



Anti-vax film screening stirs passions

Paul Bibby

The screening of a controversial anti-vaccination documentary at Mullumbimby's Civic Hall brought a string of angry complaints from vaccination advocates who said it should not have been shown at a Council-owned venue.

And one Byron councillor is set to formally move that the rules be changed so that such films cannot be shown at Council-managed halls in future.

But the group that organised the screening, the Australian Vaccination-risks Network Inc (AVN), defended its right to air its views, describing those who sought to cancel the event as 'bigots'.

Around 100 people attended the Civic Hall on August 9 for the screening of *Sacrificial Virgins*, followed by a Q&A session with opponents of Australia's vaccination regime.

The film questions the effectiveness the Human Papilloma Vaccine as a preventive treatment for cervical cancer, and asserts that it causes adverse reactions that are 'blighting and even ending the lives of girls and young women across the world'.

When news of the film's screening at the Civic Hall spread, Byron Council was slammed on social media and received a string of complaints.

One vaccination advocate stated on a public Facebook page that the council's role in the screening had been 'unconscionable'.

'This film has been condemned by the federal health minister and all

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Nipples set free on a brisk morning



Eva Judell and about 50 bare-breasted followers took to the beach at Belongil on Saturday morning as a reminder that there's still a long way to go before men and women are treated equally when it comes to baring their breasts. Photo Jeff 'Bear Chested Since 1986' Dawson

Digital disruption trumps approved holiday letting: MP

Hans Lovejoy

A NSW government minister has embraced digital disruption at the expense of those who have sought council approval for holiday letting.

The Fair Trading Amendment (Short-term rental accommodation) Bill 2018 is expected to pass NSW

parliament this week, yet critics such as Byron Shire Council say it is unworkable and vague. And those operators who have DA approvals for operating say it will decimate their industry and leave Council with less revenue.

In an August 2 letter to a Byron Shire resident and obtained by *The*

Echo, NSW Nationals MP Niall Blair admitted that his government were not in control of the holiday-letting sector, saying, 'The internet knows no boundaries, and if locals... decide they want to place their homes for rent on platforms like Airbnb, rather than put it out for long-term rental, that's entirely their business.'

Yet Blair says regional councils like Byron Shire will have the power to limit the number of days for which properties can be let out.

'And importantly these changes are not set in stone. The government has committed to reviewing the new valuations after 12 months,' he said.

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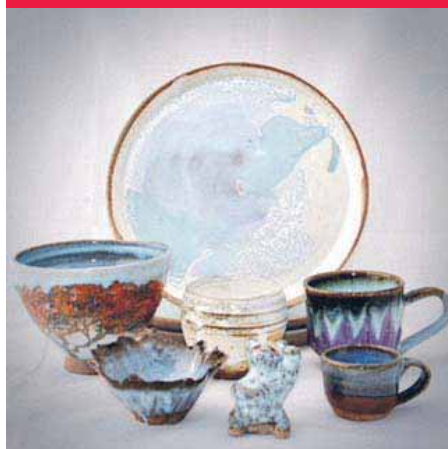
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Country flair for the fair



Mullumbimby Public School put on a big family day of carnival rides, live music, food, pony rides and creative stalls for its Country Fair, held on Sunday. Pictured with flower crowns are Tiffany, Frida and Amy. Photo Jeff Dawson

Homeless headcount finds 150 sleeping rough

Paul Bibby

Around 150 locals were found to be sleeping rough on the streets of Byron Shire during a homeless headcount last week, highlighting the need for more crisis accommodation and support services in the area.

The headcount was conducted by around 20 volunteers – including Council compliance staff – on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at known homeless hotspots in Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads.

Led by Byron Community Centre manager, Paul Spooner, the group found rough sleepers living in a range of conditions across the three areas.

People were found sleeping in cars, clustered together

in public parks, huddled in shop doorways and camping in the bush.

‘There was a disabled guy sleeping on the ground with a piece of cardboard around him for warmth, and another in the alcove of a bank in town,’ Mr Spooner said of his observations in Byron Bay.

‘Then there was a whole crew of people in Railway Park. A few of them had old mattresses and a few blankets. ‘Once you get out into the bush near Bruns and Mullum you see more people in tents.’

Mr Spooner said that when the statistics were considered in light of the broader ABS figures for homelessness in the region an interesting picture emerged.

‘Drilling down a bit more, the national average for rough

sleeping is seven per cent of the homeless population,’ he said.

‘In Byron what we’re seeing is that we’re up around 40–50 per cent of our homeless are sleeping rough, as opposed to couch surfing or sleeping in refuges. That means we’re six to seven times the national average when it comes to sleeping rough.’

Mr Spooner said the headcount demonstrated the need for more frontline services and crisis accommodation.

‘I think it demonstrates that we really do need to do something about this problem,’ he said.

‘Yes, we need more affordable housing stock in the region, but we also need the services at the coalface to assist those people who are right on the edge or already over it.’

Patient death sparks inquest

Aslan Shand

A coronial inquest is underway into the death of a 50-year-old man with Down syndrome, who died at Byron Central Hospital on July 28.

Kelvin Forrest was found outside the hospital suffering from hypothermia after wandering outside through an unlocked door at the hospital in the early hours of Saturday, a source told *The Echo*.

It is understood that Mr Forrest was discovered at 5am by a security guard and later died as a result of hypothermia.

The Echo’s source said Mr Forrest had been ‘specialised’ – meaning he was supposed to have one-on-one care – a few days prior to the incident.

The Echo understands that the door Mr Forrest used to exit the hospital should have been locked for security pur-

poses; however, it is believed that the door had been left unlocked for a long-term patient who has a range of complex mental health issues.

The Echo asked Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) why staff failed to notice that Mr Forrest was missing, why the patient with complex mental health issues was not in a more appropriate facility, and whether the hospital has enough staff to manage the number and types of patients who are presenting at the hospital.

NNSWLHD chief executive Wayne Jones told *The Echo*, ‘We extend our deepest sympathies following the tragic death of a patient at Byron Central Hospital.’

‘NNSWLHD has been in constant contact with the patient’s family, including providing open disclosure regarding the circumstances of the death.

‘This case has been referred to the NSW Coroner, and an internal investigation is also underway. Further details cannot be provided at this time.

‘NNSWLHD is providing ongoing support to staff involved in the patient’s care, understanding that any patient death is a distressing event.

‘All staff have a responsibility to maintain the privacy of their patients, including not discussing patient information and treatment outside their workplace.

‘Byron Central Hospital is staffed according to industrial award requirements.’

‘It is important to note that this patient had not ever been a patient of the sub-acute mental health unit at Byron Central Hospital.

‘There were no mental health patients in the hospital’s general inpatient unit at the time of this tragic incident.’

Police urge awareness at Kendall Street train crossing

Motorists, cyclists and those on foot are being reminded of Rail Safety Week (August 13–19) and to look out for trains at the Kendall Street level crossing.

While the NSW Labor government took the local trains off the tracks over a decade ago – and no government since has restored the service – there is a privately run train service between the North Beach Station in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate and Byron’s CBD.

\$448 fine

Detective inspector Matt Kehoe said, ‘The fine for running a stop sign at a level crossing is \$448 and three demerit points.’



A historic photo of the Kendall Street train crossing, where the Byron Bay train now operates.

‘Given the history of use with no train on our track for thirteen years, locals became complacent on the Kendall Street level crossing on the way into Belongil from Ewingsdale Road. I’m here to say

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Sounds of Bangalow

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Govt ignores Airbnb levy as part of letting reforms

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With the growing evidence that the sense of community is eroded in areas of high holiday letting desirability, European and US cities are now beginning to heavily restrict such activity and are also regulating it via a levy through Airbnb bookings, for example. Airbnb levies are collected by local councils, and contribute to maintaining and improving infrastructure. The *Echo* asked Niall Blair's office whether such a levy was

considered for this bill, and why it was not included in the draft Bill. After receiving a reply from a 'spokesperson for the NSW government' that did not answer the question, The *Echo* asked local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin the same question on whether an Airbnb levy was considered for the Bill. Franklin provided a reply from a spokesperson from the office of the minister for Fair Trading which said, 'We want to make sure that local econo-

mies continue to benefit from short-term holiday letting, but at the same time we don't want neighbours having to put up with a party house next door.' 'We looked at several different options as part of the government's policy, and that included levies being imposed on hosts. But after extensive consultation, we decided that the best way forward was to crack down on bad behaviour, while also giving local councils the power to require development approval for short-term

Huge response to flood survey

Council staff say the 339 completed surveys they have received will provide 'solid information to use in the development of the new North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.' Flood engineer James Flockton says it was a great community effort. 'I'd really like to thank people for taking the time to do the survey because it was quite long but this was because we were after very detailed information on how floods have affected people in the north of the Shire, in particular the 2017 event.' He said Council's focus is now on developing the draft North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, which will again go before the public.

holiday letting of more than 180 days a year.' Franklin restated his previous comment that he is 'very conscious of Byron's special and unique status and the potential impact of laws in this space.' 'That's why I will be consulting broadly over the next twelve months on the impacts of the legislation and taking a Byron-specific set of recommendations back to government to be considered in their 12-month review.'

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health experts,' the man said. 'That the showing is happening while they [the north coast] have a diphtheria patient in a local hospital is a disgrace.' When councillor Paul Spooner became aware of the screening, he sought to have permission for the use of the Civic Hall revoked. Cr Spooner, of the Labor Party, argued that Council should not support the Australian Vaccination-risk Network in any way because it was the subject of a public health warning issued by the Health Care Complaints Commission in 2014. The Commission issued the warning following an investigation that found that AVN was responsible for disseminating misleading and incorrect information about vaccination that was likely to 'detrimentally affect the clinical management or care.' AVN rejects the findings. Cr Spooner said the film

was 'anti-public health and against the public good, as verified by the HCCC.' 'I don't think it's appropriate for an organisation that is subject to a public health warning to be using a Council-owned facility to peddle its misinformation.' Cr Spooner did not succeed in having the screening cancelled, with Council's executive team denying his request. However, they did agree to put up signs at the Civic Hall indicating that neither the council nor the managers of the hall endorsed the film. Council's acting director of Corporate and Community Services, Anna Vinfield, said Council's guidelines stated that it was 'important to uphold the principles of equity, accessibility and inclusivity providing for the whole community,' when hiring out Council-owned venues. Cr Spooner said he will now move to amend these rules so that films such as *Sacrificial*

Virgins cannot be shown at Council venues in future. He said, 'In my opinion there is nothing "equitable and inclusive" about promoting gross ignorance and public harm.' But the founder and current president of AVN, Meryl Dorey, said those who opposed the screening of the film were 'acting out of ignorance.' 'I call it bigotry because it's the fear of something they understand,' Ms Dorey said. 'They are afraid that this information may change people's minds, from supporting enforced vaccination to supporting informed choice about whether or not to vaccinate.' **Freedom of speech** 'It's the same as people who say we shouldn't allow immigrants into Australia or those who used to say we shouldn't allow black people into positions of power.' Ms Dorey said that the screening was also about

freedom of speech. 'One of the managers of the hall said to me, "I may or may not agree with your views, but I support your right to express them in a public forum". That's part of living in a democracy. I am shocked that anyone from Council would suggest restricting that right.'

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Federal integrity commission needed: Labor

Shadow attorney-general Mark Dreyfus QC stopped by the electorate last week to spruik Labor's plans to establish a National Integrity Commission (NIC).

While NSW has its own independent integrity commission – ICAC – the federal government does not.

Federal member for Richmond Justine Elliot said, 'In recent years there has been a loss of faith in the ability of politicians and the public service to properly represent and serve the public interest.'

'All Australians deserve to have confidence in the integrity of their government, their parliament, the public service



Justine Elliot MP for Richmond, Mark Dreyfus QC MP and Craig Elliot, NSW Labor candidate for Tweed. Photo supplied

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'While there is not substantial evidence of widespread corruption at a federal level, that is not a reason to

do nothing.

'A bipartisan Senate inquiry has shown that Australia's current federal anti-corruption framework is

uncoordinated, inconsistent and confusing. While many agencies have some partial responsibilities in this area, their work is haphazard and overlapping.

'It's clear we need to strengthen and simplify our anti-corruption framework – to weed out serious and systemic corruption, promote integrity, and restore the trust of the Australian people in their representatives and institutions.'

Local residents can show their support for the National Integrity Commission by signing Labor's petition at: www.alp.org.au/support_the_nic.

Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk, from Sept 28

Prudence Clark

No matter how much of a sceptic you are, it's without a doubt that the planet is in trouble.

With the onset of global warming, rising sea levels, overfishing, coral bleaching and the enormous amounts of waste generated by Australians every year, the need to take action, or at least become more informed, can't be ignored.

In order to raise awareness of such issues, this year's

Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk (BNSW) encompasses all aspects of the environment, from the actual sculptures, to the materials used, to the setting of the exhibition itself.

Participating artists Marion Gaemers, Lynnette Griffiths, Lynne Adams and Shona Wilson are offering a masterclass where you will be guided to create a sculptural form from found objects, recycled or re-useable materials, and natural fibres.

Their art practice reflects themes of the environment, current ecological issues and highlights the need for us to conserve, reuse and recycle, rather than continue to live in such a disposable society.

As the exhibition is set along the beautiful Brunswick River, visitors are encouraged to immerse themselves completely in their surrounds, admiring not only the incredible artworks but also the natural environment itself.

The BNSW is a free event not to be missed; not only will you see a myriad of outstanding sculptures, but you'll also be doing the environment a favour by becoming more aware and in tune with what needs to be done to save this beautiful planet.

The Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk runs from September 28 till October 2, 2018. For more info visit www.brunswicknaturesculpturewalk.com.

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Marine Rescue Brunswick are pleased to announce that their rescue vessel *Brunswick 30* has returned to Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour.

For the past five months the vessel has been back at Yamba Welding and Engineering, the original builders of the vessel, having a major refit.

While *Brunswick 30* has been out of action, Marine Rescue Point Danger & Marine Rescue Ballina have

covered the area.

Marine Rescue Brunswick is also after new members.

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Those interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Jonathan on 0487 902 861.

Grants open for volunteer organisations

Applications for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are now open for not-for-profit organisations in the region.

Grants are aimed at organisations who need equipment

such as laptops, or need to pay fuel costs, train volunteers or improve their fundraising. To apply, visit www.grants.gov.au. Applications close September 18.

Chocolate and mirth for high school, Aug 17

Mullumbimby High School P&C are hosting a screening of *Chocolat*, hosted by comedian Ellen Briggs, on Friday August 17 at the Brunswick Picture House.

All funds raised will go toward a new sign outside the school that will keep parents,

students and the community updated about school events and emergency warnings.

Doors open 6pm. Light supper and treats available. Tickets are available from Brunswick Picture House: www.brunswickpicturehouse.com or by phone 6685 0280.

Big brainstorm for kids



Youth worker Deb Pearse and comedian/author/artist/journalist/activist/mother Mandy Nolan. Photo Jeff Dawson

An upcoming forum run by the Byron Youth Service aims to seek long-term, community-based solutions that actively involve local youth.

Organised by one of the service's senior youth workers, Deb Pearse, 'Young, Stung and Undone: what it's like to be a teenager in today's world,' will be held over 6-9pm on August 21 at the Byron Youth Activity Centre, located at 1 Gilmore Cresc, Byron Bay.

Ms Pearse says that many of the key challenges facing young people are the same as they were 10 years ago - drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, mental illness and family breakdown.

'A big difference is that young people are experiencing these things at an earlier

age,' she says.

'They're getting into risky behaviour and heading down unhealthy paths earlier on.

'It means that we need to intervene earlier, before they've gone too far down the path.'

Social media have an enormous impact as well, says Ms Pearse.

Panelists include Lisa Hopwood from The Buttery's outreach program, Di Mahoney (manager, Brisbane Youth Service), Paul Phillips (Intra and Headspace) and Mick Prigmore (Ballina Family Centre). Mandy Nolan and detective inspector Matt Kehoe will also be on the panel.

