



It was all slow cooking, lots of smoking, and heaps of bluegrass at Bangalow's ever popular BBQ and Bluegrass festival, held last Saturday. Pictured are steam punk barbecuer Matthew Krieger and his granddad (also Matthew). Photo Jeff 'Smoking Blue Grass' Dawson

## Visitor fund tabled in Council

Paul Bibby

It's a perennial question for the Byron Shire: how do we funnel some of the tourist dollars that flood the region each year into infrastructure for the community?

A bed-tax plan has been knocked down by the state government more times than Rocky Balboa, and any proposal for new parking meters invariably has locals reaching for their placards and pitchforks.

But Greens mayor Simon Richardson believes he may have come up with a solution – a voluntary visitor fund (VVF).

It isn't the first time the idea of a visitor fund has been mooted, of course. In 2014, Council ran a trial in which visitors to two of its caravan parks were asked to make a voluntary contribution, but received barely enough to buy a round of chai lattes.

But the new plan – to be voted on at this week's Council meeting – appears to be different.

Instead of giving tourists a choice about whether or not to cough up a contribution, it will simply be added to their bill if they are staying with an accommodation provider who has agreed to be part of the scheme.

The providers will be asked to sign up to the fund, and in return will be able to promote themselves as 'good corporate citizens' using an online video and booklets created by Council.

Cr Richardson said, 'We've been speaking with industry – from five- continued on page 11 ➤

## No community input with major development

Hans Lovejoy

It's emerged that a recent decision to approve an \$8m private hospital DA on Ewingsdale Road and McGettigans Lane by the JRPP was made without any community representation.

The Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) comprises nine panels that determine large-scale developments across NSW and approve almost 100

per cent of applications before them.

The Northern JRPP, headed by former National Party MP Garry West, will soon be deciding upon the contentious West Byron suburban/commercial greenfield development.

The debacle throws into light the lack of any community input with large developments across NSW.

While elected councils determine all development applications below \$20m, unelected JRPPs decide on

DAs estimated over \$20m as well as specialist DAs under \$20m, such as medical centres.

The private hospital proposal by Melbourne-based developers comprises medical and specialist consulting rooms, a day theatre, pharmacy, 12 overnight-stay units, cafe and basement and ground-level parking.

Last week JRPP chair Garry West dismissed questions by *The Echo* regarding how increased traffic from

the hospital will be managed.

One of the local representatives on the JRPP, mayor Simon Richardson, does not support the decision and told *The Echo* he resigned from the panel owing to the 'inherent flaw' of not being able to speak publicly to the JRPP on contentious developments while also being a panel member.

Council staff say other community members are Cr Basil Cameron continued on page 2 ➤

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## Asylum info session Aug 26

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opportunity to hear from a range of guest speakers and to participate in a simple, practical but effective way to take action.

Guest speakers include representatives from the Romero Centre in Brisbane, which is on the front line of providing support services for asylum seekers.



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## Ewingsdale development had no community input

► continued from page 1 and David Milledge, but they were not present.

Mayor Simon Richardson describes the JRPP process as 'non-democratic and it was established to be so.'

### Failure to appoint

Despite the mayor's resignation from the panel, Council staff and the JRPP failed to ask community panel replacement David Brown to attend last week's meeting.

Brown, an urban planner, told *The Echo*, 'I was appointed to the JRPP at the last (August 22) Council meeting. I was not invited to the McGettigans Lane [and Ewingsdale Road] meeting.'

So who observed last week's JRPP meeting? Ewingsdale Progress and Public Hall Association vice-president Lindsay Wootten told *The Echo* that he attended, along with longtime resident and immediate neighbour George Flick.

*The Echo* also confirmed the manager of the Bright Side Medical Centre in Bayshore Drive also attended, but they declined to comment.

Wootten told *The Echo* that 'The meeting was not well publicised,' that the 'pro-

### What are the panel paid?

According to the NSW Public Service Commission – NSW Government Boards and Committees Remuneration (August 2017), the yearly pay-packet for the chair of the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel is \$51,315.00. And the remuneration amount for the chair, per day (if applicable) is \$1,866. A member of the panel receives \$39,463, according to the Public Service Commission.

cess was unfair,' and that he believes the local medical fraternity do not think this facility is needed.

Yet Wootten said his association is 'not against development of this lot.'

'However, the view of the association is that this development is too high and too large overall for the size of the lot. The lot is in a very prominent position and with three storeys it is likely to dominate the view from surrounding areas.'

'There should also be buffer zones between the development and surrounding lots.'

'In addition, the development will exacerbate the already very poor traffic situation at the intersections of McGettigans Lane/Quarry Lane and Ewingsdale Road and increase the danger to road users. There are frequent

accidents in and around the intersections.'

Cr Paul Spooner (Labor) told *The Echo* that the state government needs to undertake a review of the operation and conduct of the Northern JRPP. 'The recent approval of the Ewingsdale Road Private Hospital demonstrates the lack of planning controls that local councils like Byron Shire now have in NSW.'

He said, 'The Ewingsdale Road Private Hospital approval demonstrates if a developer keeps knocking on the door of the state government they can eventually expect to get an approval. This particular DA has been to the JRPP three times over the last 12 months.'

'Each time, it was recommended by Council staff for refusal primarily owing to concerns about traffic management at the intersection

of Ewingsdale Road and McGettigans Lane.

'Why is the state government allowing a panel to progress without local representation?'

### Questions to MPs

*The Echo* asked NSW Labor MLC Walt Secord, 'If elected at the next election, will your party commit to abolishing the JRPP and returning large decisions like this to democratically elected councils? If not, why?'

*The Echo* also asked, 'Given this recent decision lacked even basic community input and will exacerbate traffic, how can Byron Shire residents have confidence in this unelected planning panel?'

Secord replied that he broadly supports the JRPPs but said, 'There is growing concern that the Berejiklian government has stacked out the Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) with Liberal and National party-affiliated individuals across the entire state.'

Local NSW Nationals MLC Ben Franklin has previously told *The Echo* he supports JRPPs.

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Franklin seeks to become local state rep

Local NSW Nationals MLC Ben Franklin has announced he will seek to become the Nationals candidate for the seat of Ballina at the next state election in 2019.

Currently the seat is held by Greens MP Tamara Smith, who claimed the long-held Nationals seat after MP Don Page retired in 2015.

Franklin said, 'I have passionately advocated from inside government for the best interests of our local area and I am proud of what I have been able to achieve, hand in hand with the local community.'

He added he 'was not planning to do this, but have been convinced to do so after repeated requests from local residents and community organisations.'

Orchids in bloom



Novice orchid growers Joelle Baker and Alyssa Luck will be entering plants in this year's Byron District Orchid Show. If you have an orchid you might want to enter, email fox.penelope@gmail.com. The judging is Thursday September 6, between 4 and 6pm at the Mullum Ex-Services Club, and the show will be at the club September 6 and 7. Photo Jeff Dawson

Microgrid for Byron's Arts & Industry Estate

Enova Community Energy announced Tuesday it will build a microgrid in the Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate as a pilot project to encourage locally generated, stored and distributed power.

The \$30,000 grid, which will be funded by the state government through an \$85 million program for clean-energy projects, is expected to involve 20 to 30 participants, and will take place over approximately two years.

When finalised in October 2020, Enova hopes it will lead to the formation of a wider, self-sufficient microgrid for the entire estate.

Enova Energy MD Tony Pfeiffer said, 'Community

microgrids such as this are the way of the future.'

'The Byron Arts & Industry Estate Microgrid is the first of what we hope will be many self-sufficient electricity microgrids Enova helps to roll out.'

**NSW premier attends launch**

'We aim to develop a model that can be replicated by communities across NSW and ultimately Australia - starting with industrial estates and similar commercial areas, and eventually residential areas.'

Flying in for the announcement at Enova's Centennial Circuit offices, NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian said the \$30 million program would enable communities across the state to build their own local clean-energy projects.

A further \$55 million would help the private sector develop and accelerate clean-energy technology for regional communities, such as pumped hydro.

'Tackling high energy costs is a top priority for our government and this significant investment puts further downward pressure on energy bills for homes in regional NSW,' Berejiklian said.

Energy and utilities minister Don Harwin said the government was 'lowering barriers for investment for the emerging energy projects

of tomorrow.'

Participants in the pilot will have individual devices installed to measure power inputs and outputs.

The resulting data will help work out a new pricing structure based on sharing locally generated power.

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Mr Pfeiffer said one of the aims of the pilot was 'to work out just how much cheaper it is to use local renewable power sources rather than bringing electricity from afar.'

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# NSW premier met by West Byron protesters

Story & photo Chris Dobney

A limousine delivering NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian to a media conference in Byron Bay on Tuesday had to pass through a barrage of West Byron protesters.

This reporter was not so lucky, being blocked by police until eventually escorted into the conference by organisers.

The brouhaha was ostensibly to launch Enova Energy's microgrid in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate, with government financial support (see separate report), but it also coincided with the bid by northern NSW parliamentary secretary Ben Franklin (Nationals) to contest the state seat of Ballina at the next election.

As soon as the launch was over, the premier was peppered with a range of questions, from West Byron, koala habitat and rental affordability to her position on the challenge to PM Malcolm Turnbull.

She managed to carefully sidestep most of it, but there was one point on which she was clear: she believed sitting Ballina MP Tamara Smith (Greens) has been 'ineffectual' in the role, meanwhile lavishing praise on Mr Franklin



Greens Cr Michael Lyon joins the snap protest.

who was standing beside her.

The premier also revealed she did not believe the West Byron development would go ahead as currently planned, attempting to sheet home the blame for its approval to the former Keneally government.

'I appreciate the concerns about the West Byron Bay development that's been unfortunately an ongoing issue for many years. I understand the independent planning process will now seek resolution of that matter,' she said.

'I completely support the community's concerns, as does my parliamentary colleague [Ben Franklin] about over-development. There's no doubt the scale of that development is beyond what the

community's expectations are and I'm always very active in speaking up against things that I see are too big to impose on the community – and I think that is one of them.

'I'm very pleased to say that when these concerns have been raised in other parts of the state, the independent planning process has actually put a stop to these major overdevelopments.'

## Bed tax ruled out

Responding to a question from BayFM presenter Jim Beatson on bed taxes, premier Berejiklian said she had had 'a fantastic discussion with your mayor about those issues of... short-term accommodation and rental

accommodation.'

'Obviously the locals need to be supported, especially during those times of the year when many tourists come to Byron but you need that right balance.

'We discussed some really positive opportunities today, which both Ben and I will be taking forward.

'There are lots of other opportunities instead of putting a tax on people,' she said.

Asked about how she felt going into the state election in the shadow of a federal leadership spill, the premier said, 'What we need to do as a government is always focus on our citizens.'

'I think the office of prime minister generally speaking is one that has diminished over the last decade.

'Nobody wants to see a constant change of leadership. It does concern me and disappoint me – and I think that's a community sentiment.'

But the premier stopped short of stating her support for Malcolm Turnbull, saying only, 'I always defer on those matters to our federal colleagues. It's not for me to add to the commentary.'



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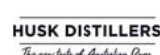
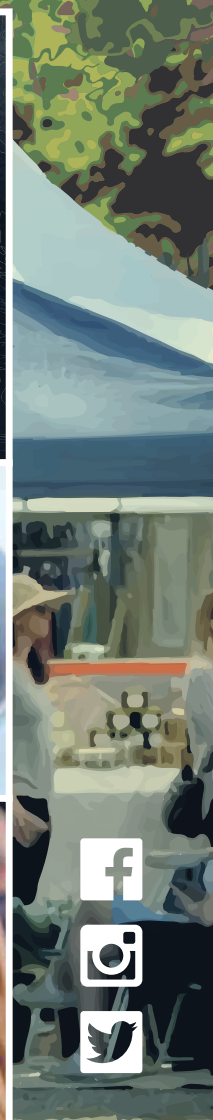
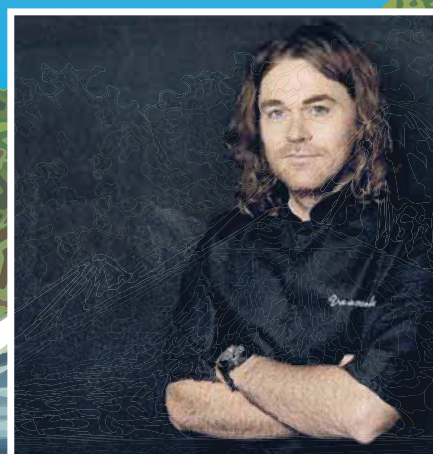
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While the runners and walkers are off up the mountain, the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club will be running a bar in the street, while a tug-of-war will entertain everyone while they wait for the runners' return.



The Cobbers Crushers are ready to take on all comers at this year's Chinny Charge. Photo Jeff 'Kids Win Again' Dawson

Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce president Jenelle Stanford said, 'The tug-of-war has a \$200 prize for the winning team that is sponsored by Mullumbimby Removals and there are up to six teams that can enter the competition.'

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an application form.

Another new feature this year will be the kids' run for six- to eleven-year-olds that will be a run from the post office to the bottom of the mountain and back.

'All of the kids will receive a medal for participating from the Meadows Medical Centre,' said Jenelle.

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Holiday-letting complaints will not see legal action

Last week The Echo received a complaint from residents affected by a holiday-let property in Brunswick Heads.

The Echo asked Council if they were aware of the issue and if they will commence inquiries. Staff replied that the property has 'registered complaints' on the property.

Lack of detail

'Council is not commencing any new legal actions with respect to short-term holiday letting until the NSW government finalises its reforms in this area,' staff said.

'Presently, there have only been changes passed to the NSW Fair Trading and Strata Act and no changes to planning legislation.'

'There remains a lack of detail about the content of the new code of conduct,

and how the new supporting planning laws will work in with this code.

'Council believes by default the enforcement of the code will fall to Council with no additional resources and with a community that is concerned about the impact of short-term holiday letting, Council will not be able to meet community expectations.'

Deferral request

'Byron Shire Council is asking the NSW government to either grant a deferral to the new planning laws, or at least local provisions to protect our local community from the impacts of short-term holiday let.' The Echo contacted the property owner via the Airbnb platform but they declined to comment.

Drought relief dinner fundraiser

Byron Bay's top chefs are banding together for a one-night-only dinner to help raise money for Rural Aid Australia to assist Aussie farmers.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday September 5 at Three Blue Ducks at The Farm at Byron Bay with a special 'farm to table' menu based entirely on local produce.

Chefs and restaurants represented at the dinner will include Harvest, 100 Mile

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## New face in Mullum's CBD



The Linen House's Scott Duncan is opening in Mullum. Photo Jeff Dawson

Paul Bibby

Mullumbimby residents are famously suspicious of chain stores setting up shop in their town.

As the great War on Woolies demonstrated, locals will go to considerable lengths to keep corporations out.

So it isn't surprising that the arrival of a Linen House outlet on Mullum's main street ruffled a few feathers.

But according to the owner of the new Linen House store Scott Duncan, the company is anything but a heart-

less multinational.

'It's a family-owned business started by my parents in 1993 and we're all still involved in running it,' Mr Duncan says.

'We take our social and ethical responsibilities very seriously.

'All of our factories are regularly audited for working and safety conditions and we encourage and reward them for running staff education programs.'

The company has also had a significant role in setting up and supporting international

charity operations, most notably Y-Generation Against Poverty (YGAP), which provides funding to social entrepreneurs in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

Scott says, 'I've stepped back from it now, but we're in multiple countries across the globe and it's evolving in some pretty exciting directions.'

'We're not here to make a tonne of money and then nick off. We want to make a contribution to Mullum and to be part of the evolution of the town.'

## Holiday letting legislation passes NSW parliament

Hans Lovejoy

As expected, a new law passed in NSW parliament last week that aims to regulate the holiday letting industry.

Yet it comes incomplete, with major elements such as proposed changes to the SEPP (state environment planning policy) and a code of conduct still to be finalised.

The Fair Trading Amendment (Short-term Rental Accommodation) Bill 2018 was voted in by the coalition and had bipartisan Labor support, along with minor parties except the Greens.

