead and show them around.

At Christmas time, the family would sit on the verandah and wave to locals driving by into the town. Every time Leeanne drives by she can't believe its awful state.

Heritage listed

The weatherboard homestead was heritage listed in 2006 with the help of Ewingsdale residents, particularly Fae Flick. Despite years of neglect the house retains many of its redeeming features, chimneys, outhouses, tall ceilings and the landmark Moreton Bay fig. The homestead remains a local landmark.

After many years of neglect, the fate of the Higgins Homestead looks perilous.

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Nude bathing

► continued from page 1 been ‘asked to conduct “high visibility” patrols.’

‘Do you think a 56-year-old woman naked next to a man clad in shorts is going to be engaging in “lewd activity”?’ Ms Hawker asked.

‘That’s not what we were there for,’ he replied.

Cross-examining Timothy Hayes she asked him, ‘Do you consider a middle-aged woman being helped into the water by a man lewd behaviour?’

‘I do consider nudity in a public place to be lewd, yes,’ he replied.

In summarising her case, Ms Hawker said, ‘there was no wilful intent on my part

– I was not intending to offend anybody by any means. I have swum naked in that lake before; my intention was not to hurt anyone.’

The police prosecutor, however, said, ‘she was naked, and in my mind being naked in a public place is reasonably assumed to be offensive.’

Magistrate’s ruling

But Magistrate Dunlevy disagreed, saying, ‘It is not the intention of the law to criminalise non-mainstream behaviour or people who fall outside the mainstream.’

To be classified as offensive behaviour, he said, the action must be ‘calculated to wound

feelings, or arouse anger, disgust, resentment or outrage.’

‘When the police approached [Ms Hawker] she was given the opportunity to put on her clothes and she did so. She specifically told the police that she did not know there was some, either legal or de facto, prohibition about her being naked in the lake.’

‘In some places being naked in public is allowed [compared to] defecating, urinating, or having sexual intercourse in public [which] are never legal.’

‘I will be finding that the element of calculation to cause offense cannot be proved,’ Magistrate Dunlevy said.

‘[from]The fact of being

naked at a waterhole in a district where being naked is allowed in some areas, it can be inferred it’s not so badly offensive that I would axiomatically have to conclude that the defendant would have deliberately sought to provoke that state of mind.

‘Even taking the prosecution’s case at its highest, I simply cannot conclude that the defendant deliberately acted to provoke,’ he said.

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NAIDOC week celebrations around the Shire

There is plenty going on during NAIDOC week around the Shire giving everyone the chance to understand and appreciate our Australian heritage and culture.

The theme for this year is Because of Her, We Can – an acknowledgement of the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in communities around the country.

The Aboriginal Art Exhibition is showing at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall till July 8. The Mullum family fun day is on Wednesday 11 July from 10am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre.

The Bundjalung of Byron family cultural day will be held on Thursday 12 July starting at 10am in Railway Park with celebrations continuing at Dening Park, Byron Bay, between 11am and 2pm.



Bundjalung 'Bunyarra Dubai' dancers Ellie Davidson, Indira Arnold Freire, Belle Arnold, Delta Kay, Minyani Webber, Nickolla Clark and Rikkara McGuinness launched NAIDOC week at Monday's Council HQ flag raising. Photo Jeff Dawson

Local Charter of Human Rights proposed

At the recent Ngarra Institute annual lecture, former Australian human rights commissioner Gillian Triggs threw out an intriguing idea. A Mullumbimby-Byron Shire Charter of Human Rights, that could potentially lead the way to forming an Australian Charter of

Human Rights.

The idea fired the imagination and a meeting has been called encouraging everyone to contribute. Of course, there will be many competing ideas about what should go into this seminal Charter.

If you're interested in try-

ing to alter the course of Australian history, come along to the Mullumbimby Civic Hall, 6-8.30pm on Monday July 16.

The conversation will be facilitated by local Barefoot Legal Clinic lawyer and 'Alternative PM' Mark Swivel. Special guest former CEO of

the Environmental Defenders Office, Sue Higginson, will offer her draft version of a Northern Rivers Charter of Human Rights for consideration. Entry is free.

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COMMUNITY HOTLINE

The Splendour in the Grass Community Hotline will be in operation from Wednesday 18 July to Monday 23 July inclusive. The hotline will be staffed during the event, and a recorded message service will operate outside of these hours. Please note, all calls to the Community Hotline are logged and recorded for quality purposes.

THE SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS COMMUNITY HOTLINE NUMBER IS 02 6680 4049

Local residents with any parking, noise or litter concerns during the festival period should contact the Community Hotline and we will have our Community Response Team assist you. The Community Hotline is not to be used for general event enquiries. Residents can also email community@splendourinthegrass.com with any concerns. Any venue related enquiries can be directed to North Byron Parklands on community@northbyronparklands.com.

TRAFFIC

A traffic management plan, prepared by an RMS accredited traffic engineer, has been developed in consultation with state and local regulatory authorities to help minimise the impact of this event on the local road network and the immediate areas surrounding North Byron Parklands. Changed traffic conditions include:

- Temporary turning lanes along Tweed Valley Way into North Byron Parklands defined by delineation devices. This is to assist with the steady flow of through traffic. Please follow the directional signage. Please note traffic infrastructure will be in place from 9am Thursday 12 July and will be removed by 5pm Tuesday 24 July.
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place along Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way commencing approx. 100m north of the Yelgun interchange continuing along Tweed Valley Way to 300m north of Jones Road, as well as on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- To manage potential illegal camping or parking in the immediate surrounds of North Byron Parklands, Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road, Billinudgel Road and Jones Road at the Tweed Valley Way intersections.
- Traffic control staff will be in place along Tweed Valley Way between the Yelgun Interchange and Jones Road.
- All traffic control will be managed by RMS accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.
- Camping patrons will begin to arrive from 10am on Wednesday 18 July and depart by 5pm Monday 23 July.
- There is NO PEDESTRIAN access into North Byron Parklands.

PARKING

- There is NO PARKING along Tweed Valley Way or in the streets surrounding North Byron Parklands. Special Event parking restrictions will be in place and Council parking enforcement officers will again be on patrol throughout the event. Council issued parking fines will apply.

Please note that camping or sleeping in vehicles within the Byron and Tweed Shires is not permitted. The maximum penalty exceeds \$1,000 in the Byron Shire. Council enforcement officers will be on patrol throughout the event period enforcing this regulation.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- There is NO PEDESTRIAN access into North Byron Parklands.

PATRON DROP OFF & PICK UP

Please use the dedicated DROP OFF & PICK UP point located at North Byron Parklands. DO NOT Drop Off or Pick Up patrons along Tweed Valley Way or surrounding areas. This is dangerous for not only pedestrians and vehicles, but also causes traffic delays. Fines apply.

FENCE JUMPING & TRESPASSING

Any persons attempting to gain entry to the festival without a valid event ticket either on foot, by private vehicle, bus or other means is considered to be trespassing and therefore breaking the law. Under the Inclosed Lands Protections Act 1901 NSW Police will be issuing on the spot fines of \$350 for trespassing, and trespassers will be evicted from the North Byron Parklands site.

All persons travelling to the event via bus will be checked for a valid 2018 Event ticket or wristband prior to boarding and will not be allowed on the bus without this.

We truly thank you for your patience and understanding,

The Splendour in the Grass team

A friend in need: locals step up to help refugees

The plight of people who have tried to seek asylum in Australia but have ended up detained on Nauru and Manus Islands is once again being highlighted on July 19 outside Kevin Hogan's office in Lismore from 4 till 5pm.

The '5 years too many' vigil marks the fifth anniversary of the speech by Kevin Rudd when he stated that 'any people seeking asylum who arrive by boat will never settle in Australia thus resulting in the terrible situation on Manus and Nauru,' said Gunela Astbrink, president of the Ballina Region for Refugees (BR4R).

Working to assist both refugees in Australia and those stranded on Nauru BR4R have formed both the Nauru friendship group and a homestay program.

Friendship

The Nauru friendship group is a way to support women in Nauru by being in regular contact and building meaningful, supportive relationships.

'Quite a lot of the women have been there for five years in mouldy tents and challenging conditions,' said Gunela.

There are about ten women locally who are in contact with women in Nauru using things like WhatsApp, texting and Facebook.

'It involves talking to women and being a friend and support - sharing photos and reaching out. This is very important for people who feel they have no end in sight and no-one cares,' said Gunela.

'We've just received a call to help a severely depressed man in Nauru to get a friendship link here. We are always keen to have more local men and women to assist.'

Homestay

The main activity of the BR4R is a homestay program that provides refugees on bridging visas with a chance to have a holiday. The recent fundraiser by the Ballina Players raised around \$3,700 that will be used to support the homestay program.

The program brings refugees or asylum seekers from Brisbane and sometimes Sydney to stay with a host family.

'We have hosts in Ballina, Byron, Mullumbimby - from right across the region,' said Gunela.

'Currently we have about 20 hosts and we are keen to find more hosts and people who can volunteer to help with activities and support the hosts.'

'Families or individuals come for four to seven days. They really enjoy a bit of time out. Often it is the first time they have had a holiday since they have come to Australia and it can be a respite from the daily struggle...'

Currently there are about 12,000 people seeking asylum in Australia who are on bridging visas. This figure is insignificant in the context of the refugee crisis across Europe and Asia. New asylum applications in Europe were down to 724,000 in 2017 from 1,407,000 in 2017 and 1,553,000 in 2015.

Community trust still an issue for Council

Aslan Shand

The development and 'beautification' of Railway Park in Byron Bay is once again under the microscope as Byron Council, the Masterplan Team and the Byron Environment Centre (BEC) try to negotiate an outcome that is acceptable to the community.

Tension was originally sparked following a notice of eviction sent to the BEC management team in October 2017 and the removal of several mature trees from the park. These events occurred without the knowledge of councillors under the alleged auspices of the Byron Masterplan team. The Masterplan Team then 'categorically denied' that they had any knowledge of the plan and the then-general manager Ken Gainger issued a public apology over the handling of the situation.

Currently Council are looking at moving the BEC

rotunda either out of the park or re-locating it within the park. However, this has been coupled with the resolution to seek expressions of interest from other community groups to manage the rotunda.

Council: BEC has no licence

Byron Shire Council told *The Echo* that the BEC 'was not approved by Council and there is no record of any licence, lease or other documented authorisation for occupation of the structure.'

This is disputed by BEC president John Lazarus, who says that after BEC saved the structure from demolition 'for a community asset' in 2002 the council subsequently offered BEC 'a licence or lease'. However, the decision was to continue with the current informal arrangement.

'The BEC paid for all costs

in repairing the original structure, and for the fit-out, and for the mural panels construction and artist fees, and has paid all costs of maintenance and mural refurbishment for the last 16 years. The BEC doesn't pay for the electricity, but the biggest electricity user is the weekly markets,' said Mr Lazarus.

Lack of transparency

While the Byron Masterplan Team have said they have now had input into the redesign of Railway Park, Mr Lazarus has questioned the way in which the masterplan meetings are run and their lack of transparency.

Mr Lazarus was invited to address the masterplan meeting but was required to supply any questions in advance and was told that after his address he 'would be required to leave' - so he declined the offer.

'The BEC did send a request to the meeting, "that the rotunda stay in place and the proposed path go around it". The meeting notes only recorded that the request was put, with the only response "they have no right to be there",' said Mr Lazarus.

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Vale Edith Franks – a great environmentalist

At 92 Edith died of having lived a life long enough, although not long enough for the many people who loved her. Her three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren will miss her beyond description, as will many others.

Edie arrived in Byron Bay on a steamship during the Great Depression as a baby. Her family, like many others, were very poor, times were hard and family life even harder.

After a brief time in the flood-prone end of Lismore, Edie's family relocated to Brunswick Heads where she spent her early years living in hessian-sack housing behind the dunes. These were the happiest memories for her and the place where her deep love of nature began.

Eventually the family moved back to Lismore and she stayed until joining the navy late in WWII. Following the war, Edie spent a few years travelling up the east coast to Cairns, partying and working as she went.

Ahead of her time she travelled to her mother's birthplace, Denmark, in the early 50s, an epic journey, but one of many she would



Edith Evelyn Franks nee West (1926–2018) has passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of all her family.

embark on in her long life.

She also lived in PNG for a few years in the 1950s; stories from those days were eye opening to say the least.

She married late, became mum to three beautiful children and raised her family in the suburbs of Brisbane, a place that stifled her spirit. When her marriage ended Edie moved back to Byron where her mother still lived.

She set up the first youth hostel, Edie's Place, in her home on Burns Street in the late 70s; a place where she befriended many travellers and enjoyed many adventures, all of which she embraced fully.

Edie spent the rest of her

life fighting for the environment. A few of her big fights were helping to stop the Byron jet port and the Broken Head Academy.

She then turned her sights on uranium mining and got herself to the Jabiluka blockade, getting arrested at 71 for protesting – she is still wanted in the NT!

There was never a protest she wasn't at, a cause she didn't write letters for or a petition she wouldn't sign if it was to protect her beloved Byron and its natural state. She was an activist and fighter for the environment from long before it was a trend, washing out plastic bags to recycle them since the 60s.

She was an unassuming lady who you may have passed riding her bike around Byron, something she agreed to give up on her 90th birthday but sorely missed.

Not many years ago you may have picked her up hitchhiking to Bangalow or Broken Head to work on one of her bush regeneration projects. You may have even met her at the Byron Environment Centre where she volunteered for many years, or at the Byron Markets selling her No Uranium Mining t-shirts.

Rally to support 'Biddy' after health crisis

A group of young locals are raising funds to support their beloved friend 'Biddy' who had a near-fatal health collapse while travelling in Europe last week.

Bianca Zonneveld, 28, had only just arrived in Italy on June 28 when she suffered a severe bout of Metabolic Acidosis owing to complications related to a diabetes medication she was taking.

Bianca's mother, Mon, her uncle and brother flew over to be with her, and Mon is planning to stay until her daughter is well enough to travel home.

The young woman's



friends are now rallying together to raise funds so Mon can stay by her daughter's side, and to support Bianca on her long recovery when she returns home.

They have organised a fundraiser on July 12 from 5pm at Yami's cafe in Brun-

swick Heads where Bianca was a well-loved staff member for much of the past year.

There will be an assortment of curries for \$10, cakes for sale, hot drinks and live music. Yami's has also agreed to donate all proceeds from meals purchased on the night to the cause.

Bianca's friend Aurore De-Campo said the 28-year-old had been a 'beautiful shining being within the Brunswick Heads community'.

A crowdfunding page has also been set up at www.gofundme.com/biddys-recovery for those who wish to make a donation.

It is time to celebrate Billinudgel

Billinudgel is reimagining itself and will be decking its streets in preparation for spring as it creates a new festival for the town this September 22.

After the devastating floods of Cyclone Debbie the people and businesses of the town are coming together to create a fun-filled family day that will showcase businesses from Billinudgel and the surrounding areas that were affected by the floods.

There will be street performers, music, historical demonstrations, delicious food and more for everyone to get involved in and enjoy. The afternoon's fun will then culminate at the Billinudgel Hotel where there will be live entertainment throughout the evening.

Get involved

Currently the organisers are asking businesses, members of the community, stall-

holders and performers who would like to get involved in the day to fill out an expression of interest online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86859K7>.

The first preference will go to businesses and the surrounding areas, particularly those businesses that were affected by the floods many of who are still getting back on their feet said one of the organisers Damon Robbins. But everyone is welcome to apply.

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Opinion divided over sewer trial

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's decision to spend tens of thousands of dollars on a low-pressure sewerage system trial in Mullumbimby has produced an angry response from residents who say it flies in the face of expert advice and common sense.

But the council says the low-pressure system has been used very effectively in New Brighton and offers the best value for money.

The council voted in favour of the 20-house trial at its last meeting on June 21 as part of a \$500,000 project to address the chronic issues of inflow and infiltration into the sewerage system in Mullumbimby.

Unlike the existing gravity-based system currently being used, low-pressure sewers use a small pump station located at each house to move wastewater through.

Data gathering

The Mullumbimby trial would also involve gathering data from each house about precisely how much sewage is produced each day.

Proponents of the trial say this would allow Council to get the clearest indication yet of how much water is getting into the town's aging, earth-ware sewers.

But some locals living in and around Mullumbimby strongly oppose the trial and are calling on the council to abandon it and undertake a proper comparative analysis of the different possible solutions.

Resident Patricia Warren said that this type of comparative study had been undertaken by Council staff prior to introducing a low-pressure sewer system at New Brighton, and that they had recommended against pursuing this option.

'The report concluded that a vacuum system was the best option,' Ms Warren said.

'Instead, a low-pressure pump system was installed.

'...Property owners [in New Brighton] have been unaware of electricity charges being connected to their power bills and a number of pumps have had to be replaced within what would otherwise be considered their life expectancy...'

Another Council report, June 2010 Final Project Review of the Mullumbimby Sewerage System, also recommended against implementing a low-pressure system.

'The retrofitting of a low-pressure pumping system (LPPS) to the Mullumbimby sewerage reticulation system would have a high capital cost and will not eliminate stormwater inflow,' the report states.

Alan Dickens, a member of the council's Waste Water and Sewerage Advisory Committee (WWSAC), said that when the group last met there had been general agreement that a comparative study should be undertaken prior to any trial.

However, he says that councillors were instead led to believe that the committee had recommended the trial go ahead and, on this basis, had given it the green light at

the most recent meeting.

'That was not the agreed position of the committee,' he said.

He is also concerned the trial will pave the way for a low-pressure system to be introduced throughout the entire town.

Council responds

But the council's director of Infrastructure Services Phil Holloway, said that 'no firm decision' had been made on the implementation of the program.

He also denied any changes were made to the minutes from the WWSAC meeting.

'The minutes represented to the council are as per the adopted Waste Water and Sewerage Advisory Committee minutes... which were circulated to members in draft form after the meeting,' Mr Holloway said.

In response to the argument that Council was ignoring its own reports into low-pressure sewerage systems, Mr Holloway said that while one Council report had found the vacuum collection system was a 'marginally' better option, it was 'not the cheapest option compared to the three other systems being evaluated.'

Valuable information

'Byron Shire Council was one of the first utilities in Australia to adopt the use of the low-pressure sewer technology (in New Brighton) and it has been very successful and reliable,' he said.

Another member of the WWSAC, Duncan Dey, said he was also in favour of the trial because it would provide valuable information as to why Mullumbimby's sewers flooded so often.

'This project isn't about whether a vacuum system is better than a low-pressure system or not. It's about measuring and monitoring sewer collection system performance or lack of it,' Mr Dey said.

'The low-pressure system has a pod in the backyard and so we will know how much sewage or stormwater is coming from each house. That data is fundamentally required.'

Produce the evidence

But Ms Warren disagreed.

'Evidence of follow-up on illegal and faulty [stormwater] connections on private properties, which continue to be blamed for the inflow/infiltration, needs to be produced before expending any moneys on any trial,' she said.

'Council has already got the data on wet and dry weather inflows at each pump station to meet the aims of any trial so why have a trial?' Ms Warren said.

'If Council's staff are still of the position that it is household connections that are responsible for the inflow/infiltration, pump station data can then determine which catchment areas of Mullumbimby they need to inspect to find these illegal and faulty connections.'

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Gas bottle bandits

Coorabell Hall has fallen victim to gas bottle bandits for the third time in less than two years, as the practice continues to blight the Shire.

Organised and well-equipped thieves stole the hall's gas supply along with its hot water heater and regulator on Thursday night, according to president Billy Wrencher.

'The high-tensile chains were cut, the steel cage [around the bottles] was removed and the security lock on the hot water heater was drilled and cut,' said Billy.

'It was well planned by some not community-minded losers. Sadly we may not be covered by insurance.'

If you are offered a Rinnai Infinity 26 hot water heater and gas bottles (HWS Gas Rinnai B16LTKEXT LPG 50D Serial No: B-16L50) report it to the police.

It is less than seven months since the last gas bottle theft, and less than two years since the first theft in 2016.

Other local halls and businesses including LuLu's Cafe in Mullum have also fallen victim to the gas bandits.

The Chinny charge is on again

The Chincogan Charge will be running again this year on September 8 following its successful re-launch in 2017 with 500 runners.

'This year we are adding in children's races for six-to eleven-year-olds,' said Jenelle Stanford, president of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce and the driving force behind the race.

The race will start and finish at the Post Office and the kids will run to the base of the mountain and back – adults need to accompany children.

The afternoon will fea-

ture a tug-of-war organised by the Brunswick Valley Historical Society.

'There is a limit of six teams that can enter the tug-of-war and nomination forms can be collected from the Mullumbimby Newsagents.'

The Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club will be sponsoring the professional runners' prizes while *The Echo* will sponsor the first locals across the line.

They have just launched their website so find out more at: <http://www.mullumbimby.org.au/chinny-charge>.

Byron's annual book fair

Are you looking for a book treasure – or perhaps you are looking for *Treasure Island*? If the answer is yes then make sure you get down to the Friends of Libraries Byron Shire annual Book Fair on July 14 and 15 at 10am till 1pm at the Byron Bay Surf Club.

Quality secondhand books are on offer including fiction, non-fiction, old and rare collections, children, health, history, cooking, audio books, vinyl records and much more.