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Large medical centre approved

Hans Lovejoy

A large medical centre on the corner of McGettigans Lane and Ewingsdale Road has been approved by the Joint Regional Planning panel (JRPP).

To alert the public to the meeting, which was to decide upon the huge development, an ad was placed in *The Byron News* classifieds last week.

Unfortunately *The Echo* was unaware of the meeting.

The \$8m proposal will see medical and specialist consulting rooms, a day theatre, pharmacy, 12 overnight stay units, cafe and basement and ground-level parking.

JRPP chair Garry West, a former NSW National Party MP, told *The Echo* that it will be approved in two stages, which includes an upgrade of the intersection, located near a crest and Byron Central Hospital.

West told *The Echo* the plans would minimise the traffic burden.

When *The Echo* asked how minimising traffic impacts would improve an already gridlocked and overburdened road, Mr West said, 'Listen, I'm not going to get into a debate about that now. I have a meeting to go to.'



Just approved - a new private hospital on Ewingsdale Road.

The Echo previously reported that the developer's traffic consultants admit this proposal could generate 686 new traffic movements per day on an already overburdened road.

Not accurate data

The traffic consultants also admit their last report 'does include the caveat that there is widespread variation observed in the base data, and consequently the average rates cannot be relied upon for accurately predicting the trip generation at a particular facility.'

To mitigate unmanageable traffic, the proponents say restrictions to hours of operation will limit traffic impacts.

It reads, 'The proposed restrictions would see the consultation rooms and pharmacy not opening until 9.30am

on weekdays to avoid the am peak (8.15-9.15am) on the adjacent road network, while these same land uses would also be closed between 2 and 4pm (between 2.30 and 4pm for the pharmacy) to avoid impacts on the pm peak (3-4pm) in particular.'

An ASIC search reveals the owners of applicant Brunsmed Pty Ltd are Victorian-based Joel, Gary and John Wertheimer.

While councils are generally the determining authority for all developments, the NSW government-appointed JRPP determines DAs over \$20m. Specialist health facilities such as this have a lower threshold. The JRPP comprises panels across NSW and have an almost 100 per cent approval rate.

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Locals step up for drought relief

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire locals are coming out in force to do what they can to help farmers and farming communities.

There is a range of initiatives happening across the Shire, not least the six trucks with bales of feed that the Mullumbimby Co-Op sent out to struggling farmers on Monday.

‘The Co-Op began the venture back in mid-July with Buy a Bale,’ said manager Tony Maclerio.

‘It has been awesome to see other businesses and the Mullum Chamber supporting the cause.

‘So far, about 800 bales have gone out and the loads have been sent to Blandford, Wellington, Rouchel, Aberdeen, Timor, Cassilis, Currabubula, Stroud, Gloucester, Barraba and Bathurst. And we are still going!

‘Donations have also been taken in store. Big shout out to the truck drivers, local farmers donating their paddocks and the farm contractors who are cutting and baling. And of course to Buy a Bale!’

Dress like a farmer

Bingara Central School in the New England region of NSW has connected with Mullumbimby through Kimberlee Thompson, a community support worker who rang an old Mullumbimby friend who has been farming out west for around 20 years.

Kimberlee said, ‘My friend was worried about another friend in the Bingara area – she was really concerned about her and she asked me to call.’

Kimberlee is now getting ready to head out to Bingara at the end of the month to lend a hand.

She says, ‘There are so many issues; every day they are having to make decisions about which stock to keep, caring for sick animals, sourcing feed, supporting children and more.’

One aspect many people are struggling with is filling



Mullumbimby Community Preschool is one organisation helping farmers affected by the drought. New kids’ toys can be dropped at the school, which is located on the corner of Fern and Station Streets.

out the paperwork for grant applications.

‘They just don’t have time,’ pointed out Kimberlee.

The local council will be providing Kimberlee with an office to assist people filling out paperwork for assistance and to help coordinate community support, respite and food supplies etc.

Jenelle Stanford, president of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, said, ‘I spoke to the principal of the Bingara Central School and she said, “We get boxes of baked beans, but we need soap and shampoo.”’

‘The school’s SRC came up with the idea of fundraising for their local farmers and are calling it A Little Bit of Help From My Friends,’ said Jenelle.

So that the school can help locals get the things they need, the Mullumbimby Chamber are asking everyone coming to Mullumbimby on Wednesday August 22 to dress up as a farmer and make a gold coin donation to raise money to support the Bingara Central School’s campaign.

‘There will be donation boxes at the Mullumbimby Newsagency, as well as other participating stores throughout town,’ said Jenelle.

Local schools are also being asked to join in the day to raise money, as well as take the opportunity to connect with the Bingara Central School via email and video links.

Drop-off points

Meanwhile, the Mullumbimby Community Preschool is collecting donations of new kids’ toys, to be distributed through Anne Thompson’s North Coast Drought Appeal.

‘We are collecting new toys until Friday August 24,’ said Di Davidson, who runs the preschool.

You can drop donations at the preschool, which is located on the corner of Fern and Station Streets in Mullumbimby, during business hours.

Suitable donations, suggested Anne, are non-perishable items such as tinned food, toiletries, laundry products, sanitary items and tinned pet food.

These items can be dropped at locations throughout the Shire: Ray Towers Carpets (Mullumbimby), Anglican Church Op Shop (Byron Bay), Newrybar Produce Store, and Summerland Credit Union in Bangalow.

BBQ & Bluegrass

The Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival will also be acting as a drop-off point for non-perishable items.

Festival organiser Fletcher Potanin said, ‘In support of our farmers and the disastrous drought happening right now, this year the festival will financially support the Red Cross Drought Relief (www.redcross.org.au/drought) and will support the Food for Farmers initiative with a



Trucks loaded with donated bales of feed have been organised by the Mullumbimby Co-Op, and are on their way to farmers in need out west.

drop point for non-perishable goods at the festival.’

Fashion 4 Farmers

Recognising the link between climate change and increasing drought, locals Hannah Brooks and Kate McBride are running an inaugural clothes swap in Bangalow.

Ms Brooks and Ms McBride said, ‘100 per cent of event funds raised will go to the farmers via the 2018 Drought Relief Fund for Australian Farmers, Rotary Australia Relief Fund. Every

dollar counts, and we encourage our communities to help in any way they can. If we

all help in some way, we can lessen the burden.

‘The idea of the event is simple – bring a range of items of garments and accessories that you would like to swap, and collect a whole new wardrobe, while having fun with friends.’

Tickets to attend are \$25, and include nibbles, drinks. Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/XMJA.

Beer for a farmer

The Hotel Great Northern in Byron Bay is also hosting a Buy a Beer for a Farmer fundraiser on Friday August 17. Supported by Stone & Wood and Karma Kegs, there will be a mega raffle from 5.30pm.



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Coroner finds Island Quarry death was drowning



Island Quarry (IQ), located on Ewingsdale Road opposite the Cavanbah Centre.

Hans Lovejoy

The mother of Brendan Vickery, who drowned at a Byron Bay waterhole in 2014, has told *The Echo* that the lack of a thorough autopsy has made closure hard and raised concern that fencing was not installed sooner.

On February 23, 2014, 20-year-old Brendan was on holidays from Melbourne with friends and entered Island Quarry (IQ), located at 380 Ewingsdale Road opposite the Cavanbah Centre.

His friends claim that he failed to emerge after jumping into the waterhole, which is a former quarry.

Brendan's body was recovered a day later by police divers in 3.3 metres of water, according to the coroner's report.

The once-popular waterhole drew mainly young crowds of backpackers and visitors and was widely advertised on websites, yet after a series of spinal injuries, IQ management implemented signage and fencing in an attempt to stop the activity.

Assistant state coroner Teresa O'Sullivan handed down her findings on April 11, 2018, and concluded she was 'satisfied that a lot has changed since Brendan's death.'

O'Sullivan wrote, 'The downturn in attendance and associated injury, the improved fencing and signage, and the commitment of the

caretaker to prevent trespassing give me confidence that the Island Quarry site has been made significantly safer.'

Brendan's mother Tracie Medew told *The Echo* she believed the inquest to be a fair and open process.

'Yet it was long process that took four years,' she said.

'There was cost cutting by government, as they didn't allow a full autopsy.

'Additionally, communications from the government departments were inadequate.'

Medew said, 'While it was determined that drowning was the outcome, he could have died from something else. A doctor from Tweed Heads raised this possibility.

'Here in Victoria, all autopsies go through a CT scan to identify internal injuries, yet this didn't happen with Brendan as it wasn't NSW policy at the time. Now it is.'

Fencing

Medew said it took 13 years for IQ to secure state government funding for fencing.

'That is way too long, and had it been in place earlier it could have prevented his death and the injury of others.'

Medew added that a rock used to jump the fence should be removed to be further away from the fence.

'This rock was not of significant Indigenous heritage as it was removed from the

quarry,' she said.

Island Quarry chairperson Shane Rennie told *The Echo*, 'We have had fencing and warning signage installed since about year 2000, and initiated installation of \$80,000 worth of 1,800mm-high chainwire fencing ASAP after backpacker onslaught in 2013, with completion in 2014.'

Signage

The adequacy of signage and fencing was examined during the inquest.

Brendan's friend Luke Johnston told the inquest he 'recalled seeing a barbed wire fence with holes in it, a gate with a sign and then another sign as you entered reading "Enter at your own risk".'

He also recalled a sign saying, 'Swim at your own risk.'

Another friend, Vincent Brandall, stated to the inquiry 'no-one in the group paid attention to the warning signs.'

He described the access as 'all pretty open.'

Regardless, the coroner noted, 'Warning signage currently displayed around the Island Quarry site is substantial,' despite, 'arrangements for fencing the quarry being finalised at the time of Brendan Vickery's death.'

'The police officer in charge, Senior Constable McCaffrey, gave evidence that since the incident the caretaker, Bazz Laow, would ring

the police to report people trespassing.

Senior Constable McCaffrey stated that prior to Brendan's death there would always be a dozen cars parked in the carpark out the front, but now you would be 'lucky to see one.'

The report reads, 'He believed that it was promoted as a popular place to cliff jump by backpacker websites.'

However, he believed word had circulated that people were no longer being allowed in and that trespassers could receive infringements and this contributed to a downturn in attendance.'

Island Quarry chairperson Shane Rennie told *The Echo*, 'We are a not-for-profit community group who have worked extensively in the community on a voluntary basis for 20-plus years, creating and protecting a green space for arts, culture, community and environment.'

Moving forward

'Now that the inquest has been completed we are moving forward with implementing our vision for the quarry.'

'We look forward to a gradual reopening to the public, and are aiming to hold an open day in late spring, together with encouraging further participation and inviting expressions of interest from the community.'



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OS school celebrates 25 with time capsule

Ocean Shores Public celebrated a quarter of a century last Friday, which included the unearthing of a 1988 time capsule.

School principal Martin Gill told *The Echo*, ‘In 1993, the 100-year-old Billinudgel Public School was relocated to the new school at Ocean Shores.’

‘On Friday, current and former students, staff and families of Billinudgel and Ocean Shores public schools came together to celebrate Ocean Shores Public School’s 25th anniversary.

Former principal

‘Students were enthralled by stories of Billinudgel School shared by its former principal Spencer Jones, who held the position from 1958 until his retirement in 1985.

‘Another highlight of the afternoon was the opening of the time capsule, which was sealed in 1988 with instructions to be opened in 2018.

‘Simon Kane, Billinudgel



Ocean Shores Public School held its 25th anniversary last Friday and opened a 1988 Billinudgel School time capsule. Photo Jeff ‘Encapsulated’ Dawson

Public School captain in 1988, was on hand to open the capsule. Its contents are currently on display in the Ocean Shores Public School Library for the next month between 8.45am and 9.15am Monday to Wednesday, or by

appointment.

‘At the end of term, the capsule will be re-sealed for another twenty-five years, along with a new time capsule to be opened at the 50th anniversary of Ocean Shores Public School in 2043.’

So what was inside the capsule? Principal Gill replied, ‘*Women’s Weekly* and newspapers from the day (showing that not much has really changed), currency (\$2 note) and lots of students’ work and photographs.’

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Could Mullum’s old hydro plant run again?

A mini-hydro plant, dating back to 1926, took a step towards being brought back to life after Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) received a \$20,000 grant from the NSW government this week.

COREM will now undertake a pre-feasibility study to investigate whether the Essential Energy-owned Mullumbimby Hydro Power Station can be switched back on.

Last week, energy minister Don Harwin (Liberal) visited the Mullumbimby hydro power station and Lavertys

Gap Weir with COREM project manager Svea Pitman.

Also in attendance were primary industries minister Niall Blair and renewable-energy secretary Ben Franklin (both Nationals MPs).

Ms Pitman said, ‘Having both ministers onsite was an enormous show of support for this project from the NSW government and COREM is thrilled to have Minister Blair’s interest in this innovative and historically significant project.’

‘We are in a great position with this project with nearly all the original hydro

infrastructure still in place. The weir and race currently provide the town water supply to Mullumbimby and the original turbines are onsite at the old powerhouse, which is adjacent to the Mullumbimby substation’, she added.

Barriers

‘There are some regulatory barriers around access to water; however, the weir was originally constructed for the hydro, so we are hopeful these can be overcome. With this funding we will be able to ascertain if the project can

progress further’, she said.

Congratulating COREM on the grant, Mr Franklin said they are ‘not only creating economic benefits for the whole north coast, but they’re also doing their bit for the environment.’

Heritage listed

The entire hydro site is heritage listed with state, national and international significance, and re-commissioning the power station would be a fitting way to celebrate nearly 100 years of community owned renewable energy.

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Body found in dense bush near Nimbin

The body believed to be Nimbin father Damien Roadley was discovered Sunday in dense bushland near Blue Knob in Nimbin.

Family members reported the 38-year-old as missing after he set out for an overnight camping trip on Wednesday

August 1 and failed to return.

The body is yet to be formally identified but is believed to be that of Mr Roadley.

Mr Roadley’s body was found at the base of a cliff after he phoned a friend during the night of August 1 saying he was fleeing a bushfire.

The horrific find was made by a friend of Mr Roadley, who was a member of a private search party organised by locals who believed police were not doing enough to try to find him.

A professional climber also assisted them with the

search.

While the search continued for more than a week, it’s believed Mr Roadley would have died soon after the fall due to the nature of his injuries.

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Just a humble PM

I've always thought it would be easier to flip Uluru on its side with a fiddlestick than put a dent in Turnbull's self-confidence.

But I sometimes wonder whether a faint shadow of doubt might occasionally flutter across the brilliant mind of God's – and the mainstream media's – gift to 21stC Australian politics.

Especially when the latest Newspann shows Turnbull has an approval rating nudging minus 20.

With an ego also the size of Uluru (okay, maybe we need to throw in Kata Tjuta as well), he surely could never have seen that happening just three years after a grateful and mightily relieved nation drew him to their collective breasts after he cut down the Mad Monk.

To understand why Turnbull is now where he's at, the few short weeks since the 28 July by-elections are as good a guide as any.

Voters spot bullshit the moment they hear it and when Turnbull declared after those elections that they were never a test of his and Shorten's leadership – despite having clearly stated on the Longman hustings that they were – those voters heard and smelt bigtime bullshit.

When Turnbull attacked Shorten's celebrations after those elections as somehow unwarranted, voters remembered the fist pumps, the 'band is back together' comments, the images of a PM so excited at Barnaby Joyce's re-election celebrations in the safe seat of New England that he looked in danger of suffering a prolapse. Voters once again got the strong sniff of bullshit.

That sniff turned to stench when a straight-faced Turnbull demanded that Shorten come clean on what he knew about Emma Hasar's office woes and when.

You've got to have amazing self-confidence – and gall – to do that after claiming time and time again to have had no prior knowledge of his deputy prime minister's sexual activities until after New England was done and dusted.

Voter nostrils were flaring widely over that putrid piece of poop. That's Turnbull's basic problem: he just comes out and says things that he knows are very clever and smart. Except they're not. They expose blatant inconsistencies, illogical thought processes and gross hypocrisy that voters sniff out all too easily.