Those who have council approvals, for example bed and breakfasts and motels, claim they have been ignored throughout the process. Part of the reforms would allow regional councils to limit letting to a minimum of 180 days.

Greens Ballina MP Tamara Smith said, 'The Liberal/National government's one-size-fits-all attempt at addressing short-term rental accommodation will not ease the pressure on Byron Bay and cities that are at risk of becoming overrun by de facto hotels,' she said.

'A boom in short-term, make-a-quick-buck rental accommodation is already changing the character of Byron Bay and making it harder to maintain and build community on the north coast.'

### Powers to police

During parliamentary debate, local MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) spruiked the law and told the chamber, 'NSW Fair Trading will be given powers to police online platforms and letting agents.'

While there was no explanation of how that would

*'What people don't realise is that the commercial rates that we pay are \$10,000 whereas the residential rates of the property next door on Airbnb and on other booking platforms are only \$2,000-\$4,000.' Approved operators are angry and once we start refusing to pay these commercial rates and other fees, all councils will suffer from a massive shortfall in revenue.'*

– Geoff Wood, an approved accommodation operator

'The Advisory Committee includes STRA platforms, professional associations, industry associations, property owners' associations, strata sector organisations, and also Local Government NSW and the Tenants' Union of NSW.'

He said, 'The development of the code has just begun, and the advisory committee process is only one element of the development of the code. There will also be consultation with key govern-

ment agencies, and once a full draft of the code has been prepared there will be further community and industry consultation.'

Geoff Wood, an approved accommodation operator in Byron Shire, said, 'We have a message for Mr Franklin – unfortunately 12 months will be too late – many or most approved operators will be extinct by then as they simply cannot compete on such a massively unlevel playing field. And we also ask – what will this be a review of? Because nobody in the state government has ever consulted with the approved accommodation industry in the first place.'

Yet he did say those who have sought council approval for holiday letting had very valid and reasonable concerns. 'Operators who have done the right thing should not feel they are being punished for doing the right thing, particularly in a community like Byron Bay.' Yet again, Franklin offered no comfort other than a 12-month review, something that approved operators say will be ineffective after the damage is done.

The Echo asked minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Matt Kean (Liberal) what details are available on the code of conduct and whether its 30-strong committee is stacked with holiday letting representatives.

He replied, 'The Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA) code of conduct advisory committee has representatives from a range of organisations, not just holiday-letting industry representatives.'

### Thrown under a bus: approved ops

Wood continued, 'We are outraged that our own state government has thrown approved operators under the bus. We have a DA which, overnight, is now not worth the paper it's written on.'

'We are reaching out to all approved accommodation operators from across the state to join us at [www.Facebook.com/NSWApprovedAccommodationAccord](http://www.Facebook.com/NSWApprovedAccommodationAccord).'

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## Gay support returns

An organisation that aims to educate and support the lesbian and gay community has been revitalised.

PFLAG (Parents, Families And Gays) Northern Rivers was originally started in 1998 by Robyn and Richard Grzegorzulka and the group has provided a range of support, education, referral and advocacy over its 20-year history.

PFLAG Northern Rivers will be celebrating 20 years of supporting families and friends of BGILQT people this Sunday August 29 at the Tropical Fruits' Fruitopia fair at Lismore Showgrounds, 11am till 2pm. For anyone interested in finding out more, email enquiries@pflag-nr.org, find them on Facebook or call 0467 382 010.

## On the trail of mud, art



Bangalow resident and potter Linda Martello was one of the many artists who opened their ceramic studios to the public as part of this year's North Coast Mud Trail, held last weekend. Photo Jeff 'Potted Since 1986' Dawson

## Shark net trial abandoned by govt

Aslan Shand

The third shark net trial for the five beaches across the north coast has been abandoned following the significant decline in public support.

It's prompted calls from Sea Shepherd and the Greens for nets to be banned across the state.

During the course of the two shark net trials, community support for nets halved from 52 per cent to 26 per cent of Ballina residents.

The controversial shark nets were installed at Light-house, Sharpes and Shelly beaches at Ballina, as well as at Lennox Head and Evans Head over the summer of

2016 and 17.

Ballina Shire's deputy mayor Keith Williams (Labor), who has been leading the charge to rid Ballina of the nets for the last two years, celebrated the news.

'The final nail in the coffin was the news that the nets had killed twice as many dolphins as they had caught target sharks in the second trial,' said Cr Williams.

'After that, even the staunchest supporters of nets realised that something was seriously wrong.'

Other shark-management strategies will continue; up to 35 SMART drumlines will continue to be trialled daily, from Lennox Head to Evans

Head, weather permitting, until mid-2020.

### Drones continue

Trials of helicopters and drones for aerial surveillance, and VR4G listening stations, will also continue.

Greens member for Ballina Tamara Smith welcomed the decision and said, 'I will continue to ask the NSW government to invest in shark-spotting and drone programs for surfers, since they are the ones who are at slightly more of an infinitesimal risk of a shark encounter.'

'We know from countries like South Africa that shark spotting with eyes on the beach and with drone technol-

ogy work to keep people safe by warning them to get out of the water if a shark is spotted. Shark nets give no warnings.

'I assisted in bringing Cape Town Shark Spotters to Australia and I helped fund the shark-spotting feasibility study at Wategos Beach with Sea Shepherd, which came back as highly viable.

'Local volunteer group SharkWatch proved that shark spotting with drone technology can work on north coast beaches - it just needs funding to survive.'

She added she has been pushing for shark spotting and drone technology, which is supported by scientific evidence, since day one.

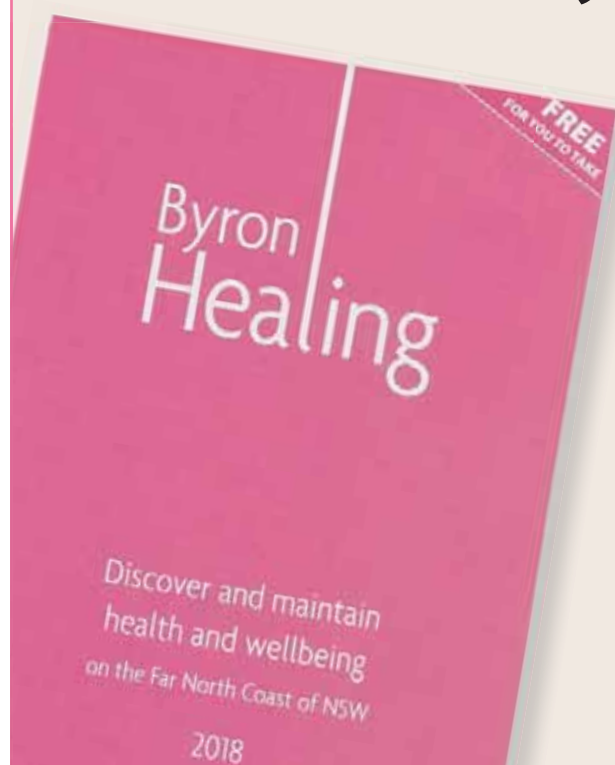
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## Visitor fund tabled in Council

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star resorts to backpacker hostels – and the concept of the community getting a couple of extra bucks from each booking is wholeheartedly supported.

‘There are a few we’re expecting to put their hands up straight away.’

The contribution from tourists will range from \$1 to \$5 per booking, depending on how much they are spending. It’s hardly a king’s ransom, but the mayor believes it will add up to a significant contribution.

According to modelling undertaken by Council staff, the VVF could reap \$220,000 in its first year.

Staff predict there would also be an upfront cost of \$140,000, including the cost of ‘branding’ (\$50,000) and hiring an officer to administer the scheme.

Cr Richardson said that the money raised through the scheme would be used for highly visible projects such as building new playgrounds, boardwalks and change rooms.

‘I think it’s really important that people see where the money goes because if they

find it hard to see the benefit they will be less motivated to stay involved or support it,’ he said.

‘We also plan for the money to be spent where it’s raised. So if businesses in Brunswick Heads contribute \$5,000, that money will be spent on a project in Brunswick Heads.’

### Admin costs

Under the proposal, Council would manage the trust account and distribute the funds to various projects.

A steering committee made up of industry and community representatives would undertake promotion and marketing and bring in members from the local accommodation industry.

These members would ultimately decide how the money was spent.

‘It would essentially be a “pay to play” situation,’ Cr Richardson said.

‘The industry indicated that from the administration point of view it’s easier for Council to do it rather than reinventing the wheel by creating a whole new administrative apparatus.

‘But when it comes to decision making Council will have just as much say as the other

accommodation providers.’

In the ‘staff comments’ section of the report accompanying the proposal, Council’s director of sustainable environment and economy Shannon Burt noted that there were potential financial risks associated with the scheme.

‘The potential risk to Council is the unknown amount of revenue that will be raised and potentially not being able to cover the administration costs of the program,’ Ms Burt said.

‘Also, there is still a lot of work that needs to be completed around the collection methodology and the auditing process (and the somewhat lack of transparency).

‘The Economy and Sustainability team would work through these issues with the appointed executive officer.’

Cr Richardson acknowledged there was a risk involved. ‘But the simple fact is that we need to find some way of getting money from visitors to put back into the community,’ he said.

‘If this works, it could potentially generate hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, each year for the community.’

## Art Expo illuminates treasures

With only days before Friday’s opening night of the Ocean Shores Art Expo (OSAE), artist Alex Moss is in preparation for its inaugural interactive sound and light installation.

Alex, currently teaching at Byron’s SAE Institute, will interpret this year’s theme Treasures with an interactive sound and light installation that he will project onto the exterior of the expo facade.

‘I hope to engage the imagination and senses of guests on arrival,’ he says.

Organisers say they are excited about having the Expo’s first-ever interactive sound and light installation, describing it as ‘our very own mini Vivid right here in



Projection artist Alex Moss looking forward to enlightening celebrations at this year’s Ocean Shores Art Expo.

Ocean Shores.’

Awards night will kick off with live music. There will also be a huge array of raffle prizes to be won on the Friday night. The three-day expo will turn 15 this year, and run from

the morning of Friday August 24 through till the afternoon of Sunday August 26 from 10am till 4pm, with the Friday awards night starting from 7pm. For more information go to [www.osartexpo.com](http://www.osartexpo.com).

## Biz innovation workshops start Sept 5

A new series of interactive innovation workshops are being offered to the local business community by Sourdough Business Pathways’ Innovation Hub as part of its mentoring program.

Designed as a series of eight, featuring expert in residence Stuart Picken and guest speakers, the workshops are open to the Innova-

tion Hub community as well as the wider community.

Workshops can also be attended individually.

### New businesses

The first ideation workshop kicks off on September 5 from 10am at the Innovation Hub in Mullumbimby and is an interactive session designed for new businesses, existing busi-

nesses, or entrepreneurs wanting to evolve their ideas into a successful business.

Sourdough Business Pathways is a not-for-profit joint initiative of the Byron Community College and the Sourdough Business Group.

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Nothing to see here

It's been a big week of undermining democracy, trust and the powers of locally elected councils by the NSW coalition government (and NSW Labor).

But that's okay, the NSW premier was in town to remind us that her government cares about power prices (see page 3). Except that around 100 residents turned up to let her know they don't like the idea of West Byron, which made it a bit of a spectacle (see page 5).

The visit was timed to give local NSW MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) maximum push on his bid to become the Nationals candidate for this electorate (Ballina) at the 2019 state election.

So do we trust his Liberal-Nationals government?

Here's what this government just allowed to happen: Last week, the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP), a hand-picked unelected panel that appears to have little oversight, approved a private hospital on a very busy road. It came without any community representation. Apart from the increased traffic it will produce, this appears a very flawed decision. Under the JRPP's 'determination and statement of reasons' (available on the their website), the panel claim: 'The development will provide the necessary specialist and surgical facilities for the region.' No supporting evidence on that claim is given. West Byron is the JRPP's next decision.

Both Franklin and NSW Labor's Walt Secord support the role of this panel, which demonstrates bipartisan support against giving local communities a say on how and what they develop.

In political science, there is a theory of being inside and outside the tent, meaning the tent contains those closest to the most powerful politicians and bureaucrats, while all the rest – like the 99.9 per cent – are outside. Those inside the tent have been looking after themselves since the beginning of humanity, and it's not cynical to point out that those interests are unlikely to change any time soon.

Franklin places himself as someone who can 'work within government' to get results. He's an inside tent guy, in other words. So what are his achievements in the last three-and-a-half years? His press release lists 'securing funding and support for numerous local organisations like the Hope Haven Women and Children's Refuge in Ballina, to saving the old Mullumbimby Hospital site and the public land at Suffolk Park.'

Another achievement was the 'revolutionary Surf Life Saving drone program, which has since led to a new approach to keeping both swimmers and surfers safe on our beaches.'

Other achievements might include pushing compliance costs of holiday letting onto Council while offering no guarantee Council's finances won't be adversely affected. Another might be voting for anti-protest laws that favour mining companies and not residents who are affected by CSG operations. Another is voting for land-clearing laws that are destroying high value biodiversity and are contributing to climate change.

There are lots of achievements if you dig enough.

Yet Franklin is such nice guy! It's true, he is. Absolutely. But policy matters much, much more. Mostly it's a question of whether you believe Franklin can change the toxic culture within the tent, or even better – explain the decision making within the tent to the public. Alas, it's unlikely. It's like the movie *Fight Club*.

You don't speak about the tent once inside it.

With more awareness now than ever, political stage acting is being put to more scrutiny. As an informed voter, the hypnosis and spin is less effective. The trust in political solutions is diminishing because it's the same politicians who made the problems in the first place.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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The problem with probability obsession

Climate change is now reaching the end-game, where very soon humanity must choose between taking unprecedented action, or accepting that it has been left too late and bear the consequences.

Those are the challenging words from Prof Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, for twenty years the head of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and a senior adviser to Pope Francis, German chancellor Angela Merkel and the European Union.

In the foreword to a new report, Schellnhuber says the issue now 'Is the very survival of our civilisation, where conventional means of analysis may become useless.'

The report, *What Lies Beneath: The understatement of existential climate risk*, was released last week by the Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration.

Schellnhuber describes climate warming as an 'existential risk', and says the report highlights crucial insights that may lurk at the fringes of conventional policy analysis but that have a new resonance in today's circumstances, 'A unique situation with no precise historic analogue' in which 'the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is now greater, and the Earth warmer, than human beings have ever experienced.'

He says it is hardly surprising that a trend towards 'Erring on the side of least drama' and an understatement of risks has emerged in the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) after delivering their five Assessment Reports over

*It is all the more important to listen to non-mainstream voices who understand the issues and are less hesitant to cry wolf.*

by David Spratt and Ian Dunlop

the last three decades.

This he attributes, in part, to the statistical 'probability obsession' of orthodox science, where repeating the same experiment on an object many, many times can identify the likelihood of various outcomes.

He says that if this were applied literally to climate warming: 'Strictly speaking, we would have to redo the Industrial Revolution and the greenhouse-gas emissions it triggered a thousand times or so, always starting with the Earth system in its 1750 pre-industrial state. Then calculate the averaged observed outcome of that planetary experiment in terms of mean surface-temperature rise, global biological productivity, total number of climate refugees, and many other variables. This is a nonsensical notion.'

Schellnhuber argues that calculating probabilities makes little sense in the most critical instances, such as the methane-release dynamics in thawing permafrost areas or the potential failing of entire states in the climate crisis.

Rather, he says, we should 'identify possibilities, that is, potential developments in the planetary make-up that are consistent with the initial and boundary conditions, the processes and the drivers we know.'

This calls for a new approach, with less emphasis

on climate models in endless runs, and a new focus on such methods as scenario planning, where the consequences of a number of future possibilities, including those that may seem highly unlikely, but have major consequences, are evaluated.

This way, he says, 'one can overcome the probability obsession that not only fantasises about the replicability of the singular, but also favours the familiar over the unknown and unexpected.'

As well, according to Schellnhuber, when researchers come up with an entirely new thought, experts tend to reflexively dismiss it as 'speculative', which is effectively a death warrant in the academic world.

This in turn means that 'scientific progress is often driven from the periphery, or occasionally, by eminent personalities whose seniority is beyond doubt.'