Also for the first time this year there will be great activities for children and most importantly, the Friends of Libraries monster raffle, with



prizes donated by local businesses and drawn on the last day of the fair.

The Book Fair is Friends of Libraries major annual fundraiser assisting Byron Shire libraries (Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Brunswick) with new books, infrastructure etc, keeping these great community hubs so popular today.

For further information go to www.byronbayfol.com.

All-abilities Byron skatepark

Are you interested in an all-abilities skatepark in Byron? Council is wanting to hear from the community about the idea of putting a skatepark and community hub at the Sandhills Estate in Byron Bay.

'Sandhills is the area behind a youth activity centre, a childcare centre and the Byron Bay Library and it is currently hardly used and as a result it is prone to being a gathering spot for anti-social behaviour,' Byron Shire may-

or Simon Richardson said.

'By building a state-of-the-art skatepark and opening this area up and creating paths, a playground, picnic areas including barbecues and a boardwalk through the protected wetland area I can see this area being an amazing space for not only local residents – old, young and in between – but visitors as well.'

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Mullum museum all ducted up

The Mullumbimby Museum has entered the 21st century with a ducted airconditioning system recently installed and launched by Greens MP Tamara Smith last Thursday.

As much as they love their museum pieces they were happy to take their beloved, traditional kerosene heater and consign it to history and a featured position within the museum.

Not only is the heating and cooling important to keep

volunteers and visitors at just the right temperature but 'the climate control is also important for the preservation of many items within the museum,' said Stephen Hall, president of the Brunswick Valley Historical Society (BVHS) that runs the museum.

The BVHS received a NSW government grant for \$10,000 through Community Building Partnerships funding that they topped up with \$7,000 to facilitate the installation.

Smoke alarm saves Mullum house

It started out as a small fire in an ordinary electric stove cooking dinner at an Argyle Street residence in Mullumbimby at around 6.20pm on Wednesday, July 4.

And it could have got a whole lot worse.

Fortunately, the occupant was alerted by a smoke detector and quickly turned off the stove, cutting off the source of the flames.

A spokesperson from Fire and Rescue NSW's Mullum-

bimby station said, 'Upon arrival, we rapidly assessed that no-one was injured and that the house was not on fire.'

'We checked the house and it was clear that the electric stove/oven had some issues.'

He added it was 'a timely reminder to keep your smoke detectors charged and take the proper precautions for fire during the winter period.'

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Retrospective DA sought for Myocum sand and gravel

The Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS) has strongly objected to a development application (DA) for a landscaping supplies business in Myocum Road at the current site of a large sand and gravel stockpile.

The stockpile was cleared as 'legal' by Byron Shire Council last year following public complaints. At the time there was speculation about a proposed concrete batching plant on the property.

The property, owned by the Archibald family, is adjacent to Wards Landscape Supplies. The Archibalds say that as wholesalers they will not be operating in direct competition with Wards.

But CABS believe the DA should be rejected, not least because they claim the sand

was taken illegally from land adjacent to Tyagarah Nature Reserve, near the bank of Simpsons Creek.

CABS president Matthew O'Reilly told *The Echo* that 'the Archibalds have lodged a DA to retrospectively authorise the stockpile as a landscaping materials supply business'. But the applicants say they had a right to take the sand from Wiltons Quarry on Tandys Lane.

Despite the EPA last year admitting it had 'intelligence' that multiple truckloads of sand had been taken from within the SEPP 14 coastal wetland, the authority concluded last November that it was 'not of a scale that triggers licensing by the EPA under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act

(Schedule 1) referring the report of illegal sand quarrying activity to Byron Council'.

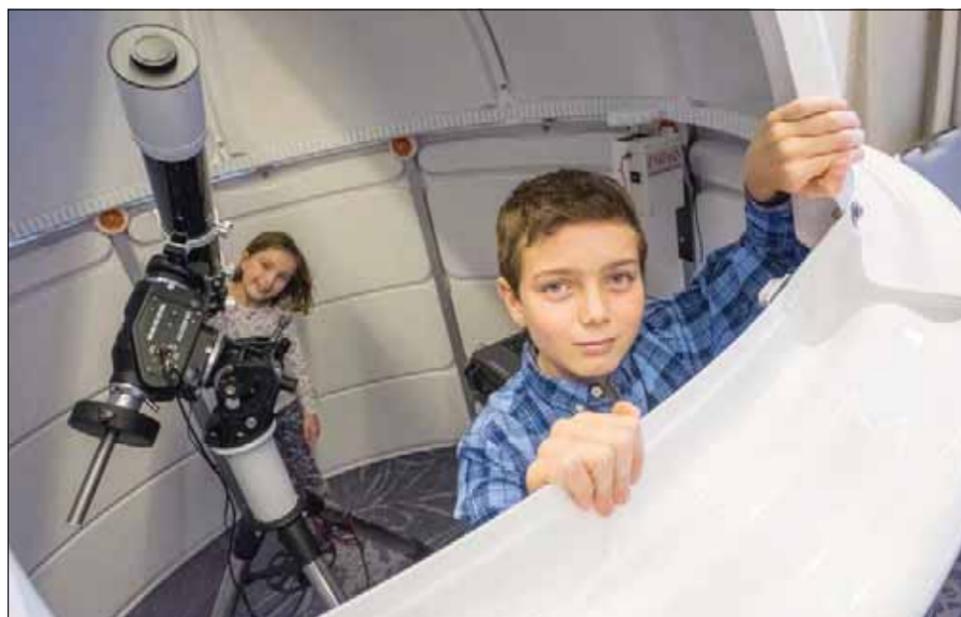
Byron Shire Council says it believed the quarry was able to operate under existing use rights.

But CABS argued that operation of the quarry could not be justified on 'existing use rights' under the EPA Act and urged Council to move against the owners.

'It is clear that the stockpiling of massive amounts of sand and gravel on a rural property where no agricultural activities are taking place is not a use "ancillary to agriculture"', Mr O'Reilly said.

■ Read more in *Echonetdaily* – www.echo.net.au/retrospective-da-sought-myocum-sand-gravel

Celebrating the stars



Sean and Raya Howard-McCann in a Nexdome personal observatory, one of the many star studying instruments on show at last weekend's Star Stuff. At \$60,000 to take a kilo into space everyone was challenged to think inside the box and question how human space poo might be recycled as a material for 3-D printing. Photo Jeff Dawson

Calls to shut down water mining plant at Nobbys Creek

Chris Dobney

The Tweed Water Alliance (TWA) has called for one of the Tweed Shire's water-extraction permits to be cancelled after what the group alleges are ongoing breaches.

Nobby's Creek landowner Gary Appleby has a permit from the Office of Water to

extract 38 megalitres from his property for bottling.

The Tweed Shire Council reduced it to 12 megalitres, with an additional qualification that any bulk water removals should be transported in trucks of five tonnes or less.

The Echo has been supplied with photographs depicting B-double tankers on the nar-

row approach to Mr Appleby's property, that TWA spokesperson Jeremy Tager says are 'ripping up Bryens Road'.

Mr Tager estimates each tanker is 10 times the permissible size.

In addition, he says a bulk water supply valve accessed by the trucks and on the site are unapproved works.

Mr Tager said the operation should be 'shut down immediately and all unlawful infrastructure removed. We want a clear message sent that compliance is mandatory and will be enforced.'

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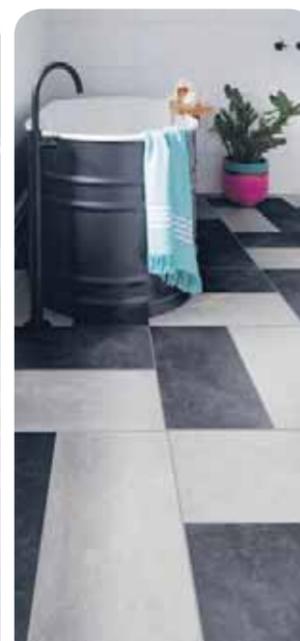
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Capitalism in decline

A resolution to encourage breastfeeding hit a bizarre roadblock at the United Nations recently, after the US delegation apparently interfered to try and maintain the interests of infant-formula manufacturers instead.

The *New York Times* reported that Ecuador, who introduced the resolution, was threatened with punishing trade measures and a withdrawal of crucial military aid if the Trump administration didn't get their way. After other countries were also threatened if they supported the resolution, the Russians stepped in to introduce the measure, which was then unopposed by the US.

So despite the Russian government killing journalists, limiting free speech and vilifying homosexuals (just for starters), they actually have a moral compass in this case when it comes to sanity and the common good.

While being an open ham-fisted bully is the new norm, Swiss transnational Nestlé have for years been accused of such predatory behaviour. Many years ago, the company aggressively marketed milk formula in Africa, for example, where water supplies are often impure.

As recently as February this year, www.theguardian.com reported that an investigation found 'Formula milk companies are continuing to use aggressive, clandestine and often illegal methods to target mothers in the poorest parts of the world to encourage them to choose powdered milk over breastfeeding.'

It shouldn't have to take peer-reviewed research to conclude that breastfeeding is safer and much healthier for babies.

The aggressive marketing of unnecessary products instead of the promotion of natural options is of course not limited to baby formula.

The influence of global pharmaceutical companies (big pharma), for example, has for many years trumped the benefits of natural alternatives.

Why isn't pure opium available as pain relief? Instead, the opioid derivative oxycodone (made by Purdue) is freely available. Cannabis is also well known for its pain relief qualities, yet currently it's almost impossible to get a legal prescription.

A conspiracist – or realist – may say it's because there's not as much money to be made from a plant. Synthetic derivatives are where the money is made, because of patent laws.

Take away the conspiracy, and the logic seems to suggest that some of God's creations were a mistake, and humans, in their infinite wisdom, have had to intervene to make it 'safe' to consume. As useful as oxycodone is at relieving pain, it's a dreadful synthetic drug with side effects. Pure opium (the base synthesis for oxycodone), while also addictive, is clearly a much more natural and superior drug for pain relief. As is mother's milk.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Yet another tax tweak to nowhere

Scott Morrison has inched forward to another interminable episode of tweaking the tax. This time it's the scale of the returns the states get from the Commonwealth's GST, but, as always, do not hold your breath.

Like the personal income tax cuts, the new measures will take a minimum of seven years to be implemented and probably a couple more years to actually settle into the bank accounts of the patient, and of course hard-working, recipients.

The corporate tax cuts are back on the back burner, may never be completed, and, on all the evidence, would do bummer all for any except the directors, shareholders and their mates anyway. So much for the great Enterprise Tax Plan, which has dawdled and dithered its way around Morrison's mind for more than two-and-a-half years and still has failed to produce much beyond the odd triumphal headline.

Even in its own terms, the GST proclamation was pretty feeble. The determinedly cheerful ScoMo insists that of course everyone's a winner and if they're not then he will just keep throwing money at them until they are satisfied. Actually, New South Wales is still a bit grumpy, but a few drops will trickle down in the direction of Macquarie Street, so in the lead-up to a state election, no-one is making too much of a fuss.

And what is most important is that the new formula, aspirational though it may be, will probably shut up the whingeing Sandgroppers of the west.

With the promise (eventually) of a guaranteed safety net they never need to take serious responsibility for any future resources booms and busts. Nor, of course, will anyone else, which suggests that last week's announcement was more about

votes than economics and engineering, as Malcolm Turnbull likes to muse wistfully when the party room, polling and the public routinely reject his agenda.

The GST formula did need rejigging, and initially the government sent in the right team to provide advice: the Productivity Commission. But the commission either ignored or dismissed the politics: it came up with a report that was fair and affordable

that it might be the taxpayers' money, but he was the one who signed the cheques.

His solution was, as so often, the quick fix: it solved one immediate problem and it might hold for a while, but buying your way out of trouble is unlikely to be a long-term answer. The more conservative program suggested by the Productivity Commission looked much more solid. But in any case, the need for GST reform goes far

increase the GST rate, perhaps to 15 per cent: this would make room for worthwhile personal income tax cuts – the idea was that the voters would put up with a rise in the GST, which they did not notice much, and would be deliriously grateful for cash in the pocket.

But again, Turnbull pulled the plug: keep it simple, stupid, Jobs and Growth. So nothing was done then, and apparently nothing will be done now. Once again the Turnbull-Morrison partnership of frenemies makes a big press release but a pitifully small bang where it counts.

The good news, such as it is, is that it probably doesn't matter. The changes, when they eventually materialise, will make no significant difference to the welfare of the population – it is all about satisfying the egos of the state treasurers and their respective bureaucrats. The voters hardly know what the designation Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation means, let alone how it is supposed to work: that is a mystery confined to the gnomes in their fastnesses in Canberra. But Morrison has got his headline, and that is what matters.

Unfortunately, there is a somewhat more formidable problem looming: how to square the circle over the NEG, which has to be manoeuvred through the various state governments, the Liberal Party room, the coalition parties room and finally the parliament – including the fractious and unpredictable senate – before declaring even partial victory.

And the religious fundamentalists of *The Australian* are ramping up their war for Catholic privilege – and particularly more money for Catholic schools, just in case Malcolm Turnbull was getting a little bit too smug about things.

But never mind, something will turn up. Or not.

'Once again the Turnbull-Morrison partnership of frenemies makes a big press release but a pitifully small bang where it counts.'

by Mungo MacCallum



within its terms of reference, but it produced losers, most critically Queensland, poised on brink of the Longman by-election and not too far away from a national election in which the deep north would be vital to the government's survival.

Offending the Banana Benders was thus out of the question, but so was topping up their share to disadvantage someone else. So Morrison magicked a swift \$7 billion to fill the gap.

Asked, reasonably enough, where the money was coming from, our meticulous Treasurer said that it would somehow be absorbed in the budget – in other words, something would turn up. All very McCawberish, but utterly unconvincing, especially when his recent budget figures are already proving to be seriously over-optimistic.

But who cares, the taxpayers – the ones Morrison insists actually own the money and should get it back – will pay. As he put it, he had complete discretion over the GST carve-up. 'Do I have to have an intergovernmental agreement to achieve this? No I don't,' he crowed, making it clear

beyond playing with the margins in order to keep the states quiet, and Morrison, of all people, knows it.

When he started dickering with tax matters back in the start of 2016, Morrison was considering a major shift in which the GST was to be the centrepiece. There were two principal considerations. One was the raft of exemptions John Howard had negotiated with the Democrats to get his version through the senate. These were complex and confusing, and a playground for lawyers, accountants and, it must be said, rorters.

The whole point about a flat-rate, broad-based, indirect tax, is to make it universal, foolproof; its efficiency is the trade-off for the fact that it is, by definition, regressive, penalising the poor more than the rich. Without efficiency the GST is just another inequitable great big tax on everything with little to recommend it.

But Morrison and Turnbull (particularly) decided unscrambling the eggs was too bloody hard, and passed. More seriously, Morrison also wanted to

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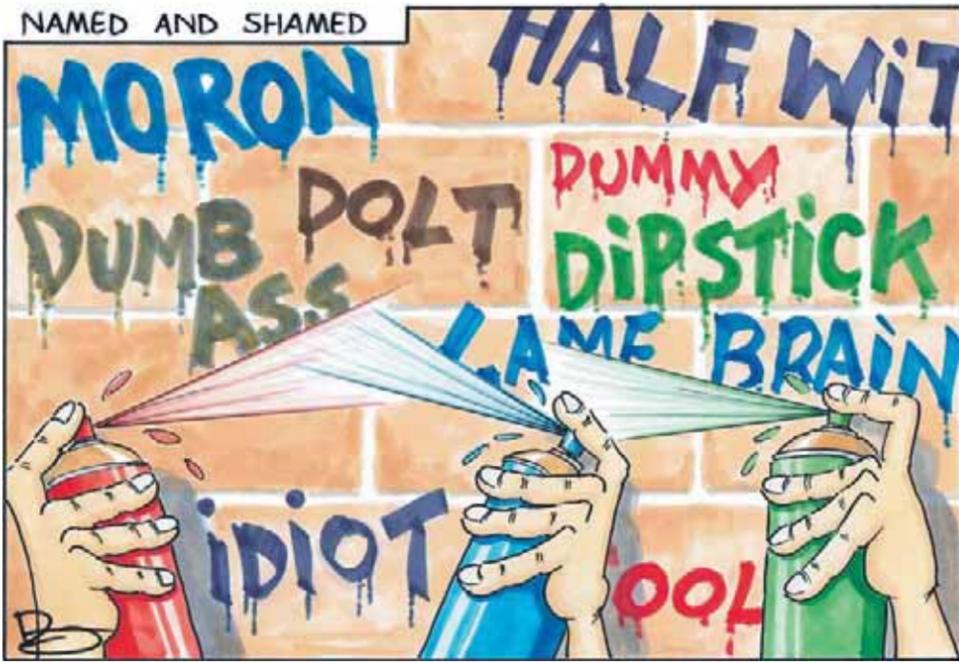
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West Byron

I note with 'grave' enthusiasm the full-page advert in last week's *Echo* stating that Labor stands with our community on West Byron, backed by the earth-toned socialist (very warming) red of the once-great reformist party of our democracy.

While our community should welcome support from all quarters it was the state ALP under the newby planning minister Kristina Keneally, later progressing to premier (wasn't the now discredited and jailed Eddie Obeid her strong supporter?) who called in the

West Byron development, thus removing the decision from the hands of Byron Shire Council at the time. The impact of her decision is still reverberating.

So Justine, where were you standing and what did you do as a senior party member and local elected representative when the 'community robbing' decisions were made and what did you do to wind back such a developer-friendly action?

I'll let the readers ponder that one as the advert-heralded election comes our way.

Ian Cohen
Broken Head

Coal-fired coalition

Well done, Ms Aslan Shand, acting *Echo* editor, on your great editorial (July 4 *Nats fail farmers*).

At last a local newspaper has the balls to call this betrayal by conservative elements in this country for what it is. But let's not stop with just the Nationals; everyone knows they're hopeless, half of the Liberal Party are just as bad.

What a travesty that we've been burdened by a federal government that for the last decade has done everything within its power to totally ignore the science

on global warming and on coming to power totally wrecked all existing policy on limiting CO2 emissions and an emerging renewable-energy industry.

Even more disgusting is the fact that 'our' coal-fired coalition government has been accepting millions of dollars in donations from the fossil-fuel industry to stop or severely disrupt the transition to a low-carbon future. It is political bastardry at its worst.

We long-suffering consumers have paid dearly in electricity prices because of the inability of the energy sector to adequately plan for the future, and doesn't it make a mockery of the government's claim to have a 'responsible economic plan for the future'?

Now even the dumbest of climate-change deniers are starting to begrudgingly admit what most intelligent people have known for 30 years or more - that the world is heating up.

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What is happening in the world?! The Vinnies store in Byron Bay is no longer selling bric-a-brac!

They have set up the shop to resemble a smart department store, and have largely succeeded.

However, without the small decorative items the result is an uninviting and uninteresting place. I used to visit regularly but I don't bother anymore. I also used to have in Sydney friends who made a living from doing the rounds of the op shops and selling their finds to dealers.

The bric-a-brac shelves were an important resource for artists and poorer people who needed a small cheap indulgence or a gift for someone. BRING BACK the BRIC-A-BRAC!

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Adani Protest

Wasn't it perfect weather at Main Beach on Saturday? Enjoy it while you can, because Byron Bay will not be exempt from the consequences of the decisions currently being made in our parliament for too much longer.

Our modern lifestyle is

under threat from extreme weather conditions and from economic collapse.

In places the planet has already been irreversibly damaged.

This was the message of a group of active, aware people gathered there with signs on June 30 to raise awareness about the seriousness of the situation, including the planned Adani coal mine.

Coal is a problem and solar is an alternative.

How long have we got before the next global financial crisis? Five years?

Australia is being taken down the wrong path by corrupt politicians and corporate thieves.

Come on, Aussies, will you be part of the solution?

Will you stand up for our precious planet, for economic justice, for democracy and for world peace?

Miranda Mills
Mt Burrell

Potholes

For the past six weeks motorists driving down the main street of Mullumbimby have to swerve to miss a large pothole.

It would appear the council executives and councillors drive around with their eyes closed.

It's the same old story.

Byron's roads are a disgrace with roads like Coolamon Avenue demanding that cars need to use the kerb and grass to avoid damage to motor vehicles.

For goodness sake at least fill in the potholes especially those in the main streets of the town.

How about showing a bit of pride in the Shire?

Malcolm Murray
Mullumbimby

'Housie' keeping

The old housie shed in Brunswick Heads looks great after last Wednesday's scrub up. Thank you, workers employed by North Coast Holiday Parks (not BSC as claimed).

Di McKee
Brunswick Heads

The tribal mind

Since 1986 I have always enjoyed reading the articles and letters to the editor in *The Echo* and the way they illustrate the thought processing of our planetary community mind. The article by Aslan Shand entitled 'As the lava continues to flow residents look to their future' is a perfect example. This relates the story of how a family spent two years working with some of the most aware people in

existence within the Tuntable community and then followed their dream of falling in love with and purchasing a property full of food trees five years ago and planting 2,000 more in Hawaii.

Little thought appears to have exercised their minds as to the fact that their property was on the slopes of one of the world's largest and most active volcanos which has now destroyed 600 other properties and homes with one of the regular lava flows.