These are Turnbull's basic flaws, brought about by supreme arrogance, hubris and a massive ego in free flow and out of control. And those flaws are the perfect foundation on which #reefgate, a shitty NEG policy and unsaleable company tax and income tax policies flourish.

■ Guest editorial by **Don Gordon-Brown**, who is a self-described 'retired hack journo from Billinudgel.'

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States are right to reject NEG

Queensland, Victoria and the ACT were quite right to reject the proposed National Energy Guarantee in its present form.

None of the federal government, the Energy Security Board or the group of business lobbies behind it were able to make a convincing case to endorse the mechanism. To endorse it now would have been a gift and undeserved reward for the destructive actions of former prime minister Tony Abbott.

Why? Well, the way to think about the NEG is that its primary purpose is to hide the fact that there is a cost to reducing emissions. Not necessarily a very big cost, particularly with wind, solar and storage falling in price, but a cost all the same.

Kevin Rudd's CPRS was rejected by opposition leader Tony Abbott, Julia Gillard's carbon price was killed by prime minister Tony Abbott, and the proposed EIS and CET were rejected by Malcolm Turnbull because of pressure from back-bencher Tony Abbott – all for the simple reason that they had an explicit price on carbon.

(So too, did Tony Abbott's flawed and ultimately pointless Direct Action policy for that matter, but let's not go there just for now.)

The NEG aims to bury the price of abatement, and seeks to do so through some extraordinary calisthenics, a maze of contracting and rules so incredibly complex that only a handful of people truly understand it.

That's not very efficient,

nor is it cost effective. Indeed, most independent analysts say it will likely add to costs, and even make it harder for smaller players to enter the market, rather than reduce costs. The ACCC report highlights the danger of reinforcing Australia's energy oligopoly.

The NEG and its price obscurity might just have been tolerable if it were accompanied by a flexible mechanism that actually allowed, and encouraged, emissions to be reduced over time.

Rather than locking in an outcome that promises to bring the energy transition to a halt, there needs to be flexibility to adjust those targets

by **Giles Parkinson**

But the NEG in its current form did not.

The federal government wanted to lock in a low-ball target – so low it would be virtually met before it came into effect – and lock it in for a decade.

All the states wanted was flexibility to change the target in the future, but the federal coalition government is not yet prepared to give it to them – all because of back-bencher Tony Abbott and his mates.

The result, as clearly modelled by the Energy Security Board, would be an investment drought that caused no new investment in large-scale wind, large-scale solar, or big batteries before 2030.

Even the rate of installation of rooftop solar would be halved.

Now, it may be that the

ESB deliberately doctored the modelling inputs so the result could be palatable to, guess who – Tony Abbott and friends.

But in doing so it compromised its own credibility, and raised suspicion among the states that this is a policy with bad intent and lousy outcomes.

That is the key concern of the states. Rather than locking in an outcome that promises to bring the energy transition to a halt (an extraordinary thing in itself for

The ESB modelling – and it has yet to be fully released – is completely unacceptable. Apart from its bizarre scenario of zero projects, its claim that delivering 'certainty' would lower prices by some \$150 a year has been laughed out of town.

Simon Holmes à Court, from the Climate and Energy College, surveyed 16 energy analysts and found just one who believed prices would fall.

The best way to reduce prices, everyone agrees, is to build more generation capacity. And besides, having gone to all the trouble of creating a reliability obligation, we might as well use it.

And the ESB has made it pretty clear you will need a lot of new wind and solar, and a fair few coal retirements, for that reliability obligation to be triggered.

So, more work needs to be done. The ESB needs to be seen as less partisan – a criticism it has shouldered since the start of this venture when it prepared the outline of the NEG without consulting the states, then was further betrayed by its nonsense modelling outcomes and by Kerry Schott's insistence that the states fall in line today.

Most of all, the coalition needs to get its house in order. Only when we have a sensible and honest debate about climate and energy will we be able to move forward.

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Where our festival gets really exciting is the forum, already with a lineup of renowned local and international speakers. Local writer Ray Lindabury will give the Snow White Memorial lecture, where he explores the connection between new fracking signs and the ever-increasing appearance of new potholes.

International speakers include economist Milton Freedom speaking provocatively on What relevance does Neo-Liberalism have on or to Potholes? and physicist Brian Green Might Potholes be a Gateway to the Multiverse? If you would like more information visit <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pothole>.

Malcolm Price
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Bruns backlash

Residents of Brunswick Heads may remember being alerted in 2016 to dormant (2005) plans to redesign, dig

up and 'calm' traffic (using roundabouts, eliminating all turning lanes and planting centre trees) on its main thoroughfare, Tweed Street.

The instigators of the plan, the Tweed Street Taskforce (TST), dominated by members of the Chamber of Commerce, claimed this project had wide community support, that it was a priority for Brunswick and justified its multimillion-dollar price tag.

Alarmed by the implications of these plans the Brunswick Heads Progress Association held an open town meeting in February 2016.

The meeting was well attended with over 150 residents who were outraged over any expenditure of scarce public monies on a project that had such low infrastructure priority. It was also obvious the plans to 'calm' traffic would not only aggravate existing drainage problems but turn residential streets into rat runs by diverting traffic into them. A vote was taken with those present unanimously

opposed to the plans. Council was notified!

Two weeks after the town meeting, and in full knowledge of the community backlash, the TST successfully lobbied Council and were allocated \$120k from \$94 funds for the project. Further community backlash followed, and in response Council allocated \$20k from this \$120k to do a project feasibility study.

The independent report presented to Council in May was critical of any interference to Tweed Street's highway-standard road pavement and warned of the high costs that would be involved in mitigating drainage issues.

It also identified safety concerns with the bike path and major problems with interference to existing underground services including water and telecommunications. Not included in the report was the recent laying of NBN cables directly below where many plantings are proposed.

Despite all the 'non-feasibility' evidence and com-

munity opposition, at the August 2 Council meeting, the TST was allocated the remaining \$94,700 to advance the project.

The lack of community consultation of this project seems set to continue. At Council's Strategic Planning Workshop in June 2017, the TST expressed concerns that any public consultation providing options for consideration and comment would be detrimental to their project as it would open up divisions within the community.

How projects are allocated \$94 funding, proper community consultation and transparency are all questionable here. Having now allocated the TST these funds, will Council ensure genuine community input and appropriate oversight into how they are spent?

Sean O'Meara
Brunswick Heads

Sad for Q&A

I feel sad for the ABC. The huge loss of funding means sucking up to the Liberal Party so they won't cut more.

It was disappointing when Q&A came to Lismore. The day before I was looking at my bright-green garden, thinking gee that spot of rain greened it nicely. My grandson came back from Tamworth saying people's front lawns were bare dirt and dust.

Sure we could've had one question on it but drought questions went for most of the program. Questions were knocked back from stop deforestation groups, save our koalas, save our railway tracks, support nurses, save our penalty rates, the Knitting Nannas and climate-change groups, which was of course continued on next page ➤

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

In a recent discussion about cheating in chess, Russian Grandmaster Peter Svidler opined that the reason there had been so little research into performance enhancing drugs for chess was that cheating using computers was so much more productive.

Perhaps this is true, but suspicions of cheating have too often moved from caution to paranoia.

A particularly bizarre case unfolded last week when Croatian GM Bogdan Lalic accused a 14-year-old Indian player of cheating – for offering a draw at the wrong moment!

The diagrammed position arose in the first round of the recent Pardubice Open, with veteran Finnish GM Heikki Westerinen playing White against an unknown teenager Gouthaman Narendran.

Here Narendran played 1...Rf5 and offered a draw, accepted after half an hour's analysis by his opponent.

Lalic explained that White is now obliged to sacrifice his queen with 2.Qxf5! gxf5 3.Rxf5 after which if Black finds 3...Kf8! 4.Bc3! Nd8! then White must see 5.Ref4! to force a draw. Lalic wrote, 'No normal [low-rated] player can see that this is a draw... only computers can see that. And Westerinen's opponent of course wore glasses!'

Lalic then strayed into outright racism by adding, 'This is why most of the Indian players are now so strong... because they use high technology during the games (using lenses) so BE AWARE when playing Indians.'

Lalic emailed his 'discovery' out to dozens of chess journalists, most of whom did not know whether to laugh or cry.

All understood that many teenagers, upon realising that their GM opponent has just set them up for a dangerous queen sacrifice, would offer a draw as a survival technique; no deep analysis needed.

That Lalic's theory is laughable is self-evident, but a GM who suspects every player with glasses of being a potential cheat is simply pitiful – but also a sign of the times.



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THE CARS THAT ATE
BYRON BAY...
WE JUST WANTED A HOLIDAY
BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY CARS...
WE'RE DOOMED!
THAT'S A LOT OF CARS.

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the biggest issue.

We got one question in from our hero, Meg Nielsen, a Bentley farmer, about climate change and our Agriculture minister said he didn't give a rat's arse. The frightening thing is that he really doesn't. It's like some groupthink where they all support each other in believing that climate change isn't true.

I remember reading in a psychology textbook that it was groupthink supporting John F Kennedy when he nearly pushed the red button over Cuba and started a nuclear war.

The devastation of a nuclear war is immense but the end result of climate change could be too and we can't let these Liberals and Nationals ignore this any longer. We have to vote them out. Can't watch Q&A anymore either, it's just too sad.

Beth Shelley
Boerie Creek

Pave paradise and put up another shop

There are a number of Council-proposed changes that together effectively form a new increased commercial rezoning of a large area of central Byron Bay.

The proposed reclassification of Railway Park, the proposed rezoning of the area beside Railway Park in front of the railway station, the proposed new 'community' commercial LEP zoning of the rail track, the proposed 'community' commercial use of the station building, the proposed 'community' commercial rezoning of the south Lawson Street carpark (that butts up to Railway Park behind the shops, that is between the back of the Jonson Street shops and the rail line). Then there is the proposed Masterplan extension of central business district zone, rezoning But-

ler Street and the Masterplan commercial proposals for the Butler Street reserve.

All these re-zonings tie together to form a new increased area of intensity of commercial activity. Community-informed development? I don't think so. Give your favourite councillor a call.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

Flood innovation

I am surprised that the pre-eminent flood mitigation proposals for Byron Shire reported in the recent *Echo* article are a parade of conventional engineering modifications.

Caution: historical experience of these kind of solutions to flooding has proved that they are expensive and of limited effect, that they impact elsewhere, and give people a false sense of security.

It's time a more holistic approach was taken, which improves human impacts throughout the catchment, and sets the scene for a whole range of more desirable social, economic and environmental benefits and innovation.

In the upper catchment, landholders could be incentivised and supported to slow water runoff and increase soil absorption of water through measures such as reforestation, riparian enhancements, improved pasture management, improved orchard floor management and leaky ponds.

In the lower catchment, we could enhance, reinstate or construct wetlands for water control, habitat, recreation, tourism, alternative systems of agriculture and aquaculture.

Urban areas could be supported to install slow-release stormwater retention systems, planned to let the water through, and promote other development controls that reduce runoff such as porous surfaces and soakage pits.

“... see water for what it is – a magical blessing rather than something we need to get rid of as quickly as possible.”

Please, let's encourage a bigger conversation, and see water for what it is – a magical blessing rather than something we need to get rid of as quickly as possible.

Jeremy Stewart
Whian Whian

Wallaby death

After moving to this beautiful area less than a year ago, I find I am once again gutted by the number of wildlife deaths on the roads. One of the major reasons I left Sydney's northern beaches was to escape the wildlife carnage I saw and had to deal with on a daily basis as a wildlife carer. I haven't managed to escape this sadness and reduce my compassion fatigue.

This morning as I exited my driveway, I discovered a beautiful dead swamp wallaby, a local resident that we had witnessed down at the bottom of our quiet street by the creek on many occasions. He is (was) the only wallaby we had ever seen there and we viewed him as our friend.

I was gutted to witness this tragedy and through many tears dragged him off the road. Our place is a sanctuary for all wildlife and to experience this right outside our property was simply heartbreaking.

I never thought I would say this, but I agree with councillor Alan Hunter (LNP) that more wildlife signs need to be erected.

However, as some wise soul pointed out, it is the Nationals (LNP) who lobbied our state government (probably didn't have to try too

hard) to scrap previous native vegetation laws that protected over 100,000 native animals each year, allowing farmers to clearfell essentially wherever they please.

I went to a meeting last week organised by the Nature Conservation Council who outlined in detail that within a three-year period an 800 per cent increase of wildlife deaths has occurred. Furthermore, only nine per cent of NSW's original forested habitat survives and guess where that is? Within the national parks that the LNP have tried endlessly to have corporatised.

These folks are environmental vandals and in a just world they would be legislatively scrapped and not our precious threatened wildlife or the limited legislation that is supposed to protect them. Unfortunately wallabies don't vote but their friends do.

Lindy Stacker
Binna Burra

Slugging the teachers

I have been informed that Council proposes to slug the teachers at Byron Bay Public School up to \$220 annually to park their cars in the pot-holed, muddied and corrugated side-streets surrounding that lovely school, all while they undertake the quality education of our 'young hopefuls'.

This despite the assurances at the outset from Council that front-line workers from out of town would be 'looked after' as the paid-parking was rolled out, that paid-parking was aimed at raising revenue from tourists.

Most of the teachers at that school already sacrifice considerable driving time and car costs, not being able to live near their work. What kind of a council does that?

Not cool.

Dr David Moss
Suffolk Park

Community power

I read with some interest your remarks in the recent edition of *The Echo* (08/08/18) about the Worthy Councillor and his motion to have 'CSG Free' signs removed and replaced with 'Native Animal Awareness' notices.

It is worth pointing out that many of the existing signs appear to be on private property adjacent to homeowners' gates and access roads and, as such, would be entirely at the owners' discretion (our right to do as we will with our own property being at the heart of Councillor Hunter's many and prolonged skirmishes with the council over his mega-mini-storage facility).

Interestingly, though, I had it on good authority that, at the time of the 'doorknock' by volunteers, canvassing householders' views about coal seam gas (CSG) exploration in Byron Shire, Councillor Hunter, rather surprisingly, signed the petition against the activity!

This apparent volte face by the now-proponent of the removal of the signs is illustrative of the Nationals' bipolarity when it comes to coal mining, coal-fired power stations and CSG, in particular, and climate-change issues in general.

As a group they appear to be perennially torn between their political orthodoxy, their obsession that only coal can deliver baseload power, and the certainty that being stranded on the wrong side of history on these issues they will become increasingly irrelevant and find it harder and harder to convince the electorate to re-endorse them.

Finally, I am interested in the idea that the signs are no longer necessary in the Shire because the threat has been extinguished here with the resolution of the Metgasco debacle.

It seems to me that they are an important reminder of the constant risks that communities face from the sort of economic aggression witnessed at that time and the power of community action once alerted to such a danger. They act as a reminder to ourselves and a message to visitors, potential migrants to our community and to politicians at all levels of government as to the beliefs we hold dear about the environment and the way in which we believe these issues should be managed.

Graham Mathews
Byron Bay

Banksters

When he reluctantly agreed to the royal commission into the banksters and appointed Kenneth Hayne to head it, Malcolm may well have thought, with a blithe smirk: 'Nothing to see here and the royal commission will so find.'

The arrogant assume everyone is as compromised as themselves. We saw the haughty assumption that theft by the rich is no crime on full display from Nicole Smith of NAB. It would be a salutary chastisement to the BigEndians and their political allies to find a choice selection of their number in jail.

Alas, I suspect any hope of justice and changed behaviour is likely to evaporate after the commission's report is released; doomed to fall, like Hume's 'Treatise', 'stillborn from the press'.

Just as the Catholic Church, the world's oldest, most cunning corporation, is already pushing back against key recommendations of the child abuse royal commission, so the secular potentates will tap their political factotums for the usual favours in return for juicy corporate

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(You can't fool) the children of the prohibition

It's official – most Australian adults use recreational drugs.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in 2016 around 42 per cent of the population (10 million people) used alcohol weekly or more often and 10 per cent (2.4 million people) used cannabis.