'This does not at all imply that hypotheses need not be vindicated in due course, but out-of-the-box thinking is vital given the unprecedented climate risks that now confront human civilisation.'

The proximity of such out-of-the-box events was brought home by the recent publication of the *Hothouse Earth* paper, in which sixteen scientist, including Prof Schellnhuber, warn that even hitting two degrees Celsius of warming might flip the

climate system into a mode of carbon-cycle feedbacks that take climate warming beyond any human capacity to rein it in.

Schellnhuber concludes that it is 'all the more important to listen to non-mainstream voices who understand the issues and are less hesitant to cry wolf. Unfortunately for us, the wolf may already be in the house.'

*What Lies Beneath* analyses why:

- Human-induced climate change is an existential risk to human civilisation: an adverse outcome that will either annihilate intelligent life or permanently and drastically curtail its potential, unless dramatic action is taken.

- The bulk of climate research has tended to underplay these risks, and exhibited a preference for conservative projections and scholarly reticence.

- IPCC reports tend toward reticence and caution, erring on the side of 'least drama', and downplaying the more extreme and more damaging outcomes, and are now becoming dangerously misleading with the acceleration of climate impacts globally.

- This is a particular concern with potential climatic 'tipping points', the passing of critical thresholds which result in step changes in the climate system. Under-reporting on these issues is contributing to the 'failure of imagination' in our understanding of, and response to, climate change.

■ This article first published in [reneweconomy.com.au](http://reneweconomy.com.au).

■ Mungo is still away.

### CHESS by Ian Rogers

Since winning gold as a 13-year-old with the Russian team at the 2009 World U/16 Olympiad, Daniil Dubov has been tipped as a future top 10 player and this week he moved towards fulfilling that promise by winning the 25<sup>th</sup> Abu Dhabi Open.

Dubov, now 22, beat ex-Bulgarian Ivan Cheparinov in the final round, thereby winning on tiebreak over Anton Korobov and local star Saleh Salem, ahead of 45 other Grandmasters. 'I didn't play well today,' admitted Dubov after his Abu Dhabi win, 'but at least I was brave.'

Dubov was offered a draw by Cheparinov but chose to gamble. 'At the time it looked like a draw would give me second place but my character is that I am not satisfied with [this],' Dubov explained. 'If you have even a 25 or 30 per cent chance to win [outright], it is better to gamble.'

Dubov's attitude has cost him dearly in 2018, losing in the final round of the Gibraltar Open (when leading) and in the final two rounds of the European Championship in Batumi, throwing away World Cup qualification

in the process. But Dubov is unbowed, saying, 'You may regret taking a draw but I never regretted a game where I tried to win and lost.'

Dubov's most spectacular win came against Georgia's Levan Pantsulaia in the sixth round. In the diagram Pantsulaia, playing White, seems to have set up a wall of pawns to shut Dubov down, but the Muscovite found the breakthrough

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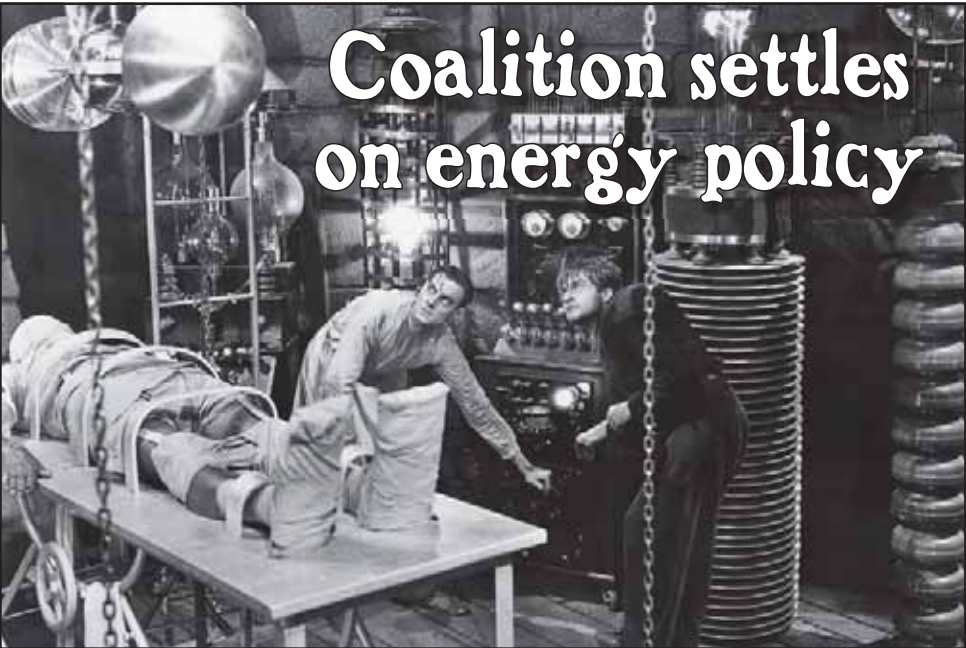
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# Coalition settles on energy policy

## Reef madness

Writing grant applications for Brunswick Heads Marine Rescue Unit for much of the past decade has made me acutely aware of the stringent conditions imposed by granting authorities.

Properly responsible granting bodies should, and do, require explicit, clear, detailed information about any project BEFORE granting public moneys.

Such information would be: the nature and need for the project; who benefits; the identity and qualifications of the management personnel; measurement of successes or failures in the project's devel-

opment and progress reporting; but, most importantly, a detailed, explicit budget and timeframe.

Vague, generalised statements such as 'the money will be used to upgrade our communication equipment' or 'the grant will be used to repair salt-air damage to the radio tower' would render an application worthy of the bin. It answers none of the detail required to justify public funding.

I am completely astonished to read that our federal government has granted \$442 million to the Barrier Reef Foundation in what seems a total vacuum of information

about how it will be used. Not only astonishment gets me; I am simply disgusted.

Responsible government?  
**Dave Gilmore**  
Mullumbimby

## Tallowood promises

Identified by Arakwal elders as culturally and historically significant, part of an Aboriginal walking track from Koonyum Range to the coast goes through the Tallowood Ridge development in Mullumbimby.

In the original concept plan, recognition, and a commitment was made to preserve this important track, which is koala habitat

and a wildlife corridor.

On the plan it was named 'The Shelter Belt'. Diminished in name, in status and in reality, this heritage track has been pillaged. Obscured by fences, neighbours' washing lines and kids' playground equipment, trees have been cut down to feed fire pits instead of koalas.

Who is meant to be taking care of this walking track? This public reserve is meant to be a thoroughfare and yet there are no signs explaining its significance.

The incursion has been gradual, with each stage of Tallowood cutting further into the ridgeline, land re-contoured with stone walls supporting the engouement. Roads replace the wildlife buffer zone.

I have a particular affection for this track with its magnificent sweeping views from Wollumbin to Mt Chincogan along Main Arm Valley. Now the ridgeline is fast being consumed by Mcboxes.

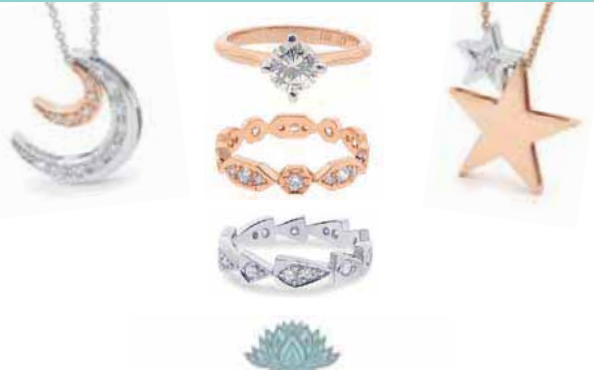
Byron Shire Council will soon assess Tallowood development stage seven. This is an opportunity to call for preservation of what's left of this important open space to nourish body, mind and soul.

**Deborah Lilly**  
Mullumbimby

■ More letters overleaf

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**Brunz moments**

There is a very efficient and almost cost-free solution to traffic calming in Brunswick Heads. It involves changing the speed signs at both ends of Tweed Street to 40km/h.

This would render the whole of Brunswick Heads a 40km/h area, ideal for holidays, when the place is swarming with young children, and for the rest of the time when we oldies are wandering the streets. Too simple? It works a treat in Balmain.

**Christine Olsen**  
Brunswick Heads

**AirCnC**

It came to me as I looked out over a queue of traffic inching its way into town. Surely many of the passengers had a hankering for a snack and caffeinated beverage when they finally arrived at their destination. And yes, there are numerous reputable, legitimate and established cafes on offer, but what if the traveller wanted a more authentic morning tea experience?

My thoughts then wandered to all of the kitchens in local houses that lie dormant every day. What if there were a way to utilise this resource to meet the needs of travellers wanting to refresh like a local? And then bingo – Air Coffee and Cake, or AirCnC for short, was born. A sharing platform to tap into under-utilised kitchens to bring a snack and a cuppa to visitors wanting something different.

The concept also provides homeowners a way to top-up their pri-

mary income by allowing visitors to rent their kitchen shortterm for a small fee. The AirCnC platform is a conduit for connecting kitchen facilities with the hungry and/or thirsty and takes no responsibility for any mess and/or breakages (or loss of business for established cafes) that may result from the sharing experience.

As AirCnC increases in popularity, which it will most certainly do, a sister concept will be launched targeting the more mature market and will be known as Air Tea and Tart: AirTnT for short.

**Ivan Holland**  
Byron Bay

**Do I have the energy?**

A friend of mine recently asked Tanya Plibersek (deputy leader of the Labor Party) this question at the Byron Writers Festival: 'What are you going to do for my grandkids and your children re climate change and stopping Adani?'

Her reply was a very measured articulate response but, as usual, stopped short of saying that Labor will withdraw from supporting this disastrous project before the next federal election.

Why will Labor not find the moral fortitude and compass to show true leadership and end fossil-fuel production and embrace alternatives? While polls show that the people want to move away from polluting fuels and invest in renewables our politicians seem to be deaf and blind to the facts.

Fossil fuels are killing us and our planet.

While Australia is facing another heartbreaking drought I read that we are already halfway towards a planet that could become uninhabitable for humans

ANU professor Will Steffen chillingly states that with current government policies, 'Sitting on our hands means we are at risk of driving the earth – and human wellbeing – beyond an irreversible point of no return.'

This is in the same week that our Gladys (NSW Liberal premier) announces a coal-exploration licence in the Sydney Basin – the first since 1993.

Why? I ask myself. Are these people really stupid or know something I don't?

In a recent conversation with an ex-CEO of a major Australian energy company he said the reason the price of electricity is so high is that the major players built infrastructure across this wide brown land – read grid, power poles and lines – that was so excessive and expensive, that we are now all having to pay for it.

He said, 'It was like building a 28-lane highway across the Harbour Bridge in the eventuality that one day it might be needed.'

What actually happened is consumers started to take the power back by installing solar and becoming self-sufficient (god forbid) and made the need for all the infrastructure redundant. But we still have to pay for it.

I got involved with our local Stop Adani group when my 14-year-old granddaughter asked me, 'Will the Barrier Reef still be there for me to visit when I am an adult?' and the awful truth occurred to me – probably not. Evidence from Professor Steffen alarmingly supports this.

How many mountains of damning statistics will it take before our government takes action?

We are drowning from all the political prevaricating and hand wringing. Where is a commitment to humanity – to global human rights, to protection of our soil, air, sea and water, to upholding land rights – to bloody common sense? It is time to do something before it really is too late.

**Diane Hart**  
Mullumbimby

**Development?**

Around here it can often feel like we're in a battle for or against development and if we're to progress that needs to be resolved.

All in all, I'm in favour of development. Despite often serious environmental and social damage, on balance society has prospered from our inevitable development, and we've come to understand the need for a healthy environment. With our current range of development options the best that can be achieved is a little less unsustainable, a little less damaging. We do not have any sustainable development models.

How prosperous could development be if it went far beyond 'less

damaging' or even just 'sustainable' and became environmentally and socially beneficial?

How economically smart would it be to have development models that deliberately nurtured both the earth and society? Particularly if that choice in the development marketplace were more attractive, affordable and prosperous?

Collectively we know how to do this. Particularly in this region where there's been over 50 years of experimentation and practical research individually and in groups, who documented the journey that is now being taught in the mainstream.

The economic potential is already becoming evident in the energy sector where people like Wang Chuanfu, Elon Musk, Sandeep Gupta etc are probably part of our future economic elite because they understand that cleaner power generation is already cheaper than fossil-fuel generation and when it's installed the energy is basically free. Nothing can compete with free. The same is true of all sustainable practice; nurturing the earth and society can be massively less costly than our current non-nurturing ways and the resultant abundance is a basically free huge bonus.

We have all the information we need to create sustainable development models for the global mass market in the 21st century. It could be a rapidly growing economic, social and environmental repair kit.

**Robin Harrison**  
Binna Burra

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## The window for catastrophic Trump madness approaches

Phillip Frazer

Two years ago, with the US presidential election just weeks away, I wrote in *The Echo*, 'Trump is whipping up rage among his hardcore fans, screaming that the election is rigged and will be stolen by Clinton and "the establishment".'

'Will there be fighting in the streets?' I asked. 'Trump has exhorted his followers to go to the polling stations and give Hillary supporters hell... Candidate Trump is outrageously disparaging about women, and anyone else who isn't like him. No-one knows how many men are not admitting to pollsters or their wives that, behind the polling booth curtain, they're going to vote for the big creepy guy.'

As it turned out, not much street fighting happened on election day, and afterwards Trump fans had no reason to fight because their guy won the electoral college with 52 per cent of male votes and 41 per cent of females.

Now, two years on, liberal media giants the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, CNN, MSNBC et al are pumping out fear and loathing in their editorials about President Trump like I've not seen over the 50 years I've been reading them.

The former head of the CIA accuses him of treason, Republican senator John McCain calls him a disgrace, and former FBI director James Comey says he's morally unfit to be president.

And still Trump's polls remain at about 47 per cent approval, 52 per cent disapproval, among the 58 per cent of Americans who vote. And new research shows that Trump's win was mostly because voters vote for their party's guy, and today Trump is still the Republicans' guy and the Democrats don't have a candidate yet.

The real threat to the president is the growing number of powerful people who want him out of the White House. The biggest funder of Republican candidates, Charles Koch, recently criticised Trump's tariff and immigration policies as 'divisive' and said he was damaging America, to which Trump replied that the Kochs 'love' some of his policies, including tax cuts and conservative picks for federal courts, while their trade policies are driven by a desire to 'protect their companies outside the US from being taxed.' Insofar as the Koch fortune is presently being



**White supremacist and alt-right guys attacking the anti-racists in Charlottesville VA a year ago. A young woman was killed. The threat level has vastly expanded since then.** Photo Yes magazine

spent on politics, it's going toward electing Republican members of Congress, and state governors and legislators – not to Trump or his buddies.

Other right-wing funders, plus a growing number of Republican candidates, are looking for ways to disassociate from Trump: they can see that some of his fringe supporters – women with college degrees for example – have had enough of him. Believe it or not, 14 per cent of 'educated white women' voted for him in the 2016 election.

Meanwhile, the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election has triggered indictments of 12 Russians and ongoing court cases against several top Trump aides. Trump says it's all a liberal conspiracy, but his previously faithful attorney Michael Cohen has over 100 tapes of the buffoon-in-chief saying things he says he never said.

And as that legal noose tightens, Trump has ramped up his attacks on the media, exhorting his followers to the brink of physical attack on CNN reporter Jim Acosta. 'The press,' he shouts, 'is fake, fake, disgusting news' and the journalists in attendance are 'horrible, horrendous people' [https://www.theguardian.com/media/2018/aug/03/trump-whips-up-crowd-anger-as-hevilifies-media].

So what about that question I raised two years ago: will there be fighting in the streets? There might be, in three months time if the November elections yield a Democrat majority in both the House and the Senate, exposing Trump to impeachment. He would do just about

anything to stave that off, including inciting his rallies to widespread violence, declaring martial law, and/or launching missile attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities and military targets.