Emeritus biology professor at the University of Arizona, Guy McPherson, warned four years ago that studies of the entire picture of rapid, runaway climate change, particularly methane emissions from the melting of the permafrost soils and ice in the Arctic, coupled with rapid extinction of our human food crop pollinating insect, bird and bat species, showed that every person in the Northern Hemisphere and much of the rest of the world would be dead in 10 years.

He stated that 'We're heading for a temperature within that span that is at or near the highest temperature experienced on Earth in the last two billion years'.

NASA reports that 're-

searchers found that 13 of the planet's 37 largest aquifers studied between 2003 and 2013 were being depleted while receiving little to no recharge'.

Researchers warn that within seven years most of the freshwater supplies for vast populations will have been exhausted, leading to starvation and economic collapse.

Our federal government is pushing ahead with an aspirational approach. Good luck to us all!

Gary Opit
Brunswick Heads

'Alfred' crossing

Alfred is a man who walks the roads from Mullumbimby to Brunswick Heads.

It appears he believes his role is to keep the roads clean. He walks in dark clothing, often wearing a black garbage bag as a raincoat.

There is a community Facebook page that shows concern for his welfare, encouraging us to be aware.

A large yellow sign with his image warns drivers to look out for him as they leave or enter Mullum.

The supportive Facebook group suggest we flash our lights.

Others have offered him a

high-vis jacket though these offers have been refused.

Unfortunately, Alfred is unaware of the mayhem he causes on the road, although it is reported that he was seen removing the warning sign.

There are many anecdotes of near misses, vehicles in near collisions with others in an effort to avoid him.

One rainy night on Gulgan Road I rounded a bend with oncoming car lights making visibility poor and noticed a dark figure getting up from the middle of my lane.

Luckily I was able to pull up in time.

However at the same time I was tossing up whether to either hit him, veer into oncoming traffic or drive over the verge.

There are other similar reports by drivers with young children in the car.

I'm sorry but no amount of 'community' is going to heal the person who eventually hits him or whose children or parent are injured or killed trying to avoid him.

The police are aware of the issue and suggest a person rings them when he's on the road. I have no knowledge if any action has been taken in this respect.

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Things that are good for you don't come wrapped in plastic!

Don't forget to take your reusable shopping bags!



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I can't help thinking about the possible scenarios and whether Alfred has similar concerns for whoever it is that eventually hits him or is injured or killed avoiding him.

He must be taken off the roads before the inevitable happens.

D Pettifer
Mullumbimby

Palestine

Desmond Bellamy sent a lengthy letter to *The Echo* about the suffering of sheep and the live export trade, but he didn't respond to my challenge to cite a single historical fact about Palestine from recent editions of *The Echo*, even though he labelled me a 'keyboard warrior' for criticizing Israel and decrying the apparent lack of concern for the plight of Palestinians under Zionist occupation.

I am now wondering whether Desmond has more sympathy for sheep than he has for Palestinians.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Consent matters

Pru Goward, the minister for something or other, was quoted last week as saying that, before having sex, men needed to ask the woman involved to say 'Yes'.

I object to that; the woman should be required to say 'Yes, please'.

Either way I am reminded

of a statement attributed to a Hollywood movie mogul in the 1930s: 'A verbal contract is not worth the paper it's written on'.

Oh, did I tell you I was raped?

About 25 years ago I found myself agreeing to sleep in the same bed as a somewhat younger woman. As she wasn't my type I didn't see any danger in the idea – silly me.

During the night I was woken by her passionately frotting up against me, to which I responded briefly in a manly fashion, before realising that no way did I want this.

If such were to happen now I could probably bring a rape charge, given that female teachers have been jailed for having sex with male high school students.

This is something that could not have been imagined as a cause for complaint back in the day.

My experience as described above is not dissimilar to one of the Swedish charges brought against Julian Assange; he'd had consensual sex with a woman in the evening and when he later wanted more she'd apparently declined but he had (allegedly) proceeded as if being in bed with him in itself constituted consent.

So, girls, did I consent to what happened to me by agreeing to share a bed?

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

Action needed to prevent koala extinction



A Friends of the Koala poster warns of the need to take action to prevent local extinction. Photo supplied

Lismore's Friends of the Koala (FoK) says it's not too late to prevent koalas going extinct in the wild on the north coast, but our window of opportunity is rapidly closing.

Australia has one of the world's worst records of modern extinction (54 species) and longest lists of threatened species (909).

And with koalas listed as vulnerable to extinction, FoK says it is human actions that are perpetuating the situation and human actions that can halt it.

The registered volunteer group, which is arguably rescuing more koalas than any other in NSW, warns that koalas will disappear from this part of the world unless behaviours change.

They are calling for a community effort to prevent a local extinction.

Dr Steve Phillips, one of Australia's leading wildlife ecologists who has studied koala populations extensively, says vulnerability usually precedes the inexorable slide towards endangerment and

'The rate of this extinction is only determined by society's willingness to intervene and demand the necessary change'

the chance of a localised extinction event.'

'The rate of this extinction is only determined by society's willingness to intervene and demand the necessary change,' Dr Phillips says.

Habitat loss is a core driver of the koala's march to extinction.

In northeast NSW koala populations have declined by approximately 50 per cent owing to residential, commercial and infrastructure development.

Friends of the Koala president Dr Ros Irwin said locals only needed to look at the enormous development planned for West Byron.

'They're talking about a huge increase in Byron Bay's population with a development facilitated by legal amendments to prevailing land-use planning on primary koala habitats,' she said.

'That's happening in a

coastal strip which is home to a dwindling population of fewer than 240 koalas.

'Going ahead with this development will support an ongoing litany of habitat clearing and fragmentation that's slowly driving koalas to extinction.'

Other coastal koala populations under pressure include Tweed's now fewer than 100 koalas and Ballina's 285-380.

Even Lismore's estimated population of around 1,800 is following suit.

'Every tree counts,' Dr Phillips says.

'With 0.34 koalas per hectare, southeast Lismore has the highest density of koalas we've recorded anywhere on the far north NSW coast, and a very high occupancy of up to 70 per cent of available habitat.'

'This suggests habitat is at peak carrying capacity.'

'The majority of koala

habitat is on private land, reinforcing the importance of land owners to koala survival.

'Maintaining habitat connectivity across the landscape is crucial for sustaining healthy, genetically diverse populations.'

Friends of the Koala is urging people to act.

'We're asking people to help us prevent a local koala extinction by taking some of the ten actions on our Action List, and asking friends and family to do the same,' says Dr Irwin.

Some of the actions people can take include:

- sharing our koalas' plight with others
- protecting habitat and opposing destruction
- writing to politicians,
- planting koala food trees
- maintaining a careful vigil for koalas especially on the roads
- containing dogs, and
- plant koala food trees.

■ For injured koalas, call the FoK 24-hour rescue hotline: 6622 1233

CHESS by Ian Rogers

For decades Canberra's Doeberl Cup has been Australia's premier open tournament, the gap between the Doeberl Cup and its rivals widening after O2C took over organisation and major sponsorship in 2007 and turned each Easter's Doeberl Cup into an international event.

Finally, however, the Doeberl Cup has a rival.

In its 26th year, the Gold Coast Open has followed the Doeberl Cup and become an international open, with Master and Grandmaster qualification performances possible.

Inviting the complete Australian open Olympic team plus some overseas stars helped ensure a record entry of 181 at this year's Gold Coast Open, albeit a number just 60 per cent of the Doeberl Cup's record attendance set in 2014.

Following his Doeberl Cup triumph in April, returning US GM Timur Gareyev was top seed but a first round loss to local star Gene Nakauchi, following a series of crowd-pleasing but unsound sacrifices, set the favourite back.

Gareyev continued to play swashbuckling chess – see the game below – but his comeback was brought to an end by a fellow Uzbek-born player, 17-year-old Temur Kuybokarov.

Kuybokarov, now a Perth resident, played the tournament of his life to edge out another 17-year-old, Anton Smirnov, and secure the final world class performance he needed to become a Grandmaster. Australian number one Smirnov finished in second place., half a point behind.

2018 Gold Coast Open

White: T Gareyev

Black: F Zulfic

Opening: Grob's Attack

1.g4!? h5!? 2.g5 h4 In view of White's novel reply, Black will probably prefer 2...g6 in future. 3.g6! fxg6 4.Nf3 d5 5.c4 d4 6.Rg1 Qd6 7.c5! Qxc5 8.b4! Qd6 9.Na3! Rh5! 10.Nc4 Qxb4 11.e3 dxe3 12.Ba3! exd2+ 13.Nfxd2 Re5+?! Having taken the fourth sacrificed pawn, Zulfic makes his first misstep. 13...Qc3 was more sober. 14.Be2?! 14.Nxe5! Qxa3 15.Bd3! was hard to meet. 14...Qc3?! Now the queen is in trouble. 14...Qb5 was risky but playable. 15.Rc1 Rxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Qh3 17.Rxg6 Bf5? Missing Gareyev's idea. 17...Nf6 would have left the position crazily unbalanced. 18.Qh5! Kd8 19.Nf3! Bxg6 20.Qxg6 Nd7 20...Qxf3 21.Ne5! is also hopeless. 21.Ng5! 1-0 A game more reminiscent of the 19th century than the 21st.

Special needs school opens much-needed new facilities

Pacific Hope School, the only transdenominational special needs school in Tweed Heads South, officially opened new facilities on Friday June 29.

The school has completed construction of modern learning centres to cater for its ongoing expansion.

The facilities will greatly assist the school in its special-ist role in teaching students who have been diagnosed with mild to moderate intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder, for whom a mainstream school environment is not suitable.

'This is very a exciting day for Pacific Hope School,' said director Klaus Knobloch.

'We have seen strong

growth in our student numbers since we first opened in 2015 and we can now offer state-of-the-art facilities to our students, teachers and parents, making this the largest and most modern school in northern NSW and south-east Queensland.

'Another point of difference is that our sister school, Pacific Coast Christian School, is right next door on the same campus and each day there is interaction between our students and theirs.'

The new facilities were opened during a ceremony in which local dignitaries unveiled a commemorative plaque and planted an olive tree.

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Planning Panels

Notice of Public Meeting Northern Regional Planning Panel

The Panel will meet to determine the following:

- **2017NTH028 - Byron - DA10.2017.268.1**
28 Parkes Avenue Byron Bay.
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When: Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 10.30am

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Relevant documents will be available on the Planning Panels website (www.planningpanels.nsw.gov.au) at least seven days before the meeting.

To register to speak at the meeting, please contact the Planning Panels Secretariat before 10am on Monday 23 July 2018 on (02) 8217 2060 or email enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au

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Batting for bats: their vital role in forestry

Story & photo Mary Gardner

The paperbark trees remember the rain of months ago. Now, in the chill of mid-winter, their creamy flowers are in spectacular abundance. The number of nectar-eating flying foxes at the Byron Bay camp suddenly increase. How do they all know this blossom fest is on?

Grey-headed flying foxes *Pteropus poliocephalus* are great travellers. In 2012, Billie Roberts and colleagues tracked 14 adult males for about 25 weeks on the Australian east coast. These animals moved 50–100 kilometres a night, sometimes even 300 kilometres a night. All up, they covered an area over 1,000 kilometres long and 128 kilometres wide.

These males visited 77 roosts and, 64 per cent of the time, they stayed there for less than five days in a row. So more often than not, flying foxes live outside of our human routines of home-making and commuting. This is why they seem to defy our frantic efforts to 'cull' or 'relocate' any single camp.

Chief pollinators

Flying foxes live life large across the landscape. They are the chief pollinators and seed carriers for many species of forest trees. They soar over all those young trees planted out by the Landcare groups and bush regeneration teams. A healthy individual only lives 15–25 years, so their offspring will be the ones who will tend these forests of the future.

Their biology is mysterious. The bare facts of their lifecycles are known. Adults are monogamous and mate all year round. But the males are only fertile during April and May. In October and November, females give birth to live pups. They breastfeed



How's it hangin'? Grey-headed flying foxes taking it easy like only they can.

and carry the babies for three weeks. By three months of age the young can forage on their own but they aren't weaned until about six months of age.

But the immune systems of bats work quite differently from those of humans or other mammals.

Michelle Baker, from CSIRO, thinks that the changes are brought on by the energy demands of flying. Bats use a lot of energy, which leaves them with high levels of toxic oxidants in their tissues. They cope by changing some of their DNA repair systems.

Unexpectedly, this has a beneficial spin-off for them. For humans, understanding this process may lead to a breakthrough for better antiviral medicines. The biochemistry of bats evolved an immune system that is constantly revved up against viruses.

The urban bat

Although bats carry heavy loads of different viruses, they have no symptoms of diseases that can kill the rest

of us plodding mammals. Over centuries, as their forest roosts and travels were secure, they coped well enough. Apparently, so did the humans who hunted them for food.

But destroying forests and converting them into paddocks full of domesticated animals forced flying foxes into new living arrangements. They must live more closely with new neighbours. Being clever mammals, they urbanised, roosting in towns and cities. Sensitive to extreme heat, they have shifted their range south by some 450 kilometres.

Camp dispersals

Not only their lives but their deaths are deeply linked to human activity. In 2012, Tidemann and Nelson investigated the life expectancy of 21st-century flying foxes. Over 30 per cent die from heat stress, almost 20 per cent from electrocution with power lines and another 10 per cent from tangling in nets and barbed wire.

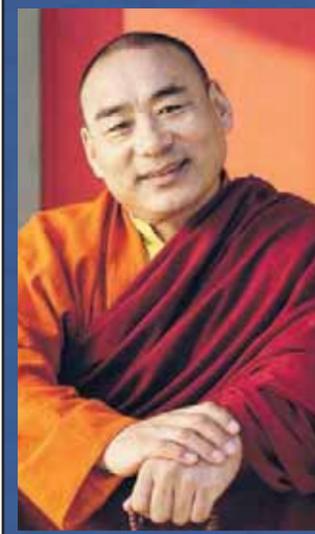
On top of this, the NSW government still licenses shooting these endangered animals as well as 'dispersals of camps'. The language itself should make Australians shudder.

By 2030, the species may be functionally extinct. Some groups of animals may be seen but not enough will be alive to be effective pollinators of the forests – just when all those trees planted by Landcare and bush regenerators finally grow up.

What if we get into action about global warming and take reforestation seriously? Will we need to create sanctuaries and breeding programs for forest pollinators too?

Flying foxes have excellent vision and hearing. Researchers understand at least 20 different vocalisations that the bats use to communicate among themselves. Likely their culture, as that of many mammals, is subtle and relies on elders to teach youngsters. Perhaps these elders would teach us too.

First time in Australia Khenrul Lodro T'haye Rinpoche



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Blood-sucking freaks

Charles Boyle

There's an old saying in the northern rivers: If you're out in the bush and you find yourself scratching the same place twice, you've probably got a tick. Just because it's winter, don't think there are no ticks around. While scrub (aka paralysis aka shellback) ticks are abundant in the warmer months from September till March, like cyclones, they can hit any time.

The functionally named *Ixodes holocyclus* (literally 'attaching disc') occurs along Australia's east coast, coincidentally where most of the population lives. Preferring moist, warm environments, ticks frequent humid coastal wet sclerophyll and temperate rainforests and are common in the northern rivers. They feed on birds, mammals and even reptiles, but their main hosts are bandicoots. Bandicoots and some other marsupials have a specially adapted double claw to remove ticks.

Spreading disease

Ticks are second only to mosquitoes in spreading human diseases and also cause potentially fatal allergies and paralysis. Over the past hundred years scrub ticks have killed at least twice as many Australians as funnel web spiders.

Between 1914 and 1942, twenty people died in Australia from tick bites – and most were children. No human deaths have been recorded in the past 70 years since an antitoxin was developed by Commonwealth Serum Laboratories.

While scrub ticks can cause paralysis in livestock they mainly affect dogs, cats and humans. One tick can kill a large dog and every year in Australia at least 10,000 companion animals require veterinary treatment for tick bites, and 500 die.

Paralysis is caused by holocyclotoxin, a neurotoxin similar to scorpion venom found in the tick's saliva. Holocyclotoxin allows a tick to feed on a host for days by concealing its presence from the host's immune system while preventing blood clotting. The longer a tick remains attached, the more powerful the venom becomes, reaching peak toxicity after 4-5 days.

Removing a scrub tick triggers a deterioration in the host's condition, and symptoms often appear hours later.

Lifecycle

Ticks live for two years and will bite as larvae, nymphs and adults. Adult ticks usually attach on the scalp behind the ears, armpits and groin, but may be found anywhere on your body.

Symptoms begin with lethargy, unsteady gait, loss of appetite, ascending symmetrical paralysis (aka 'down in the back legs'), and rashes. Swollen glands and flu-like symptoms are followed by laboured breathing, brachycardia, and facial paralysis, then heart failure and death.

scrub ticks can transmit Q Fever and



Clockwise: Attached paralysis tick feeding; engorged female paralysis tick after feeding; paralysis tick mouthparts showing the barbed hypostome and sensory palps. Images courtesy Queensland Museum

Spotted Fever (aka Qld Tick Typhus); both are potentially fatal bacterial infections that can be simply and effectively treated with antibiotics.

Lyme disease is a debilitating illness caused by the tick-borne bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Although Lyme disease bacteria have yet to be found in Australian scrub ticks, people in Australia do suffer Lyme-like symptoms from tick bites.

It is highly likely that scrub ticks do carry as yet unidentified Lyme-like bacteria, and there are probably more Australian tick-borne infections to be identified.

Meat allergy

Alpha Gal is a protein found in the blood of all mammals – except humans and apes. When a person is bitten by a tick that earlier fed on bandicoot's blood, the alpha gal protein in the tick's saliva enters the host's bloodstream, causing mammalian meat allergy in susceptible people.

Mammalian meat allergy causes nausea after eating red meat, gelatin and soft white cheeses. The only real solution is to stop eating red meat.

Removal: don't touch – never squeeze

If you find a tick on a person or a pet, try not to touch or disturb it. Never squeeze a tick to pull it out – squeeze-

ing forces the saliva glands and stomach contents into your body, increasing the dose of venom and bacteria.

Never douse an embedded tick with methylated spirits, solvents or insect repellants; they cause the tick to produce more saliva, increasing the venom/bacterial dose.

The safest way to remove a tick is to spray it with ether (found in Wart Off and Aerostart), or use cream containing permethrin (Lyclear). When the tick is dead, try to let it drop off naturally.

If you suffer rashes, fevers, blurred vision, a red bulls-eye pattern, a dark scab (eschar), or any other negative reaction to a tick bite, immediately seek medical help.

Pets

Always use tick collars on your pets. Avoid long grass after rain and wear pale clothing and spray with DEET when in the bush. To keep ticks out of your yard, remove undergrowth, mow, and encourage insectivorous birds. If necessary, fence to exclude bandicoots.

scrub ticks can cause severe illness and death, but extreme reactions can be avoided by taking simple precautions and seeking early treatment if you are bitten.

Although dangerous, scrub ticks are an integral part of the northern rivers ecosystem and unfortunately, we just have to learn to live with them – or consider moving elsewhere.

Should we relinquish the land to nature?

Mairéad Cleary

Natural succession is a process by which ecosystems repair themselves after damage or disturbance. So is there a way to harness the processes of natural succession to support food production?

Bunya Halasz and Evan Anderson, farmers from different backgrounds, attended a Syntropic Farming workshop with Swiss farmer Ernst Götsch last April and quickly saw an opportunity to fuse skills and collaborate.

Acknowledging the influence of permaculture and soil building Bunya and Evan relate to the work they do as successional agroforestry – a process that harnesses the forces of nature to support agriculture.

‘The general concepts of successional farming can be used anywhere,’ says Bunya, who has taught the Permaculture Design Course (PDC) for more than ten years at the Byron Community College.

Questions such as ‘How can we use disturbance to stimulate that system rather than using it to control that system?’ guide his and Evan’s work on their half-acre in-



Bunya Halasz teaching the Permaculture Design Course at the Byron Community College.

tegrated successional agroforestry plot, or what they call their ‘living classroom’ at The Farm in Byron Bay.

Both farmers are educators and they use the ‘classroom’ to impart practical skills to their students.

‘I’ve been inspired by how disturbance can maximise the productivity of those systems,’ says Bunya.

With natural succession farming, labour and nutrient input is higher in the beginning of the process, but it continues to decrease over time. Bunya and Evan put in a huge effort over three months late last year with the help of students from Byron Community College that is

now paying off.

They were able to convert half of their plot into perennial systems that are moving towards a more complex forest system through succession. The result has been a variety of foods such as bananas, mulberries, moringa trees, pineapples and more.

One of the more exciting aspects of the successional agroforestry ‘classroom’ is the complex assembly of microclimates they have been able to create, which has vastly increased the number of plants they can foster in the system.

‘Within three to four months we’ve created really effective windbreaks that also act as sun traps for winter-

growing plants. Creating a microclimate means things that don’t normally grow this time of year are growing – chillies are ripening late, tomatoes are growing later into the year,’ says Bunya.

‘Microclimates are also creating shade and protection for fungi. Southern shady spots that are less efficient for other growth become a great opportunity for fungi. We currently have three varieties of oyster mushrooms.