Charles Boyle

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission recorded around 80,000 arrests for cannabis possession in 2016, 90 per cent of whom were consumers, not dealers.

As a result of Australia's cannabis prohibition, 72,000 consenting adults were criminalised for their recreational use of marijuana – a plant that has been an integral part of human culture for at least twenty thousand years and probably much longer.

Is pot to blame for civilisation?

It is impossible to know when humans first began using cannabis. Archaeologists unearthed seeds in Japan's Oki Islands dating back 10,000 years, and hemp fibres have been found in Chinese Yangshao pottery 7,000 years old. Agriculture has only been practised for 10,000 years, and it is possible that cannabis may have been the world's first agricultural crop.

In his book *The Dragons of Eden* Carl Sagan proposed the theory that the cultivation of marijuana led generally to the invention of agriculture, and thereby the development of modern civilisation.

Worldwide crop

Originally native to the Hindu Kush mountains of central Asia, the cultivation of cannabis spread across the world through all agricultural cultures.

Owing to the culture of Aboriginal people, cannabis was not grown in Australia until the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, when Captain Arthur Phillip ordered the first hemp crops to be planted.



The ganja faeries at Nimbin MardiGrass. Photo Jeff 'I Never Exhale' Dawson

For thousands of years cannabis has been used as an intoxicant and a powerful anaesthetic – the Chinese term for anaesthetic, *mazui*, literally means 'cannabis intoxication'.

Cannabis fibre, aka hemp, provided ropes and sails for the British navy – the word *canvas* literally means cannabis. This plant has an intrinsic place in the development of our civilisation – so how did cannabis become an outlaw?

Banned for productivity

The first laws restricting recreational cannabis use, in Brazil (1830) and Mauritius (1840), were aimed at prohibiting cannabis use by slaves, presumably to make them work harder. Unsurprisingly, these laws didn't prevent cannabis use, and resentful slaves are probably far less

efficient than stoned ones.

For decades the British Indian government tried criminalising cannabis on the subcontinent, but eventually accepted the findings of the *Indian Hemp Drugs Commission 1894-5* that found 'The moderate use (of cannabis) practically produces no ill effects.'

Puritanical prohibition

The mid-1800s saw the rise of political activists on the conservative protestant right in the US, bent on imposing their puritanical will on society by prohibiting all drugs of addiction – opium, cocaine, cannabis and alcohol. In 1912 the US, pushing for prohibition, convened the International Opium Convention, the world's first international drug-control

treaty. This led to the International Convention Relating to Dangerous Drugs, signed in Geneva in 1925, creating an effective global prohibition on cannabis products.

The United Kingdom was a signatory to these conventions, and Australia obediently joined the prohibition.

Bad laws: bad outcomes

History shows us that prohibition does not stop the use of cannabis. Instead it drives up prices, creating criminal empires and alienating otherwise good and honest citizens. The laws imposed by a pious minority are not only unjust, unworkable and ineffective – they incur an ever-increasing cost of policing and imprisonment upon society. Cannabis prohibition is effectively a political

tool targeting those who don't conform to the social mores of the religious right. Bad laws have bad social outcomes, and the result is a deeply fractured and dysfunctional society where police are widely distrusted and disrespected.

This is the fault of self-serving politicians, not police. Cannabis prohibition has been an abject failure. It is a brutal legacy of our penal-colony roots to punish and persecute people in a futile attempt to change their behaviour – it only causes resentment.

After decades of police raids on peaceful hippy dope growers, we now hear of international gangs growing lucrative cannabis crops indoors to fund criminal empires that import methamphetamine into the country, destroying thousands of young lives.

Meanwhile the movement to legalise medicinal marijuana is gaining traction – but our stubbornly short-sighted governments are offering the lucrative bounty of this new industry to international Big Pharma companies.

A logical and positive strategy would be to draw on the lifetimes of experience of long-term dope growers to guide our budding marijuana industry into the future – while keeping the profits onshore in regional communities and out of the clutches of criminal empires.

Marijuana users are not inherently bad people and they do not deserve persecution based on the intolerance of an increasingly irrelevant religious minority. We urgently need to abandon this destructive police-state mentality and allow consenting adults the right to use recreational cannabis if they so desire. Stand up, Australia, and start treating our good citizens with tolerance and respect.



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Charles Massy interview – a look at regenerative agriculture

It took a drought and some deep reflection to turn radical farmer and author Charles Massy from a conventional farmer to one of the leading thinkers in regenerative agriculture today. Here Charles is in conversation with local food activist Kate Walsh from Real Food Projects.

1. How would you define regenerative agriculture? How does it practically differ from organic?

'Regenerative agriculture contests the industrial model in that it encompasses various types of farming that seek to enable natural systems and functions to not just be renewed but also to do the renewing: to allow self-organisation of natural systems back to healthy function.'

2. Your assertion that animals are central to regenerating the landscape, as opposed to being the problem, turns the argument for veganism on its head. Can eating animals really save the world?

'This is a huge topic, and I don't want to get caught up in the vegan debate too much...

'Regenerative/holistic/ecological grazing is being found to have extraordinary ecologically regenerative impacts on grassland/diverse landscapes in tens of millions of hectares worldwide although not in all landscapes.

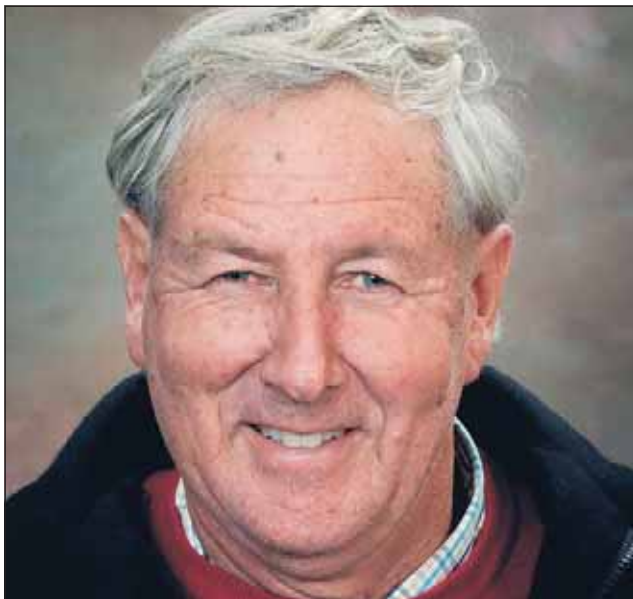
'These landscapes, from desert to tropical savannahs, would not otherwise be regenerated but would continue degrading (plenty of evidence for this) without regenerative grazing. Such regeneration is positively addressing many of the destabilised systems (climate, water, land-use, bio-

diversity, nitrogen-phosphorous destabilized cycling etc) – destabilisation and degradation that has tipped us into the Anthropocene epoch.

'We tend to forget that as humans in the last million or so years of our co-evolution on Earth, that we predominantly co-evolved in the African savannahs... The game they hunted both grazed and browsed – this is often overlooked. From my work with top landscape ecologists like Prof Fred Provenza in USA we know that vertical food plants (shrubs etc), as distinct from grasses, have tens of thousands of secondary or phytochemicals in them (terpenes, phenols, tannins).

'Wild animals have an innate wisdom to select medicinal and nutritional elements in plants. Humans ingested these via meat (remember, we still have canines in our mouth), and we have become hard-wired to detect critical phytochemicals for our health and metabolism – as many of the phytochemicals are crucial for immune function, such as antioxidants.

'That is why I am comfortable eating healthy meat off healthy landscapes: it is crucial to my physiological function, and tastes brilliant because of all the extra primary and secondary nutrients in it.



'Conversely, I have no truck for animals in factory farms. It is both cruel, polluting, and the animals have no chance to select a healthy diet; they have limited and poisoning rations, and so deliver unhealthy food.

'The industrial food they are fed is also hugely energy wasteful, and environmentally destructive in its production. So let's distinguish between healthy, ecologically healing meat that humans are co-evolved for, and industrial, factory-farmed (CAFO) meat that is both bad for the environment and for us. So yes, eating animals off healthy, regenerative grazing systems and landscapes can help save the world.'

3. Your book heavily focuses on the farmers who have had a crisis to lead them to engage in new ways of farming. How do we start this conversation more broadly as we can't wait for farmers to be forced by calamity to

urgently look for new ways?

'We now have education/social support/collaborative networks or communities of practice around many of the regenerative agriculture practices. For example in holistic/ecological grazing, agroforestry, biological cropping, biodynamics there are some groups with very good social support and education processes that both initiate change and then support people through the challenge of change, and then create ongoing educational/support processes thereafter. These need to be publicised, along with their good work.

'Moreover, given what is happening in industrial cropping soils, the drought and other factors across the country, many landscapes and industrial practices are hitting the wall. People are worried, and the shocks-of-change are accelerating.

'People going through these cognitive crises particu-

larly need to become aware that there are some exciting alternative practices out there that both address ecological, financial and social challenges that degraded landscapes are causing – and that if you make the shift there are mechanisms and communities and skills to hold your hand through the process of change.'

4. The organic label has been co-opted in the USA now with hydroponics and large-scale organics the norm. We are seeing similar trends in Australia. Do we need a new label that is beyond organic? One that is focused on soil or nutrient density?

'Absolutely. If we could get a food system that measured both nutrient variety (both primary and secondary nutrients) then it would be a game-changer, because the emptiness and crappiness of industrial food versus food from healthy, functioning landscapes would be totally exposed. Moreover, the greatest poison in our foods – glyphosate/Roundup – is now being increasingly disclosed as an horrific health-destroyer. We should also have tests for this, as virtually all industrial plant foods are laced with it.'

5. Our region is famous for rolling green and grassy hills. When you look at the landscape of the Northern Rivers, what do you see?

'Compared to many of Australia's more challenging and drier landscapes, I see a region that can grow, in a wonderfully healthy fashion, a huge variety of foods suited to a range of climates (from

temperate to tropical), and off many soils that are richer than most in Australia (volcanic, alluvial etc). So yes, I see huge potential for this region to become a national leader in healthy food growing and thus also in innovation of a move to regenerative ag and healthy food and lifestyles.'

6. Even if all farmers transitioned to regenerative ways, they are still held captive to the industrial food system. What else do we need to do to complete this story and create a sustainable food system?

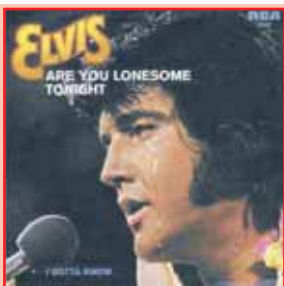
'Where do you start, as the industrial model dominates all levels in agriculture today: from government, universities, agricultural colleges, and the entire food chain.

'So we need to start at the school level in getting kids re-engaged with nature and healthy food and not electronics; then from schools to universities or tech colleges we need a refocus on the basics: that the most important core subject needs to be care for our only Earth, and how it functions, and so how we must nurture it.

'This includes courses in ecological literacy (as is the framework of my book). Then we need markets for healthy food and fibre, so we get transparent pull-through signals to initiate change. But having said all that, I think the mounting crises of the Anthropocene and break-downs in various Earth systems are beginning to provide more of the shocks that will lead to change.'

Suicide Prevention

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Is your heart filled with pain, shall I come back again?
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Until enough of us, we the people, are prepared to put our safety on the line in overwhelming numbers, the rorts, rackets and abuses of the powerful will prevail.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

Changes

Australian Professor Emeritus Will Stefan and his colleagues have researched the interaction between natural feedback climate systems.

The study titled *Trajectories of the Earth System in the Anthropocene* found that current global efforts to curb emissions are 'unlikely' to prevent civilisation-destroying runaway climate change, resulting in an irreversible 'Hothouse Earth'.

I ask you, can you face up to this and rearrange your life plans to include political actions that will dramatically expand current global efforts? The earth needs us all because...

The climate is changing/ the coal is burning/ the people are ignoring/ the water is evaporating/ then flooding/ then evaporating/ then flooding/ then evaporating/ the farmers are struggling/ but the

food is still on the table/ in our country/ not theirs/ for a while longer/ and then we will be refugees/ begging Tasmania/ surrounded by acid poisoned ocean/ slowly starving with heat deaths/ burning forests desertifying dust/ storms splitting civility survival/ bones buried and gone.../ Now. Down on the ground/ I hear a very gentle sound.

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Inclusive democracy

The slaughter of mature trees in Railway Park approximately ten months ago was a developer's stance with three objectives. Use tyranny to reclaim the park for development, 'get rid of the hippies' and remove the Byron Environment Centre (BEC) rotunda.

This strategy was hasty and backfired creating community outrage. General manager Ken Gainger put his hand up claiming responsibility.

Ken claimed 'there was confusion in Council'. Council employed consultants to investigate, costing ratepayers \$21,000. The conclusion reached was 'Yes there was confusion'. No more facts!

The legacy of this 'confusion' has resulted in ongoing attacks by some Council

representatives on the BEC rotunda as to its fate in Railway Park, which still is to be addressed.

The BEC evolved over 30 years ago when the rights of nature and human rights formed a prevalent principled universal discourse that defined the aim of an enlightened inclusive egalitarian democratic society. BEC has a very strong constitution that addresses the rights of First Nation peoples and ratified legal principles that have maintained a successful green movement that upholds human rights.

Council's recent draft plan of management for Railway Park reveals their desire to change the classification from 'park' to 'general community use'. A neat crony strategy. The 'general community use' definition allows for commercial development in the park. Commercial development is not permissible in the 'park' classification. No doubt there will be more cafes and no rights for nature. Indeed, proposals exist for the old ticket office, near The Rails pub to be commercialised as a restaurant and bar.

Where to now ask ratepayers? Council was relatively happy with its trust being restored by the Com-

munity Solutions Panel. But democracy in Byron is being dollied up again with more weasel words and neo-con social technologies. About to be birthed and implemented on the Byron ratepayers and community is 'The Byron Model' of 'deliberative democracy'. NeoCon attempts and concepts to manipulate and transform inclusive democracy continue.

Furthermore, we learn that the Community Solutions panel idea will be re-branded as the 'Co-design Group'.

It seems that Ken left his mould behind when he left Council. Who has picked it up?

Mark Arnold, the new general manager, has a hard job and appears reasonable and open to community concerns. We wish him luck!

Many folks prefer the old inclusive democratic model where all folks gather in a town hall or suitable space and really democratically speak. Let the park remain a very green park.

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Jo Faith
Newtown

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A wild old ride up the Dempster Highway

Story & image David Lisle

To pedal the Dempster Highway is to experience awe, in spades. We cycled from here, Dawson City, up to Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean, and back – nearly two thousand kilometres of rough gravel road through wild, stunningly beautiful country.

The road is rarely flat, often steep. The surface, a capricious mix of locally quarried materials, is riddled with potholes and loose. One moment you're in blinding dust, then a cloud bursts and the road becomes a quagmire; a thick soup that threatens to swallow you whole and adheres to everything. It's an understatement to suggest that Dempster mud sticks like shit to a blanket.

The highway transects a vast, seemingly endless wilderness – Canada's northwest arctic – weaving through taiga forest and tundra, crossing the continental divide three times.

It climbs out of the Yukon valley to the Tombstone Mountains, cuts through the sparkling Blackstone Ranges,

climbs onto the arid Eagle Plains, then runs across the majestic Richardsons before penetrating a small cleft in the mountainside. Dropping precipitously to the Mackenzie Delta, a great repository of biting insects, the serenade of songbirds is the only antidote to the fevered itch induced by their quarry.

'Welcome to Tuk'

After crossing the Peel River via ferry, the route wends ponderously through tarns and lakes for another 350km to the sea. The Dempster officially finishes at Inuvik; the last 160km to Tuktoyaktuk, designated as the Mackenzie Valley Highway, was only finished this year.

The people of 'Tuk', an Inuvialuit community of about one thousand hardy souls, are thrilled to now be connected by a permanent road to the outside world. Everyone we met would greet us with a warm 'Welcome to Tuk'. Far from being jaded by outsiders, they greatly appreciated the effort we'd taken to visit their home.