In late 2016, journalist Andrew Buncombe interviewed Trump biographer Tony Schwartz for the UK *Independent* newspaper, and wrote: 'Asked how the president might go about undertaking [instituting martial law], [Schwartz] said many of Mr Trump's supporters were police, members of the border guards force and the "far right wing" of the military.' That's probably expanded now to include many not so far-right military and cops, plus legions of gun-toting rent-a-cops, plus a lot of guys who just love the Trump macho-American-man worldview.

Thom Hartmann, a TV and print commentator, recently raised the possibility that the current Congress might grant Trump powers never before given to a president, for example, to suspend the 2020 presidential elections, if enough people were in the streets protesting against him and enough right-wing open-carry armed thugs turned out to confront them.

If Trump wants an excuse to declare war or martial law, there's a brief time-window for him to do it: if Democrats win on election day November 6, he could be mad enough to give it a go before January 6 next year, when the new Congress convenes and could at least try to stop him.

■ Phillip Frazer's blog is safe from the thugs at [www.coorabellridge.com](http://www.coorabellridge.com).

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BEC’s future

Where to for Byron? The next bit of the bigger picture, regarding the Railway Park rotunda saga, will be played out at the 23 August Council meeting. Council’s Cultural Policy, Homeless Policy and Protocol, Public Art Policy, commitment to supporting the environment, and recognition of the Shire’s Aboriginal heritage appear to have all been sidelined for a transition of Railway Park to niceness, with a big dollop of extra commercialism.

In the 1970s the first big forest protests in the world marked this region as special, and put protection of the environment on the table and into government and business practices for the first time in history.

This Shire’s passion, acknowledgement, and respect for Aboriginal people and their heritage of this land drove strong community support for them to pursue Indigenous land use agreements and Native Title.

From campaigning for the Byron Marine Park to saving the fig trees beside the pedestrian crossing in front of Railway Park to the CSG, West Byron and Adani campaigns, the Byron Environment Centre (BEC) has been there. And there in Railway Park for 16 years, in an unauthorised occupation to save a structure that was proposed to be bulldozed. Saved for a BEC base, and for a resource for any other park community initiative. Australia’s most easterly squat, and proud of it!

This Shire’s international reputation was built on an eclectic ragtag community with a bit of an eclectic ragtag-built Byron Bay; niceness relegates us to third place behind the Gold Coast and Coffs Harbour.

The BEC is used to campaigning, but not normally directly against Council, but hey, if that’s the way forward to protect the people of this Shire’s hard work, and hard-fought-for initiatives, then...

**John Lazarus**  
Byron Bay

Facebook?

Mark Zuckerberg and his Facebook company should be gone forever. Also any other company on social media who commits unacceptable behaviour.

Saying sorry doesn’t cut it to your victims, Facebook. Also, Andrew Bolt’s racism isn’t acceptable either. Get him off media too. Talk about hate speech: he’s got it in spades.

**Paul Brecht**  
Evans Head

Sanctuary now!

Cape Byron, the place where locals and internationals stand in awe of nature’s majestic beauty.

The thrill is experienced by all at the sight of marine life – be that fish, rays, turtles, dolphins and whales. Then there are the birds, ospreys, brahminy kites, nankeen kestrels, peregrine falcons and gannets, all nesting and feeding here. Along with the swamp wallabies who fre-

quent the bushland and precipices.

A sanctuary that astounds visitors with its rich abundance of life.

Why, then, would you put fishermen into the picture? Arriving at the lookouts swearing, climbing and eroding the cliff face to perch on the edge of the ‘masterpiece’, casting nylon lines and hooks into the faces of the beautiful creatures swimming past. Spear guns aimed as killing machines through the clear waters that seconds before left visitors in awe of their tranquil beauty.

Cape Byron is sacred and a sanctuary. The whole of the bay is special and is a sanctuary of nature.

There is absolutely no need to allow fishing and killing at the cape.

Make Cape Byron a marine sanctuary now!

**Deb Kayes**  
Ocean Shores

Misinformation

In last week’s *Tweed Valley Weekly*, Geoff Provest is quoted, ‘I am disappointed with the Relocate Team spreading misinformation.’

Health Infrastructure are quoted, ‘if no agreement can be reached on the price of the land at Cudgen, the matter will be referred to the Valuer-General.’

This comes a week after Mr Provest said that the sale could go through as early as the next day. Is this misinformation, given that protracted negotiations are happening and perhaps compulsory site acquisition will have to be done?

Are the Health Infrastructure team guilty of misinformation as well when they will not clearly state that the current Tweed Heads Hospital will close as a hospital? By stating that some out-of-hospital services will be retained, they are deliberately confusing many residents who still believe that they will be able to be treated there. This is not so, as all existing hospital services will be transferred and relocated to the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

Our group of concerned farmers and residents are spreading correct information, trying to reach many older residents who don’t have access to the internet, and who rely mainly on the free papers for their news. We wouldn’t have had to deliver fact sheets to Tweed Shire residents if the truth had been told about the hospital closure from day one.

**Barbara Roughan**  
Relocate Tweed Valley Hospital

Protecting the ABC

At its most recent meeting the Ballina branch of Country Labor discussed in great detail the continuing concentration of Australian media markets, along with the continuing attacks and revenue cut-backs on our public broadcaster the ABC by the current federal coalition government.

Our membership overwhelmingly resolved to totally support recent media statements by our Richmond MP Justine Elliott that a Bill Shorten-led Labor government will

reverse the latest \$80 million cut to the ABC.

Justine also stated, ‘Protecting the ABC and SBS from the Liberal and National Party’s shameful idealistic cuts is critical, and Labor will always fight for public broadcasting. Labor will also explore every avenue to protect and bolster media diversity.’

‘Labor opposed and voted against the repeal of the two-out-of-three rule in parliament because democracy suffers if you have too few media voices; workers suffer when mergers inevitably lead to job losses; and citizens, consumers and communities get less diversity, less coverage and less choice.’

**Alan Veacock**  
Ballina Country Labor

Perspective on facts

Warren Kennedy’s reply to my letter tries to discredit the well-known facts. This is typical of the apologists for the Hamas terrorist group and people who try to rewrite history.

Mr Kennedy disingenuously claims that the peace offers by Israel have been a sham. In two of many examples, both Israeli prime ministers Barak (1999–2001) and Olmert (2006–2008) made generous and comprehensive offers to the Palestinians. One included 97 per cent net of West Bank, with the Arab neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem becoming the capital of the Palestinian state.

The offer included a right of return for the Palestinian refugees to their own state, with a fund of \$30 billion internationally for compensation, repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation costs. In his response, Arafat rejected the deal and Clinton was furious with Arafat, blaming him for the lost opportunity.

Mr Kennedy then goes on to talk about Gaza. As he well knows, Israel uprooted her army and all settlements, leaving Gaza completely in 2005 with Hamas soon taking over and brutally oppressing the Palestinian population. While the blockade is clearly not good for either side, Hamas maintains a constant state of war with Israel, so any other country would do the same.

Kennedy then disputes the fact that Jews have always lived in the territory. Not only were Jews indigenous to the region but during the period of the Mandate it was the Jewish population that was known as ‘Palestinians’. My family survived the 1929 massacre of Jews, as well as the pact that the Mufti of Jerusalem was making with Hitler to eliminate the Palestinian Jews, the 1948 war of independence which was expected to be a complete massacre of all Jews when the five Arab nation armies invaded the newly formed Israel etc. The fact that there was an influx after WWII is beside the point.

I love Australia, Israelis and Palestinians. I support peace efforts such as the Australian AFL peace team consisting of 13 Israeli

and 13 Palestinians who competed as a united team for the AFL International cup, making Australian sporting history. What do you love, Warren Kennedy?

**Danny Wakil**  
Billinudgel

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Lennox fig facts

Ballina Shire Council has issued a fact sheet on the Castle Drive fig tree at Lennox Head that is nothing more than selective propaganda with many untruths to justify their original decision to remove the tree.

There is only one property – No. 7 Castle Drive – where cracks have occurred in the driveway and the screen walls attached to the main house structure. There is no cracking to the main house structure, which is built on piers, and the cracks were caused by movement of these external screen walls away from the main house. These cracks were more cosmetic and the building was never structurally unsafe. Poor construction was a contributing factor to the building movement.

The pictures of roots under the driveway clearly show them not penetrating the house structure. The driveway has been replaced with a thicker, reinforced concrete slab paid for by Council. A payout was also made to No. 9 to fix the uneven paving in their garden.

The house and the tree can co-exist. The arborists recommended concrete or steel root barriers, which are cheap and effective. The owners refused to allow a root barrier one or two metres inside their street boundary. This can be verified by the four engineers’ reports and the four arborists’ reports given to Council.

The legal case used by Ballina Council to justify their decision *Michos v Botany Bay City Council* made it mandatory to install a root barrier and PVC drainage pipes and did not require removal of the tree. Ballina Council public risk policy is not affected – only their advice that their insurer would not cover future damage to this house.

Council used advice on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage from outside Aboriginal community representatives and council staff to justify their limited submission to the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Council has been selective in their advice to residents and secretly arrived early on the morning of July 30 to remove the tree with police involvement.

Council refused to allow a WIRES carer to look for wildlife prior to any work and monitor the loss of animals and birds when work was proceeding. After a wood duck nest and seven duck eggs were found Council refused to accept WIRES’ advice and wait for 28 days for the ducklings to hatch.

Council also advised that they would relocate the beehive in the

tree buttress roots, but instead employed a pest exterminator company to euthanase the bees.

Planting of ‘mature native species’ is a naïve statement and this can never replace the history and life given freely by this tree for 200 years. The cost of this tree removal, community disruption, equipment, staff, police, security personnel and council resources will far exceed the cost of fixing a few cracks in a driveway and screen walls apart from the damaging social impact and destruction of the neighbourhood environment.

Our advice from all professional sources has always been that the house and tree can co-exist – they are not mutually exclusive.

**John Sparks**  
Lennox Head

Break the deadlock

Mr Trump has had long membership in both political parties, and understands their alliances with media. All have their hidden ties to corporate players.

Trump tweets anger at both media camps. Like most politicians, he is skilled in the art of repetition of alternative facts. This only becomes propaganda with media repetition.

Since most media are against him, constant twittering effectively gets coverage of his version.

In all the great pseudo-democracies of the west, capitalism thrives through ‘owning’ the major parties. Pitted in combat for short terms in power, the parties are manipulated by corporate interests in a longer game.

In the world of undemocratic parties, politicians and candidates are groomed through infighting in competitive factions. Their conditioning to party loyalty ensures individual survival, and that capitalism is well served.

Australia mirrors this system, in which gullible humans repeatedly place faith in the ‘benevolence’ of one party or another. To break the cycle of enslavement to the system, we must think globally and act locally.

Many politicians started out altruistically, but soon became controllable and ensnared in a system run for the money machines. The leadership can’t and won’t be convinced to gain control for the people.

Democratic power can be restored in the electorate, where it belongs. Circles of respected elders have the capacity to rate candidates on character and suitability for office. Higher-rated independents can out-poll party members, and break the gridlock.

Compassionate and civil independents will find they are naturally allied, when seeking ways to benefit all community members. Understanding will evolve that this is very feasible, when unproductive high-paid jobs and profiteering decline in a more utopian society.

**Hayo van der Woude**  
Mullumbimby





## New short-term holiday-letting regulations

The NSW Government has announced a new regulatory framework to govern the short-term holiday-letting industry. Short-term holiday letting has rapidly expanded in recent years owing to the growth of online booking services such as Airbnb and Stayz.

The regulatory framework is designed to ensure that local communities continue to gain from the economic benefits of short-term holiday letting, while protecting neighbours from antisocial behaviour. The new framework will include new planning laws, an industry code of conduct, and new provisions for strata scheme by-laws.

### Planning laws

New planning laws will allow short-term holiday letting under certain conditions. If the host is present, they can use their home for short-term holiday letting all year round as exempt development. That is, they do not need to submit a development application to their local council.



If the host is not present, for all areas of NSW outside Greater Sydney a residence can be used for short-term holiday letting up to 365 days, although councils outside Greater Sydney will have the power to decrease the 365-day limit to no less than 180 days per year.

For more information visit the NSW Planning & Environment website.

### Code of conduct

A mandatory code of conduct will be introduced that will apply to anyone involved in providing or using short-term holiday letting, including

hosts, guests, online platforms, and letting agents.

*A strike will include any behaviour that unreasonably interferes with a neighbour's quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their home.*

The code will establish the 'two strikes and you're out' policy. Hosts or guests who commit two serious breaches of the code within two years will be banned for five years. Platforms and letting agents will not be permitted to offer services to anyone, or any dwelling, that is listed on the exclusion register. Failure to check the register before taking on new customers may result in significant penalties of up to \$1.1 million for corporations and \$220,000 for individuals.

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ment of their home.

The Code will establish a complaints system. Complaints will be independently assessed and approved by the commissioner for Fair Trading.

NSW Fair Trading will have powers to police online platforms and letting agents. The code, its enforcement, the compliance system, and the register will be funded by industry.

What about strata schemes?

Strata-scheme management laws will be amended to clarify that by-laws can prohibit short-term holiday letting, but only for lots that are not a host's principal place of residence.

That is, if a host is genuinely sharing their home, they will still be able to use a spare room for short-term holiday letting, and will be allowed to let out their principal place of residence while they are away on holidays.

NSW Fair Trading will also develop guidelines to advise owners' corporations on how they can use other existing strata laws to help deal with short-term holiday letting.

When will the new framework start?

*What about strata schemes? Strata-scheme management laws will be amended to clarify that by-laws can prohibit short-term holiday letting, but only for lots that are not a host's principal place of residence.*

The NSW parliament passed the government's short-term holiday-letting reforms on Tuesday 14 August. The new framework is expected to start in 2019.

The code of conduct will be developed in consultation with government agencies, and industry and community groups during 2018.

The reforms will be reviewed a year after they commence.

For information on how the framework was determined please go the Fair Trading NSW website.

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**INSPECT: By Appointment**

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**\$1,685,000**



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Open: Inspect by appointment  
Contact: Tim Lawry 0428 565 626  
tim@prd1770.com.au  
PRD Agnes Water



Noble Lakeside Park - Kingscliff

Site 180  
2 1 1 \$349,000



Absolutely nothing remaining to be done. This immaculately presented home is ready to be moved into and enjoyed!

It is located on a corner block in close proximity to visitor parking and is just a short stroll to tennis court and swimming pool. It has recently been redecorated throughout. New timber-effect vinyl planking throughout the living areas and bedrooms. Plus, new blinds and curtains have recently been installed.

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

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

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

The tiled bathroom comprises a shower cabinet and vanity unit with a separate toilet. A carport adjoins the home and has a remotely operated roller door and space for two small vehicles.

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**Auction** 1 September 2018 at 1.30pm  
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**Contact** **David Mutkins**  
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NEW



29 Tweed Street, **Brunswick Heads**

3+ 2

A 1930s high set cottage with a flexible floor plan set over two levels. Tropical gardens and a Bali hut bring a sense of privacy and a space to relax. The house has original features such as timber floorboards and 11ft ceilings.

**Inspect**

Sat 25th August 10-10.30am

**Price**

Price On Application

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



16 Green Frog Lane, **Bangalow**

3 2

It's hard not to be charmed by this c1920s weatherboard. With restoration at the heart of its recent revival, the owner has preserved every period feature of the house and the results will bring a smile.

**Inspect**

By Appointment

**Price**

\$1,050,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



46 Main Arm Road, **Mullumbimby**

3 1 2

First time offered in over 60 years. This double brick 1950s home has maintained its priceless original features such as polished timber floors, timber sash windows, moulded plaster cornice, terracotta roof, french doors & Bakelite fittings.

**Inspect**

By Appointment

**Price**

\$750,000 to \$790,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



65A Balemo Drive, **Ocean Shores**

4 3 2

Brand-new home with North aspect & bush outlook. Flexible design with the opportunity for separate living and income. 2 level home with abundant natural light, polished timber floors, vaulted ceilings, stone benches and golf course views.