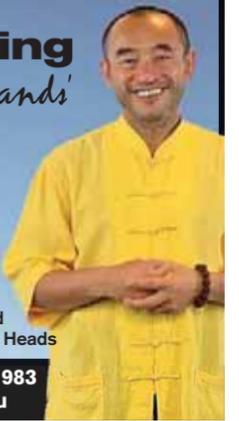
‘Then in the hot dry months of summer we have the benefit of shade to allow a longer season for growing things like lettuce and rocket.’

We may not need to relinquish the land entirely to nature, but instead lend a helping hand to support thriving, plentiful ecosystems to happen all by themselves.

To learn more about natural succession farming ecology supporting agriculture visit Bunya and Evan’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GrowingRootsPermaculture>, do the PDC offered through the Byron Community College or pick and choose between the modules on offer to suit your learning needs.

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Our trust under attack from lies and spin

Aslan Shand

As I grew up I was intrigued by the notion of subliminal advertising – the possibility that I could be influenced by a message I didn't even know I was receiving. I was assured by my parents that the speed-flashing of ads that I couldn't see on cinema and TV screens, suggesting I should buy a Coke or another box of popcorn, had been made illegal as it was unethical.

Yet today our conscious and unconscious actions and choices are being influenced in many more subtle and unseen ways than I would have suspected as a child. The Cambridge Analytica scandal has revealed the depth and length that people and companies are prepared to go to influence our ideas, voting and buying habits. It has also provided an opportunity for debate, not just on the impact of selling our data but also on the impact of social media on information, how it is shared, what sources we trust and how this impacts upon our communities.



Former Spanish deputy prime minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria is surrounded by reporters' microphones as she announces her decision to present her candidacy to lead the People's Party (PP) in Madrid, Spain, 19 June 2018. Photo EPA/CHEMA MOYA

Media trust

Recent surveys by Roy Morgan and Galaxy Research have highlighted the lack of trust that Australians have in social media channels, with the ABC being the most

trusted media organisation.

According to Roy Morgan CEO Michele Levine, 'Australians told us that their trust of the ABC is driven by its lack of bias and impartiality, quality journalism and ethics. While their distrust of

Facebook and social media is driven by fake news, manipulated truth, false statistics and fake audience measurement.'

The second ADTRUST study by Galaxy Research has supported these results, revealing that 'Australians' trust in social media channels has fallen in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal and concerns about data privacy, while trust in newspapers, news websites, radio and television has risen sharply.'

Exploring the issue of how our 'privacy is being sold for billions' is a new Crikey series Prying Eyes. It looks into how each of our actions and choices, tracked by apps, keystrokes, purchases and Google searches just to start with, are being sold for billions and being used to influence us.

'Facebook alone collects some \$53 billion a year by parlaying personal data into

advertising revenue. But it's only the most visible player in a vast global ecosystem of data collectors, data brokers, advertising platforms and others who form the so-called "surveillance economy"', according to Crikey's first Prying Eyes article.

While Australians are making their distrust of social media clear, companies are also recognising that it is the more traditional media services that are needed to build brand trust.

'Brands are indeed judged by the company they keep and we are seeing a flight to quality,' NewsMediaWorks CEO, Peter Miller, said.

'With consumers relying more on established news brands they trust and proactively dismissing messages – either content or ads – they see in media they distrust.'

Trust in advertising also changes with age, with re-

spondents under the age of 35 having higher trust in all media channels than older users, especially those aged over 55. Younger users, despite being heavier users of digital media, ranked ads in newspapers as the most trustworthy of all media, with the Galaxy Research survey recording a pronounced drop in their trust of ads in social media and non-news websites.

Democracy and local media

The impact of social media on traditional media has been devastating. Traditional media platforms like newspaper, radio and television rely on advertising to provide the money to report on stories from local communities to world events. Social media platforms like Facebook and Google have pulled the proverbial rug from under them, with mergers, closures and downsizing becoming the norm.

According to the podcast 'Who Killed Local News' (www.theatlantic.com/podcasts/crazygenius/) there are fewer American journalists now than there were in the 1970s and 'The crisis in local news is a crisis for democracy'.

They report that, according to a study by Professor Lee Shaker from Portland State University, following the closure in 2009 of a major local print paper in both Seattle and Denver: 'right after these papers went away citizens were less civically engaged, they didn't call their local officials as much, didn't attend PTA meetings. Government research backs this up; the FCC (US Federal Communications Commission) found that less local reporting leads to more local corruption and worse schools.'

The question is how do we get people to pay for high quality journalism?

Social media is not going away – and to be honest I don't want them to. The question is how do local, national and international media organisations both harness them effectively and create alternative ways to create incomes that can support quality journalism at all levels.

Traditional media are at a crossroads that could see their demise as they struggle to find solutions to their existence in a modern age. For the sake of democracy let's hope they find a way through.

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Social Media deeply distrusted by Australians

Australians trust the ABC and distrust Facebook the most, a landmark new survey reveals.

Conducted in May by Roy Morgan, the *MEDIA Net Trust Survey* reveals that while Facebook – and Social Media generally – is deeply distrusted in Australia, the ABC is by far the nation's most trusted media organisation.

Half of all Australians (47 per cent) distrust social media, compared to only 9 per cent who distrust the ABC.





The Dismissal Dossier

Everything you were never meant to know about November 1975

In *The Dismissal Dossier* Professor Jenny Hocking exposes the definitive story of the most divisive episode in Australia's history – the dismissal of Gough Whitlam's Labor government. She brilliantly brings together a hidden history – a mixture of the unknown, the overlooked and the clandestine – to write a political thriller: the story you were never meant to know.

Previously in her award-winning biography of Gough Whitlam, Jenny Hocking revealed the astonishing story behind the dismissal – the secrets, the planning and the people. Never before released material from Sir John Kerr's private papers revealed the secret role of High Court Justice Sir Anthony Mason and

Kerr's collusion with Malcolm Fraser.

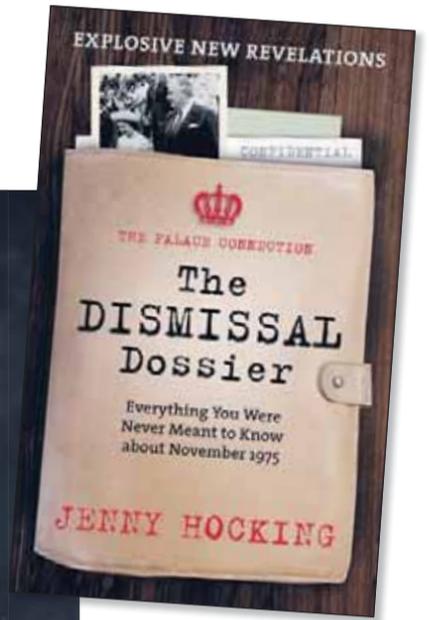
Now, Hocking's forensic investigations reveal explosive files in the UK National Archives that add a disturbing dimension to this untold story. Hocking reveals the Palace connection and unravels the web of intrigue behind the British Home Office's link to Whitlam's dismissal in the name of the Queen.

Following these discoveries, Hocking instigated a legal challenge headed by the eldest son of Gough Whitlam, Antony Whitlam QC, to access the letters and telegrams between Sir John Kerr and the Queen, sent between August 1974 and December 1977.

In March this year the court ruled that the Palace letters

are 'personal' and not Commonwealth records and are to remain closed until at least 2027, with their release even after that date subject to the approval of both the governor general's official secretary and the Queen's private secretary.

'The decision to retain the Queen's embargo over these letters as "personal" is the latest iteration in the highly contested and still evolving history of the dismissal, which has long been cloaked in secrecy, error and even outright deception,' said Hocking. 'The Kerr papers have given up some startling revelations, which have transformed our knowledge and understanding of the history of the dismissal of the Whitlam government.'



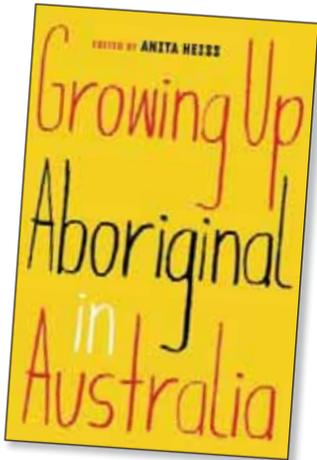
Jenny Hocking's book sheds new light on the Gough Whitlam dismissal. Photo Janusz Molinski

'I had hoped that by securing the release of the Palace letters, all Australians could finally know the full story.'
At Byron Writers Festival

Jenny Hocking will feature in conversation with Kerry O'Brien, who describes Hocking as a 'dogged and resourceful history detec-

tive sleuthing her way past the impediments thrown in her path, to crack the secrets of Kerr's and the Palace's archives.'

What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia?



Author Anita Heiss will join Allan Clarke and Delta Kay in conversation at the festival. Photo Amanda James

Award-winning author Anita Heiss's powerful anthology *Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia* showcases many diverse voices, experiences and stories of family, country and belonging.

Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile identities including Adam Goodes and Deborah Cheetham sit alongside those from newly discovered writers of all ages. All of the contributors speak from the heart – sometimes calling for empathy, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect.

The Saturday Paper's review of the book writes, 'Even readers who consider themselves relatively "woke" will be shocked and shaken by some of these stories and memories. One older writer recalls the

sight of a bullet from a new neighbour's gun passing through his mother's hair. A younger contributor, meanwhile, writes about dating an English bloke she met on Tinder: when a branch hit the car they were in, making a fud noise, he "joked" that it was probably just a "coon"... There is tragedy and awfulness on these pages, but there is also joy and laughter.'

Anita Heiss will be at Byron Writers Festival discussing *Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia* with Allan Clarke, ABC's *Blood on The Tracks* investigative journalist, and local Arakwal Bumberbin Bundjalung woman Delta Kay. The session will be chaired by award-winning author Tony Birch, who is also one of the contributors to *Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia*.

Feature Events offer the best of the Fest!

Feature Events are separately ticketed events outside of the main Festival program. Featuring a curated selection of guests and interviewers, these performances and intimate conversations will have you laughing, crying and truly inspired. Here's a selection of highlights from around town and throughout the region.

Lemn Sissay in conversation with Richard Fidler

Lemn Sissay will take you on a journey from a tough beginning as a child of the state to a life of triumph as the poet of choice for major international cultural events, and chancellor of Manchester University. With Richard Fidler leading the conversation, get set for an enthralling evening with one of England's great performance poets. **Friday 3 August, 7-8pm, Byron Theatre, \$30**

The Saturday Paper's Bedtime Stories with Tim Rogers MC

Last year's smash hit returns with four Festival authors retelling their books in the style of a children's bedtime story. Entertaining, funny, heartfelt and of course a little comforting. Curated by *The Saturday Paper's* Erik Jensen, this year's event will feature literary great Tom Keneally, *The Trauma Cleaner* author Sarah Krasnostein, *The Guardian* columnist Brigid Delaney and asylum seeker advocate Kon Karapanagiotidis, with MC Tim Rogers chiming in a few chords of his own. Event Partner: *The Saturday Paper*. **Friday 3 August, 8.30-9.30pm, Byron Theatre, \$30**



Women Like Us: The Show

If you would prefer to laugh yourself silly, crowd favourite Mandy Nolan and partner in crime Ellen Briggs are putting on the ultimate show, *Women Like Us*; two hours of rapid-fire standup comedy. Irreverent, outrageous and totally real, these girls don't just deliver in the birth suite, they do it onstage. **Saturday 4 August, 7.30-10pm (including interval), Banksia Pavilion, Elements of Byron, \$35**

Live Storytelling: Stories of Place

Five Byron Shire locals each tell a 10-minute tale drawn from life. Featuring Dr Mary Gardner, Arakwal Bumberbin Bundjalung woman Delta Kay, mayor Simon Richardson and

Southern Cross University vice chancellor Adam Shoemaker. Curated by professional storyteller Jenni Cargill-Strong. Supported by Brookfarm. **Saturday 4 August, 8-9.15pm, Byron Theatre, \$15**

Liane Moriarty in conversation with Ashley Hay

Liane Moriarty is the author of seven internationally bestselling novels, read by more than 10 million people worldwide. Her 2014 smash hit *Big Little Lies* debuted at number one on *The New York Times* bestseller list and garnered some serious attention, namely by Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman who went on to co-produce the book into an award-winning HBO TV series. Event Partner: Lennox Arts Board. **Saturday 4 August, 7.30-8.30pm, Club Lennox, Lennox Head, \$30**

Festival and Feature Event tickets:
www.byronwritersfestival.com



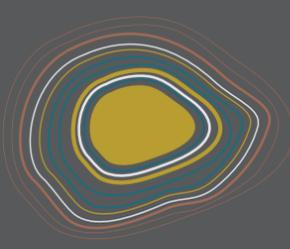


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Skullcandy Oz Grom Open presented by Vissla will once again land in Lennox Head this weekend.

The six-day event will run over 13-18 July and will comprise a World Surf League (WSL) sanctioned Pro Junior Qualifying Series (JQS) event as well as an elite competition for promising grommets in the 12-, 14- and 16-year age divisions.

In a similar vein to preceding years – where the event has attracted surfers from ten different countries – a full international field is again expected in 2018 with surfers coming from as far away as Europe, USA and Japan to make up a field of more than 300 surfers across all divisions.

Skullcandy Australia GM David Chegwyn said: 'This event has a great history of 26 years and Skullcandy has been the headline sponsor for now seven years. This year we are even more stoked to be running a WSL Pro Junior again,' said Chegwyn.



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Vissla's John Mossop shared Chegwyn's sentiments: 'We're thrilled to continue our support of grassroots surfing through events such as the Skullcandy Oz Grom Open pres by Vissla. 2018 will be the third year we've supported this event and we can't wait to see some of the world's most promising juniors and grommets as they strive for a result in this prestigious event.'

WSL Australia/Oceania regional manager Will Hayden Smith said he was thrilled to welcome back the Pro Junior component to one of Australia's most prominent grommet events.

'It's a great pleasure to be able to bring a Pro Junior division back to one of Australia's most prestigious and long-running grommet events. The Skullcandy Oz Grom Open pres by Vissla has had a long history in the Lennox Head region and it wouldn't be possible without the tireless work of the local community.'



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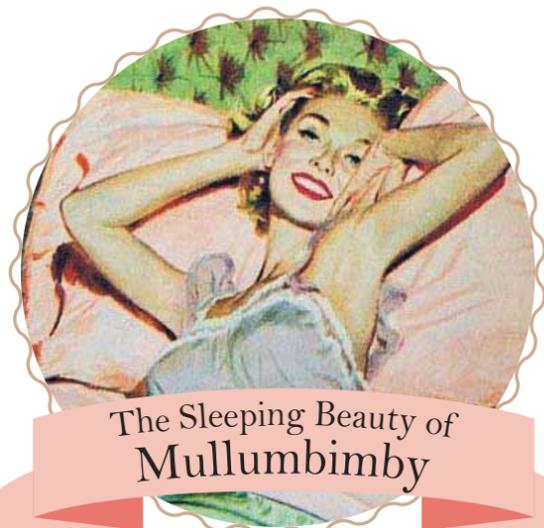
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The Sleeping Beauty of Mullumbimby

If you remember the myth, Sleeping Beauty slept for 100 years because her dad failed to properly cleanse the kingdom of spindles. Around the same time, Bridglunds was actually founded as a mattress and furniture manufacturer in the then-sleepy little village of Mullumbimby more than 100 years or 36,525 sleeps ago.

Since those early days, thousands of locals have discovered Bridglunds' selection of brand-name mattresses tucked away in a warehouse-style building behind their Burringbar Street furniture store.

The building may not be flash, but that means you are not paying for the nightmare overheads of the big guys.

While no longer a mattress manufacturer themselves, Bridglunds Betta Home Living take pride in selling quality Australian-made mattresses from Sealy, Sleepmaker and Eversleep by AH Beard at value-for-money prices. The comprehensive range on display means that you can choose from a wide range of options to find the exact mattress to meet your needs and budget.

With a third of our lives spent sleeping you owe it to yourself to give your body the good night sleep it deserves. Bridglunds in Mullumbimby have been helping locals have a restful night since 1908.

Visit Bridglunds Betta Home Living at 69 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby, or call them on 6684 2511.



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See the range at 69 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby, or phone 6684 2511.



Cipriano Italian Home Design centre has two showrooms: one specialising in bathroom design, the other in kitchens. The Cipriano showrooms are definitely worth a visit if you are building or remodelling a bathroom or kitchen.



TIPS WHEN CHOOSING A BATHROOM:

Replace size with functionality:

Not everyone has the option of having a spacious bathroom. The sense of freedom and comfort a big space can bring can still be achieved with a much smaller space. You only need a smart design approach. Don't feel compelled to use every inch of space; complement the space only with the necessities, think small, artfully designed sink bowls, baths and toilets.

Strategic elegance:

Hide away all the plumbing and pipes to give your space a seamless and elegant design.

Neutral tone with natural accents:

Think warm vinyl flooring or wooden vanities laden with marble countertops. There are numerous colour possibilities and you can set the tone of the entire bathroom by choosing either a light wood or a dark shade. Accent greenery on the windowsills is also a popular option.

Use modern technology

If you really want to go all out with your new bathroom try wireless speakers for your shower; automatic faucets or seat warmers are all possible options.

Cipriano Italian Home Design bathroom showroom: 4/64 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay
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Always something new at Shikara Design

Shikara Design and Kasbah Imports is a continuously changing collection of Indonesian and Indian furniture, decor items and homewares from the East. Directors Mohan and Julian have a combined 85 years of experience as both travellers and traders in the East. This experience has led to a passionate love affair with the people, the temples and the culture in general. There is a genuine spiritual element to the business. They stock pieces that reflect an enormous mythological and religious heritage while maintaining the ability to fit beautifully into the modern home as a unique piece.

www.shikaradesign.com
6685 5588





Making the most of your garden

One of the great things about a garden is being able to admire it from inside your house. The right windows and doors can maximise the opportunities to view your garden and enjoy it all day. Hampton and Larsson have been manufacturing timber windows and doors since 1946 and specialise in bifold and sliding doors to open up your house to your garden.

Bi-fold doors can be opened completely to give seamless access to your garden. This allows you to incorporate your outdoors with your indoors. Insect roll screens have been developed over the last few years which make screening these large openings now possible.

Hampton and Larsson ph 6621 2734
Showroom: 6 Hampton St, Lismore
www.hamptonandlarsson.com.au



Sliding or bifold doors?

Sliding doors are also an effective way to make the most of your garden. Sliding door panels can be very wide, which increases the glazed area of the door and maximises your view to the outside. Sliding doors are also easy to screen with individual screen doors built into the door frame.

The best way to understand what type of window or door suits your house and garden is to visit the Hampton and Larsson factory showroom.

Hampton and Larsson | 6621 2734
Showroom: 6 Hampton St, Lismore
www.hamptonandlarsson.com.au

Carpets and rugs

Carpets such as Turkoman, Khal Mohammed, Baluch, Chobi, Shiraz, Nain and Kazakh are only some of the fine collection available at Shikara Design. Most of the rugs are hand crafted from hand-spun wool using vegetable dyeing processes that take months to complete. Shikara are regularly in the region buying directly from the source of these beautiful earth-coloured rugs. Colourful Afghan kilims are a feature.

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AN ATTRACTIVE AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGN

You may recognise C&C Kitchens and Bathrooms as they've been a fantastic local company since 2007, or perhaps you have noticed them from television. After 10 years of operating out of Bangalow they have recently relocated to the Byron Bay Arts & Industry estate.

They focus on providing a kitchen you will love as they recognise that the kitchen is the heart of any home. The team are flexible and committed; they endeavour to create an attractive as well as functional design for their clients while recognising that a lot of people need to stick to a modest budget.

The friendly and professional team at C&C are more than happy to help, whether you only have a vague idea of where to start or your plans are advanced.

www.cckitchens.com.au | 6608 0522



FURNISHING YOUR HOME ON A BUDGET?

Here are some tips...

Assess your current inventory:

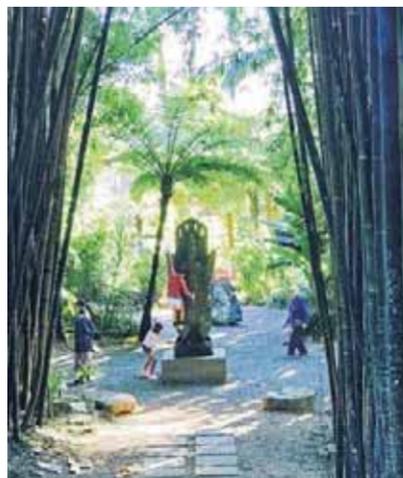
Keep only the pieces you need and then only if they bring you joy.

Rank purchases by priority:

Furnish piece by piece as with thing quality items that speak to your personal style

Visit vintage and secondhand shops:

While lots of people are on the hunt, you can still pick up pieces with character.



The sloping path, flanked by bamboo, at The Crystal Castle, leading to a statue is an inspirational garden design.



Roel and Noel: the future is being trained at Sunbeam Solar.
Photo by Jeff Dawson

Sunbeam Solar are celebrating 20 years in the local solar industry this year. 'The most exciting thing about the industry is that we have grown to a point that we are now able to train new apprentices as electricians specialising in renewable technologies,' says business founder Syd Welling, who has been in solar since 1984.