The day we arrived the season's first whale, a beluga,



was caught. The village was abuzz. We camped for a few days on the point, watching the sun loop around in the sky, dip precariously close to the sea but never set. As dictated by tradition, we swam in the Arctic.

The ride back was pure jam. We knew the choicest spots to camp and streams to draw water. We had a huge cache of food in Eagle Plains. The sun shone often and the road never really went to mud. Mosquitoes and black flies – which had chewed us mercilessly on the way up –

were almost in abeyance. The wind even blew at our backs for a time.

Pedal passion

Riding bikes has been my raison d'être since the new millennium – a calling; a source of joy and meaning; of identity even. Before we left for America in March last year I was gardening in front of our place in Mullum when a beaten-up old car screeched to a halt in the street. A wild looking fellow leaned from the window. 'You're the CYCLIST' he exclaimed excit-

edly. 'You're always out there on the road, man. Always at 100 per cent. Everywhere. You live here?'

Cycling is meditation and medicine. Cadence has long given me comfort and stability. The bike is a mode of transport, a political statement, a form of expression. Travelling by bike has been my occasional way of life.

Cloud of doubt

But in the gloomy northern winter a dark cloud enveloped me and during the spring, gripped by grim

thoughts, I'd been blind to all this. Doubt had seeped in. Confidence waned. The Dempster has a fearsome reputation among bikers and I felt unequal to such a jaunt in the wild.

I'd pondered how to gracefully extricate myself from our summer plans. It was helpful that Arkel, a Canadian pannier maker, had responded to my pitch for a story about biking the Dempster by sending two pairs of panniers in exchange. My word has always been my warrant – there would be no skiving off.

Camped again by the Yukon River in Dawson I feel relaxed, a little weary, and filled with a profound sense of satisfaction at having taken this majestic route and dwelled in those untamed, lonely places. I'm in awe of the tenacity and resolution of 'Vix the stick'. Mostly though, I'm enchanted – buzzing with reverence for this wild, rugged land.

Riding the Dempster has been transformative: it has reaffirmed and reinforced my desire for bicycle travel; made me exuberant and thrilled to be alive.

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Dreams of peace

In his defence of Israel Danny Wakil uses the same old discredited tropes about Israel and the Palestinians.

One of these is that 'Israel has put forward numerous decent peace offers'. The peace negotiations have been a sham. By creating the perception that negotiations would lead to some kind of 'peace' and an illusory 'two-state solution' the Israeli government has used Oslo as a ruse to cover its deepening control over Palestinian life and land through settlement construction, restrictions on movement, the incarceration of thousands, and command over borders and economic life. A Palestinian may preside over the day-to-day administration of Palestinian affairs but ultimate power remains in Israel.

This structure has reached its peak in the Gaza Strip – where over 1.7 million people are penned into a tiny enclave with entry and exit of goods and people largely determined by Israeli dictat.

This cruel and oppressive, illegal occupation of Palestine has, for over 50 years, brutalised the people of Gaza and the West Bank.

Compounding the injury is

the illegal settlement of Israeli citizens on Palestinian land, with the obvious intention of annexation. In the process they have gone out of their way to make it as difficult as possible for the Palestinian administrations and people to function or even exist.

Enforced deprivation has caused widespread child malnutrition in Gaza and hospitals are left without enough fuel to keep their generators going reliably. Ninety-four per cent of Gaza's water is undrinkable because Israel has destroyed the water-treatment plants.

Mr Wakil disingenuously claims that 'Jews have lived on the land for thousands of years and didn't turn up on a P&O cruise after WWII' although many of them did. The majority of Jewish Israelis are immigrants or children of immigrants. By contrast, the families of Palestinian refugees who were driven from their homes and land in a massive act of ethnic cleansing, to make way for those immigrating Jews, had lived there continuously for thousands of years. If anyone had a claim to that land in 1948 it was the people living there.

An Israeli soldier, who shot in the back and killed a flee-

ing unarmed 15-year-old Palestinian boy, was promoted recently. A teenage Palestinian girl who slapped an Israeli soldier spent eight months in prison. Kill a Palestinian, get rewarded; slap an Israeli, get prison. That's Israeli justice.

These are some of the reasons why letters criticise Israel and not so much other countries. No other countries treat their neighbours as inhumanely or so obviously steal their neighbours' land and water while claiming to be seeking peace.

Warren Kennedy
Mullumbimby

Fake fake news

Is there any irony in the fact that the news media accurately report President Trump's fake news proclamations – 'the fake, fake disgusting news'? He told a rally crowd at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, that the media refuse to praise him for his achievements.

If it were really fake reporting about fake news then it would become the truth, wouldn't it, or is that another double negative? Why is telling the truth and having it reported truthfully so difficult?

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The Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival returns to the northern rivers, with a celebration of authentic local food, music and old-time entertainment. Held in the heart of the Byron hinterland, at the iconic Bangalow A&I Hall & Showgrounds, the festival will take place on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 August.

THIS YEAR'S LINEUP

This year's event is proudly sponsored by Byron Bay Brewery and Byron Bay Pork. Artists appearing on the festival's main stage in 2018 include returning crowd favourite, **The Mid North**. They combine the spirit of old-time roots music, the energy of the new young string bands, and the musicianship of bluegrass. Add a touch of jug band and a bit of folk and you get a spirited sound that will have you tapping your feet or looking for a partner to dance with – the best way to describe it is 'infectious!' (Mark Hudson USA The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association)

Also on the main stage, and back by popular demand, are **The Original Cartridge Family**, named for their breezy, sunshine-filled hillbilly songs of death, and for their strong affiliation to public radio, firearms and printing. Their three-part harmonies and two-part jokes are worth the long wait between shows.

Long Yard, John Flanagan Trio, Lonesome Fred Smith & Friends, Sofiella & the Handsome Husbands and Shelley's Murder Boys will also entertain our BBQ-eating, Bluegrass-loving patrons throughout the festival.

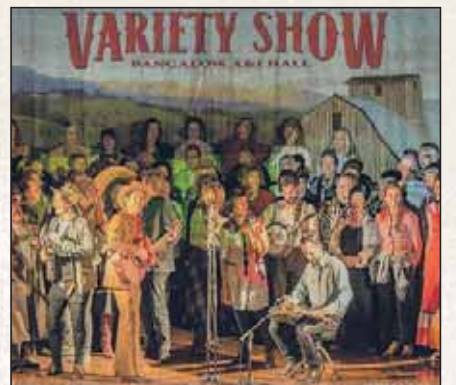
THE PICKER'S COMPETITION



The Picker's Competition is also on again and is open to all skill levels (guitar/banjo/mandolin/fiddle), and has \$250 in prizemoney up for grabs. Budding and experienced musicians are encouraged to bring their strings for free entry and access to back stage!

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTOR ASH BELL SAYS:

'This year's lineup delivers a bluegrass landscape that is diverse in terms of the unique interpretations and responses to Bluegrass music and old-time Americana. Some artists stick close to the tradition and some use it as a home base from which to wander curiously. Without a doubt you are going to witness some of the best bluegrass sounds from Australia at this year's Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival.'



OLD-TIME VARIETY SHOW

The festival kicks off at the A&I Hall on Friday 17th with the legendary **Old-Time Variety Show**. This is a jam-packed night of entertainment with a vaudevillean flavour in a raucous adults-only timeslot. Unscripted and adventurous, expect the unexpected! Hosted by our wayward son Rusty 'Danny' Rich of the **Original Cartridge Family** (one funny bugger!), the night promises to be a delight for the festival's performing artists and patrons alike.

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LOW 'N' SLOW BBQ COOK-OFF



The Australasian BBQ Alliance and Firebrand BBQ will once again sponsor an authentic **Low 'n' Slow BBQ Cook-Off**, open to both purists and enthusiasts. With a first prize of \$1,500, last year saw nearly 3,000 tasting plates sampled throughout the day. The festival attendees, who vote for their favourite plates, are the judges. Smoky ribs, pulled pork, beef brisket, chicken and of course the *Whole Hog Competition* and a *Pickle-Off* make the event a meat-lover's dream. There's a reason why it's billed as 'Australia's worst vegetarian music festival!'

THIRSTY WORK

Eatin' and dancin' make for thirsty work, and the festival's Craft Beer Bar solves that problem. Sponsored by Byron Bay Brewery, the bar will offer attendees a selection of craft beers from around the region.



ALL FOR CHARITY!

The Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival is a not-for-profit community event that has raised over \$159,000 since 2014 for regional arts and cultural initiatives, of which the Arts in Schools program is a primary beneficiary. The festival aims to raise another \$25,000 for local schools this year and calls on regional primary schools to register to participate now.

'Grassroots community engagement is a defining characteristic of this region and aligns with the core values of our festival,' says festival organiser Fletcher Potanin. 'Primary school arts programs are starved of funding in the northern rivers. We're proud to contribute to the social, cultural and economic sustainability of the region's arts programs for our children,' he says.

And in support of our farmers and the disastrous drought happening right

now, this year the festival will financially support Red Cross Drought Relief (www.redcross.org.au/drought) and will support the Food for Farmers initiative with a drop point for non-perishable goods at the festival.

Tickets from \$68 Adult or \$88 Family. Booking fees apply. Children under 18 free. Includes a free tasting plate. Additional plates \$10. For tickets go to: www.bbqbluegrass.com.au and www.facebook.com/bbqblue/.



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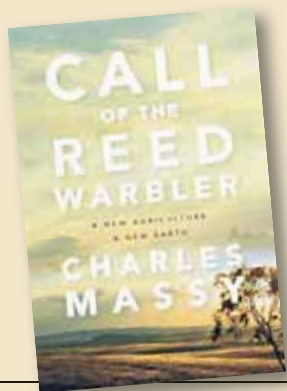
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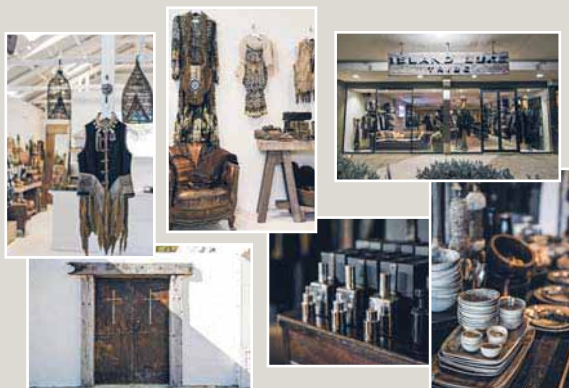
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Schlomi had suffered from headaches for more than 30 years. With his headaches increasing in both intensity and frequency and no other treatments proving effective, when Schlomi saw an ad for the Bangalow Headache Clinic in *The Echo* he made an appointment because he had nothing to lose.

After four treatments with Michael at The Bangalow Headache Clinic, Scholmi is now headache free and has been for the past eight months.

‘I have gone from having migraines almost every second day and having to sleep with a special pillow to almost forgetting that I suffered from headaches at all. I tell all my friends who suffer from headaches to go and see Michael at the Bangalow Headache Clinic,’ says Schlomi.

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New doctors on board!

Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre also welcomes a new doctor this month with Dr Simon Bednarek joining the team. Simon is an experienced GP who incorporates Anthroposophic Medicine into his practice. This allows him to adopt an integrative approach to treatment that looks outside of isolated symptoms towards a more holistic conception of health.

With another GP registrar also coming on board this month, and the opening of their new rooms, they are now accepting new patients to the practice again, with bulk billing for pensioners and concession-card holders.



DIVINE SOUND – FIND PEACE LOVE AND HARMONY

Ruby Rose is trained in yoga, Reiki, Theta healing, hypnotherapy, massage, trauma therapy, chakra dancing, and crystal-bowl sound healing.

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Recent studies have shown that disease in the mouth can, in some cases, find its way to other parts of the body. Even in a reasonably healthy mouth, there are typically around 150 different types of bacteria.

If periodontal disease is causing your gums to bleed, there is a chance that some of those bacteria can find their way into your bloodstream, turning an oral problem into a systemic (whole body) problem.

Bacteria from your mouth entering the body have been linked to a greater risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney infections, liver infections, lung infections, joint infections, limited ability to control blood glucose, and pre-term low-birth-weight babies.

Gum recession and missing teeth may be the most common outcome of periodontal disease, but there is also the possibility of developing a much more serious, potentially life-threatening, condition. It is critically important to react to bleeding gums and seek advice and treatment without delay. Proper oral hygiene may help prevent serious medical conditions.

Dr Nigel Cluer – Bangalow Holistic Dentist
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using her singing bowls and her connection to God, Jesus and the angels. She says: ‘During the singing-bowl meditation I bring the healing through my voice’. Ruby Rose intuitively addresses the energetic needs of each individual.

Ruby is holding a Yoga Practice and Crystal Bowl Sound Journey on Fridays 24 August and 7 September at The Yellow Church, Mullumbimby, 7–8.30pm. Tickets at the door for \$20 or book your place by contacting Ruby Rose on 0417 983 395. FB Ruby Rose Taylor.



INTRODUCING DR CLAIRE SHEPHERD

Claire grew up in Rockhampton and graduated with a Bachelor of Medical Science from the Australian National University (2010). She worked as a pathology scientist before pursuing dentistry at the University of Melbourne, graduating with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (2016). Claire is trained in holistic dentistry with a strong focus on disease prevention, and enjoys treating each patient as a unique individual with different priorities, needs and desires.

After working in a rural Aboriginal community centre for the past year, she has moved to the coast to be closer to family and looks forward to contributing positively to the Byron Bay community. Claire’s special interests in dentistry include extractions, oral pathology, and paediatrics.

In her spare time she enjoys playing piano, reading and gardening.

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Partly funded by two federal government grants totalling \$660k, the development will provide the infrastructure for increased GP training placements and allow better promotion of preventive medicine, allied health, and health information in the local area.



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Showcase your home at the 2018 Sustainable House Open Day

The Sustainable House Day Northern Rivers team is super excited to announce that it will host another Open House Day on Sunday 16 September across the northern rivers.

'We are proud to provide ongoing support to an event that inspires and educates local residents and has a tangible impact in helping them see first-hand how they can make their homes more sustainable, fit for climate, comfortable to live in, and cheaper to run,' says local Sustainable House Day coordinator Andia Cally.

'We are calling on sustainable builders, designers, and visionaries to open their homes, hearts, and wisdom and share their sustainable building stories with their local communities,' says Ms Cally.

Sustainable House Day is a national event that has been running

“ ... calling on sustainable builders, designers, and visionaries to open their homes, hearts, and wisdom and share their sustainable building stories... ”

for more than a decade and has seen the majority of visitors taking steps to live more sustainably as a result of their experience.

A recent national survey showed that 86 per cent of Sustainable House Day attendees shared what they



Andrew and Meg Wadsworth show off their house made of hemp.

learned with friends and family, 56 per cent were inspired to incorporate sustainable renovation or design into their builds and 32 per cent had implemented what they had learned within a month of attending the event.

Andrew Wadsworth and his partner

Meg opened their house for the second time last year. Jaye Irving, second-prize winner in the 2017 Sustainable House Day Design Competition, designed their hemp house, the first of its kind in our region. Irving and the couple were all in attendance on the day.

Andrew estimates they had between 50 and 100 people come through their house last year. Besides putting their profile online and working out who would manage which timeslot 'there wasn't much organisation involved,' he says. 'It was an easy way to meet people in the community who had similar values around building.'

'I think that's the biggest part from the visitor perspective is to see the possibilities in reality, rather than just looking at a drawing or model. It's good to touch it and feel it and see what's possible.'

As a homeowner Andrew said it 'was great to share what you're passionate about with other people and get them inspired. If someone values sustainability and wants to live that way, sharing what you do and what you've done is the best way to continue to grow that interest,' he adds.

If you would like to showcase your home and share your passion and knowledge about sustainable living and what you learned, register on the national website www.sustainable-houseday.com/submit-your-house.

All participating homes must have a minimum of four sustainable features. This can include anything that contributes to sustainable lifestyles, energy saving, and healthy home practices.