**Inspect**

By Appointment

**Price**

\$698,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



Where Bush Meets Beach

246 Skinners Shoot Road, Byron Shire  
🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 7 \$1,700,000



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



**Open:** Inspect by appointment  
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Katrina Beohm Real Estate

Best Value In Ocean Shores

65A Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores  
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Ocean Shores rarely offers brand spanking new homes to the market. Designed to cater for the modern buyer with all the passive solar features required and desired by savvy buyers, such as insulation, rainwater storage and instantaneous gas hot water. Upstairs is a full sized 3 bedroom light filled home with 2 fresh, white bathrooms, timber floors, vaulted ceilings, Caesarstone kitchen benches and a large deck with views over the golf course. Below is a large self-contained studio space for income potential for investment return or help with the mortgage. The home has a full sized double garage, is set well back from the street and the low maintenance yard is fenced.



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0408 966 421  
Byron Shire Real Estate

River Cottage

132 Upper Wilsons Creek Road, Upper Wilsons Creek  
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River Cottage is the perfect sanctuary away from the hustle & bustle of city life. Set in an idyllic location, the home has an unrivalled outlook over some of the most stunning rainforest & picture perfect river frontage the area has to offer. Wilsons River originates a short distance from the property & flows only metres away from the home giving it a clean, abundant water supply & your own amazing natural swimming pool. The original 1900s farmhouse has been lovingly restored & benefits from wrap around verandas, open plan living & plenty of light filtering in through the northerly windows. If you are looking for peace & tranquillity where you can let your creative juices flow, then look no further than this paradise.



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+ Garage with storage & 2nd bathroom. Covered wrap around deck that looks to the beach  
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**NEWRYBAR** 12 Old Byron Bay Road  
**\$2.85 million**  
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+ Architectural ultramodern home in an elevated position. Uninterrupted country & coastal views  
+ High ceilings, Italian & Spanish tiles, ducted A/C & touch lighting throughout. Gourmet kitchen  
+ Freshwater infinity pool & separate guest house. Fire pit, 130 yr old fig tree & room for a pony  
+ 9m x 15m Colorbond shed. 8kW solar power. Prime hinterland location, 12 mins to the beach

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Saturday 10am-10.30am

NEW LISTING

**Family Home with Outstanding Value** 3 2 2

**39 Montwood Drive, Lennox Head**

- ✓ Spacious renovated kitchen, stone benches with an abundance of work space
- ✓ Timber laminate flooring throughout living areas with new carpet in bedrooms
- ✓ Main bedroom - walk in robe, ensuite, large windows overlooking front gardens
- ✓ New timber decking around pool - perfect for entertaining
- ✓ Fully fenced large private yard with established gardens plus children's play set

✓ DLUG with extraordinary amount of under house storage

✓ Large front yard has been planted out with established plants - no need to mow

Inspect: Saturday 10am-10.30pm

Price: \$750,000

Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399 or Clayton Papillon 0474 922 599

**Lois Buckett**



OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday 11am-11.30am

NEW LISTING

**Family Home with Views to Boulders Beach** 5 3 2

**1 Seabreeze Place, Lennox Head**

- ✓ Substantial family home on elevated 1145m<sup>2</sup> corner block
- ✓ Main bed has views to Boulders, walk in robe, ensuite with access to covered deck
- ✓ Bed 2 and 3 are both generous in size, built in robes and ceilings fans
- ✓ Large living/family area enjoys elevated outlook and breezes; loads of natural light
- ✓ Modern kitchen with ample bench space, flows to substantial NE facing outdoor deck area

✓ Sheltered private timber deck area looks over pool

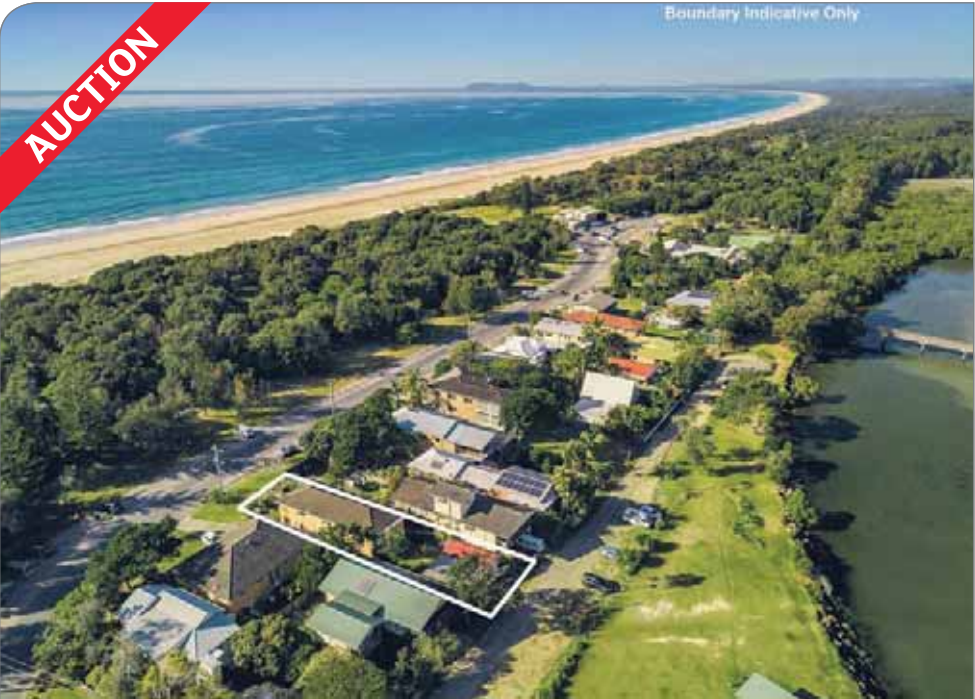
✓ Generous 1 bedroom self-contained studio with private access

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AUCTION

Boundary Indicative Only

**Brunswick Heads 6 South Beach Road** 7 3 3

**POSITION AND POTENTIAL**

- 506m2 block (approx.) with rare two street frontages
- Amazing views over the river to the village of Brunswick Heads
- Beach at the front of the property & river and parkland at the back
- Upstairs has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, spacious living area, front & rear balconies
- Downstairs offers 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & 2 living areas
- Single garage with double carport, access from South Beach Lane

**Auction**

Saturday 8th September 2018, 12pm, on site

**View**

Thursday 1pm – 1:30pm  
Saturday 1pm – 1:30pm

**Contact**

**Tony Farrell**  
0417 212 692  
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# Open for Inspection

- Byron Bay First National**
- 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Wed 11–11.30am
  - 7/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Wed 12–12.30pm
  - 3 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Thu 10–10.30am
  - 354 Upper Wilsons Creek Road, Upper Wilsons Creek. Thu 11–11.30am
  - 2E Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Thu 11–11.30am
  - 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Thu 12–12.30pm
  - 3 Weemala Lane, Federal. Thu 12–12.30pm
  - Lot 2/20 Azalea Street, Mullumbimby. Fri 10–10.30am
  - 70 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Fri 11–11.30am
  - 1635–1651 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Fri 12–12.30pm
  - Lot 20 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Fri 2–2.30pm
  - Lot 6, 155–159 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Fri 2.30–3pm
  - 7/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 9–9.30am
  - 106 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
  - 2E Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
  - 70 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 3/183 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 46 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 906 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 113 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 28 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 21 Taylors Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 2/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 3/2 Durroon Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 437 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 7 Grand Valley Court, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 43 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 3 Weemala Lane, Federal. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 5/19 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am–12pm
  - 2/68 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 35 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 2 Bannister Court, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 354 Upper Wilsons Creek Road, Upper Wilsons Creek. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 3/12 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 3 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 2/39 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
- Byron Shire Real Estate**
- 29 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am

- Elders Bangalow**
- 24 James Street, Dunoon. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Elders Brunswick Heads**
- 1 Glendale Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 247 Gulgan Rd, Brunswick Heads. Thu 2– 2.30pm & Sat 10.30–11am
  - 4 Gin Gin Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- ForSaleByAgent**
- 17 Brunswick Terrace, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.45–11.30am
- LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads**
- 140 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Thu 11–11.30am
  - 58 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Thu 12–12.30pm
  - 140 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 16 Banool Circuit, North Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 5 Bower Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 58 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 16 Short Street, Brunswick Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 44 Gloria Street, South Golden Beach. 1–1.30pm
- Lois Buckett Real Estate**
- 14 Callicoma Court, Wollongbar. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 59 Survey Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11.15–11.45am
  - 39 Montwood Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 1 Seabreeze Place, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- McGrath Byron Bay**
- 49 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 5 Coachwood Close, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 303 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 31 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 60 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Raine & Horne Ocean Shores**
- 46 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
  - 29 Natan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 36 Robin Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11–11.30am
  - 73 New Brighton Road, New Brighton. Sat 12–12.30pm
  - 10 Philip Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 87 Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. Sat 1–1.30pm
  - 13 Dignan Street, Burringbar. Sat 2–2.30pm

## New Listings

- Byron Bay First National**
- 5/19 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Auction Pending
  - 3–7 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. \$6,300,000 to \$6,500,000
  - 1/48–50 Cedar Crescent, East Ballina. \$499,000
- Byron Shire Real Estate**
- 29 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads
- Elders Brunswick Heads**
- 4 Gin Gin Crescent Ocean Shores
- Lois Buckett Real Estate**
- 14 Callicoma Court, Wollongbar
  - 2A Walsh Place, Cumbalum
- Raine & Horne Ocean Shores**
- Lot 2, Redgate Road, South Golden Beach
  - Lot 4, Redgate Road, South Golden Beach
  - 87 Byangum Road, Murwillumbah

## Auctions

- Elders Brunswick Heads**
- 247 Gulgan Rd, Brunswick Heads. Sat 15 Sept 11.30am onsite
  - 10B Nana Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 29 Sept 11am onsite
- McGrath Byron Bay**
- 5 Coachwood Close, Byron Bay
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- 2A Walsh Place, Cumbalum. 22 September





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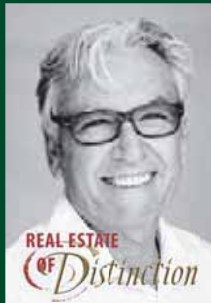
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## FEATURE

# Magic Murwillumbah

If you've been to Murwillumbah lately, you already know. If you haven't we have one word for you: GO. There are changes afoot. Once-unused spaces are now home to eclectic collaboratives. Vibrant shops dot the streets offering a wide array of experiences and treasures. With fabulous cafes, wonderful scenery and friendly people it is no wonder that many from the Byron Shire have upped stumps and decided to call Mur'bah home. Check out these pages for a taste of the emerging Murwillumbah, one where creativity, inspiration and collaboration combine to make magic.

### Flowerista 1

Georgie Taylor is Mur'bah's very own Flowerista.

When Georgie Taylor was sixteen she received a beautiful box of flowers from her mother and brothers for her birthday. She was completely captivated both by the beauty and by the feeling of that experience. From that point she knew she wanted to work with flowers and share with others the beauty and pleasure she felt at that moment. And that is exactly what she did.

Georgie's shop Flowerista is a delightful experience. Georgie's love of flowers is evident everywhere you look, 'Even after 38 years as a florist I can still go into raptures over the iridescence on a piece of delphinium or the exquisite softness and shape of moss,' laughs Georgie.

If you're looking for a floral arrangement to brighten up your home or express thanks or love, call into Flowerista or give Georgie a call and explain what you want. She'll arrange something so beautiful it will take your breath away.

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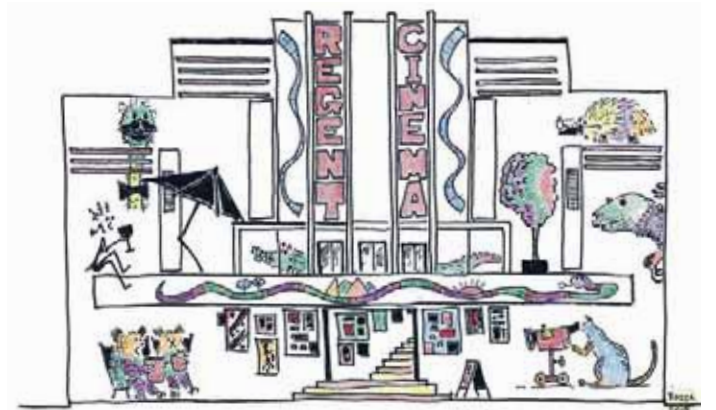
### French film festival

The many fans of French culture will be happy to know that a series of French movies is coming to Murwillumbah! In an Australian first, the film distributor StudioCanal is presenting a stellar package of four of the best French films of 2018, an initiative designed to give regional audiences a taste of the best of contemporary European films that are not often released outside of major capital cities.

The package includes *Back to Burgundy*, a film about sibling camaraderie and imploding familial tension among the vineyards of the famous wine-producing region; *Gauguin*, starring veteran actor Vincent Cassel as the famed French painter during his self-imposed exile in Polynesia; *Return of the Hero*, a period comedy set at the beginning of the 1800s, with an hilarious performance from one of France's biggest stars, Jean Dujardin (*The Artist*); and *Jealous*, a fascinating comedy-drama about a divorced middle-class woman who, upon turning

50, slowly devolves into an irritable, narcissistic and jealous monster.

All these films will be screened at the Regent Cinema through August and September. Screening dates and times are on the website: [www.cinemaregent.com](http://www.cinemaregent.com).



### Made and Found Collective

Enjoy the relaxed creative vibe in this beautifully curated collective. Four shops in one, set in an historic 1907 warehouse opposite South Murwillumbah Post Office, chock-full of vintage and artistic goodness. Take some time and a friend for a visit and soak up the unique experience.

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### Makers & Finders Market

Situated in the beautiful Knox Park, the town's hip vintage, handmade and flea market is a very good reason to pack the car, your mates and your favourite tunes. Go for a skate or play a game of tennis or just throw a blanket on the grass and sit back and enjoy the smooth tunes and good vibes.

Held on the third Saturday of every month, 9am-2pm.

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### Each To Own

In April this year, leading online jewellery design company Each To Own, run by Kirsten Devitt and Richard Fenney, opened its doors in a gorgeous old shopfront in Murwillumbah.

It is full of bright and beautiful things from their own ranges – Each To Own and homeware brand Keepoh – along with makers and designers from all over the world.

'We know so many amazing makers from years in the industry and I make sure that I offer lesser-known established brands and new artists and makers establishing themselves. I have a lot of clever friends in the design and maker communities in Australia and overseas and love the fact that I can give them a home in a retail setting. It is a great feeling,' Kirsten says.

Each To Own is open seven days and love having visitors from all over come to see them, but they are still your local shop with a great prezzie on hand when you need it.

10-12 Commercial Rd, Murwillumbah.

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### CHOZEN

With the sun's rays and warmer weather of spring just about to touch our lives once again, the time to think about updating your home for the amazing summer ahead is inching closer and closer.

At Chozen Interiors, Willow and Jase offer a unique variety of rattan and reclaimed teak furniture to suit the lush tropical lifestyle of our area. They stock breathtaking terrazzo stone free-standing bathtubs in a range of stunning colours. If you're dreaming of redecorating or creating that exotic resort-feel bathroom in your new build, you really need to visit Chozen Interiors.

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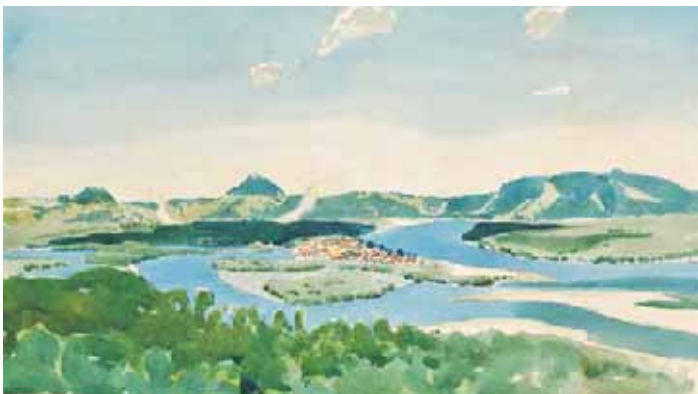
### Meet Brad Franks from Ray White Murwillumbah

Chatting to Brad his enthusiasm and passion for the area are obvious. 'Every day when I am driving into town I turn at the sugar mill and I see the magnificence of the Border Ranges with the morning sun on them and then I look across to Mt Warning. It truly is magical,' says Brad.