'We have trained a few apprentices over our 20 years: some of them have gone on to great things and are still working as sparkies after doing their trade with us. Currently we are training Roel and Noel, 3rd- and 1st-year apprentices.

'They are doing their studies at Wollongbar TAFE. There's a lot of solar being installed right now, but not a lot going back into the community, other

than pseudo marketing schemes. Sunbeam Solar has a well-earned reputation for being the best solar installation company on the north coast with the highest quality installations, customer service and ongoing support.

'We don't need or want to be the biggest installation company; system performance and the quality of the end product are our priorities,' says Syd. 'We hope to instil and encourage these qualities in our new tradesmen of the future, and wish Roel and Noel all the best in their future studies and learning.'

Sunbeam Solar: 3 Doon Doon Road, Kunghur, NSW 2484,
Ph: 6679 7228 or 0428 320 262
sunbeamsolar@bigpond.com
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King is famous for quality

The experience of entering a room with stylish, quality furniture can be one of relaxation. Objects look right, they invite you to use them, and make your home comfortable, liveable and beautiful.

King Living is famous for quality. Using nothing but the best materials and the latest technologies they create beautiful and comfortable furniture that's designed to last.

The multi-award-winning King Living sofa collection is, like all of their furniture, designed in Australia.

Their renowned sofas, such as the Jasper, use steel frames that are engineered for comfort and support. So their sofas don't sag, and the frames provide flexibility for modular versatility.

Living in the northern rivers, we all appreciate having a quality sofa that can accommodate overnight guests, as well as being perfect for relaxing or entertaining the family and friends. After all, we (mostly!) want our guests to feel welcome and comfortable and to stay as long as they wish.

The modular design allows you to create infinite configurations, perfect for open-plan living and growing families. Its unique timber shelves create a lounge with storage for books, beverages or decorative display. But the biggest impression is left by Jasper's luxurious comfort.

You can choose from sofas perfect for lounging or luxurious recliners designed for complete head-to-toe comfort. You can even have your sofa made to order.

Right now is the perfect time to visit a King Living showroom, or to investigate their full range online, as their much-anticipated Winter Sale is now on, offering discounts of up to 50 per cent on furniture.

The nearest King Living showrooms to Byron are:
Gold Coast – The Brickworks Centre, 107 Ferry Rd, Southport 07 5636 0366
Brisbane – 1024 Ann St, Fortitude Valley 07 3253 6666

www.kingliving.com

King Living's contemporary dining tables and chairs are something else.

The tables are available in various sizes and finishes, and the dining chairs can be customised in a range of premium fabrics and luxurious European leathers.

You can experience luxurious leather and fabric sofas, flexible modulars, beds, dining and storage furniture at a King Living showroom, and right now is an excellent time as their much-anticipated winter sale is on, with discounts of up to 50 per cent on furniture.

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The Aspen dining chair complements the dining table and bar stools from the same range, creating a welcoming and inviting dining room.

Smart designs

Humpy Co was founded after father/son duo Brian and Trav noticed a gap in the market. They decided to create a modern take on the humpy (the traditional bark structure used for shelter in the great outdoors). The aim was to make structures that were more permanent than a tent and more flexible than onsite caravans.



The duo use smart designs that are built on a strong foundation of construction industry knowledge.

Their humpies are versatile and can be used as a studio or backyard accommodation. The structures come flat-packed and are cleverly built to allow for them to be disassembled and taken to a new location if needed.

The Humpy modules come in a variety of sizes, and are installed within hours. The humpies can also be cleverly combined to make a larger space if required.

Humpy Co has a display village at Bugam Place, in the Bangalow Industrial Estate, available to view by appointment on 0439 983 505.

Don't miss out on their Humpy sale!

www.humpyco.com

TIPS FOR CHOOSING A KITCHEN:

The golden triangle:

Fridge, preparation, cooking. There should be no more than 2.7m between these areas to make for a seamless, functional kitchen.

Choice of material and colour:

With more than 30 different models and 200 different colours, at Cipriano Italian home your idea of the perfect kitchen is a fingertip away.

The right kitchen sink is more important than you think:

This element is one that can take your entire kitchen to the next level. With options of an undermount, overmount or farmhouse sink at Cipriano, whatever kind that fits your style has the ability to make your kitchen design both unique and elegant.

Do not follow the trend of the moment

Wear what suits you. Do not let yourself be carried away by the current trend of kitchen design. What you need is a design that matches your personality. Quality and good design go hand in hand; at Cipriano they base their design to match your idea the best they can.



Cipriano Italian Home Design kitchen showroom: 11/7 Grevillea Street, Byron Bay
www.cipriano.com.au

Floored by the Choices

To say that investing in a new floor is a huge decision is an understatement. It is imperative to get it right. Chris and Sharon Wallace own Choices Flooring in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate. They understand the importance of making a correct decision regarding your flooring and focus on finding the perfect floor for you.

They have recently undergone major

renovations at their store in Byron and also have a new, expansive range of tiles.

Tiles are a fantastic flooring option. They are hard, durable, water resistant and have the ability to shrug off stains with ease. Most tiles will last a lifetime if they are cared for properly.

The diverse range of tiles at Choices Flooring means it is easy to find the perfect tile no matter what colour, shape, size or material; there is

always something that will suit both your needs and personal style. Tiles are also one of the most affordable options someone could go with when making a decision about flooring.

Choices also offer carpet, timber, bamboo, luxury vinyl and laminate flooring choices.

www.choicesflooring.com.au

70 Centennial Circuit, Byron A&I Estate



DESIGN IS EVERYTHING

The team at Vast Interiors design with purpose and craft with passion. They aim to create timeless pieces, focusing on functionality and quality so that the pieces can stay with you for life.

All design is done inhouse ensuring a unique range of furniture and homewares to complement your home. Their diverse range covers dining, living, bedroom, patios as well as homewares. They use sustainable timbers such as acacia wood, mango wood, recycled timber and rattan.

Design is everything at Vast Interior. Their design team dedicate hours to producing pieces that can

become a focal point of your home. Their designs are always evolving with the team aiming to blend the new practices and technologies with their traditional artisan ways.

Sustainability is another important factor for the team at Vast. Since the beginning they have been reusing timbers that have already lived a life, believing it gives their furniture soul and personality. You can relax when you choose a unique piece from Vast Interiors knowing that the materials used are sustainable and from 'fully renewable' sources. Vast Interiors truly care about the future of the planet as well as great design.



Vast Interior
15 Sheather Street, Ballina
6686 8802



What's behind the panel?

With an uptick in the amount of solar PV systems being installed on local roofs many people are making what is actually quite a big decision with poor information and often a lot of pressure from commission-based solar sales people and the companies they represent.

Here are a few of our recommendations.

1. Educate yourself. This is number one by a long shot; the more educated you are as a consumer, the better your outcome. If you are just looking for a cheap deal recognise that and engage your preferred solar options based just on price.
2. Understand the terminology. Like most things, solar has bit of technical jargon, some of it valuable, some of it meaningless. A bugbear for us is Tier 1. This term has little meaning and is based on the ability to build projects in far-away places. Tier 1 language has limited value in assessing what is about to go onto your roof
3. Respect your solar consultant. A good solar quote involves time, effort, and fuel burnt to see you and produce a quote. If you make a decision to go elsewhere call or email the people you invited to your home and let them know that they weren't the right fit this time. If you think there is some advice you can give to help them improve let them know, obviously being nice is nice.

Juno Energy: 1/63 Paterson St, Byron Bay
0425 256 802 | junoenergy.com.au



CABIN LIFE

Cabin Life specialises in very affordable and easy-to-construct timber cabin kits that range from a simple backyard cabin kit all the way up to a three-bedroom 60m² 'granny flat'.

Their kits can easily be a DIY project or you can have one of their customer-friendly teams construct your cabin kit for you.

Their attractive range of backyard cabin kits and cottages can be styled to sit your own taste; everything from a contemporary skillion-roofed home office to a laidback 'beach bungalow' or a 'music studio'. These solid 44mm or 70mm thick plantation timber cottages lend themselves to being a spacious earthy retreat for a day spa, massage studio or library. No need for interior lining owing to solid timber walls and double-glazed windows in most models. The options are endless and will add exceptional value to your property at a fraction of the price of standard construction methods.

Cabin Life cabins and granny flats are European designed and engineered to the highest quality. Their cabins are built from 'A' kiln-dried precision-milled spruce pine timber that is proven to stand the test of time. Their garden studios and granny flats are very easy to assemble and can be built on a slab or raised on piers.

Cabin Life is a local Australian-owned family business that is passionate about their product and service. Their goal is to provide a sustainable natural timber, simple and very affordable solutions to create extra living space.

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How a top chef Sampled the region

By Vivienne Pearson

The story of Darren Robertson's move from the UK to Sydney's Three Blue Ducks to living and working in Byron Bay has been well told.

A lesser-known story is how the Sample Food Festival helped Darren find his feet in his chosen new home.

'It was during the eight or so months between moving up and opening Three Blue Ducks at The Farm,' says Darren during an exclusive interview with *The Echo*. 'We were invited to come and cook at Sample. It was really downplayed so I was seriously expecting a few trestle tables in a field.'

This was Sample 2015 and, even then, the event was huge, attracting something like 10,000 visitors over the day. 'I was blown away by the size and calibre of the event,' recalls Darren, who introduces himself as 'Daz', a nickname that suits his shaggy hair, warm smile and slight hint of an English accent.

The result was that they sold out of food within a few hours. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise. 'We wanted to keep cooking, so we went to all the providore stalls at Sample to stock up,' says Darren, of buying up pork sausages from the Singhs and vegetables from various local farmers. 'We then cooked

everything up on the fly!'

In doing so, the Three Blue Ducks team met local food growers as well as other local food identities, including Karl and Katrina Kanetani from Town, the Indigenous chef Clayton Donovan, and the team from Brookfarm.

'Sample was our launch pad,' says Darren.

Three-and-a-half years later, Three Blue Ducks is an established part of the Byron food scene and Sample goes from strength to strength. The reins of the festival are being passed over from founder Remy Tancred to ex-music festival organiser Rose Taylor (who has worked on Splendour, Falls, Bluesfest and is still involved in the Mullum Music Festival).

Things have changed for Darren too. He has two children, the younger who was born only a month ago and just a day before the launch of the Three Blue Ducks' latest incarnation, this time in Brisbane.

Darren is excited to be onboard as an official part of Sample 2018. He will be a judge of the luminous Golden Fork competition and he launched the event at the Gold Coast Airport – a less



incongruous partnership than it first seems when you realise that many people now plan their trip to the northern rivers around attending Sample.

Sample Food Festival is on Saturday 1 September at the Bangalow Showgrounds. For information on this and other events happening around the festival, see samplefoodevents.com.

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Exactly what temperature is too cool for school? Chemistry lessons for adults at the Lord Byron 'Ginstitute'

Byron's 'Ginstitute'

Australia makes some of the best gins in the world. Two of those exceptional gins are made right here in the northern rivers by the Brook (Brookies) and Messenger (Ink Gin) families.

Instead of making its own gin, the newly opened Lord Byron Distillery are starting a 'Ginstitute' in Byron (love the name!) where customers can come along and make their very own gin to take home and share with friends.

Founder Brian Restall believes that customers deserve to know where their drinks come from and how they are made. Lord Byron makes distilled spirits for discerning customers from ingredients

sourced from their own family farm in the hinterlands of Byron Bay as well as other local growers. For example, they buy molasses from the local sugar milling cooperative, the last majority farmer-owned sugar milling business in Australia. The drinks are all handmade, following artisanal distilling methods.

Brian says, 'We believe you can taste the difference because the ingredients are naturally better – we do not add artificial colours, flavours or additives. We are also Australia's first and only zero-waste, carbon-neutral distillery.'

'At the Lord Byron Distillery Ginstitute we help customers select

the botanicals that are just right for them. The great thing about food and drink is that everyone's taste buds are different and also right. Gin is made by infusing botanicals into an alcohol base.

As a 'student' at the Ginstitute you get to select your own botanicals, and steep them in alcohol before distilling in a micro-still. You then bottle and label your hand-crafted masterpiece to take home with you. It's quite an experience, and if you were really selfless it could make a unique gift for someone you love.

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No plastic at Byron Farmers' Markets

Byron Farmers' Market is giving single-use plastics the flick. Their new official Plastic Policy kicked into gear this month as part of Plastic Free July, but will be ongoing.

'We wanted to do our bit in the war on waste and plastics,' said Tom Carey, manager of Byron Farmers' Market. 'Already many of our farmers avoid plastic, but we wanted to take it a step farther with a market policy to further reduce our impact on the environment.'

'Not only have we banned all non-compostable single-use plastic bags, cups and utensils but also plastic straws. We already don't permit plastic water bottles, so we really feel these initiatives will make a positive impact.'

'We have also introduced a new waste system – including landfill, recycling and compost bins – with easily identifiable labels so the right waste goes into the right bin.'

Tom said that the market is aiming to reduce their landfill to almost nothing – with the majority of waste being turned into compost.



He said the local farmers have been really supportive of the initiative and is confident the community will get behind it as well.

'We have very strong support from our community, who are already passionate about waste and the environment, but we are still encouraging more people to get into the habit of bringing their own bags, cups and containers to the market. If we can all chip in, it will make a difference,' Tom said.

And for those who forget their bags, the market has set up a bag 'bank' where people can borrow and return reusable bags. Tom said people are also welcome to

bring in unwanted non-plastic bags from home for the 'bank' – 'deposits' for the rest of community to use.

Branded canvas bags (\$5) and glass Keep Cups (\$20) are also available for sale at the manager's tent.

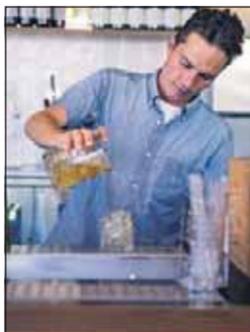
Byron Farmers' Market is held every Thursday from 8am till 11am in Butler Street Reserve and every Saturday morning behind the pub in Bangalow.



Barrio Byron

In celebration of their alcohol licence, Barrio Byron Bay are now open Wednesday nights and are offering a special picadas menu (Argentinian tapas) from Wednesday till Saturday, 3–5pm. Feast on head chef Francisco Smoje's new menu, which includes empanadas, charcoal chicken sliders and seaweed salt popcorn, and pair with a Smoked Carrot Margarita or Sherry Negroni cocktail creation by co-owner and bar manager Dan Wylie. Delish!

Coming up: 'Ginner' a celebration of Barrio dining paired with Brookie's gin cocktails. Canapés, 2 courses and sides with matching Brookie's drinks Wed 18 July at 6pm \$69.



Barrio, 1 Porter St, Byron Bay. www.barriobyronbay.com.au.

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Eating Out Guide

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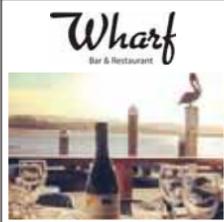


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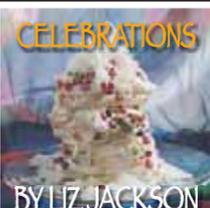
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Look Ma – a folding house!

According to designer/builder Christopher Kinzel, the AZ50 folding house design is intended as an innovative solution to the challenging situation of owning a home in an inflationary market, as well as the obstacle

of tight building zoning regulations. The facility to move one's entire house means that it is an asset/investment yet remains as malleable equity.

The house could serve as immediate shelter while a

larger house was being built, to then become an adjunct dwelling for the children, the olds, guests, a studio/office, rented as an income source, or sold on. Furthermore,

for those in the majority who don't own land, it could also be a way to minimise the long-term costs of renting whereby there would only be the need to lease land, which would likely be far less burden on the daily cost of living. At local rental rates such a house might be paid for in 5–6 years. 'Readily demount-able structures seem to miss the DA scrutiny, though utility hook-ups do require certified installation. This is a move away from landlording towards a lighter impact, perhaps custodianship, hence the name Almost Zero,' (footprint), says Chris.

The Almost Zero design has endeavoured to marry the logistics of a readily transportable structure with the look and feel of a permanent home. 'This is no cornflake box tin shack on wheels,' says Chris. The space is large, with ample light. The eaves are generous on all sides. This, coupled with the numerous windows, means it will ventilate well in extreme sun or rain. It is also well insulated and can be shut tight to conserve heat if required.

The construction scantlings are robust, materials are first class throughout, and are fitted and detailed with shipwright craftsmanship. 'It is my goal that it be a thing of joy and beauty to come home to for many years.' Cheers to that!

The Almost Zero folding house is for sale. There is an open day this weekend:

Open Day July 14
Saturday 9am–5pm
11/26 Mill St
Ross Industrial Complex
Mullumbimby.

Don't make these mistakes

Michael Murray from Byron Property Search has some sage advice on buying property. You can subscribe to the BPS newsletter by heading the byronpropertysearch.com.au website.

When it comes to house-buying mistakes, Michael has observed

just about every one there is. Some examples are: letting a great house slip through your fingers because of indecision; putting agents and vendors offside; getting emotional; being too influenced by a computer-generated data report; and taking advice from well-meaning but ill-informed friends and family.

Although a poker face is an asset when dealing with an agent, negotiation is also all about honesty and building a relationship. Sometimes there is a lot going on behind the scenes and it is important to give away information as well as gather what is important for yourself. It helps to find out if the seller is experiencing one of the four Ds: death, divorce, debt or downsizing.

When it comes to negotiating you need to detach yourself emotionally from the process. Put all of your offers in writing and stick to the facts. At the same time, let the selling agent see that you are serious but not over-enthusiastic. Be prepared to help them do their job. After

all, an agent just wants to get the deal done and move on. Try to get the agent on your side so s/he encourages the vendor to accept your offer.

Here are some common buying mistakes to avoid when purchasing property:

- Don't disclose your budget
- Don't gush
- Don't make a silly low offer
- Stay calm
- Never make a fed-up purchase
- Learn how to manage compromises.

It's very rare you get to find your 'perfect' place. It does happen, but it is rare. Too many people set a high bar and don't learn to manage compromises. 'A good buyer's agent can help you see beyond a place that is not perfect but can be made to work. Many people need help to understand what is a deal breaker and what is fixable,' says Michael.

You can find the full version of this article as well as other good information at the byronpropertysearch.com.au.

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Spacious open-plan living area with veranda door from the dining area opens to a private and secluded, partially covered courtyard.

Recently renovated kitchen has new Caesarstone benchtops/work/surfaces and ivory coloured flat panel doors. The kitchen is complemented with a new Bellini dishwasher, a built-in Simpson fan-forced oven/grill, and a relatively new ceramic cook-top.

The home has two good sized bedrooms with built-in robes, ceiling fans and privacy blinds.

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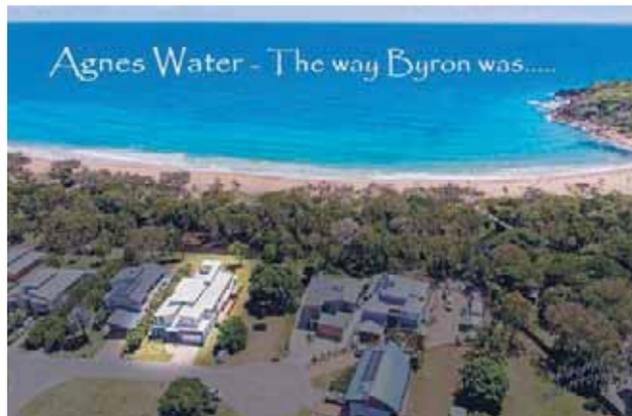
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Janice Maple
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Where Bush Meets Beach

246 Skinners Shoot Road, Byron Shire

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\$1,700,000



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



Open: Inspect by appointment
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Folding house

AZ50 folding house, welded steel double channel chassis frame, all steel double coated; frame panels (floor, walls & roof) are connected with integrally welded hinges, allows folding in a day for transport by 'tilt-tray' truck.

Exterior: western red cedar clapboards, mixed royal red gum trim, corner boards, spotted gum/iron bark main entry, native cypress T&G flooring, 9mm marine ply cladding, laminated/insulated corrugated steel roofing. Wiring, ceiling lights in & out, 5 double power points, circuit breaker

box, phone jack. Kitchen and ensuite options available. 40 sqm interior. 10 sqm rear deck

Cost range, including: site work, delivery/set-up, kitchen, & standalone bathhouse/ensuite \$120k-\$140k

Open: viewing in the workshop Sat 14 July 9am-5pm
 11/26 Mill St, Ross Industrial Complex, Mullumbimby

Contact: Chris Kinzel 0402 638 209
 FB page Christopher Kinzel Design/Build



Elevated Eco Living

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21 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

Situated in an elevated position in one of North Ocean Shores most desirable streets this beautiful 4 year old home designed with Eco Living in mind captures all the sea breezes, is full of light, presents well and has a magnificent garden. It is only a short walk to pristine beaches, schools and local organic market.