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- 906 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 1635-1651 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.30-11am
- 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7 Grand Valley Court, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 11-11.30am
- 30 Cedar Crescent, East Ballina. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3 Weemala Lane, Federal. Sat 11-11.30am
- 43 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 27 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 35 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 172 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 113 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 36 Robin Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 73 New Brighton Road, New Brighton. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 13 Dignan Street, Burringbar. Sat 1-1.30pm

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- 247 Gulgan Rd, Brunswick Heads. Sat 15th September 11.30am
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Another gong for Elements

The fifty-acre Elements of Byron resort in Byron Bay has taken out the Retail and Commercial Development Award from the Urban Development Institute of Australia. The resort was awarded for its investment in ecology, community and groundbreaking design and technology. Elements of Byron was also commended for its efforts in sustainability and environmental technology.

'To be recognised by the development industry for what we have done in Byron Bay is overwhelmingly satisfying,' said Elements of Byron owner Peggy Flannery. 'Developing in Byron has its own unique set of challenges and rewards. We understand that, as owners of this diverse and fragile property, we have a tremendous obligation to the community and environment.'

Flannery's first step towards achieving this development outcome was rejecting a 2006 approval for two-

storey holiday houses in favour of a 1987 approval for much smaller single-storey 'beach shacks' and keeping all buildings to a single storey across the site.

Flannery has also achieved reinstatement of the local train service using the world's first solar train while also planning for an onsite eco-education centre.

Architect Shane Thompson's attempt to achieve something particularly Byron includes the curved roof design for the central buildings, which required a post-tensioned structure spanning 38 metres with fibre-reinforced composite purlins. As a first of its kind, testing was undertaken by the University of Sydney before the design could be finalised. The finished product mimics the windswept sand dunes bounding the resort.

The site's ecological features encompass numerous rare and

endangered species, thirteen acres of littoral rainforest, a tea-tree creek, a lake and many ponds. Only 19 of 1,400 mature native trees were removed to establish the resort with a further 175,000 native trees and plants added. With the second and final stage of development now complete, the overall development's building footprint remains at 10 per cent.

Development director Jeremy Holmes has led a two-way community-engagement program commencing as early as 2012. 'This provided complete transparency of the development. Access to information for the community was of utmost importance,' he said.

Byron Shire Greens mayor Simon Richardson has reiterated this, saying, 'This organisation has engaged with the community to bring them along on the journey, and so Byron will continue to support such innovative developments'.

Byron Chamber drinks at Habitat



Habitat's Brandon Saul with Chamber president Todd Sotheren. Photo: Jeff Dawson

The Byron Chamber drinks at Habitat workspaces last Thursday had not only delicious food (courtesy of neighbour Barrio restaurant) but also a great view of the expanding space. The top floor workspaces are of various sizes, some let permanently, but others can be let on a monthly basis, providing a flexible office space option for growing businesses without the commitment. Chamber president Todd Sotheren said the flexible workspaces were the sort of infrastructure that helped creative, dynamic businesses grow in Byron's new economy.

Ducks buy La La Land

The team behind Three Blue Ducks has taken over popular Byron Bay nightclub La La Land and will relaunch the venue in September, with a brand-new concept to their existing Ducks brand. This will be the fifth venue run by co-owners Darren Robertson, Mark LaBrooy, Jeff Bennett, Sam Reid and Chris Sorrel.

The yet-to-be-named venue will incorporate the Three Blue Ducks' ethos for sustainability and ethically produced food and will include craft beer, eclectic cocktails and a small food element.

Pattern Studios will be taking care of the venue's design elements,

alongside Dominic Finlay-Jones Architects. Initially it will operate only in the evenings, with daytime food offerings beginning once new kitchen facilities are in place, in 2019.

Says Jeff Bennett, 'This is a really exciting new concept for the boys and me to be working on. The new venue is going to be fairly different from The Ducks venues in terms of a restaurant space; however, we'll be sticking to our ethos around the food and beverage offering.'

Byron local Adam Drage will oversee the venue, but the team is looking for a highly experienced bar manager and other qualified staff.

Uncompromising Feast By S Haslam

Most restaurants say they serve 'locally sourced, seasonal' food, but in reality a lot of compromises are made, for practical and cost-saving reasons. A menu has to last a whole season, so if the ingredients are

not available locally every week then most chefs look elsewhere. And if you think '100 miles' gives you plenty of wriggle room for a local food source, there are plenty of chefs for whom Australia is their backyard!

The upcoming Season popup will be different, and far less compromising. Chef Jude Hughes and experienced events organiser Stephanie Brodeur will be leading a team creating a feasting-style menu to show people exactly how interesting it can be to use truly local products and food that's normally wasted. At the last Season dinner they served pig's head: utilising overlooked and wasted food, leftovers and secondary cuts of meat to create a menu with sustainability and creativity as their inspirations as the mission.

At this winter feast many of the special artisanal producers and farmers of the Byron hinterland will be showcased, along with florists and ceramicists with one common theme: it is our duty not to be wasteful.

Organisers say that all of the little details of sustainable dining have been considered and not overlooked, and of course you can expect an uncompromising approach to quality and flavour as well!

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Stone & Wood founder Jamie Cook says, 'With the recent completion of another expansion project at Murwillumbah we now have new capacity coming online, which will mean we are able to let the handbrake off our gold-medal-winning Australian Pale Ale and release it in 330ml bottles and keg. Pale Ale continues to grow and is still the biggest segment within IRI-defined 'craft' market,



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The new Cloud Catcher packaging is the first Stone & Wood product to adopt the IBA's Certified Independent seal (the seal means that the beer isn't a former independent that's now been bought out by a multinational), and as the largest member of the IBA they will continue to roll it out across the rest of their range in the coming months.

Stone & Wood Brewing Co continues to grow in what is an exciting and dynamic time within the Australian beer market, with sales volumes growing another 20 per cent in the year ending June 2018. As the engine room of the business, Stone & Wood Pacific Ale is still in strong growth as the originator of what is now the summer ale / tropical ale segment.

'Our continued growth is made possible by the great support we get from our suppliers, customers, drinkers and local communities. We continue to sell 50 per cent of our beer within three hours of the brewery and it is the support of our local communities from Coffs Harbour to Noosa that provides us with the confidence to continue investing in the region,' says Jamie Cook.

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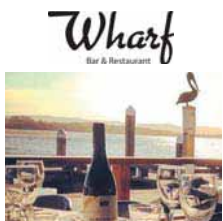
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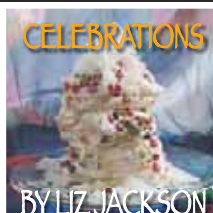
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SKUNKHOUR GOES BACK TO 25



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO I WAS 25. AND I WAS ONE OF THOSE HOT AND SWEATY BODIES DANCING TO SKUNKHOUR. AT THE TIME THEIR SOUND WAS A REVELATION. IT WAS A NEVER-BEFORE-HEARD FUSION OF STYLES AND GENRES THAT JUST EXPLODED ON THE DANCEFLOOR. NOW 25 YEARS ON SKUNKHOUR CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF THAT GAME-CHANGING SELF-TITLED DEBUT ALBUM WITH A THREE-DATE TOUR; WE'RE JUST LUCKY THAT ONE OF THOSE DATES IS IN BYRON.

Frontman Aya Larkin reflecting on the story of this band that has meant so much to so many, says 'Musically it was so good. 'We had four albums during our time, so there's a lot of material to go back to. We weren't always mining the same vein. Del [Aya's brother] was only with us for the first two albums; after that we morphed. Having four albums is like having a series of different children coming back to you after all these years. You have a different love for each!'

So how did it happen? How did Skunkhour stumble on such a unique fusion of sound all those years ago?

'We were combining a few influences at that time but we were one of the few bands in the world that had a live band with an MC; it was interesting - there was a lot of great hip-hop but none of it was with live music.

'It was a rare combination of talent,' says Aya, 'and hard work. But it brought us opportunity.

We were lucky to have a crack. We got a gold album, we toured the world multiple times. You realise in retrospect how fortunate you were.'

Their first album was without a doubt transformative. 'I had been trying to get a break in music,' tells Aya. 'I had dropped out of uni and had been looking for a break in the music industry for four years. I came together with the Sutherland brothers playing in a trio. We grafted together with my brother Del and it all happened so rapidly. They had all these killer pieces of music and a unique approach to grooves and I had been singing for years, so I was ready to go. I was really passionate and my brother Del had it in spades. He was only 19 but he was like the wunderkind. It just popped. After my flogging myself for years, it all came together and within months there was this insane catapult into this incredible scene. It was an exhilarating time. It was phenomenal how rapidly things can change. It's like stepping on a moving train.'

Typically before a show the band meet up the day before to reacquaint themselves with the music.

'A lot stays in there but when you do 24 songs over two sets and one album in its entirety from whoa to go, then there is a lot of material.'

Skunkhour is still attracting new fans, but it's perhaps the older fans who get the biggest thrill. 'The passage of time is so relative,' says Aya. 'In a blink you are in a different era. So to go back to those songs and that era is like living it again. That is what the crowd share with us. They aren't just people getting off on the music. They are going back to who they were once and what their life was like then.

'You'll see me up the front. I'll be 25 years younger and 25 kilos lighter. Well at least in my mind.'

Skunkhour play the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday at 8.30pm. Tix are \$50 on Oztix

THE LOVE BOMBINO

He was born in the heart of Africa, under the shade of an acacia tree just 80 miles northwest of the ancient town of Agadez, but the stories Tuareg singer/songwriter Omara 'Bombino' Moctar shares on his new album *Deran* are also contemporary, and detail the struggles of so many. In his song *Tehigren* (The Trees) he sings, 'This era is hard, it is very hard. For my brothers to realise their dreams they have left their homes looking for happiness elsewhere, wherever they can find hope.'

Music changes lives. It certainly has changed Bombino's, who says, 'I became obsessed with the guitar around 1990 as it became a symbol of freedom and it pulled me toward it'. The release of his album *Agadez* in 2011 was a defining moment in his life and saw a man who had lost his country reclaim the country of his own dreams.

'There was a big shift in my life. I went from being a refugee from 2007 till 2009 to living in Agadez until 2011, and then travelling all around the world for most of the year in every year since. My life is now mostly nomadic, taking me all over the planet. It is tiring and difficult but at the same time I love it. I love to play my music everywhere that I can and share it with people who appreciate it.'

Bombino's passion for his culture and telling his story is what drives his music.

'I consider myself a Tuareg musician and cultural ambassador to the rest of the world. It is a big part of my mission as an artist to share the beauty and wisdom of Tuareg culture with the rest of the world,' he says.

But in the end his inspiration is love.

'I draw my inspiration from love - love of my family, of my people, of my country, of the great Sahara, we call it the Tenere. These are the things that touch my heart and inspire me to write the lyrics of my music.'

Mullum Music Festival celebrates the stories of artists and the stories they in turn share. Bombino sings about the beauty of Tuareg culture and people and how 'we must be vigilant to preserve and protect our traditions in the face of the modern world'. This is the perfect message delivered in the heart of a global village like Mullumbimby.

Hot on the heels of his European tour, Bombino brings the magic of his music not just to capital cities but also to back to the village, with two dates slated for Mullum Music Festival when he appears Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November. Tickets: www.mullummusicfestival.com.

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LET'S DRINK TO YOUR HEALTH

Okay, fill up your glass – it's time to celebrate. The results are in. Moderate drinkers live longer than abstainers. As long as they don't fall off stuff when they've had a few.

All these years I thought I was a hedonistic lush, beat myself up for not being a clean-living yoga devotee, but as it turns out all this time, thanks to my good friend Mr Merlot, I have been on a health kick.

Don't you just love it when research backs up something you actually enjoy doing rather than shaming you into abstinence? If it were left to the fun police we'd all be drinking water and going to bed by eight.

The scientists have finally come back with a recommendation to support my lifestyle, not change it.

Drinking is good for you! According to the latest research (not funded by Dan Murphy's, I promise) drinking up to 4½ bottles of wine (sorry, not scotch or bourbon) a week will see you kicking on longer than your teetotalling friends. Yep, Barry who goes home two hours early will probably die in the night. (You'll just wake up wishing you'd died in the night.) Now we're not talking alcoholism here.

Clearly if you are drinking 4½ bottles of wine a day then you are going to end up with cirrhosis. That's the top of the weekly health-endorsed consumption that sees the moderate drinkers inherit the earth.

For years my doctor has asked me how may drinks a night I have. I usually drop it back a glass or two. I say 'two or three'. It's rarely two. Who drinks two? I have at least three, sometimes four. But only about three nights a week. I look forward to going back to the doctor and hearing her say, 'Mandy, I don't think you are drinking enough'.

Thankfully that nasty 'one-two-drink daily maximum' has been increased to as many as four alcoholic drinks for men per day and up to three for women. The weekly max is set at 14 drinks for men and seven for women, but I'm a contender for closing the gap. Not because I want to, but because it's good for you.

Moderate drinking can lower your risk of dying from heart disease because alcohol raises the levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL), or what the doctor calls 'good' cholesterol and higher HDL is associated with protection against heart disease.

That cheeky red or swig of scotch can also protect you against ischemic stroke – that's when the arteries to your brain become narrowed or blocked. It can also possibly reduce your risk of diabetes. Oh, this is sounding better all the time. I mean, if you combine your moderate drinking with a walk to the bottleshop then you're like an extreme athlete. Actually they'll be dead before us too because they're not that healthy. They don't drink.

Maybe the Olympics need to introduce some moderate drinking into the events. Might make the cycling a bit more interesting to watch.

Now I'm no poster child for moderate drinking; there are definitely moments when I've attempted to consume all my weekly health budget in one night, but these days I'm a lot more conservative. I remember reading something Billy Crystal said once, that he never wanted to drink so much that he had to stop.

I did stop once, for about three years. It was so boring. I was so functional. And efficient. I lived without shame. I actually missed the loose Mandy I usually wake up to regret. The Mandy who does a drop and roll on the dance floor. The Mandy who flashes her tit.

I am sure moderate amounts of alcohol make you live longer because you actually relax a bit and have fun. A little bit of disinhibition has to be good for you. So put that in your pipe and smoke it, my committed abstainers.

Actually apparently as it turns out that's good for you too! A compound found in marijuana actually removes toxic lumps of dementia causing protein from your brain. Ditch the turmeric, flush the kombucha, coffee enemas and ear candling. Bring on Pot and Booze, health tonics for an ageing generation.



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BANGALOW'S BIG BLUE

The **Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival** returns to the northern rivers with a celebration of authentic local food, music and old-time entertainment, held in the heart of the Byron hinterland this Friday and Saturday at the iconic Bangalow A&I Hall and the Showgrounds.

Artists appearing on the festival's main stage in 2018 include returning crowd favourite **The Mid North**. They combine the spirit of old-time roots music, the energy of the new young string bands, and the musicianship of bluegrass.

Also on the main stage, and back by popular demand, are **The Original Cartridge Family**, named for their breezy, sunshine-filled hillbilly songs of death, and for their strong affiliation with public radio, firearms and printing. **Smith & Friends, Sofiella & the Handsome Husbands and Shelley's Murder Boys** also promise to entertain BBQ & Bluegrass-loving patrons. **The Picker's Competition** is also on again and is open to all skill levels [guitar/banjo/mandolin/fiddle], and has \$250 in prizemoney up for grabs. The festival kicks off at the A&I Hall on Friday with the legendary Old-Time Variety Show. This is a jam-packed night of entertainment with a vaudevillian flavour in a raucous adults-only timeslot.

Unscripted and adventurous, expect the unexpected! Hosted by our wayward son **Rusty 'Danny' Rich** of the Original Cartridge Family (one funny bugger!), the night promises to be a delight for the festival's performing artists and patrons alike.

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Saturday at the Byron Brewery. Tix on Oztix.



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Don't miss **Bethanie Jolly's** homecoming when she launches her debut album *Woo me from my sleep* alongside a painting series she has created. Joining Bethany in support on the night are **Peter Hunt** and **Chris Mallory**.