'It's a friendly town,' says Brad. 'Murwillumbah has a wonderful sense of community and the town centre is experiencing a new vibrancy with interesting shops and fabulous cafes opening all the time. People are discovering what Murwillumbah has to offer, properties here represent real value compared with Byron Shire. I don't think anywhere could beat it if you're looking at the combination of lifestyle and natural beauty.' And Brad would know – his Ray White Murwillumbah office just picked up the award for No. 5 in the country for the Ray White Rural network.

If you want to get a genuine idea of Murwillumbah's property scene, give Brad a call or drop in to the office.

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Above: Kenneth Macqueen (1897–1960)  
Mount Warning and the Tweed River c 1930s  
watercolour on paper, 32 x 40cm  
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### The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre



The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is housed in a large, modern, architecturally award-winning building with views to Wollumbin/Mount Warning.

The Gallery's seven exhibition spaces present a dynamic program of historical to contemporary touring exhibitions alongside exhibitions showcasing the work of regional, national and international artists presented exclusively at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

The Tweed Regional Gallery is located at 2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah South. Opening hours are 10am–5pm, Wednesday to Sunday. Admission is free.

**Three Decades: celebrating the Tweed Regional Gallery collection: 24 August 2018 till 30 June 2019**

2018 marks the Gallery's 30th anniversary. To honour this milestone, Gallery director Susi Muddiman OAM has curated an exhibition from the collection, which celebrates its development since 1988 and surveys the four focus areas that inform acquisitions.

For further information visit [artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au) or phone 6670 2790

Image: Tweed Regional Art Gallery,  
David Sandison Photography



### A HIDDEN GEM



Baliana is a hidden gem on Wollumbin Street, set back slightly from the road. Wander through and be delighted by Mother J's large variety of succulents and designer gifts, then be impressed by the Balinese statues and garden ornaments as well as a selection of furniture, homewares, and plants.

Continue your wandering through the front courtyard and into the area where the furniture and homewares are (you'll be sorely tempted to test out the daybeds) and then be as surprised as I was to find another courtyard with even more statues and a delightful cafe. The cafe consists of some tables nestled under umbrellas and a wonderful daylounge area under a Bali hut.

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## The Life Aquatic



Owned and operated by Tweed Shire Council, the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres offer three locations for you and your family to enjoy – Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and South Tweed. The centres vary in size and all have heated water for your comfort and enjoyment. TRAC offer a large range of aquatic activities: learn to swim, aqua fitness, swim squad, hydrotherapy, recreational and lap swimming. Tweed Shire Council is committed to providing universal access and social inclusion for everyone who lives, works or visits the TRAC

swim centres. With the obligation of providing facilities and services to the community they strive to provide safety plus a respectful and friendly atmosphere that allows everyone to enjoy the water. Murwillumbah is the premier location for families, with a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool, giant waterslide, diving boards, free barbecue, cafe, and rolling spacious lawns. The number one regional aquatic centre!

[trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/](http://trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/)

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## Roost Interiors

Roost Interiors is South Murwillumbah's newest concept lifestyle and homewares store, home to a pair of creatives who each have their own era and style but share a love for furniture restoration and design. Toad Hill Vintage creates one-off designs in the theme of Vintage French Provincial and Country Farmhouse decor. Creative workshops are also offered, sharing a knowledge of Sweet Pickins milk-paint application and finishes as well as stencilling and decoupage.

Kuipers & Co revives icons from the past, bringing you premium timeless pieces from the last century. Scandinavian, Australian, and British mid-century furniture features strongly, as well as iconic butterfly chairs, vintage lighting, and unique artwork.

Roost Interiors is a beautiful store located at 297–299 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah.

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# Fox on the Run

By S Davey

There’s a cosy little Asian street-food place called Foxy Luu’s, in the Woolies carpark, that does tasty eat-in or takeaway. The decor is fun and funky Asian and the food is freshly made from an across-Asia menu. Still relatively new on the Byron scene, owner Utku, also known as Max, says he has listened to the locals, adopted more Byron values, and has made some positive changes at Foxy Luu’s. ‘Byron has a well-established community with a strong and distinct voice, which we love hearing and responding to. There is a high consciousness here that teaches us to be and think more ethically and sustainably, both in our personal and business lives. We love interacting with the locals and opening our ears to new ideas about food, and environmental awareness. Thanks to suggestions from our regulars we are now recycling as much as possible, we’ve reduced waste, replaced plastic with biodegradable options, and also we are offering more vegan choices just to name a few.’ Doing a favourite Byron experience of grabbing some food and watching the sunset from the beach can now be done with a clear conscience, a satisfied belly and a happy palate.

The food at Foxy Luu’s has always had a focus on nutritious and healthy offerings, another Byron convention. Max expands: ‘My partner Leilani, also the head chef at Foxy Luu’s, studies Nutritional Medicine. She was adamant about making as much as possible from scratch, and bringing in nutritious broths and fresh bao buns... We also love finding ourselves in conversations with customers about healing practices, local and global ecological matters, art and music; this happens much more than elsewhere! We definitely love becoming a part of the furniture here.’

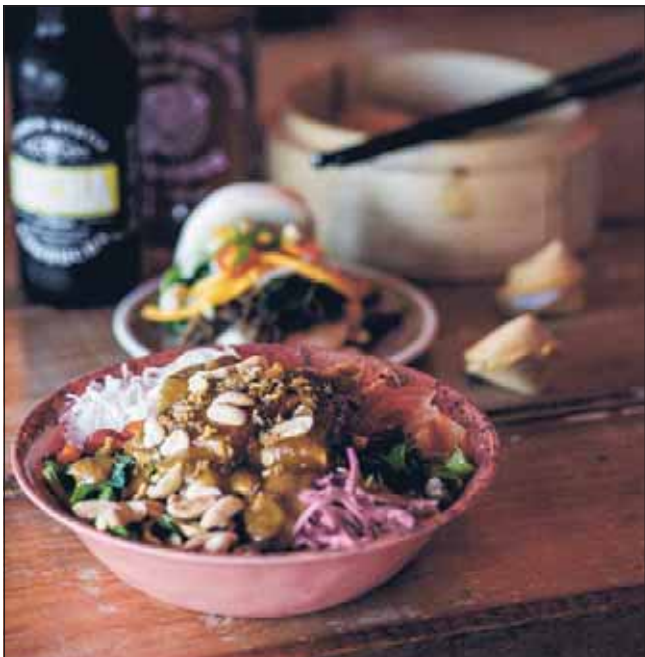
Because the dishes are freshly made from scratch, using fresh herbs and produce, they have plenty of crunch, juice and flavour. If you meet Utku you will find a warm, friendly guy who is up for a chat. He says, ‘We want to communicate with and understand locals... food is what we do and we also want to offer something to the fabric of the town.’ Foxy’s also sponsors a couple of local community organisations.



Photos by Ingrid Pullen Photography

Another request from locals was for more vegan options, so Foxy’s now has a vegan version of their Bento Box called Byron Bento Bites, which is a tasty selection of bites from different Asian countries. One of the most popular dishes at Foxy’s is the nourishing Chicken Bone Broth. There is now a vegan ramen soup as well as other different vegan dishes. As well, the soups come in a generous bowl size or cup size and, owing to customer demand, Foxy Luu’s offers reusable soup cups.

At Foxy Luu’s you can take your taste buds on a journey across Asia. The menu options include Vietnamese rice-paper rolls, Taiwanese Bao buns, Japanese edemame, Indonesian gado gado, just to name a few... and you can finish with a French fusion of coconut



and passionfruit panna cotta. Additionally, the menu is always changing (this isn’t just restaurant rhetoric – it actually does), so there’s always something new around the corner. The Yum Cha Hawkers Degustation has been so popular that it has moved from a weekly menu option to a daily one; Utku teases that it the cheapest degustation in Australia!

The food is reason enough to visit Foxy Luu’s, but their focus on community and sustainability makes you feel good about supporting this business, who, as Utku says, ‘want to be in tune with what Byron stands for and positively contribute’. As well, when you have had enough vegan-vego-gluten-free-everything-friendly fare you can get a tonic for the soul by ordering a dumpling and a dessert, and a drink because the BYO-friendly Foxy Luu’s is right next door to The Cellar bottle shop.

**Foxy Luu’s. Open seven days for lunch, dinner and takeaway**  
**90/96 Jonson St (Woolies carpark next to The Cellar Bottle shop), Byron Bay.**

# Splash into Fishheads

By Vivienne Pearson

Combining a community swimming pool, a bustling takeaway, and a high-quality restaurant all in one amazing beachside location is quite a feat. It’s a feat that Fishheads has pulled off for 18 years (and counting).

Fishheads runs the Byron Bay Community Pool, a beachfront takeaway, and a seafood restaurant, which is located in the original bathers’ pavilion of the community-built pool on Main Beach.

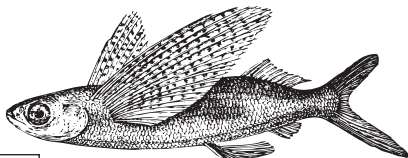
Fishheads utilises the freshest seafood sourced locally. ‘Ralph’s knowledge of seafood is unbelievable,’ says Mitchell Buckley, functions manager of Fishheads, speaking of owner, Ralph Mamone.

Oysters are a huge part of the Fishheads menu, served natural, Kilpatrick, raspberry mignonette, or as a bloody Mary oyster shot.

Mains include the most popular Ultimate Seafood Platter, a piled-up high collection of local Balmain bay bugs, local king prawns, salt-and-pepper squid, mussels, seared salmon, natural oysters and smoked salmon.

Though it is close, the menu isn’t one hundred per cent seafood. Non-seafood eaters are unlikely to make Fishheads their restaurant of choice but can rest assured that, if they find themselves there with friends, they will find vegetarian options, like the Mediterranean spiced eggplant steak.

Takeaway options have you covered when eating at the beach,



**Pictured top – Seafood platter for two**  
**Pictured centre – Fishheads on an amazingly quiet day – supplied**  
**Pictured bottom – Original Fishheads building**

or by the pool. So you can treat yourself while the little ones enjoy their swimming lessons; they are currently taking bookings for the 2018/19 season. The pool space is also available for functions in the evening, with catering by Fishheads.

After being in business for 18 years, it is perhaps not surprising to find out that Fishheads is a great supporter of our community. Over the years, close ties have been formed with all sorts of community groups. ‘Liberation Larder, the YAC, schools, schoolies and more,’ says Mitchell. ‘When we have the opportunity to support our community, we definitely step in.’

Fishheads’ reputation has gone far beyond our humble Shire. One of the Hairy Bikers, Si King, has put it on record that he can’t wait to get to our shores specifically to dine at Fishheads.

While Si King is there, he can check out the fabulous fish-inspired artwork on the walls. My favourite current work, by the local artist Potts, is a wall-sculpture of fish-shaped thongs. Fishheads donates profits from sale of the art to local charity.

Where to from here for Fishheads? More of the same, concludes Mitchell: ‘We will continue to support our community and cut up great fish!’

**Fishheads, 1 Jonson St, Main Beach. Open 7.30am–late, seven days. Ph: 6680 7632. [www.restaurantbyronbay.com.au](http://www.restaurantbyronbay.com.au)**





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# Celebrating good food... and cake

Story and photo by Vivienne Pearson

Liz Jackson, caterer and pastry chef, gives a hint of her training as a scientist when she speaks of recently trialling hemp as a food. ‘I had never used it, so I experimented,’ she says.

Liz’s metallurgy career in her home town of Wollongong was short lived once friends discovered Mullumbimby. ‘They said how fabulous it was – and how cheap!’ After throwing her possessions onto a train, Liz drove up the coast with six friends. ‘And the dog, the cat, and the whole catastrophe. I just wanted out,’ she says.

The group bought 111 acres in Upper Main Arm, backed by a cliff and dropping away to valley and sea views. ‘We were among the very first influx of hippies,’ Liz says. ‘We’d wear a lap-lap only so we could carry a joint.’

The group were essentially town kids experimenting with a different way of living. ‘We blundered along, trying to be farmers. It was an old banana plantation and there were a few avocado trees,’ says Liz. ‘My first foray into selling food was avocado vinaigrettes.’

The group built a house by hand before gradually going separate ways. Liz satisfied her own need for change by working as a ship’s cook for two years, including with her preschooler daughter, Tara. ‘We were very enterprising,’ Liz says. ‘We’d make prickly-pear pies and barter them with trawler fishermen for prawns and fish.’

On returning, Liz started catering for touring musicians, including international Bluesfest acts and musicians. Liz catered for Bob Dylan on tour in Ballina in the late 90s. ‘He gave me a certificate saying it was the best food he’d had on the whole tour!’

The certificate graced the wall at Luscious Foods (in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate), which was Liz’s business from 2000 till 2013. A double knee replacement that took longer than expected to heal signalled the need for further change. Liz sold Luscious Foods to Zohar Flantz, the current owner, and now runs Celebrations Catering, offering catering for dinner parties and small conferences, as well as cakes for cafes, weddings and private orders.

Liz also volunteers with Liberation Larder, coordinating the menus and volunteers for more than 600 meals each week. She also does ‘food



Liz at home

rescue’, including from the recent Splendour festival.

Despite being a self-confessed ‘TAFE dropout’ Liz values education and continues to do pastry-cheffing short courses to ensure that her specialty cake list, featuring mouth-watering options such as Hazelnut Mocha and Moroccan, and Almond and Pistachio with fresh mint and orange-flower syrup, is up with trends.

**Celebrations Catering: Cakes and catering for small groups and any special occasion worth celebrating. Email: [lizzijackson@gmail.com](mailto:lizzijackson@gmail.com) / Ph: 0414 895 441**

## High-pressure cheffing

**Right: Kat Harvey, glass in hand, prepares a raw-cheese tasting at the fire pit as the sun sets over the Nightcap Ranges. Photo S Haslam**

Our region’s strong reputation for producing quality and unique food is supported by Northern Rivers Food, who regularly host events highlighting aspects of the industry. Last week Kat Harvey, chef and apprentice cheesemaker with Nimbin Valley Dairy, demonstrated the fundamentals of cheesemaking, followed by an expert presentation from Lynne Tietzel on handpicked raw and rare Australian benchmark cheeses.

**More info: [www.northernriversfood.org.au](http://www.northernriversfood.org.au)**



## Vegan Indian popup

This weekend longtime local Dawn Blackwell will be creating a vegan Indian Feast at Puremelt. Dawn grew up in England. Her love of all things spice began with a weekly visit to one of the many local Indian restaurants, and was later cemented with a visit to India, where she was lucky enough to stay with an Indian family and experience home-cooked food. She has a simple philosophy of using the finest, freshest ingredients, maximising flavour, and minimising waste. ‘I love to cook, and I love to feed people,’ says Dawn.

**More info: Fri–Sat, 24/25 August  
Noon–8.30pm at the Puremelt chocolate lounge, Mullumbimby.**





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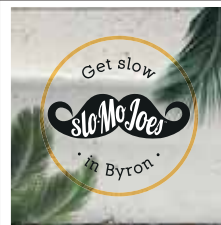




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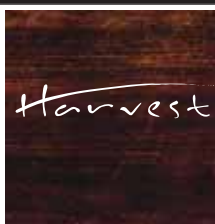
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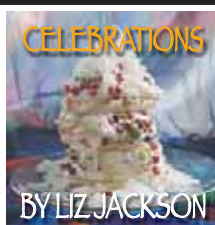
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## THE JOLLY THING ABOUT LIFE

FIVE YEARS AGO BETHANIE JOLLY LOST HER PARTNER IN AN ACCIDENT. HE WAS A BEAUTIFUL MUSICIAN WHO HAD LONG ENCOURAGED BETHANIE TO SHARE THE MUSIC SHE HAD BEEN CREATING SINCE CHILDHOOD. HIS DEATH TAUGHT HER SOMETHING QUITE PROFOUND, AND IN THE PROCESS BETHANIE HAS FOUND HER WAY AS A MUSICIAN. SHE TALKS WITH *THE ECHO* ABOUT HER NEW ALBUM *WOO ME FROM MY SLEEP*, LAUNCHING AT THE DRILL HALL THIS SATURDAY WITH AN ACCOMPANYING ART SHOW BY BETHANIE.