✓ Modern kitchen with Caesar Stone bench tops walk in pantry

✓ Master bedroom with generous ensuite and walk in robe
 ✓ Solar Hot Water plus 1.5 kw Solar System
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Price: \$780,000-\$820,000

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- 50 Myocum Downs Drive, Myocum. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/39 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 3/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 3 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 41B Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 35 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 28 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/113 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 8/113 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 30 Cedar Crescent, East Ballina. Sat 11-11.30am
- 49 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 21 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7 Grand Valley Court, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 11-11.30am
- 21 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 11-11.30am
- 91 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 94 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- Lot 4, 49 Mullumbimby Road, Myocum. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 35 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 43 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3/183 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm

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- 2 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2 Mackellar Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 50 Shelley Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 17 Edward Place, Knockrow. Sat 12.30-1pm
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- 17 Rankin Drive, Bangalow. Auction 11th August 10am

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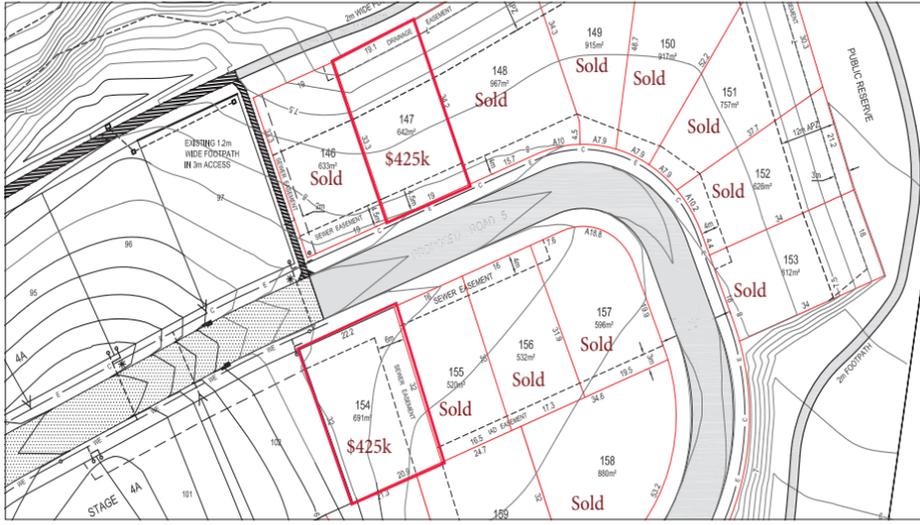
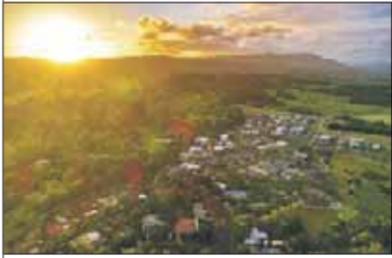
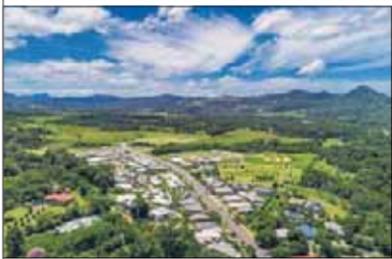
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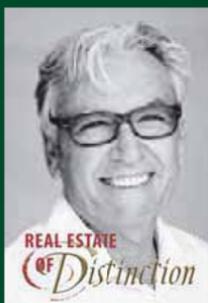
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THE Arts



ECHO ARTIST IN FOCUS: OCEANA PICCONE

Award-winning designer and Year 12 Shearwater student Oceana Piccone has been awarded the Youth prize at the prestigious Wearable Art Mandurah for Morphett'e – a costume made from hundreds of recycled plastic bags. Morphett'e was also a section winner at the Mullumbimby Steiner School's 2017 Wearable Arts performance event. A painter, photographer, stylist and costume designer, Oceana has been creating garments for the Shearwater event since she was 12, winning prizes for every entry over the past five years. She says she was thrilled to have won her section of the Mandurah event, which saw her costume modelled by a professional ballerina and star in a photo shoot. 'I almost didn't enter it because the postage was so expensive!' she said. Oceana, who has been accepted into LCI Melbourne Art and Design School to study a Bachelor of Design Arts in Fashion & Costume Design, has been a Shearwater student since she was seven, and credits the school with fostering her creativity. 'As well as all the painting and drawing and making things, I've had so much encouragement along the way,' she said.



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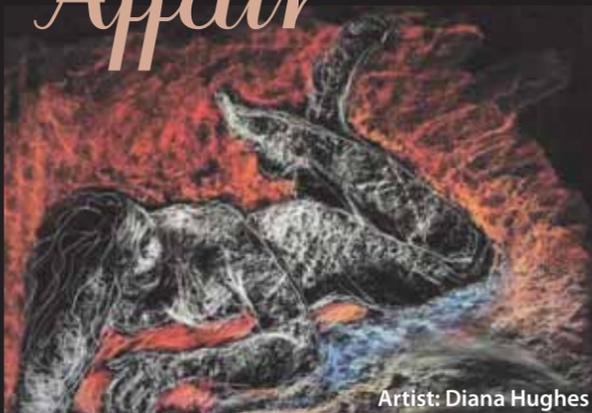
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BELLO FEVER

It's a homecoming of sorts this Bello Winter music for **Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever**, who recorded their debut album *Hope Downs* in a cosy house in the beautiful village of Bellingen. Drummer and one-time Bello boy **Marcel Tussie** says the band is excited to be playing **Bello Winter Music** as this will be their first show there.

'Recording the album was a logistical nightmare,' he laughs, 'but it worked in the end.'

'Our co-producer **Liam Judson** came from Sydney; we wanted to work with someone who had a portable studio and we liked the work he had done. We wanted to record somewhere warmer so we spent two weeks in a house that belongs to a family friend.'

The idea, according to **Tussie**, was to record in an immersive environment rather than the late-night track here and there that saw them record their last EP at their Melbourne studio. 'We used to go in after work and chip away; it was gruelling in that respect but we got great results. This time we wanted to make it a bit easier for us. We wanted to have

just one focus and relax. So we tried to make the recording process as relaxing as possible.'

With three songwriters in the band, Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever certainly have no shortage of inspiration. The lead track on the album is *An Air Conditioned Man*. 'It's one of Fran's,' says Tussie. 'A lot of the songs are little snapshots of fictional characters grinding away at life in a daunting world. This song is a snapshot story of a guy who is stuck in traffic and trying to sort out his life, re-evaluate where he was going, how he got there and why.'

Hope Downs was largely written over the past year in the band's Brunswick rehearsal room, where their previous releases were also written and recorded. The band's core trio of songwriters – Fran Keaney, Joe White, and Tom Russo – hunkered down and wrote as the chaos of the world outside unavoidably seeped into the songwriting process.

'I think the songs come from varying influences,' says drummer Marcel Tussie. 'They might take some of their own reality and put it in the songs; it's a character that they have

created, it's a roaming commentary about how they see the world.'

'*Hope Downs* is the giant mine in WA and this isn't really a political comment – it's about trying to find hope.'

Over the last 12 months the band have enjoyed international acclaim touring through the US and the UK.

'We started with a month in the states with Coachella. We'd been to the US before; this time we got in the van and drove 10,000km. We started in California, went through Seattle, Denver, Salt Lake City, Chicago – there were about 20 shows in the States. America is such a giant market to try to crack into. The power of the internet has done well for us. The response was great. We are going back at the end of August... we pretty well have the same tour but in reverse with a month in Europe.'

'The response in the UK has been amazing,' says Tussie. 'We are playing to bigger crowds over there than we are here. Once you get

support from the BBC it covers the country; America is more area specific. The UK has been pretty amazing for us; we did a festival last year; Electric Fields was incredible; the last show we played in London was the Electric Ballroom in Camden, 1,200, and others are up to about 1,500. And then the US shows are 500-600, a little bit smaller. We are still pinching ourselves!'

The band are one of the must-sees at this week's Bello Winter Music, opening Thursday at the Memorial Hall and then at venues throughout the village on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Bello Winter Music's lineup this year features more than 70 acts and includes Lior, Deborah Conway, Caiti Baker, William Crighton, Thando, Z-Star Trinity, and Dustyesky. Bello Winter Music is the lovechild of Spring's Mullum Music Festival whose program is soon to be released!

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THE NAKED LUNCH

'My arse is on fire.' That's the line that keeps going through my head. I think it's a Bruce Springsteen song. I don't care. It's three in the morning and my arse ACTUALLY IS on fire. Well my butt cheeks to be more specific.

I have 23 individual bites. Bed bugs have bit my butt. What a joyous fleshy target. I imagine them on their late-night Grecian feeding frenzy, drunk on the blood of a stupid Aussie traveller. I am in Athens at the airport when I first start to scratch and it occurs to me that perhaps the bites all over our bodies are something more sinister. This is how it ends. With my hideously itchy end. It's unbecoming for a lady to scratch her arse but I don't care.

But don't think it's their only feeding site. The bed bug, or *Cimex lectularius* as the blood-sucking parasite is also known, also popped round the front and bit me on the vagina a few times for good measure. Kind of evened out the itch. And when they were done they tiptoed up my spine, savaging me here and there until they feasted on the double vesuvius of my breasts. Bed Bug Bingo.

They did the same thing to my husband with pretty much the same bite pattern – sans vagina of course. And my poor wee child... I counted well over 100 swollen bites on her back and stomach. We've been bugged! I've just returned from a month overseas – London, Edinburgh, Paris, Munich (shit, was my booking schedule inspired by the 1979 new-wave synth hit Pop Muzic?) Shooby Dooby Doo Wap! And of course our favourite destination, the beautiful island of Rhodes in Greece.

It was here where my family and I were so brutally and unknowingly molested. In our sleep. I can't stop thinking about them blanketing our bodies. They move like lightning when seen so you generally don't see them. But if you had a camera with night vision, then you'd capture them – in a blood frenzy. All over your body. It's disgusting. When I think about it I feel violated.

I was as Burrows would have described it their 'naked lunch'.

Bed bugs pretty well live exclusively on human blood. And these little fellas are hungry. We were staying at a friend's house in Greece and there hasn't been a blood-filled human there for over a year. That kind of fast would kill most species. But not these resilient flea-like freaks. They go dormant. They lie and wait. I imagine the thrill in the colony when we turned up. 'Tonight we feast' they would have screamed! Bed bug leaders yelling, 'head for the torso. Let's bite the fat bitch on the arse.' But they would have said it in Greek: 'dankósei to lípos skýla sto kólo!' Kritters on my kolo.

The sneaky little fuckers. Who needs holiday snaps when you have a bed bug infestation? It's the ultimate memory maker! It's no-one's fault. Bed bugs are part of the great circle of life. Almost eradicated in the 40s, the flea-like insects have made a comeback. On my butt. Apparently thanks to the overuse of pesticides and world travellers like me bringing them home to re-establish domain in bedrooms all over the world, they're at plague proportions.

In retrospect now I've consulted my good friend Mr Google I realise there was a strange sweet odour in the room where we stayed. I assumed it the musty smell houses get when they are locked up, but bed bug infestations give off a smell not dissimilar to coriander. It smells a lot like mouldy clothes or shoes. That's a tip for anyone planning to travel.

Our poor hosts were mortified that we had become 'hosts' for their unseen residents. We were itchy while we stayed, but the bites can take up to 14 days to manifest. Ivy went first. We assumed it was a local critter. Then John showed signs. My arse attack didn't turn up until the night when I was battling jet lag. I awoke from my first easy slumber with a ferociously itchy bum.

You don't usually see bed bugs on you, but one had relocated in Ivy's bag and I spied what looked like a large flea on her neck and the horror descended. It wasn't just three little Aussies leaving Athens that day. We were bringing friends.

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The difference between our lives and those of the villagers is enormous. The vast majority of Papua New Guineans are subsistence farmers. By all accounts the women have a pretty tough time – are still regarded as the possessions of their husbands and are the beasts of burden who collect the firewood, tend the vegetable gardens, bear the children, mind the pigs etc, etc.

Life expectancy in rural areas is low – under 60 years of age. Infant mortality is high as is maternal death around childbirth. Literacy and attendance at school are also low. Education and health facilities are limited in rural areas.

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WONDER ON THE GRASS

NORPA ASSOCIATE ARTIST **KATE MCDOWELL** IS A *WONDERBABE*. THE NIDA GRADUATE IN WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE HAILS FROM LISMORE AND HAS RETURNED TO WRITE AND CREATE NEW AND INNOVATIVE WORKS WITH HER LATEST CREATION *WONDERBABES* BEING STAGED AT **THE QUAD IN LISMORE** AS PART OF THE **BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**.

What drives a young woman to set herself alight on New Years Eve in Byron Bay?

Wonderbabes is a powerful and thrilling live storytelling performance by Kate McDowell that exposes the traumas of our young sexual and political lives. Set in Byron Bay on New Years Eve, *Wonderbabes* is the epic story of one young woman's journey through the night.

'*Wonderbabes* is about a young woman who's testing her limits. She's angry and frustrated with her mother, the world, and pretty much everyone. She wants to cause trouble, get into danger, and feel something intense in order to get to know herself better. This is a hero's journey,' said writer and performer Kate McDowell.

'I wrote it when I was doing my postgrad in Writing at NIDA at the time I felt really angry and frustrated. I remember having an incident when I was out with my classmates in Kings Cross and I wasn't allowed in the gay bar with some friends, and I lost it, and ranted at my friends for a couple of hours and they found it quite amusing; it was like some sort of exorcism. I used that and have refined and refined the script. At the time I was writing it my teacher was encouraging me from my experience of growing up in the northern rivers.'



Wonderbabes is a one-woman show but created through collaboration with director Elsie Edgerton-Till, designer Charles Davis, composer James Brown, producer Marisa Snow, and lighting designer Richard Morrod.

Although the show was written five years ago, in the current climate that has seen sexism and abuse of women in the public sector become part of an ongoing conversation, the themes of *Wonderbabes* are timely.

'I think it's curious,' says Kate. 'I got a message from my best friend, who has followed my writing, and she said, "I feel like this is the best time for you to present this work". I feel like there is always a pressure to get work out as quickly as possible after it is written. It's how work retains its currency, but so little has changed with regard to the status of women that the work is actually more relevant now not less.'

'In the show I am not suggesting a way forward. It's a portrait of what confusion is like for young women and also young men. I was reading it on the plane [Kate has just returned from a dance workshop in Germany] and I realised that the show is also about struggling young men.'

'The show centres around a regular night out in Byron for a woman of that age – set all over Byron town centre, up to Belongil and the lighthouse and around. I wonder why am I writing about this middle-class white girl having a hard time out in Byron Bay. But this is my experience; at the beginning she is feeling misunderstood by her family and by the world. The underlying point is she doesn't have a voice, and she is confused about her sexuality and she is angry at everything – and she is testing herself and she is a big part of the problem. It's not a story about some poor girl who goes out and gets raped – I don't want people to think that's what the show is.'

Alongside her work with NORPA, Kate is also a member of popular 80s-inspired dance group The Cassettes. *Wonderbabes* does contain movement and dance – although Kate is reluctant to call herself a 'dancer'. 'It's more movement – and I use dance as a way of placing her in the pop culture world as well and to show the sexualisation of women in dance video clips. I am using it to represent that heightened performed sexuality that many women do on any night out or in the bedroom.'

Performed outside at the Quad in Lismore, (thanks to the partnership between Southern Cross University and Lismore City Council) the idea is to create an immersive music festival experience for the performance. Producer, Marisa Snow says: 'The northern rivers is a centre of music-festival culture where a lot of young people have formative experiences. *Wonderbabes* is an opportunity to see an incredibly powerful theatrical performance presented like a kick-arse music gig. The Quad is the perfect site to present this work and play with the work's experimental form in an open-air environment.'

'The Quad is the grass quadrangle outside the new regional galleries; it's seated and ticketed like a normal show and inside a tent that the designer Charlie is constructing. It will feel like it is more of a site-based experience. I want it to feel as though you are at a festival; the set and the place emulate the type of location where it might have taken place,' says Marisa.

'I have really struggled with rehearsing on my own,' says Kate. 'Sometimes I invite people; when it comes to just learning it's a poetic text. It's not difficult; it's set and I have to memorise it. I am getting there; I have been using lots of different techniques to get it down. This is the first time I have done something like that. It's a story and I know the story so ultimately I just have to tell the story...'

NORPA and The Quad present the Australian premiere of *Wonderbabes* by Kate McDowell – presented for the Byron Writers Festival program

Thursday 2 till Saturday 4 August, 7pm

The Quad, 110 Magellan Street, Lismore

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Patron advice: *Wonderbabes* contains strong coarse language and adult themes including references to suicide, sexual assault, and substance abuse. Recommended for a mature audience, ages 15+.

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BEACH SOUNDS

Seventeen-year-old music lover **Ben Luke** from Lennox Head has a passion for music and he's not sitting around waiting for someone to give him experience; he's creating his own events. At just 15 he started his own business **Lennox Groove**. He kicked this up a gear last year by booking and putting on the first **Beach Sounds Music Festival**.

The success of the festival saw Lennox Head get on the bookers' map and early this year Ben started a monthly indie night at the Lennox Hotel. Bands that have played so far include **White Blanks, Voiid, Fight Ibis**, and this Friday **BUGS** headline, with **Born Lion** taking top spot in June.

The Beach Sounds Music Fest 2018 has just announced its lineup and it is a huge event for little Lennox Head this Saturday.

The Pretty Littles headline the show with **Eliza and the Delusionals** and **VOIID** as main supports. The other bands personally selected by Ben show that he has a great ear for top emerging indie acts, and includes **Concrete Surfers, Crum, Garage Sale, SOOK, Viral Eyes, No Parade** and Ben's own band **MIND**.

Including your own band on a lineup is always a bit of a risky move but Ben's band **MIND** has hit the scene hard with its fourth ever live gig being a support for The Smith Street Band in front of a crowd of 300 at Crowbar Brisbane.

Local indie band **WHARVES**, who are co-promoters of Beach Sounds, have joined forces with Feed Music to put on the **High School Hero comp**, which will bring another top high school band to open the festival.

Beach Sounds is on the same weekend as the prestigious Skullcandy Grom Open, which is one of the world's top U-18 surfing competitions.

Park Lane Theatre, Lennox Head. 4-10.30pm. Tix are \$20 on Eventbrite. All-ages youth event. July 14



VALIANT WORK

Valiant Charger is fully tuned up and coming out of the garage to bring its unique, original show to the northern rivers. Born out of the base of Chincogan, Mullumbimby's own, this eclectic group is pulling back the covers on all the great songs you had forgotten you loved.

This raw, highly skilled PunkPopOzRock live show is one not to be missed. It's REM, Oils, B52s, Bowie, and INXS as you have never seen them.

A five-piece powerhouse, they have made it \$5 to get in, so all can come, commune and dance around their faves!

See them at The Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby. This Friday 13 July at 8pm.



PRAISE, PROTEST & PURPOSE: THE WORKSHOP

Eric Dozier is the former musical director for the world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir and the co-founder and director of arts and education for One Human Family Music Workshops, Inc, an organisation devoted to eradicating discrimination by 'Uniting the world one song at a time'.

He is also a cultural activist, musician and gospel-music educator committed to carrying forward the traditions of African American sacred song. His work stems from a deep belief that music is much more than entertainment, it is a social force, a means, and modality for social change.

Through his interactive workshops, lectures, and performances, Eric continues to embody his commitment to spirited, informed, and creative conversation around the divisive issues that threaten undermine the fellowship of the human family.

African American gospel composer, director, teacher, and activist Eric Dozier will deliver a one-night workshop at St Kevin's Hall, Bangalow on Wednesday 18 July. Bookings: Jennifer Richardson -jennifer@thecreateescape.com.au.

PLTS IN A MAELSTROM

PLTS are an indie rock band from Byron Bay who have worked with producer JP Fung (Birds of Tokyo, Art vs Science) and Nick Didia (Powderfinger, Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen) to produce their take on energetic indie rock. They have quickly cemented their rock status through powerful anthem songwriting. Weaving warm melodies over strong and stirring guitar lines, PLTS are converting new friends and fans around the country with their nostalgic anthems. Catch them at their hometown gig at the Byron Brewery on Saturday in support of the release of their first single *Maelstrom*.

Free from 9pm at the Byron Brewery this Saturday.



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BOOK FRIENDS

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire, a not-for-profit organisation will be holding their annual Book Fair this weekend at the Byron Bay Surf Club.

This major annual fundraising event kicked off four years ago at the surf club selling a few secondhand books and has grown into an impressive book fair offering a range of genres, old and rare collections, children's books, health, cooking, audio and even vinyl records! The Book Fair is Friends of Libraries' major annual fundraiser assisting Byron Shire libraries – Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Brunswick – with new books, infrastructure etc, keeping these great community hubs so popular today.

Saturday 9am–5pm and on Sunday 10am–1pm at the Byron Surf Club. For further information go to: www.byronbayfol.com.

THEY GOT THE MAGIC

It's pretty safe to say that you won't find this in any ol' neighbourhood! Hailing from right here in the Byron Shire, **The Biggest Little Magicians** are made up of three siblings – Yuvisin, Bob, and Diamond, ages 14, 12, and nine, and they're performing their first show here at the Brunswick Picture House! I've seen them in action; they're incredible and they've got the natural magician fast-talking charisma! Suitable for all ages.