They play the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby on Sat 25 August with doors open at 6.30pm. Tix are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. www.trybooking.com



THE ORIGINAL CARTRIDGE FAMILY. PHOTO: LYN MCCARTHY

With a **first prize of \$1,500** for the BBQ Cook-Off, this is sure to be one tasty weekend. So come and enjoy what has been hailed as 'the worst vegetarian festival'. Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival is a not-for-profit community event that has raised more than \$159,000 since 2014 for regional arts and cultural initiatives, of which the arts-in-schools program is a primary beneficiary. The festival aims to raise another \$25,000 for local schools this year and calls on regional primary schools to register to participate now.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FALSETTO

The Australian Bee Gees bring their legendary show direct from Vegas back to Oz with a special show at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore.

Modelled on the Vegas show, this is the Bee Gees in two parts with a nostalgic look back in time at the 60s and 70s. Michael Clift channels Barry, the alpha Gibb. He's one of the original three in the Australian Bee Gees Show, and yes he has the Barry hair, the Barry falsetto, and the Barry pants.

The show started by accident, Michael admits, as the three muso friends were in a band and it wasn't happening so they decided to create a tribute band to see what happened, and well, it eclipsed everything else.

'We started touring in '96. The internet was in its infancy so it was difficult to get traction any other way except word of mouth. We got going in Asia, and played Hong Kong, then we looked towards America.'

The Australian Bee Gees have been at the Excalibur Casino in Vegas for the past seven years, performing six nights a week.

'In seven years we have performed 2,370 shows!' says Clift. 'The show never stops. We have four lineups working all over the world. That means four subs who can play Barry. My two subs are in Vegas.'

I've never thought of a Barry substitute. I imagine all the Barrys together at a meeting. Now that would be a Netflix series.

The Australian Bee Gees show has enjoyed worldwide success because it's good. And it's not just about the music of the Bee Gees; it's their exceptional story, how three lads from Brisbane went from obscurity to international global fame.

'The story that runs through the show is told in the patter,' says Michael, aka Barry. 'Of course there is ad libbing, but there is also video content. We show what was happening with Carnaby Street, the explosion of culture, the psychedelic scene. The Bee Gees had a life well before Saturday Night Fever...'

So after all these years does Michael Clift have a favourite song? *To Love Somebody* is one of my favourite songs. It was before they found R&B – they wrote that song for Otis Redding.'

To sing Barry Gibb you have to not only be able to sing falsetto, you have to do it very very well. It's something Michael is very proud of achieving.

'I am a bass-baritone range. But I have been singing out of my range for 15 years. The falsetto was one of the hardest things to control and make sound powerful. Mastering it was the thing.' And master it he did.

As part of the world tour, The Australian Bee Gees Show is at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore on Sunday.



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FAST AND FURIOUS NEW COMICS BURN BRIGHT

Standup comedy is what **Mandy Nolan** calls the 'dark art' when it comes to performance.

'There are no characters to hide behind, no clever staging, no tricks. It's just you, your life, your experience, your ideas. And you have a very short time to connect with a crowd. For some reason when you do it's so addictive you never want to stop.'

Twelve local wannabe comedians have been bitten hard. So hard that they signed up for a one-day writing intensive with Mandy to push into new territory. 'Coming up with new material is always challenging,' says Nolan. 'That's why getting together and really pushing each other to the finish line works.' All the participants have tasted the thrill of the spotlight, and they're ready for more.

After just one day of writing and performing, they will be up performing their new material with Mandy Nolan as MC.

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STARS ON THE HILL

MATT HILL’S MUSIC HAS BEEN CITED AS HAVING ‘ECHOES OF NICK DRAKE AND BON IVER’. HE LAUNCHES HIS NEW ALBUM, *STARS AND THE MOON AND SATELLITES* AT BYRON THEATRE WITH BARRY HILL ON GUITAR, CYE WOOD ON STRINGS, CHRIS MASON ON DRUMS AND GABRIELLA HILL ON CLARINET. *THE ECHO* SPOKE WITH MATT ABOUT HIS MUSICAL JOURNEY.

Where did it all begin?
I learnt piano from age six. I was not a great student; I didn’t like to practise much and I found doing AMEB exams very stressful – although I’m very glad now that I did them. I discovered guitar and drums when I was about 13 and had much more fun playing music without notation in front of me. I wrote my first pieces of music around about this time; they were mostly instrumental things for guitar. I didn’t try writing lyrics until I was 18 and had had my heart broken for the first time! Those songs were pretty bad.

After such a diverse and awarded career, and your multi-award-winning previous album, have your sources of inspiration changed? How do you continue to find inspiration for your work?
Inspiration comes from many places. Practising, playing with others, listening to new music, singing along to the radio with my kids. I love practising. If I’m practising a lot (which is much harder now with work/family commitments) the ideas just seem to come. I’ve found reading about other artists’ careers something that is very motivating. The Miles Davis autobiography (written with Quincy Troupe) was very influential when I first got into jazz, although playing long solos doesn’t interest me that much any more. I’ve been reading a bunch of other rock star autobiographies this year: Jimmy Barnes, Keith Richards, Bruce Springsteen – it must be the way that ageing artists make money these days – they have some great stories to tell.

Tell us about your new album. What is the inspiration behind this piece, and is there a message to it?
The album is the first one I’ve done that is all songs with lyrics. The music sits somewhere between ambient post-rock and contemporary folk. While in the past I have used a lot of electronic sounds, this album has a very acoustic flavour. The songs were mostly written sitting at the piano or with a guitar, then I’ve gone on to embellish them with other instruments. The album title gives the sense of openness and space that is important in most of the tracks. The stars, moon, and satellites are always there but are only visible at night – a time when the anxious insomniac in me comes out. The album cover features a painting by my father-in-law, who died earlier this year. The painting was one of many he did that dealt with his grief after his wife died. Art can work wonderfully on that level as a conduit for intuitive expression.



Stars and the Moon and Satellites will be launched at The Byron Theatre Friday at 7.30pm. Full \$25 | Concession \$20 | Child under 18 \$12. Tix: www.byroncentre.com.au.

CERAMICS FOR THE FOREST

Ever wondered what goes on inside a potter’s studio? Imagining scenes from *Ghost* with Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze? **Open Studios / Mud Trail**, organised through the Australian Ceramic Association, is a nationwide event that sees artisans open their doors and welcome the public into their studios. This weekend participating studios include **Tweed Unlimited Arts** (TUA) in Banora Point, and **Mullum Potters** in Mullumbimby. One potter who is using his art to make a difference is **Richard Jones** – a NSW former politician who’s found his way to the wheel. As a representative for the Democrats Richard’s passion for conservation was at the forefront and it continues today with Mr Jones donating 20 per cent of sales of his work to the Rainforest Trust to help secure habitat for orangutans, otters, gibbons and monkeys in Kalimantan in Borneo. The trust has a unique scheme where four anonymous donors match donations, so anything Richard donates will be quadrupled. With the help of the donors Richard is hoping to save two thousand acres of habitat. So come and check out the thousand-plus unique pieces Richard has made.

Drop by this Saturday or Sunday, 10am–4pm, To find out studio addresses go to www.northcoastmudtrail.com.au.



LADIES WITH LAND ROVERS
Rovers is a play that features two of Queensland’s most loved and acclaimed actors, Roxanne McDonald and Barbara Lowing, and was written especially for them using stories from their own lives mixed with incredible true stories of female adventurers and bushrangers. Barbara Lowing is related to, and named after, the adventurous traveller Barbara Toy, who circumnavigated the globe in her trusty Land Rover, driving solo long before similar expeditions by teams of men. *Rovers* is a comedy drama that deals with aspects of the actors’ lives, their ancestors, and some of Australia’s most notorious wild women, including bushrangers Black Mary and Elizabeth Jessie Hickman. **The world premiere of *Rovers* takes place at NORPA, Lismore, at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday at Lismore City Hall. For more info go to norpa.org.au or call 1300 066 722.**

ARTS VS SCIENCE FESTIVAL!

Now in its third year, The **Arts vs Science Festival** brings a unique mix of science and art to **The Quad in Lismore** this **Saturday** for a one-day festival to celebrate National Science Week. Find out what happens when you put art and science in a test tube and shake it! The festival features art, music and science at six venues across the Quad, Lismore’s very own creative playground. There is Science on the Green with hands-on interactive experiments for the whole family, a Bright Ideas Forum; they’ll show you how to use microscopes attached to your mobile phone, learn about water catchment, dabble in some coding, and later experience some music on the Green with **Jex Lopez and the Gravediggers** and **Lady Mondegreen**, featuring Lismore’s own **Kate Stroud, Barry Hill and friends** as well as rising Southern Cross University music stars **Love Your Mother**, and **Clancy Menzies**. **10am–4pm, The Quad, Lismore.**

LIKE EDUCATION FOR CHOCOLAT
Mullumbimby High School P&C are hosting a screening of *Chocolat* at the **Brunswick Picture House this Friday**. With comedian **Ellen Briggs**, a committed chocolate lover, this is sure to be a fun night raising money for a new sign outside the school. **Doors open 6pm. Light supper and treats available. Tickets \$15/\$12 (price includes a free hot chocolate).**

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THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME

‘Do you think this will ever end?’ my companion whispered, as we neared the two-hour mark of this hyperactive but laughless piece of lowbrow idiocy. It’s as old as the hills, but the truism that ‘brevity is the soul of wit’ is obviously one that has never appealed to writer/director Susanna Fogel. Or maybe the movie just seemed really long because of the face-pulling hamminess of Kate McKinnon. Tiresome in the extreme, her MO as a comedienne has a similar effect on me as the noise of a nail being drawn across a blackboard. She co-stars here with the less objectionable Mila Kunis in a spy spoof that is short on wit but high in its body count – it really is extraordinary the level of gun violence that we blithely accept on screen these days, even in a flick that is meant to be light hearted. As Morgan and Audrey, the girls find themselves embroiled in the helter-skelter challenge of keeping a memory stick loaded with earth-shattering secrets from falling into the hands of the evil empire du jour. There are oodles of red herrings and double crosses as they are chased from Vienna to Paris to Prague... and maybe Budapest, too. I lost track of their itinerary at about the same time that I gave up on the plot’s convolutions. It’s a frenetic Cook’s Tour of Europe and our heroines manage to



outsmart and stay one step ahead of their pursuers, while all the time never being entirely sure of whom they can trust. Chisel-jawed, blond Sebastian (Sam Heughan), because he is a dead-ringer for Roger Moore, with the Pommy accent to boot, is too handsome to be anything but a good guy and you get the impression that he and Audrey are destined to end up in the sack together – not that there is any time for romance. The spy genre is tricky to lampoon because it is camp to begin with, but this misses the mark spectacularly. Come back soon, Johnny English.

ON CHESIL BEACH

There is so much left unsaid, so much that is not explained in this movie. As one of the most highly acclaimed novelists writing in English, Ian McEwan has always ventured deep into the landscape of the mind. But in adapting his own story for the cinema, he has written a screenplay that does not quite achieve the glassy clarity that he manages in his books. It is 1962 and the newlyweds Florence and Edward (Saoirse Ronan, Billy Howle) are in the bridal suite of a hotel overlooking a pebbly, wintry beach. Their awkwardness is accentuated by a pair of smarmy waiters who laugh audibly after leaving the room (it briefly cheapens the mood because it is overdone), and when it comes to the act of consummation, Florence is unable to overcome her shyness? her terror? her repugnance? What led to this conjugal failure is then eked out – but not fully – through flashbacks in which, unfortunately, we learn more about Edward than Florence. His mother suffered irreparable brain damage when struck by the door of a train carriage (it is an essentially McEwan scene) resulting in working-class Edward and his Diane Arbus-like twin sisters living in a household of



emotional anarchy. Florence’s family are wannabe toffs and there are a couple of fleeting suggestions that her sexual dysfunction may have come about as a result of mistreatment at the hands of her father. The young couple meet as students at Oxford – he is something of a beatnik and she the leader of a string quartet. This is where (to me) the film’s inconsistency emerges. Edward and Florence are all over each other, with Florence at one point walking miles to throw herself into his

arms and kiss passionately in front of a team of cricketers. Her frigidity on the wedding night just didn’t gel with all that preceded it. Nevertheless, this is a beautiful period piece with compelling performances and an unexpected moment of sweet pathos when Edward’s mum paints her version of an Uccello masterpiece.



STARS

BY LILITH



A SEXTET OF RETROGRADE PLANETS IN HIBERNATION SUGGESTS ENDINGS AND TRANSFORMATIONS: THINK CATERPILLAR MELTDOWN TO GROUND ZERO AS THE NECESSARY PREP BEFORE BUTTERFLY LIFTOFF...

- ♈ **ARIES:** As Leo planets light the Aries flame, Mars in the sign of industry ignites your problem-solving get up and go. A majorly creative week, when life’s trials and tribulations, lessons and pleasures are more warmly enjoyed when shared with others. Only proviso? There’s no need to give away everything upfront. Keep a little in reserve.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** With Mars backtracking into Capricorn, this cycle of big change and new choices gives your sturdy earth sign an ambitious, energetic push for business initiatives, while Venus in the sign of collaboration promises pleasurable professional networking. Is it time to organise a team-building get-together or work lunch?
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Even Geminis might find it hard to get a word into the current I-me-myself-personally conversations dominating the airwaves. Just let them have their day and their say, and go your own sweet way. Agree to disagree, because those you do have rapport with will be stimulating, and this week’s networking particularly profitable.
- ♋ **CANCER:** In spite of turnarounds in your social circle, unmet expectations and mechanical malfunctions, this week has many pleasurable moments and congenial connections as long as you keep disagreements cordial. Stars are auspicious for home entertaining, creative pursuits and addressing something that’s been sidelined and is now clamouring for attention.
- ♌ **LEO:** With a sun/Mercury conjunction and recent new moon in Leo, you won’t be hiding your confident, charismatic light. An inspiring week for your majesties, in which being aware of other people’s needs and sensitivities could avert animosity over who’s boss of what. Note to self: don’t be tempted to inflate minor discords.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Since even the mildest observation may be taken as vicious criticism, direct this week towards positive outcomes by focusing on what could go right, not what went wrong. Everyone loves praise, and a well-placed compliment or two will go a long way to smoothing difficult situations, as will considerate gifts or offers of help.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Despite the possibility of work or health surprises, Venus in Libra continues your prime popularity cycle, when others are definitely going to want what you’ve got. If midweek Libra moon stimulates an irresistible urge to splurge on personal presentation, well, you can resist everything temptation and when you look good you feel good.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Retro Mars can be assertive, competitive and pressuring, so this week may call on all of your signature self control. Avoid secret stewing during late-week Scorpio moon; that only aggravates you and the situation. This week offers a rare opportunity to address thorny issues in a spirit of compassion and understanding.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** A significant move or lifestyle change is in the offing, and you’ll save yourself trouble this week by not making assumptions or taking anything for granted because opinion, yours or anyone else’s, isn’t fact. Check what you hear, read and think. Socialising’s likely to be cozy, warm and convivial – when it isn’t heated and contentious.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week focuses on what you share with others: resources, finances, assets and information. Mars retrograding into Capricorn puts pep in your step and a wiggle in your walk, along with the slightly annoying possibility you may have to revisit something already signed off on – though resolution shouldn’t take more than a fortnight.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** Six planets retrograde tests everyone’s patience. With dramatic reactions and overblown emotions at play on this week’s stage, the more you maintain a practical, reliable, objective mindset the more pleasant and effective your week will be. Look for others on your wavelength and avoid situations known to press your buttons.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Retrogrades bring up old friend and relationship issues for reconciliation and resolution. They’re the astro-cycle of second chances, so if you get a no-response this week, it might work to rethink your approach and try again – because if anyone knows how to apply the fine art of gentle persuasion, it’s a Pisces.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **PINK ZINC DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **PETER C & DR BAZ**
- BYRON THEATRE **KAKI KING**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **FAMOUS WILL**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 6.30PM **ACID BLEED JAZZ NIGHT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 17