### What was the concept for the album *Woo Me from My Sleep*? Where did you draw your influences?

The journey since the death of my partner has been the biggest and most profound, and in some weird way I am grateful for it all. The depth of the grief and struggle, the sheer height of the love and the joy when it came and everything in between has felt like this great journey across such a wide expanse of human experience, revealing undiscovered parts of life and myself. I feel like we can sleep through life, or we can let life's experiences, however wonderful or challenging, wake us up. *Woo Me from My Sleep* is an invitation to life – a poetic way of saying 'Dear Life, bring it on!' After all, who knows how long we've got?

### Why did you choose to include paintings?

As Joni Mitchell said, painting and songwriting is 'good crop rotation'. It allowed

me a fuller expression of what I was trying to get across. Music is just like another colour to choose from. Painting with music and singing with colour make sense to me. Doing one without the other would be like seeing a beautiful view and not hearing the birds.

### Tell me about the recording. Where did you record? Who with?

I recorded with the legendary Jordan Power at Inky Studios in Byron. A friend of mine told me that if I was going to record with anyone it had to be this guy because he's the best. To be honest, I was a bit nervous about asking him, because he's worked with so many amazing artists, like Xavier Rudd and Angus Stone, and who am I? I honestly could not have picked a better human for the job! Not only did I come out with an album that sounds more beautiful than I could have ever imagined, I also scored a wonderful new friend. It was

also such a treat getting to work with the incredible musicians who came out of the woodwork to play on the album – Peter Hunt on trumpet (Kooi), Bobby Alu on Samoan log drums and other magical nic naks, Matt Bone on double bass, Ben Wilson on banjo, Kara Mallory's vocals, Robbie Farrar on cello, Will Chance on congas, Benny on guitar (Benji & the Saltwater Sound System) and of course the beautiful singers I've called the River Stone Choir. I'm still pinching myself!

### How do the songs change and evolve from recording to the live show?

My live performances vary quite a bit, depending on who is around. I often play solo, but I love sharing music with other musicians more than I love ice-cream. I love how much the songs can vary depending on who is adding their own zest to them. It keeps the songs alive. So it depends...

but this is definitely the first time these songs have experienced so many beautiful musicians all at once. It's very exciting.

### What should we expect for your live show?

For me, this show feels like the pinnacle of this huge 12-month journey. Many of the musicians who played on the album will be joining me and we are very lucky to have Peter Hunt and Chris Mallory opening the evening. I will also have the *Woo Me from My Sleep* painting series displayed for the first time, in which the paintings reflect lyrics from each song on the album. I think it will be a very special evening that celebrates the coming together of all things good and worthy in life – journeys, music, art and damn fine community.

**Saturday at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby with special guests Peter Hunt and Chris Mallory. 6.30pm. Tix are \$12-15 and can be booked on [www.bethaniejolly.com](http://www.bethaniejolly.com).**



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# GLUTEN REVENGE

For years I have made jokes about gluten-intolerant people. They're unkind jokes that refer to that particular group as rather depressed despondent people huddled over hard blocks of angry bread. Bread that refuses to be cut. Bread that can't be chewed without snapping a tooth.

I say in my routine that this is the \$10 bread of misery and depression. Special bread for special people. People who make everyone's life hard because they can't eat stuff. The people who make cooking a simple meal problematic. These people who must constantly be considered at every morning tea. Who need special plates of dry rice crackers wrapped in plastic organised ahead of time.

My joke is simple. Stupid really. I say I have just found out that I am gluten intolerant... intolerant. I can't tolerate gluten-intolerant people. People actually cheer when I do this joke. That is how much they dislike the GF tribe.

In the years of writing ironic comment and doing my gags I have received some rather terse and at times very unfriendly letters and emails from gluten-intolerant people who don't find my jokes funny. Some have been downright abusive. You might even say 'intolerant'. They have poured out their stories of gluten pain from their gluten intolerant hearts and bleated on to me about how hard it has been. How much they suffer.

I have read those letters without compassion in a detached kind of amusement knowing that these gluten-intolerant people are behaving exactly like the people in my joke. Humourless and angry. Well my Mandy Nolan hating Gluten-Intolerant Friends, I have happy news. Revenge Is Yours. Nolan has fallen. You bloody gluten-intolerants have won. I now appear to be gluten intolerant. Of course I haven't had a test. That would be conclusive. I just can't eat gluten any more. It's a conspiracy!

Some gluten-free bastard has made a wheat doll of me, a yeasty voodoo Mandy Nolan, and has stuck long pins into my bread-fashioned gut. How ironic, that she – the teller of the GF jokes – should become GF. It's cruel.

I love bread. And when I say love, I mean that there was a time when a fresh steaming loaf of home-cooked bread would have me breathless with longing. I was a gluten warrior. But now I can't eat the stuff. Just a single mouthful and I bloat up like I'm 38 weeks pregnant, and then I get three hours of stabbing abdominal pain. Followed by some rather unspeakable bathroom activity.

Gluten creates The Swollen Nolan. I have had no choice but to spend the last five months totally gluten free. I had to give in and give up. No gluten equals no pain. It's a bit of a no brainer really. And while I understand the glee of the gluten police at my digestive digression, I have to admit I do find it rather amusing. It's afforded me an insight I was previously denied.

I am now the fuckwit I used to make fun of. I am that idiot in a restaurant looking at a menu, then asking in a passive aggressive tone 'do you have anything gluten free?' I understand the rage now of the glutetards.

I have sat in a fondue restaurant in Paris surrounded by baguettes and melted cheese. There is little joy in Paris without a breadstick. To be gluten free in Paris is to deny joy. Their entire culture celebrates gluten. There's not a moment of the day when you're not accosted with a big crunchy baguette. And the pastry. I couldn't smell a croissant without weeping into my sad flat omelette. I became dark and resentful. I found myself scowling at people thoughtlessly enjoying cake in front of me.

And then one day it occurred to me. I needed to lose the resentment and the anger. That is no way to live. The only way to live in my gluten-free universe was to accept that I was better than them. I had evolved. I was FREE. Gluten Free. The gluten-free people will inherit the earth. Unfortunately though, it is an earth without good bread.




LIVE MUSIC






HETTY KATE

80S UKE NIGHT

BROADFOOT

MASTERS OF INDIA

## FROM PARIS TO MULLUM

Fresh from Paris via New York City, **Hetty Kate** is looking forward to joining legendary jazz guitarist **James Sherlock**, **Thierry Fossemaile** on bass and **Dave Sanders**, for a special concert at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club this Friday. Described as ‘the real deal’ and ‘one of the best swing vocalists on the current scene’, Hetty performed with James Morrison’s touring bands for three years, and can now be found on stages large and small from New Zealand to New York. She has featured at premier jazz festivals internationally, including the New York Winter Jazz Festival (USA), Sapporo International Jazz Festival (Japan), Ascona Jazz Festival (Switzerland), Prague Proms (Czech Republic), and the Cavell Leitch New Zealand International Jazz Festival; and is a frequent guest of the Melbourne, Stonnington and Perth international jazz festivals, the Wangaratta Jazz & Blues Festival, and the Melbourne Women’s International Jazz Festival.

**She’s at Club Mullum on Friday from 8pm. Tix \$25 on the door, \$20 presale on [mullumexservices.com.au](http://mullumexservices.com.au).**

## 80S UKE

**Miss Amber and Stukulele** will be presenting two sets of hits from the 80s. Expect some new-wave pop hits and a power ballad or two from artists like Madonna, Billy Idol, The Cars, Martha and the Muffins, Bowie, Kim Wilde and even Flock of Sea Gulls. Don your post-punk best, bring your uke, and come and work your tonsils out with special guest vocalists Ash Bell and daughter Rose Eadie.

**The songbook is available through [www.ukemullum.com](http://www.ukemullum.com) and, if you can’t make it on the night, you can watch live stream; subscribe to [youtube.com/ukemullum](http://youtube.com/ukemullum) so you don’t miss the notification. Entry on the door Adults \$15, Youth (5–17) \$2.50 and Kids under five FREE. Thursday 30 August at 6.30pm.**

## BROADFOOT AT THE RAILS

For those who like their music strong the opportunity for a **Broadfoot** double dose occurs this **Sunday** with a spot at the Bangalow Showgrounds with music at **Bangalow Market from 10am until 2pm**. Following a highly likely siesta (nanna nap in some circles – nothing against nannas, they’re great), Broadfoot will be playing at **The Rails from 7pm until 10pm**. Bluesy, rock ‘n’ grooving music with pep to move the feet and plenty of upstairs groove as well.



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THUR	<b>STREET LEVEL</b> WITH OPIUO	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b> 4-6PM
FRI	<b>BRAZILIAN NIGHT</b> <b>ZAMBABEM</b> SALSA   SURF   ROCK	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b> 4-6PM
SAT	<b>FESTIVAL FOR THE SEAS</b> DROP LEGS   TAY OSKEE   HEMINGWAY NICK CUNNINGHAM   SOPHIE OZARD   THE DREGGS   RORY O'NEIL	<b>FREE BREWERY TOUR</b> 2PM
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**Thursday 30 August at 7pm at the Byron Theatre – \$33 presale, \$38 at the door. Tix at [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au).**

## BYRON GUITAR FEST

The Byron Guitar Fest enters its second year with an impressive lineup of local and national players including **British India**, **Ash Grunwald**, **Dallas Frasca**, **The Fumes**, **Jeff Martin**, **Hussy Hicks** and a whole lot more. Produced by **Byron Music**, the event features 29+ live performances on two stages, as well as a guitar market showcasing some amazing instruments and craftsmanship from some of the world’s favourite manufacturers including Fender, VOX, Yamaha and more; workshops and seminars presented by artists and manufacturers; and delicious food and beverages from the Byron Bay Brewery.

**October 6 and 7 at the Byron Brewery. Tix are \$50 for one day or \$90 for two. On sale at [www.byronbayguitarfestival.com](http://www.byronbayguitarfestival.com).**




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## URGE FOR THE GURGE

Formed in the mid 90s, Regurgitator rose to become one of the longest-standing Aussie bands of its generation, though it didn't begin as planned, as you would have thought.

When asked about the initial inception of the band original member Ben Ely said, 'It's funny that this band is the one that we're still playing in. When we started Regurgitator it was our side project. We were all in other bands (Pangaea, Zooerastia, Brazilia), mostly crossover metal type stuff, prog rock etc.'

'Regurgitator was a breakaway from that stuff, to an easier, experimental, more fun format where we were just open to trying out new sounds and taking on things we liked from all the other forms of music that we were hearing all around us at that time in the early to mid 90s.' That same format of absorbing music they like, then playing around with it to make it their own continues today. 'Music and the music scene has changed so radically since we started and there's a continual supply of sounds, formats inspirations that pop up and that we can absorb and regurgitate in our own style,' says Ben.

Even though they have been consistently in the musical landscape for almost 25 years, Ben says they've never really felt like they were part of any one scene or the 'music' scene really at all. 'All these different styles and movements have come and gone and we never really fitted in with any of them. We're more like the socially awkward kid up the back of the class not really included in anything and happy to do our own thing and not get too involved with what everyone else is doing. Even in the 90s scene we were always kinda outsiders just creating our own music from sounds or things we liked and used that to make up some new stuff.'

**The Gurge are touring their new album *HeadRoxx*, coming to Kingscliff Beach Hotel on Friday at 7pm. Tix at [www.kingscliffbeachhotel.com.au](http://www.kingscliffbeachhotel.com.au).**

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#### DIVERSITY, COMMUNITY, EQUALITY - IT'S WHAT MULLUM MUSIC FEST DOES BEST

Diversity. Community. Equality! That's the vibe that underpins **Mullum Music Fest**, the popular small-town festival that's on every music lover's bucket list. With headline acts like Nigerian **Bombino**, Guyana's **Mad Professor**, **Jah9** from Jamaica, and **Osaka Monaurail** from Japan bringing the music of the globe to the stage, the festival also brings the local music to the globe with its third announcement celebrating the immense talent of the region.

Festival director **Glenn Wright** is committed to continuing this festival's exciting trajectory with a lineup that is all about inclusivity.

'I think when we say diversity and equality it is of nations, gender and music styles. There is also a common thread of good quality music, and we are very aware of the local arts scene, our community, and try to include many of these artists each year.'

This year, joining the stellar lineup is Mullumbimby resident, Irish singer/songwriter **Aine Tyrell**. Story is at the forefront with her latest offering *Return to the Sea* written and recorded in her homeland but mastered on her return here; due for release in 2019. Tyrell will be showcasing her incredible new songs at Mullum Music Festival this year. Also from the northern rivers comes **Bethanie Jolly**, with her rich folk style coloured with splashes of old-time blues and deeply moving soul. Other local treasures include jazz legend **Sharny Russell**, chanteuse **Shelly Brown**, the wild banjo of **The Button Collective**, the magic of **Ash Bell and Sara Tindley**, the unexpected, upbeat irreverence of **Out of Range** and so much more.

Bringing Melbourne to Mullum is singer/songwriter and musical storyteller **Lucy Wise** – on the back of her 2018 release *Winter Sun*, a tapestry of rich soundscapes varying from the lush to the raw and pared back.

Festival favourites **Husky** are back. Ever since their return from Berlin last year there's been a whole new buzz about Husky. Also along for the ride is Canada's **Old Man Luedecke**, the singer/songwriter and banjo player from

Nova Scotia with a penchant for narrative-driven folk songs that are playful, coy and soulwarming.

This year's Mullum Music festival also introduces two daily comedy shows, with **Rusty Berther** (Scared Little Weird Guys), **Ellen Briggs**, **Mandy Nolan**, **Lindsay Webb**, **Jonathan Atherton** and **Matt Ford** (Aboriginal Comedy All Stars) being just a few of the funny people taking the stage in a place where humour is well overdue – the local Council chambers!

But it's not just about the music; there's an **art exhibition** you can catch as you stroll between venues at the BSA, flashmobs by the 80s divas **The Cassettes**, full freaky fun on the **Magic Bus**, **local choirs**, **ukulele battles**, and of course, the highlight of every event: the Sunday street parade where **New Orleans meets the Horns of Mullum** and that audience, those babies, teenagers, children, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers are all dancing shoulder to shoulder, or even hoisted onto shoulders in a giant celebratory cacophany of brass.

This final announcement for Mullum Music Festival deepens the program, ensuring that for four days in November, in a world where words fail, music speaks.

**For program info and tickets for this 15–18 Nov event go to [www.mullummusicfestival.com](http://www.mullummusicfestival.com).**



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# EVERYONE IN THE KINGSWOOD

WHEN I SPEAK WITH FERGUS LINACRE OF KINGSWOOD HE'S JUST TOUCHED DOWN FROM LA. EVEN THE 8-HOUR DELAY AND THE EXTENDED SYDNEY STAYOVER HAVEN'T DAMPENED HIS SPIRITS; HE'S ALERT AND INTENSELY POSITIVE AND FULL OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THEIR UPCOMING LP LAUNCH.

Kingswood's latest musical offering was conceived after months locked away in studios in Sydney and Melbourne, and then cooked up in Nashville where they made their first record.

'We flew to Nashville and finished off four or five songs,' says Fergus, who is full of praise for engineer and producer Eddie Spear.

'He was the engineer on the first record, and co-produced the second one. He's an English guy and he's hilarious. He lives in Nashville, and we went to Blackbird for a bit, and to Sound Emporium. We had a wonderful time; we were literally singing yesterday until the last moment before we left for our flight!'

Nashville has a certain musical magic – a city famed for country but now calling musicians from all genres, making it a very exciting place to be. 'We love it – it's starting to feel like a second home for us,' says Fergus. 'The studios are really nice. It's nice to get out of Melbourne so you don't have the distraction of your friend's birthday or other events. When you are recording it's good to focus on the music alone. When we are there we will wake up and walk around the lake and talk about the song and then go into the studio. We go out and have drinks after recording all day but we talk about the music. It is nonstop; you are

completely immersed in it so it's a good way to be... you can just sink your teeth into what you are doing.'