Brunswick Picture House on Thursday at 2pm | Tix \$8–12 with family tix \$32 | www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.

STORYTIME WITH MARTIN

Wondering what to do with the kids this holiday? **Martin Killips** will be reading from a selection of his books including *The Big Back Stalking Tiger*, *Dances with Hippos* and *Flower Power*. Martin was born in Malaysia. For the first two years of his life he shared his bed with a Lar Gibbon, an ape indigenous to Southeast Asia. The ape took an active role in Martin's upbringing and would bottle-feed and later spoon-feed him. Martin's various professional careers have included building estimator, farrier, portrait artist, marketer, inventor, and failed pilot fighter. Join us as he reads from some of his masterpieces!

Brunswick Picture House on Tuesday at 11am. Tix \$6–10 with family of four for \$25. www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.au

HELP ME, RHONDA

With a smile that could light up the Sydney Opera house and a voice that's as big, bold and colourful as Uluru, **Rhonda Burchmore** has endeared herself to the hearts of all Australians. After 30 years in the business, this vivacious, flame-haired beauty continues to turn heads wherever she goes and draws thunderous applause wherever she performs. She has forged

a lengthy career in one of the toughest and most unforgiving industries, show business, yet as critics attest, she just keeps going from strength to strength.

Few Australian entertainers have shared her status and immense popularity amongst her peers, who admire Rhonda for her big personality, big heart, and enormous capacity to give back to the industry that has shaped her career.

Highlights of Rhonda Burchmore's illustrious career are performing on London's West End in a number of musicals including *Sugar Babies* featuring Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller, *Stop The World I Want To Get Off* with Anthony Newley and starring opposite David Atkins in the original *Hot Shoe Shuffle*.

Other productions include lead roles in *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Mame*, *Easter Parade*, *The Boyfriend*, *They're Playing Our Song*, *Song & Dance*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Respect – A Musical*, *Journey of Women*, *Little Orphan Trashley*, *Eurobeat*, *Calender Girls*, and as Tanya in the original Australian production of *Mama Mia*.

For The Melbourne Theatre Company, Rhonda starred in several productions including *Into The Woods*, *Urinetown*, *Tom Foolery*, and the highly acclaimed *The Drowsy Chaperone* co-starring Geoffrey Rush.

In 2014 Rhonda was awarded the OAM for her service to the performing arts and community.

In 2016 Rhonda headlined the Adelaide Cabaret Festival with *Twins* after a sell-out run at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Rhonda is excited to bring her specially produced show *Big Brassy & Bold in Bangalow* to the northern rivers for Beach Bum Productions on Saturday 4 August. Tickets are on sale now at beachbumproductions.com.au or in person at the Bangalow Newsagency.



YOUNG ACTORS TRIUMPH IN DRILL HALL'S BLACK COMEDY

Australian playwright Patricia Cornelius's *The Call* is an inspired choice for Mullumbimby's Drill Hall Theatre Company. The play is based on the youth/early adulthood of David Hicks, the Australian who was captured in Afghanistan and later released from Guantánamo Bay. Mathew Godwin stars as Jerry who, with his two mates, struggles with alienation and poor employment opportunities by taking drugs and working dangerous jobs in abattoirs.

Jerry falls for forceful, angry Denise (played by Stevie Shumack) who desperately wants to travel overseas but ends up feeling trapped raising their children in an impoverished neighbourhood. Meanwhile Jerry is distracted by their sexuality and thrill seeking with his mates, the cynical Chunk (Dean Mitchell) and dreamy Aldo (Tom Davies).

The laugh-out-loud black humour picks up as anguish becomes the new norm. The Call for each of the three men differs, but for Jerry an idealised version of Islam offers an escape. In all this Denise and the children are increasingly sidelined.

Patricia Cornelius uses humour to lighten her honest, harsh, no-holds-barred dialogue to make a truly exciting night at the Drill Hall. The highly professional young cast, many in debut performances are superbly directed by local legends Mike Russo and Georgia Martin. The ensemble builds a searing and insightful commentary about the meaning of life in our Lucky Country. **Reviewed by Jim Beatson**

The Drill Hall Theatre's latest offering *The Call* is in its last week. This edgy piece of Australian theatre explores what life is like in small country towns in rural Australia. It's been called: 'funny', 'disturbing', 'moving', 'real', 'thought provoking', 'relevant', and the cast was lauded with: 'terrific young lead actors'.

Gary, the hero of the play, like David Hicks, grew up in a village, as we all do. In his case the village let him down. How many Garys and Davids might there be in your village? If you are concerned about your village you should see this play to see what effect indifference can have on young lives.

The Call runs this Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets \$22/25 at The Bookshop, Mullum or www.drillhalltheatre.org.au

THE BUBBLE BLOKE

Everybody loves bubbles and **Dr Hubble** is back to show you why! Dr Hubble (portrayed by world-renowned circus and sideshow performer **Shep Huntly**) will be on hand to take you on a magical journey behind the bubble as he shows you bubbles in all their glorious shapes and sizes, including the famous Exploda-bubble and possibly the biggest bubble you'll have ever seen! **Brunswick Picture House on Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Tix at brunswickpicturehouse.com.au.**

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BLACK BEAUTY

Black Beauty is often described as best horse movie ever. It's based on Anna Sewell's 1877 novel, and though made into a movie seven times, this is the one to see. The book itself is in the top ten best-selling novels for children. Sewell's 'autobiography of a horse' is estimated to have sold between 40 and 50 million copies – compared to 50 million for the entire works of Charles Dickens.



As in the book, the narrator is Black Beauty himself, voicing his thoughts and feelings as he experiences the highs and lows of life. The film stars Alan Cumming, Eleanor Bron, and Sean Bean.

Although Sewell died five months after the book was first published, she did see its initial success in promoting the humane treatment of animals. She was passionate supporter of the new community organisation called the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

This remastered version screens in high definition colour plus surround sound. *Black Beauty* 'G', one hour 30 mins at Byron Theatre with two sessions only: 11am and 1.30pm on Friday.

POP GOES THE COMEDIAN!

Get down to **Club Lennox, 23 July** to see local comedy legend Mandy Nolan kick off her latest comedy initiative, **PopUp Comedy**, where she features the newest and brightest comedy talent alongside one of her favourite feature acts.

The new comics are hand picked by Mandy and include **Lisa Sharpe**, the local girl who went on to become a Queensland finalist for the Melbourne International RAW comedy competition after just one gig! Lisa is joined by four other newbie talents.

It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock'n'joke, as Mandy knows only too well;

that's why she has spent many long hours hand picking the most promising, the very best of the new and talented comedians in the area. Watch them transform into the comedy super star they hope to be or into a broken wreck of a comedy fail that may well result from their leap into the blinding glare of the spotlight.

The feature act of the night will be the one and only **Paul McMahon**, full of wit and laidback charisma, never one to shy away from a wordplay or a playlist with a twist. Paul has been writing and performing his own comedy material for more than 10 years and spends most of his time running comedy rooms in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Fresh, funny and on for ONE NIGHT ONLY! Club Lennox | Monday 23 July | Tix \$10 at the club or on mandynolan.com.au.

FEARLESS!

Screenworks and Feros Care are searching for 10 people aged 75 or older to be featured in a series of short documentary films as part of a new innovative project called FEARLESS.

Each of the selected seniors will have the chance to learn new skills and will receive a writer/director credit for a film. Screenworks and Feros Care have put a call out for applications – no experience is necessary, but a fearless and bold attitude is. Successful applicants will be chosen because they smash the traditional stereotypes that surround ageing.

FEARLESS is happening between early September and mid-November 2018. Applications close on 12 August 2018.

Detailed guidelines, application forms, and more information about how to apply are available online from Screenworks or you can contact the Screenworks office direct on 6681 1188 or coord@screenworks.com.au. www.screenworks.com.au/fearless –

THE MAGIC OF PETER PAN

These school holidays enjoy the wondrously inventive production of the family favourite *Peter Pan Jr* at **Circus Arts in Byron Bay!**

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Peter Pan is the leader of the Lost Boys and when he loses his shadow Wendy helps him to reattach it. Peter invites her to go flying to Neverland to visit the Lost Boys, where Tiger Lily and the Brave Girls, the vengeful Captain Hook and his comical pack of pirates await. A tale of magic and make-believe ensues.

Producer, director and choreographer Adrienne Megan Lester (Meg) of Platform Productions Australia said: 'With a 27-strong cast of young people aged 6–16 from across the Byron Shire, this is the first time Circus Arts has staged a full-scale musical theatre production. The circus arena has provided a playground with seemingly limitless potential where other earthly boundaries of physicality usually exist. Its ability for creative exploration is a rare privilege for a director of theatre, and I've enjoyed the process very much.'

Audiences both young and old will enjoy surprises at Circus Arts this Friday and Saturday and 20/21 July at 6.30pm with Saturdays sporting an extra 2pm show! Book online – circus arts.com.au or 6685 6566. Tickets are \$16 adults, \$8 children and \$40 for a family.

JOHNNY THE JESTER WILD & CRAZY MAGIC SHOW

Johnny the Jester is one of Australia's leading entertainers and children's magicians. His Wild & Crazy Children's Magic Show is incredibly interactive, and loads of fun. His shows always bring lots of smiles and laughter from the little ones as well as the older ones.

Children of all ages ('that's right, the 13-year-olds too') will enjoy this action packed performance leaving everyone truly amazed!

At the end of the show you will also get a chance to meet and pat the real star of the show, Stewart the Bunny. Each child will also receive a free balloon animal to take home too!

Byron Theatre | 11am Monday 16 July & Wednesday 18 July | www.byroncentre.com.au

STARS BY LILITH



EVERYONE COMPLAINS ABOUT RETROGRADES, BUT ACTUALLY THEY'RE AN ASTRAL HOLIDAY BREAK FOR DOING YOUR OWN INTERNAL PERSONAL WORK. WHY SQUANDER THE OPPORTUNITY?

♈ **ARIES:** Aries Aretha Franklin singing Re-re-re-Respect is the perfect backing track for all the other re- words that apply during this week's retrograde transits: like resurrect, reinvent, revive and reboot. So make this week's resolution that rather than react or rebel, you'll regroup, review, re-new, rework, reclaim and reaffirm.

♉ **TAURUS:** Venus in Virgo loves a makeover, especially when she's backed by Uranus the Rearranger in Taurus who wants nothing less than a total revamp of how and where you spend your energy, who with, and on what. And if that isn't work you adore with people who appreciate your uniqueness, then let the change begin.

♊ **GEMINI:** Venus in mercurial Virgo is very simpatico for Geminis, bringing a chance to sink below the surface of things to a deep rooted, nourishing level. If this week brings a tussle between sensible Twin and compassionate Twin, Gemini Blaise Pascal famously wrote: *The heart has its reasons that reason knows nothing about.*

♋ **CANCER:** The sun and new moon eclipse in Cancer on Friday 13th celebrate your astrological birthday party, when you get to set your personal gps for the coming year. Eclipses traditionally tend to be peak-energy events, so something that's been bubbling away backstage may break through to spark the pivot point you've been waiting for.

♌ **LEO:** This week's astral transits suggest zen clutter-clearing to make space for what you want – which can't get to you if your physical and mental environment's crammed full of other stuff. Picture a spacious landing pad for new people, ideas and experiences, then start where you are, use what you have and do what you can.

♍ **VIRGO:** Venus moving into Virgo this week brings appreciative attention your way, so if you feel like splashing out on some new styling, do it. When new moon in your house of teamwork sets the pace for the coming month, if there's an instant click with someone, follow the prompt.

♎ **LIBRA:** Venus moving into her most exacting position on the zodiac wheel while Mars is at his most eccentric and rebellious sets the amorous planets in a somewhat challenging alignment this week. Best advice? Google the lyrics of We Can Work It Out, co-written by primo Libran peace activist John Lennon.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Scorpios are all or nothing types. Lukewarm's not your style, so it's not easy being detached and impersonal. That said, channelling Pele the Hawaiian volcano deity during Mars retrograde won't work in your favour. Right now whoever fires first is likely to lose. Take the opportunity to reset your strategies for handling anger issues.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Feel like you've been patiently treading water, marking time, making do with minimal progress? Congratulations. Sagittarian luck is something you can trust, and with this week's Jupiter out of retrograde it's time to get the Law Of Attraction working for you, as in 1) Ask. 2) Believe. And 3) Receive.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Venus in your house of exploration and the new moon in your close partnership zone suggests experimenting this week with something new and different in your love life. Or not... Whatever, you could write a goal-setting list of intentions and ambitions for the kind of romance you want, as opposed to focussing on what you don't.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** If interactions with others can't seem to get the right kind of traction this week, Venus moving into your interpersonal hot spot suggests rethinking your approach. Be willing to compromise, as in stand firm on what matters and be flexible with the rest. Finally, do something really kind for yourself, then for someone else.

♓ **PISCES:** Your love stars are pretty vivid this week Pisces, and they'll be even more enjoyable if you declare yourself a complaint-free zone - not quite as easy as you'd think. Science says the universe is 80% dark matter we can't see, and new moon on Friday 13th could illuminate one particle that's particularly meaningful for you.

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BY JOHN CAMPBELL



TWO IS A FAMILY

Omar Sy is one of France's most popular actors, and it's not hard to see why. His combination of charm and elegance with Afro virility can sometimes be too 'big' for the moment, but has been ideally suited for films such as *The Intouchables* (2011) and *Monsieur Chocolat* (2016). In this serving of double Brie, he plays Samuel, a general dog'sbody and party animal at one of those tacky Euro resorts where everybody sunbathes in neat rows of deckchairs, like sardines in a tin. When Kristin (Clémence Poésy), a fling from last summer, turns up and leaves him with a baby she claims is his, Samuel's life takes a wacky turn for the better. The kid grows up to be curly-haired Gloria (Gloria Colston), and it is as a gorgeous, perfectly adjusted eight-year-old that we spend most of our time with her and Samuel. It's a bit rich for director Hugo Gélin to ask us to believe that unskilled Samuel, who can't speak a word of English, would lob in London and, upon his arrival, riding the

Underground from Heathrow, meet Bernie (Antoine Bertrand), a gay movie producer who immediately hires Samuel and puts him up in a you-beat house in a hipster part of town. But we go with it because Sy is the sort of irresistible actor who owns the screen. Samuel's career flourishes, as does the relationship with his adorable daughter – he is the perfect single dad and she the perfect child. The bubble bursts, however, when Kristin arrives back on the scene and demands custody of her kid. The mother's actions are not entirely unreasonable, but it is with Sy that our sympathies lie – and more so owing to the streak of nastiness that is written into Kristin's character. It's hard not to be caught up in the drama as it unfolds, but the twists that Gélin keeps up his sleeve until the very last have too much of a 'gotcha' feeling about them. The soundtrack is intrusive, but London looks great and what's not to love about Sy?

TALKING ABOUT DREAMS IS LIKE TALKING ABOUT MOVIES, SINCE THE CINEMA USES THE LANGUAGE OF DREAMS; YEARS CAN PASS IN A SECOND, AND YOU CAN HOP FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

MARY SHELLEY

Mary Shelley was barely twenty-one years old when she wrote *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*, thus creating a 'monster' that has been referenced in countless movies while establishing a permanent niche in our collective imagination. Saudi director Haifaa Al-Mansour (who completed her film studies at the University of Sydney) has focused less on that famous novel (for that, see James Whale's 1931 masterpiece) as she has on the tempestuous and, at the time scandalous relationship that Mary (Elle Fanning) and her half-sister Claire (Bel Powley) shared with Percy Bysshe Shelley (Douglas Booth), who was already a poet of renown when they met. Given Al-Mansour's background, you would expect the piece to be the feminist statement that it is, but she averts stridency in her telling of the story and, by looking instead at the personalities involved, she strikes her blow for equality and recognition even more profoundly. As the daughter of writer and philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft (who died of septicaemia just days after giving birth), young Mary was raised in a free-thinking home to be of an ambitious, independent disposition. When Percy arrives at a soiree at which she is present, Mary, still a girl, is swept off her feet (and why not? Booth is even prettier than Fanning.) Percy's circumstances result in Mary and star-struck Claire being ostracised from the family, but for Mary it's a case of 'don't wish too hard ...' as she realises that the Bohemian lifestyle is no less dismissive of her gender than what she left behind. If Percy comes out of this with his reputation somewhat tarnished (odd, that dickheads can write such dreamy poetry), the indulgent Lord Byron (after whom the Bay was NOT named) is presented as an absolute grub. The nineteenth century was not a good time for women with literary aspirations, so Byron and Percy exemplify the self-centred patriarchy that prevailed in artistic circles of the period. Sets and costumes are realistic and performances shed light on the deep sadness that came to be epitomised by the 'monster'.

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- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **THE BIGGEST LITTLE MAGICIANS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9 **JAM NIGHT**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLO 7.30PM **QUEEN'S OWN ENGLISH AT KINGY COMEDY - FEAT ANNE HOWE, SUPPORT SURAJ KOLARKAR - MC PAUL MCMAHON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS - THE STAGE 12.30PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**

- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 9.30AM **MORNING MELODIES**, 7PM **THE LOST LEGENDS SHOWCASE THE ULTIMATE AUSTRALIA DOCUMENTARY - 6.30PM BOARDWALK LOUNGE DAN CLARK**
- ILLAWONG HOTEL, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DDT TOXIC ROCK**
- LISMORE WORKER'S CLUB 7.30PM **CHECK 2**
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- MURWILLUMBAH RIVERVIEW HOTEL 8PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
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- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **HØT COFFEE EP LAUNCH, AUGUSTA, TØBI, JAKIT**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

SATURDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY 9PM **WILLIAM CRIGHTON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DJ JUST SAYIN'**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 9PM **PLTS - LAUNCH MAELSTROM**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.15PM **NUWANDA COLERIDGE PIANO IN THE DEEP**
- BEACHSIDE MARKET, BYRON BAY 10AM **JESSE MORRIS AND THE SHAKEDOWN, JUZZIE SMITH, AND HUBCAP STAN & THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 6.30PM **RHYDIAN LEWIS**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON BAY 2PM & 6.30PM **PETER PAN JR**
- SLO-MO JOES, BYRON BAY 6PM **JESSE MORRIS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM UPSTAIRS **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM BEN JANSZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **SKYEATER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SOREN CARLSBERG**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **ARCHIE RYE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **DR. HUBBLE'S BUBBLE SHOW**, 7PM **SUSIE SCURRY & THE GAND MAGOOZI**
- THE DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **THE CALL**

FRIDAY 13

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **THE NITS, NICOLE BROPHY & BAND, RORY ONEILL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 9PM **MATTY T WALL**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **THE IMPRINTS**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM & 1.30PM **CLASSIC MOVIES BLACK BEAUTY (1994)**
- CIRCUS ARTS 6.30PM **PETER PAN JR**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9.30PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**, 9PM UPSTAIRS **DJ KYLE WALKER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY 6PM **MAGGIE SCHREIBER PRETTY VACANT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **RORY ELLIS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **PUSH**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM **REVELATION FILM FESTIVAL, PET NAMES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS DUO**
- THE COURT HOUSE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **VALIANT CHARGER**
- THE DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **THE CALL**

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF CELINE DION DINNER & SHOW - BOARDWALK 6.30PM YOLAN**
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- MARY G'S, LISMORE **OCCA ROCK**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **SEVEN DEADLY SWINGS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **SURF REPORT**
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- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **SARAH CALDERWOOD**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

SUNDAY 15

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **KIT BRAY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JUKE JOINT WAY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4PM **SUPER CHEEZE**, 8PM **MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY LUNCH 'TIL LATE SUNDAY SESSION **DJS DANGEROUS COBRA & EVA J**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE NINTH CHAPTER**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **DR. HUBBLE'S BUBBLE SHOW**, 5PM **BORDER POLITICS+ LIVE Q&A WITH JULIAN BURNSIDE**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUM EX-SERVICES CLUB 12PM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**

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- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 4PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 7PM **MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 17

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JON BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **DAN CLARKE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1.30PM **KIDZKLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**
- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **MARTIN KILLIPS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS SHOWROOM 11AM **THE POPERA SHOW**

WEDNESDAY 18

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DOG TRUMPET**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **DARK BLUE GRASS DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 6PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 8PM **DJ REIFLEX**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **JOHNNY THE JESTER: WILD & CRAZY MAGIC SHOW**

MONDAY 16

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **JOHNNY THE JESTER: WILD & CRAZY MAGIC SHOW**
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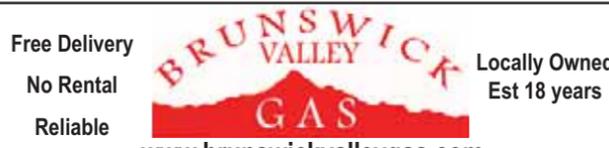
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BIRTHDAYS



Stepha 'Duckie' Happy 25th!
Lots of love from Mum, Dad and Taz.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Valentine Andrews
14/2/24 - 2/7/18



After 94 years traversing the world, Mary has now gone to another place altogether.
Wife of the late great Gordon Andrews.
Mum to Lynn, Richard (dec) and Michael, 8 g/kids, 12 gg/kids.
Once a world traveller, now a cosmic traveller.
Happy flying, Mother.