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, 5.30PM **BYRON BAY DROUGHT FUNDRAISER** 8PM **BOATKEEPER JOSHUA HAMILTON, TAY OSKEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **GOODRICH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **LEIGH JAMES, 9PM PINK ZINC**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **SUNDAZE + PUB FRICTION + OLE FALCO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **MATT HILL ALBUM LAUNCH**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY 6PM **CHRIS WESLEY**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY 4PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **UPSTAIRS DJ KYLE WALKER 9.30PM OOOZ**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 7PM **BIGGY P**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **TIMBUKTU**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE SCREENING **CHOCOLAT FUNDRAISER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **HUMBLET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN WITH SANGEETA LAVIN**

- BYRON ART SPACE, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **EXTRAVAGANT TERMS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO **SWING BAND**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JAMES MCQ**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL & SHOWGROUND **BANGALOW BBQ BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, 6PM OLD TIME VARIETY SHOW**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK PIANO BAR 4PM **BRIAN PAMPHILON** – BOARDWALK LOUNGE 6.30PM **CHRIS FISHER**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DJ CORNELIUS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL NORPA 7.30PM **ROVERS**
- LAVIDA, LISMORE 7PM CELLAR SESSIONS WITH **GREG LYON AND THE HIP OPERATION**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **MASOCHIST, POST TRUTH, RORT MENACE AND MORE...**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB PLATINUM LOUNGE 7.30PM **JAYLENE FURGUS** – MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADY** – AUDITORIUM **UK BEE GEES**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM **AFRO DANCE SESSION, 2.20PM CYPHER SESSION**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **SWEET MIXJAH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **BB FACTORY**
- THE O'HEART FESTIVAL, TYALGUM**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **CHRIS BENT DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **FERGO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS – THE STAGE 8PM **STEVE CUMMINS** – 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR **THE NEIL DIAMOND SUPER HITS SHOW**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **JEENIE, SOUND SAVANNAH, WE ALL DRIVE, DAWN OF DUSK**

SATURDAY 18

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **SKUNKHOUR**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **DJ LONGTIME, 9PM RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **THE PREATURES + ALI BARTER**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM SCREENING – **ANDY IRONS: KISSED BY GOD**
- SAFYA, BYRON BAY 6PM **LUKE BENNET**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **UPSTAIRS DJS 9.30PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **OLD FALCO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JOHNNY CONGA**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL & SHOWGROUND **BANGALOW BBQ BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **KHANAGE DUO**
- EMPIRE CAFE MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SALSA @ THE EMPIRE**
- BYRON ART SPACE 11.30AM **EXTRAVAGANT TERMS ARTIST TALK**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ALISHA TODD**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKETS **KOBYA**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- BRSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **BOB WALTON**
- BALLINA WHARF BAR 8PM **MANOA**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **TOXIC ROCK**
- LISMORE CITY HALL NORPA 7.30PM **ROVERS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE **AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW**

- THE QUAD, LISMORE 10AM **ARTS VS SCIENCE FESTIVAL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB – MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **BENNY BLACK BAND**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 8PM **JOSHY DREDZ**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 12.30PM **BATTLE OF THE BANDS – HEAT 3**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **EAR CANDY**
- THE O'HEART FESTIVAL, TYALGUM**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BUGGY BROTHERS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM DJ REQUEST NIGHT – **DJ JAKE**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF 1PM **HAYLEY GRACE & THE BAY COLLECTIVE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **IZZY DAY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 8.30PM **HERMIN'S HERMITS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

SUNDAY 19

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **PROPELLERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S, 8PM TOUCH SENSITIVE & DJS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **TRIBAL REVIVAL**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM SCREENING – **ANDY IRONS: KISSED BY GOD**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 5PM **GREG KEW**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY LUNCH 'TIL LATE SUNDAY SESSION **DJS EVA J & DJ DANGEROUS COBRA**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 2PM **TAV JAM**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **OKA**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 12PM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**

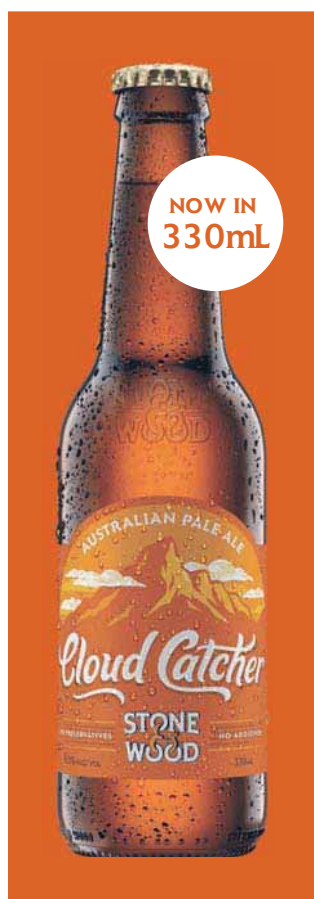
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **SUNDAZE**
- BALLINA WHARF BAR 4PM **VELSHUR**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 2.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE **AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 10AM **SONIC BLISS, 12.30PM JAMES MCQ AND D HENRY FENTON**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 12PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & FRIENDS ACOUSTIC HARMONY**
- UKI MARKET, **ROSIE MISSCHEIF**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 1PM **WALLY & THE GATORS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2.30PM **PIGEON BOY**
- THE O'HEART FESTIVAL, TYALGUM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **ISSI DYE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **DAN CLARK DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Road electric currents – can be delivered or collected (6)
- Make a meal of figs and port – more like green algae! (4,4)
- Changes stale ration – changes (11)
- Wash Englishman's back (3)
- Genuine evil, church about! (7)
- Tickets over in American carnivores (7)
- Surrender, Phantom; pass on! (4,2,3,5)
- We'd opt for fight, unhappily, and be late (4,3,3,4)
- For each include service: 100 reindeer! (7)
- Turn back drunk knight; a bunch of candidates for the guillotine! (7)
- The French daughter is a son (3)
- What buskers play for: pears! (5,6)
- Individual nag in parochial town, proverbially (3,5)
- Road turn: an easy walk (6)

DOWN

- Celebrity notice for Leo, perhaps (4,4)
- Garfunkel's skill (3)
- Father meeting tryst, English-French naked upstart (7)
- Composed the music again: theatre records tumble! (14)
- Take turn to the worse – move to Tasmania perhaps (2,5)
- Self-important idiot – I must pop two frauds! (7,4)
- Stenographer – one who deals in categories? (6)
- Mastered forest, moved to a luxury development in Seattle – or perhaps a song, or a movie, or a musical (6,2,6)
- Re-adapt, devise, yearn – don't 15 or 17! (5,3,3)
- Urges the inferno – China, perhaps? (8)
- Painter to take the piss around about nothing! (7)
- English pitfall about the term of abuse (7)
- A survey? Nothing to the god (6)
- Mad emperor abandons right – that's new? (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Treads heavily and angrily (6)
- So-called green algae, also worthless rubbish (4,4)
- Changes, amendments (11)
- Household cleaning utensil (3)
- Honest, open (7)
- Redeemable vouchers or tickets (7)
- Succumb, expire (4,2,3,5)
- Succumb, expire (4,3,3,4)
- Skittish dancer (7)
- Targets of the French revolution (7)
- Young man, boy (3)
- Standard request by beggars (5,6)
- Term for a small outbreak town (3,5)
- Walk casually (6)

DOWN

- Zodiacal symbol (4,4)
- Skill, talent (3)
- Nouveau riche person (7)
- Altered musical arrangements for many players (14)
- Move further to Antarctica (2,5)
- Self-important ass – usually English (7,4)
- Office worker (6)
- Utopian thoroughfare, especially in Hollywood (6,2,6)
- Persist, refuse to give up (5,3,3)
- Container for an ovum (8)
- Painter of Guernica (7)
- Short sharp saying, frequently insulting (7)
- Greek or Roman god (6)
- Prefix meaning new or revised (3)

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Di swings her way to victory



Championship winner Di Grieve with her new trophy at the Byron Bay links. Photo supplied

Local Di Grieve has been crowned the 2018 Byron Bay Ladies Golf Championship after the three-day tournament wrapped up last week.

Di has had a consistently good season and it was no surprise she took out the title.

'Despite not having the game she would have liked on the last day she managed enough to maintain her lead,' Byron Bay Ladies Golf as-

sistant secretary Margaret Pierce said.

The net winner was Mullumbimby resident Joan Neate, who had a close battle with former Mullumbimby member and now captain of Byron Bay, Sally Symons.

Joan won by two strokes after the three rounds.

The tournament attracted 40 players, which was a 'pretty good turn up,' Pierce said.

21 teams join in 3on3 basketball festival



The boys put on some 3on3 hustle. Photo Kylie Robertson

Alvin Caoyonan

Byron Basketball held their 3on3 Comp last Sunday at the Cavanbah Centre, and what an amazing success it was.

Credit to the volunteers who gave up their Sunday and the large number of basketball fanatics who travelled down from north of the border.

Twenty-one teams from the Gold Coast and the By-

ron area battled it out over four age groups from U/12s to U/18s.

Winners

U/12 girls Pacific Pines Panthers (Gold Coast), U/12 boys Pythons (Byron), U/14 boys Astrodogs (Gold Coast), U/16 boys Peanut Butter Fam (Gold Coast), U/18 boys Llamas in Pyjamas (Byron Bay).

A big thankyou to all sponsors.

MBVFC get hold of Origin trophy



Winners are grinners: the MBVFC division one took home the silverware on Friday night. Photo Kol Dimond

The Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club came away from the Shara Boulevard Sports ground last Friday night with their hands firmly on the fiercely contested Origin Shield after beating Ocean Shores 5-1 in first division.

Everything rested on the game after Ocean Shores had won the two previous first division games of the season while MBVFC had won both of the division three games. On aggregate the clubs were even.

'As far as local sporting rivalries go the Mullum / Shores football shield must be right up there,' MBVFC's Kol Dimond said. 'With the stands heaving and the highway heading north out of Mullum town awash with royal and gold the atmosphere was set.'

'Home fans were stunned when their team went in at half time 3-0 down.

'As the second half got underway MBVFC head coach Jon Flantz's smile resembled an extra floodlight that could be seen from across the other side of the pitch. His Shores

counterpart Patto was shuffling around the sidelines in a forlorn state contemplating what had gone wrong and the away fans were in fine voice as more goals went in,' he said.

'It was hard to watch. Full credit to the Valleys as the shield goes back to them this year,' Ocean Shores supporter Michelle Begg said. 'The Brownsnakes must now endure the unendurable and get back on track for next week.'

Shores sixth

But the old boys in division six did bolster the club with a 4-1 win over Lismore Rovers on Saturday.

'With memories of the 9-0 thrashing at the last meeting still fresh in their minds, Shores started and finished the match with a fanatical display of disciplined football,' Michelle said. 'Ozzie's classic 30-metre top-corner blast started the party.'

Another hat trick from Godbee as well as stonewall defence finished the Rovers.

'The club song after the game was deafening, sweet revenge. What an effort,' Michelle said.

Byron Bay women into touch semis



A Red Devil on the charge for space in a game of women's touch earlier this year. Photo Christine Butcher

The Red Devils Women's tag league team has finished the regular season in second place and will play away against Ballina this weekend in the qualifying semifinals.

If they win they will go on to play the minor premiers, Marist Brothers, the following week.

On the weekend the Red Devils defeated Evans Head 10-8, despite playing the game with no reserves.

'The girls played really well with just 11 players. They pulled together and turned on a great performance,' said Byron Bay Rugby League committee member Shannon Hulbert.

Making the semifinals is a good result for a side that only joined the competition last year.

'The team is really gelling together. A lot of last year's players came through to this year and they are sharing their knowledge with the new players,' she said.

Women's touch is played just like Oz Tag but under

NRL rules, she said.

Mullumbimby

The Giants women's touch team ended the season going down to competition leaders Marist Brothers 26-6 on the weekend, and finished their first season in the competition in seventh place after notching up seven wins.

'The idea to start the team was floated a week out from the start of the season. We had 24 women turn up to the first training and have had good numbers throughout the year,' said team member Mel Groves.

'When we played our first game we were still learning the rules. You have to adapt touch football skills to a full-sized field and kicking.

'We have been good defensively but it took us a while to learn how to score tries. In the middle of the season we put together three or four wins in a row.

'Next year we will have more respect from the other sides,' she said.

Menczer in the lineup for another world title

Crystal Cylinders

Local legend and 1993 Women's World Pro surfing champion Pauline Menczer will be competing at the Azores Airlines World Masters & Grand Masters Championships over September 18-23 at Praia De Santa Barbara, Sao Miguel, Azores Islands.

The Women's Masters division features six former professional surfers including four former world champions.

Menczer is taking the opportunity to win another world title very seriously and after a lifetime of living with

rheumatoid arthritis she has recently recovered from a hip replacement and has been training under the tutelage of her longtime coach Steve Foreman.

WSL Qualifying Series events have run at the Azore Islands for almost a decade, and the beach has produced world-class waves on occasion.

The biggest change to the championships this year is that they will include a women's division.

Seven-time world champion Layne Beachley and four-time champion Freida Zamba, two of the most suc-



Pauline Menczer will soon again be entertaining the crowd with her surfing prowess. Photo Surfing Australia

cessful surfers of all time, are among the women invited to compete.

'Wilko'

Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson was pipped at the post

in his round-one heat at the Tahiti Pro in building 1.5-2-metre waves at the world-famous Tahitian reef pass of Teahupo'o. Wilkinson placed second and will now battle in the sudden-death round two.

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Heads up that the Broken Head Quarry, which has been the subject of years of court battles and court orders, has submitted a DA to change its use to a waste management facility. A concerned resident contacted *The Echo* to put the word out. The DA is expected to be publicly available for just two weeks from August 16, which seems unfair to all those neighbours who will be impacted. Deciphering complex engineering and environmental impact statements is no easy task for those without degrees and expertise in such areas. Perhaps councillors could look at extending the public submission times for big proposals such as this?

Last week's story on the historical shenanigans by Council and their decades old flooding (mis) management left out some of the webpage address. The full address is www.brunswickvalley.com.au/flood-history/current_updates.htm.

The destruction of an old, beautiful and enormous fig tree in Lennox Head (along with habitat loss) was a complete fiasco and was led by a majority of Ballina councillors, including mayor David Wright. Yet at least it raised questions over the rights of nature. A last minute effort for an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) was ignored, says Greens Member for Ballina Tamara Smith. She said the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) declined to recommend the IHO for the tree, as they needed Council's support for it to proceed. Where insurance companies dictate government actions, common sense and justice clearly do not prevail.



A new Byron Shire Unfolded map was launched at Crystal Castle on Tuesday. It's designed to help visitors discover hidden gems and attractions across Byron Shire and is available at visitor centres and key attractions and businesses. Pictured are map designer Gaby Bogart, Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre Kristina Drapes, Cr Cate Coorey, Byron Visitor Centre's Mick Webb, Cr Sarah Ndiaye and castle owners Tony Gilding (Macadamia Castle) and Naren King (Crystal Castle). Photo Jeff 'Mad Mind Mapper Since 1986' Dawson

The legal system, which is of course a cornerstone of democracy, can sometimes deliver good outcomes. Take last week, where a Californian jury awarded school groundsman Dewayne Johnson \$289m for his terminal non-Hodgkins lymphoma. The jury found, on all the scientific evidence presented, that his exposure to Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller caused his cancer. While Monsanto will likely appeal the decision, thousands of other Roundup victims are waiting to have their cases heard should the jury's decision be upheld. Other countries have banned it and it's being slowly phased out, but just not fast enough.

How will Ewingsdale Road cope with an additional hospital? This week a NSW government-appointed planning panel (JRPP) held a meeting and gave it a tick, despite a fairly flawed traffic report (see page 5). Building a large

intersection/roundabout on a crest of a hill on an overburdened road seems poor planning, yet that hasn't stopped a panel with almost an 100 per cent approval record.

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