LIFE CELEBRATIONS



Margaret Dorothy Smith
29 Sept 1925 - 4 July 2018

Passed away peacefully in Mullumbimby in her 93rd year. A kind loving woman blessed with wonderful humour. Much loved mother to Patricia, Don, Vivienne, Ron, Anthony, Jo, Abby & James. Gma' Great Grandma to Neill, Eman, Isla, Leah, Hayley, Jairo, Tim, Mel, Alanna, Jasper, Thomas, Elizabeth, Ceridwyn, Galen & Serena. Loving aunt to many. Deeply loved by family & friends, Margaret will be celebrated in a Memorial Mass. St John's Catholic Church Mullumbimby. Friday 27 July at 2pm Good night and God Bless.

LOST & FOUND

STOLEN BICYCLE from Bruns, red women's bike, Omafiets. Ph Zenith 0427924310 or Ray 0424750010

HAVE YOU SEEN A SILVER RING LIKE THIS?



Mary Valentine Andrews passed on 2nd July and was last seen wearing it on 27 June at Byron Aged Care Facility. Mary's husband made it and it has huge sentimental value to the family. If found please take it to the Echo Office

AGISTMENT

WANTED large paddock for quiet horses, can fix fences. Phone 0439651813

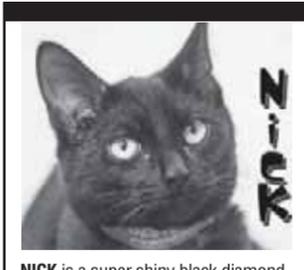
PETS



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		6 July		5.50pm		13 July		12.47pm		20 July		5.52am		28 July		6.20am	
		Third quarter		New moon		First quarter		Full moon		High tide, height (m)		Low tide, height (m)					
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)											
1	S	0639	1700	1937	0836	1004 1.22; 2234 1.69	0428 0.44; 1537 0.42										
2	M	0639	1700	2030	0916	1045 1.20; 2310 1.64	0504 0.45; 1615 0.47										
3	T	0639	1700	2123	0953	1128 1.20; 2348 1.58	0544 0.47; 1659 0.53										
4	W	0639	1701	2216	1029	1217 1.19	0626 0.48; 1747 0.59										
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6	F	0639	1702		1137	0117 1.45; 1418 1.26	0800 0.47; 1955 0.69										
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8	S	0639	1703	0103	1249	0315 1.35; 1627 1.47	0942 0.39; 2227 0.63										
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Times are Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time.
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the Bureau of Meteorology.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE 000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay 131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue..... 6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER 6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL..... 6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads..... 6685 1277
Mullumbimby 6684 2144
Byron Bay 6685 9499
Bangalow 6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding..... 132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)..... 6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics 1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours..... 1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS) 6622 1881
LIFELINE 131 114
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men).. 6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily 6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line..... 1800 656 463
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE 6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS..... 6628 1866
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WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service..... 6628 1898

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1st SUN Byron Bay 6685 6807
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC 0490 026 840
2nd SAT Woodburn 0439 489 631
2nd SUN The Channon 6688 6433
2nd SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609
2nd SUN Alstonville 6628 1568
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall 0490 329 159
2nd SUN Coolangatta
3rd SAT Mullumbimby 6684 3370
3rd SAT Murwillumbah 0413 804 024
3rd SUN Uki 0487 329 150
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333
3rd SUN Ballina 6687 4328
4th SAT Evans Head 0439 489 631
4th SAT Wilsons Creek 6684 0299
4th SUN Bangalow 6687 1911
4th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000
4th SUN Murwillumbah 0422 565 168
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta
5th SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609
5th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE New Brighton 6677 1345
Each TUE Organic Lismore 6628 1084
Each WED 7-11am M'bah 6684 7834
Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin 6689 1512
Each THU 8-11am Byron 6687 1137
Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore 0450 688 900
Each FRI 7-11am Mullum 6677 1345
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow 6687 1137
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki 6679 5530
Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore 0466 415 172
Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'Regular as Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Exit International

Exit International is a voluntary euthanasia group that meets quarterly. Meetings are held at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit members. Further information on our website www.exitinternational.net or phone local coordinator Elaine 5580 8215 or 0421 796 713.

Low-cost or free food

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

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

Respite Service

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

Alateen Meeting

Alateen Meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street,

corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Homeless Showers

The Homeless Showers need regular donations of good-quality disposable razors, shaving cream and spray deodorant. Donations can be dropped at the Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson St, Monday–Friday 10am–4pm.

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

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

Baby massage

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

#StartupByron

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

Byron FLEA

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crescent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Berrri 0490 026 840.

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.

Landcare

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

CoDA

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

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

ManTime

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

Timebanking

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

Volunteers sought

Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations. Info: 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 bridgewebs.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.

Seniors Activities

Seniors Activities **Tuesdays at the Byron Community Centre**, Jonson St, Byron Bay. Elder Beats seniors drumming 10.30–11.30 am with Gareth Jones in the theatre, 11.30 Morning tea in the Cavenbah room, 12.00–1.00 Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings, further information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com. or call 6685 6807. **Fridays at Marvell Hall** play mahjong, canasta, 500 etc and enjoy a cuppa at 1.30pm. Marvell Street East,

All funds raised will go towards the fight against kids' cancer. Enjoy a sausage sandwich and learn more about your local Lions Club. 10am till 2pm. Phone 0417 019 343.

Garden Club

The next meeting of the Ocean Shores & District Garden Club is on Monday July 16 at 1.30pm at The Hub Church next to Target. Kathleen Henderson will be talking about 'A few freaks and weirdos of the plant world'. Please phone Claire on 6680 3707 for more info. New members welcome.

Wires Volunteers

Home-based volunteer coordinators wanted For Wildlife Rescue Inc. Computer with reliable internet connection required. Experience with native animals preferred. No costs incurred; Centrelink approved 3-month training period provided. 6628 1898

Philosophical Group

The next meeting of the Byron Sophia Philosophical Group will feature a talk entitled: Decoding the After-Life – What happens to us when we die? It's a talk and discussion about the personal story as told by Brian Dale about the loss of their daughter Tahla. Brian will talk about his re-connection with Tahla after her death and his investigation into the afterlife. Thursday July 12 from 1.30 till 3.30 pm, at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St, Byron Bay – Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Mullum CWA

The Mullumbimby branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) meets

Byron Bay. Enqs: Nancy 0498 480 373

Bosom Buddies

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

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.

Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at <http://emerge.org.au/>.

Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. 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, Web: www.brunsbushschool.com.au

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

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/.

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Wednesday 11 July at 10am at the CWA Rooms. Bring a plate for a light lunch. New members welcome. Info: Jenny 6684 7282 or Sue 6684 1675.

View Club

The next luncheon meeting for Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will be held on Thursday 12 July at 10.30am at Ocean Shores Country Club. Speakers Fay Pratten and Jenny Maslem. Apologies to Maureen 0408 294 973.

Calling all artists!

Registration for entries for the 2018 Ocean Shores Art Expo is now OPEN! This year's theme is TREASURES. Prizes in six categories, plus \$1,000 Vale Award. Entries close 24 July. The Expo is a three-day event from Friday 24 August till Sunday 26. Visit: www.osartexpo.com for more information.

Free holiday activities

Byron Bay Library free July school holiday activities. Sydney Puppet Theatre on Friday 13 July at 10.30am. Natural Henna tattoo workshop on Friday 20 July at 10.30am; participants will each receive a henna kit for eight+.

Clothes swap

Saturday 28 July 2–4pm at Wildspace, Mullumbimby Commons, 91 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. All welcome. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/201329877163084/>.

Book Fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are hosting their annual Book Fair on July 14: 9am till 5pm and July 15: 10am till 1pm

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 Mullum. To register phone 0401 660 073.

Indonesian Conversation

Klub Ngobrol, Indonesian conversation club to practise Indonesian and learn about Indonesian culture. Meets third Friday of the month, 5.30–7.30pm, Byron Services Club. Ph 0405 463 663.

Indonesian Dance Class

Learn beautiful dances from Sulawesi, Sumatra, Kalimantan and Bali with fantastic Indonesian dance teachers every Wed 5–7pm at Anzac Room Byron Services Club. Fundraising for Byron Harmony Day on 28 April at Mullum Civic. ph 0405 463 663.

Mantras

Pralad and *The Chants* are inviting you to join them to chant mantras. Every third Sunday of the month 6.30–8pm at The Yellow Church, 9 Myocum St, Mullumbimby. Enq 07 5590 7746.

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 tragics 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.

Community Chanting

House of Bliss Kirtan: fortnightly Fridays chant, dance, meditate from 2 March to 23 November 2018. From 6.30 till 9pm. St Martin's Anglican Parish Hall, Mullum. E:houseofblisskirtan@gmail.com

Muslim Prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jum'ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre 2.30pm.

at the Byron Bay Surf Club. A wonderful collection of secondhand books, old and rare, children's, fiction, non fiction, health, history, geography, DVDs, audio books. Kid's activities and fun for all the family.

Mullum Womens Shed

Mullumbimby Womens Shed Thursday 10am–2pm at the Mullumbimby commons (Wildspace), 91 Main Arm Road. All women welcome, by donation. Contact FB page: mullumbimbywomensshed or Christina 0403 191 119.

Free Sound Healing CDs

Free Devotional Sound Healing CDs. *Humanity Rising: I am spirit first*. Call Bassam and Anne on 0429 858 500.

Seniors activities

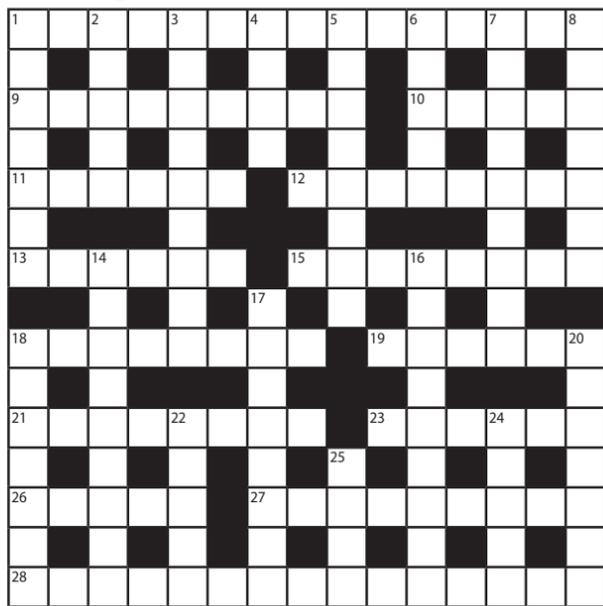
Tuesdays: 10.30am Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com. or call 6685 6807.

Riding for the Disabled

Volunteers needed. Learn natural horsemanship skills FREE. Join up with our wonderful herd. Help your community. Hug a horse. See our wonderful centre. All levels of experience needed. Volunteer training every Saturday 11am–1pm. 377 Houghlahans Creek Rd Teven. Email rdagrants@gmail.com or just come along and join the fun.

Mungo's Crossword

N240



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. "So that's why the apple fell ... gee!" said Newton (3,7,5)
9. Funny, corny clot – but a smasher (9)
10. Sounds like a volcanic flow, right around the very young (5)
11. He pays out money for the father of the H bomb! (6)
12. We heard repetition of the fifth letter signified relief (8)
13. Long John Ag! (6)
15. Choose Barassi? But it's negative (8)
18. Krypton, maybe? Gin, tears, confusion (5,3)
19. Outdated fedora? (3,3)
21. Learners boss experts (8)
23. Regular shape is no go, unfortunately (6)
26. Truncated tingle can produce sparkle (5)
27. Tries, lies, fabricates – but it's clean (9)
28. "It's the ultimate velocity, see?" said Einstein (3,5,2,5)

DOWN

1. Quiet! We object to the historian (7)
2. Outdo forty – it's said (5)
3. President to resolve dilemma – he authorised the building of the A bomb! (9)
4. Change – x and y do it! (4)
5. X claims to deal with the appendage (8)
6. Strong aluminium, with directions wrong (5)
7. Unusual heartbreak? Try Cerium, perhaps (4,5)
8. English final in live resilient material (7)
14. Deceptions turn long, when you're flat on your back! (3,6)
16. Sea cell? It's surprisingly in the sky (9)
17. State vulgarity (3,5)
18. Call to urge vision (7)
20. Bronzed chap – a touching line (7)
22. East shoots up – prevent legal action! (5)
24. Bell around one – leaving (5)
26. Nothing war plane (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Universal tendency to attract masses (3,7,5)
9. Atom smasher (9)
10. Immature form of an insect (5)
11. Bank employee (6)
12. Relief, also law to allow passage of another land (8)
13. Precious metal (6)
15. Negative atomic particle (8)
18. Non-reactive gas, like argon or neon (5,3)
19. No longer fashionable (3,3)
21. Those in education (8)
23. An equiangular polygon (6)
26. Spark, shine (5)
27. Make aseptic – or neuter! (9)
28. Universal limit of velocity (3,5,2,5)

DOWN

1. Roman historian (7)
2. Outdo, beat (5)
3. Two US presidents with the same name (9)
4. Alter, change (4)
5. Feeler, flexible appendage (8)
6. Not true (5)
7. Element such as yttrium or ytterbium (4,5)
8. Ingredient of the skin which resumes its shape after deformation (7)
14. Remain motionless on one's back (3,6)
16. Regarding the heavens (9)
17. Vulgarity, offensive behaviour (3,5)
18. Vision, understanding (7)
20. Line that touches a curve only once (7)
22. Legal prevention (5)
24. Leaving, working (5)
26. Nothing, nought (4)

Last week's solution N239

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Wilko on the edge after a difficult day in J-Bay

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson is in grave danger of missing out on a berth in next years championship tour after another poor result at the Corona Open J-Bay in South Africa.

In his Round 1 heat he faced tricky but solid conditions with some heavy off-shore winds ripping through the Jeffreys Bay line-up.

The eventual event winner Filipe Toledo from Brazil scored a 9.17, the highest scoring wave of the day to overtake both Wilkinson, who placed second, and Brazilian Wiggolly Dantas.

In Round 2 the stage was set with some two-metre sets pouring into the bay.

Wilkinson started strongly with two solid scoring waves to take the lead but couldn't better his scores after Brazilian Tomas Hermes dropped the best score of the heat and ultimately failed to overtake Hermes.

The Byron local finished up in equal 25th place and has

now dropped down to 30th spot on the rankings, putting his chances of qualifying for the WSL in jeopardy.

Protest

Meanwhile, a local group Surfers Against Sand Mine are meeting on the beach this Saturday 14th at 2pm north of the Lennox Hotel to show their opposition to the proposed new sand mine at Lennox Head.

The sand mine is close to North Creek and the Newrybar Swamp drains and will be digging up acid sulfate soils.

North Creek runs straight into the already degraded Richmond River and into the ocean.

Opponents say it will affect the hydrology of the area by removing 3.6 million tonnes of sand from a low-lying wetland area that is very susceptible to flooding, with potential contamination from sulfuric acid.

They are fighting against further degradation of our waterways and ocean.



Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson in action in the Corona Open J-Bay in South Africa. Photo Cestari/WSL

Groms

The 2018 Skullcandy Oz Grom Open returns to Lennox Head bigger and better

than ever this week with six days of surfing action starting this Friday.

The men's Pro Junior is returning along with the wel-

come addition of a women's Pro Junior event and a 12 and Under girls division, which is a great example of gender equity in the sport of surfing.

The event has divisions for girls and boys in 12s, 14s and 16s along with the women and men's pro junior divisions.

Moonshiners annual charity day kicks off on Sat

The third annual Moonshiners for Mental Health charity day is on this Saturday 14th July at Alby Lofts Oval, Brunswick Heads.

The Mullumbimby Moonshiners Rugby Club will be hosting a day of Rugby, raffles, giveaways, activities for the kids and some great food and drinks with the hope of raising much-needed awareness of mental health issues.

All funds raised will go directly to Beyondblue, an organisation that provides information and support to help everyone in Australia

achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live

'This event has been a huge success over the last few years and we hope to continue to get the message out to the local community that there is help available to those dealing with anxiety and depression,' said Teale Pyne, president of Mullumbimby Rugby Club.

'Beyondblue is doing a great job of bringing support and information on mental health issues to the community and highlights that you

don't have to feel alone; there are assistance and treatments available.

'It's important to remember that depression and anxiety are conditions, not weaknesses, and effective treatments are available.'

Local bragging rights are up for grabs with the Moonshiners taking on Byron Bay in reserve grade at 1.50pm followed by SCU v Byron Bay in first grade at 3.15pm. Mullum and Byron have had some epic encounters over the years and this match will not disappoint rugby fans.



Moonshiners limited edition charity jerseys to be auctioned off after the game this Saturday. Photo supplied

Marks takes out monthly medal

Teven Golf Club Men's Section played an 18-hole Stroke competition for the Monthly Medal on Sat 7 July.

Stephen Marks took out the medal with a net score of 52. The runner-up was Peter Blackwood with 54, followed by John Harbisher (56), John Mathias (57), David Richardson (58), and Steve Blackmore (58).

In the putting John Mathias and Steve Blackmore tied with 27 putts each.

The next comp is on July 14 at 6.30am. It will feature a nine-hole Stableford comp and the fifth round of the Pointscore Championship.



Winner of the Teven Golf Club Monthly Medal, Stephen Marks, with runner-up Peter Blackwood. Photo supplied

Hopes high for inaugural Ballina Triathlon

Ballina Shire is preparing to welcome triathletes from far and wide to the inaugural Ballina Triathlon - a two-day event on August 25 and 26 2018.

NXsports are excited to organise a program that focuses on family and grassroots participation as well as top-class competition.

Among the events is a 5km Fun Run, which is now open for entries.

Organisers are working with the Ballina Lions Club to ensure that all proceeds from the Fun Run go to Heartfelt House, the Australian Children Cancer Re-

search Foundation, and Biala School.

Many organisations and charities have benefited from the Lions Clubs Fun Run/Walk over the years, NX Sports' race director Mike Crawley said.

We are excited to work with a group of people who care about their local community and we are proud to contribute to these three local organisations and their great causes,' Mr Crawley said.

The weekend will kick off on August 25 with the Fun Run and a range of great activities for kids and families in Pop Denison Park.

The Kids' Triathlon for ages 7-12 will then be held on the morning of August 26 on fully closed roads.

This will be followed by a Tempta and Sprint Distance Triathlon.

A number of athletes have pencilled in the Sprint Triathlon as the ideal warm-up to the ITU World Triathlon Grand Final on the Gold Coast in September.

It has raised expectations of a top-class field in the event pitting the best local talent against interstate and international competitors.

Entries are now open. Visit www.ballinatri.com.au.

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THC could be the missing part of the puzzle in reducing severe epileptic seizures for some patients. A team from the University of Sydney believe more research should be done into how THC could be incorporated into a legal medicinal cannabis formulation. www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-05/epilepsy-treatment-cannabis-chemical-thc/9944878.

In a novel move to fight air pollution, Germany announced earlier this week that they would be offering free public transport in five key cities across the country.

A senate inquiry is about to look into Australia's 'animal extinction crisis'. While koalas are under threat of extinction from loss of habitat and overdevelopment - oh and the Pacific Highway, their version of the Great Dividing Range - experts are saying that we are also in danger of losing the platypus.

Mullum Cares is nominating Mullumbimby as the Most Sustainable Community in NSW and they need your help. Register all the organisations, businesses, projects or events that deliver social and environmental sustainability in and around the town by July 16 at <http://bit.ly/sustainablemull>.

The ABC's *Checkout* has checked out, for the time being. Was the show a threat to corporate interests, given it informed consumers of their rights? Only an independent broadcaster would, or could, produce such a show. Hopefully the ABC's budget will be restored once



Brunswick Heads is fast gaining a reputation for unusual and unexpected little things to grab your attention and imagination; there's the faerie houses, the Lego wall, the Picture House, Fleet, Clems and now at the Curious Collective, the Strumpet Salon and Imaginarium, which seems to like to come to life on Sundays at lunchtime. Fingal Capaldi (on the steps) played last week while MissChief and Suebido will weave their quirky magic this coming Sunday from 12.30. Curious Colective, Tweed St at Bruns. Photo Jeff 'Faerie' Dawson

Labor is next elected so there's more *Checkout* and fewer repeats of *Midsomer Murders* mysteries.

The Wall Street Journal reports that since the Trump tax cuts for corporations came into effect, the new-found cash is, cough, not going into job growth but instead into buying more of their own stocks. This of course inflates corporate share prices and sets the scene for the next global financial crisis. The trick of trickle-down continues...

29-year-old Will Hawley from Byron Bay is skateboarding for refugees along the El Camino de Santiago, The Way of St James, in Spain. You can sponsor him at www.gofundme.com/walking-for-refugees online.

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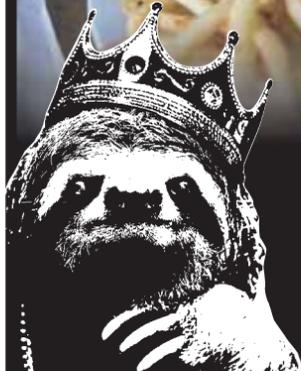
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