This latest release sees Kingswood take a bit of a departure from the style of the previous two.

'I think we are already changing our style. It just happens. We don't want to be a band that just does the same thing. I think there is pressure to make the same record again, that's what works, and our first record was like Queens of the Stone Age stoner rock; the second was experimental arty late Beatles style; and to be honest this one is like Michael Jackson! It's dancey, and we might be giving a bit too much away!'

As part of their national tour Kingswood are really looking forward to getting their feet in some good clean Byron Bay sand.

'We love coming to Byron. There is always an atmosphere of a holiday. I guess because it's a beach town and it has a festival vibe, it's a creative town, and it's also an excuse to just go there. We take a few days off. Byron is excellent. We love the people at the Northern, and hey, it's becoming movie-star capital!'

**Kingswood play the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday at 9pm. Tix are \$40 presale or \$45 at the door. Buy tix online at [www.thenorthern.com.au](http://www.thenorthern.com.au).**



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## FESTIVAL FOR THE SEA

**Festival for the Seas** is back to celebrate, as well as raise awareness and raise funds for, our oceans. FFTS is an all-day family-friendly event at Byron Bay Brewery on Sunday, packed full of entertainment for all ages.

This year all money raised will be donated to ocean-based charities **Seabird Rescue** and **Sea Shepherd's** Apex Harmony operation. Starts 11am with a beach cleanup. Those wishing to participate can meet at Apex Park across from the Beach Hotel. If you join the cleanup, Byron Bay Brewery will shout you a burger back at their place.

**Fundraising event runs from 2pm till 12am at the Brewery and features performances by Drop Legs, Tay Oskee, Nick Cunningham, Hemmingway, The Dreggs, Sophie Ozard, Rory O'Neil and Wadeep.**

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## MAKING A MARK ON AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

Sometimes life imitates art and sometimes art becomes life. That's pretty well what has happened with **Mark Swivel**, whose one-man show about a left-leaning politician jaded with the system has drawn loyalty and support with the catchcry: 'Why don't you actually run for politics?' Well he is. Swiv has the crossbench in the crosshairs. He'll be running for the Senate – because satire has run its course and it is time to get elected. He says: 'Clowns like Leyonhjelm and Anning need to be replaced by a different kind of clown. One who can dilate the cervix of our common wealth and sing in Gumatj.' Hear Swivel's ten-point plan to Make Austraya Slightly Better Than Average Again using nothing but hula hoops, Venn diagrams and fully costed faux policies. Swiv is MC of genuine fake Russian choir Dustyesky, who played Womad 2018 to delighted festival-goers. By day Mark runs a community legal clinic, Barefoot Law, and is company secretary at Enova Energy, a renewables retailer. Mark toured *Dad. Joke.* and *How Deep is Your Love?* all over Australia, which led him to *Late Night Live* with Philip Adams, who gave Swiv a coveted koala stamp, and Studio 10 co-hosting with Ita Buttrose. Mark is a playwright whose productions include *Water Falling Down* (QTC Brisbane 2011 and B Street Sacramento 2012) and *Struth* (Griffin Theatre Company 1990).

**Mark Swivel presents *Make Austraya Slightly Better than Average Again* at the Mullum Drill Hall Theatre on Friday 31 August at 7.30pm and Sunday 2 Sep at 5pm. Tix \$10 at the door or online at [www.swiv.com.au](http://www.swiv.com.au).**

Proceeds split between Ngara Institute and Mullum Neighbourhood Centre.

## DEVELOPING CREATIVE INDUSTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This region's leading community charity organisation, known as NRCF, has a fundraising gig with a difference on **Wednesday 29 August at 6pm.**

Moderated by **Kerry O'Brien**, they present an onstage Q&A with ABC's *Deadlock* producer **Billie Pleffer**, **Ken Crouch**, CEO of Screenworks, and **Harry and Emily Page** who run a lighting-and-production company.

MCed by **Mae Wilde** with a silent auction to raise funds for the **NRCF** (Northern Rivers Community Foundation).

**To book go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au).**

## DRY HUMOUR: COMEDY FOR THE DROUGHT

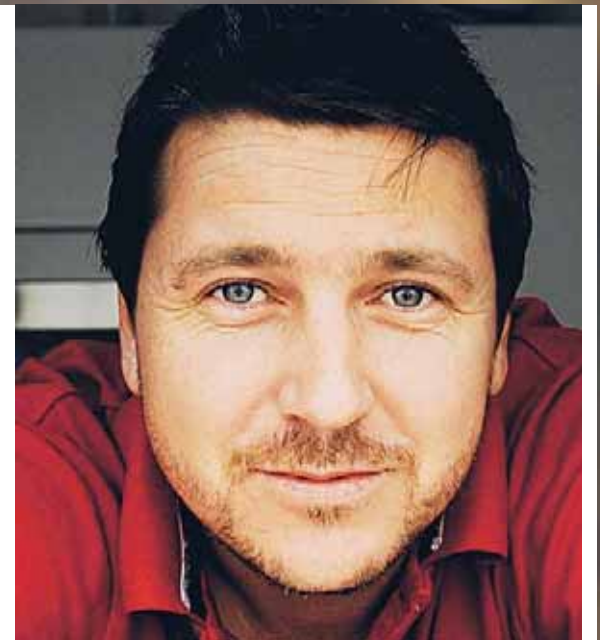
The **Ballina RSL** hosts a **comedy fundraiser for drought-stricken farmers** AND two big Aussie comedy stars, featuring **Chris Radburn** with support act **Shayne Hunter**.

With the whole of NSW now in severe drought, communities are pulling together to raise money for those most affected out in the bush.

The Ballina RSL is one of the businesses doing what it can and alongside a \$2k donation from the staff's charity fund, \$2 from every coffee and cake sold, a supply drop-off and general donations, the club is taking advantage of the big crowds at their monthly **Big Gig Comedy** night to send the hat around!

Yep, it's comedy for a cause, and this month's feature is former lawyer Chris Radburn. He's left the courtroom for the comedy stage and these days he uses his sharp conniving mind for the forces of comedy rather than fleeing people out of dollars...

Over the past 15 years Chris has performed at all the major comedy festivals across Australia, and has also



**CHRIS RADBURN**

performed in the US, Malaysia, throughout the South Pacific, New Zealand, and even in Egypt and Dubai entertaining the Aussie troops. While in the US he was an international finalist of America's hit comedy show *Last Comic Standing*.

Chris is also an award-winning writer/actor and director with his short film *Embellish* and his two comedy web series *Guide to Being a Successful Man* and *The Parents*.

Chris is supported by Shayne Hunter, one of the must-see up-and-coming new emerging comics on the circuit. MCed by comedy queen and the Big Gig's favourite small-town girl Mandy Nolan.

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## OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO

This weekend sees the **Ocean Shores Art Expo** present 313 adult works all on display and all for sale.

Opening is on the **Friday night** with awards totalling \$5,500 being announced. **Kicking off at 7pm with entry at just \$15.** Art can be viewed all weekend, from 10am till 4pm, Friday to Sunday. Ocean Shores Public School Hall.

**For more info go to [osartexpo.com](http://osartexpo.com).**



**MANA ALOHA TROUPE**

## POETRY, MUSIC AND DANCE AT THE OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO

The theme for this year's **Ocean Shores Art Expo** is Treasures. This year **Dangerously Poetic** present a cultural afternoon of poetry and local choirs and the **Mana Aloha Hula Troupe**.

Poetry lovers are invited to bring along a poem they treasure by someone else or a poem about something they treasure for the open reading. **Phil Williams and Public Act's Studio 55** will be reciting treasured poems. **The Rebel Rebel Girls Choir** and **The Bowlo Choir** from Brunswick Heads will both perform, led by **Janet Swain**.

**Sunday at the Ocean Shores Public School Hall. Free event**

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## RED RACING HOOD

**Terrapin Puppet Theatre's** *Red Racing Hood* reimagines everyone's favourite characters from the famous fairytale into the small town of Grinalong. When the new mayor announces the return of the local motor race, the Grinalong Classic, the whole town is excited. But the race will go through Tangled Woods, where a giant wolf is rumoured to live. With everything she knows and loves at stake, Red must convince her mechanically savvy Gran to let her compete and overcome her own fears in the process. The story is inventively brought

to life using slot-car racing, with cameras situated around the circuit magnifying the action live onscreen, putting the audience in the driving seat as they follow Red on her adventure.

**NORPA at Lismore City Hall, Friday 31 August, 6pm & Saturday 1 Sept, 11am. Tickets: \$15–\$38. Recommended for children aged 5+ and their families. Bookings: [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au) or 1300 066 772**

## SMALL-TOWN GIRLS RAISE MONEY FOR MULLUM

**Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs** are the comedic superstars behind the successful touring show *Women Like Us*. They've been touring their smash hit comedy show for three years with interviewers and audiences around the country all declaring: 'Do you really come from Mullumbimby?' It seems unbelievable to those outside the bubble that there could be one, let alone two crackingly funny comedians... who happen to be blonde middle-aged mums with attitude problems. Yes. They are not just from Mullumbimby, they draw many of their stories and much of their inspiration from living in the unique village.

'All my jokes are bespoke; I shop for them at the farmers market,' says Nolan. 'Ellen gets hers at Woolies.'

The girls are bringing their comedy loving back to their home town for one giant fundraiser for the Mullumbimby Public School and the Mullumbimby High School Formal.

**Don't miss their first and ONLY hometown show – Saturday 15 September at Club Mullum – Mullumbimby Ex-Services. Doors 7pm. Show 8pm. Tix are \$35 online at [womenlikeus.com.au](http://womenlikeus.com.au) or available at the club.**

## A FESTIVAL WITH IMAGINATION

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**It's a Festival of the Imagination! Be there from 11am! What makes a festival click? YOU DO! See you there.**

## THE BIG ELECTRONIC 0



DARLING OF THE ELECTRONIC SCENE, THE BOY FROM NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND, OPIUO MAKES HIS WAY TO THE BYRON BREWERY FOR SOME SERIOUS DANCE STYLINGS. HE HAD A QUICK CHAT WITH *THE ECHO*

**When did you get into music? Did you learn a classical instrument as a kid?**

I was always around music. From parties at home, to my parents' friends in bands letting me play their instruments. My uncle built my little brother a drum kit out of honey pots that we loved playing on, and eventually that led to my playing real drum kits, bands, and learning drums as my instrument throughout high school.

**When did you get into electronic music and how did that happen?**

I grew up around festivals and party culture owing to my parents providing the land for some of the early music festivals in NZ. My first real proper electronic music experience was through a festival in the late 90s called The Gathering, a New Years festival located 30 mins from where I grew up on

top of a mountain range. I was blown away by the power and intensity of electronic music, and proceeded to buy as much as I could on vinyl afterwards, then DJing at local raves and festivals in the years to follow.

**When did you begin to produce your own music? How did that come about?**

The very first self-produced electronic track happened 17 years ago, in 2001. My parents' friend had given me a program called Reason. And I spent any spare time making little electronic dub, hip-hop, and drum'n'bass beats. It was just a random hobby, so would finish maybe one or two songs a year on it.

**What piece of equipment do you love the most?**

Right now I'd have to say my Prophet 6 synthesiser by Dave Smith Instruments. It's a beast and I use it all the time. All the synthetic sounds on my song *Ginger Lizard* were made with this synth.

**You're pretty much a big star now. When did it start to really take off for you? What was that time like?**

I first noticed something starting to happen in 2010, right after I released my debut album *Slurp & Giggle*. I'd show up to random cities on the other side of the world to people knowing all my music, wanting autographs, just wanting to hang out. It was totally surreal as I was still very, very shy in so many situations. I never realised or knew that eight years later I'd still be in the incredibly fortunate situation of being able to travel the globe, living out my dream, creating my own huge live shows, in the hope I too can inspire people just like I was all those years ago.

**You play Byron Brewery this Thursday. You have a massive following up this way. What can the people here in Byron expect from the show?**

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MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN

I love Abba's greatest hits. With gorgeous harmonies and irresistible melodies, they are perfect little gems of pop music. They were also enough to sustain a hugely feelgood movie (and I don't use the adjective as a snide pejorative) in 2008, but could the songs left over do the same again, I wondered? The problem has been solved by simply recycling the classics and supplementing them with a few neglected but not unworthy 'B-sides'. Richard Curtis is prominently listed among the writers, so you know you are in for a big dollop of cheesecake, but you can also rely on being drawn into a carefully crafted, cleverly balanced script. The story is split between Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) establishing her hotel on the Greek island where we left off last time, and the amorous adventures of her mother as a young woman (Lily James) on her way to that same island in 1979. An opening party is being prepared at which Sophie's three possible dads and the girls with whom she first partied in Greece will be reunited, but a pall is cast over the event when she splits up with her boyfriend Sky (Dominic Cooper). Cue *One Of Us*, a song that, though unfamiliar to me, fitted the moment like a glove. Context counts for everything in musicals and the Benny Andersson/Björn Ulvaeus compositions are slotted in as precise accompaniments to the mood of



the scene – even Cher singing *Fernando* at the end works (can you see her face move? I couldn't). Because it is all about mother and daughter, the blokes are relegated to support status, but Pierce Brosnan is easily believable as the father who comforts Sophie when she needs a hug. For all its bounciness and effervescence, however, its joyous choreography and candy-coloured cinematography, it felt to me that the film was underpinned by sadness – a sort of Proustian melancholy in remembrance of 'le temps perdu', which, despite myself, I found extremely moving. It's adorable – and better than its predecessor.

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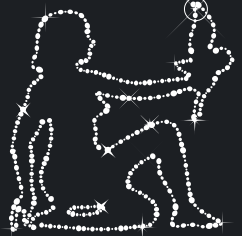
Without anybody really noticing, something we hoped had been vanquished by the cultural and social enlightenments of the last century has found a new, strident voice. Through the agency of America's conniving baby/man president and the likes of our own sub-humans, Peter Dutton and Fraser Anning, racism is again on the rise with, incredibly, white supremacists believing that they are its victims. Spike Lee's latest joint is an uncompromising and provocative reminder that turning the other cheek when confronted by such depravity is no longer an option. Based on the amazing true story of how, in the late 1970s, a black cop from the Colorado Springs Police Department infiltrated the Ku Kux Klan, Lee's movie, peopled by the most chilling characters and leavened by occasional dark humour, proceeds to a final act of almost unbearable tension before arriving at a climax that makes you want to jump up and cheer. Detective Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) rings the local chapter of the KKK, pretending to be a white guy who hates 'niggers,



Jews, spicks, faggots'. Invited to attend the next meeting, he sends fellow officer, Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver), in his place. The cruel ironies of 'identity' have Stallworth acting undercover among the Afro-American followers of Kwame Ture (aka Stokely Carmichael) while Zimmerman must deny his Jewishness in order to be accepted by the Klansmen. It is from Zimmerman's eyes that the scales fall – 'I had never

thought of myself as a Jew before', he confesses, until he had been exposed to such vile anti-Semitism. Lee doesn't pull any punches in linking the knuckle-dragging bigots of the KKK with supporters of Donald Trump – there are frequent references to making America great and to 'America first', and in one scene a Klan wife, when planning a bombing, says excitedly, 'This could be a new Boston tea party'. All the while, the clock is ticking for Zimmerman and his perilous subterfuge. Lee's fantastic movie demands that we all decide whose side we are on. As the Queen of Soul sang; R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

STARS BY LILITH



WITH WORDSMITH MERCURY BACK ON TRACK IN THE SIGN OF THE LION, EXPECT LESS ROARING AND GROWLING, MORE PURRING...

♊ **ARIES:** Keep some free space in this week's social schedule for the interesting influx of invites about to inundate your inbox. As interpersonal dynamics grow more compatible and the current transit showcases your unique skills, clear insights, and original ideas, others come through for you in heart-warming ways.

♉ **TAURUS:** Beginning to realise recent readjustments aren't nearly as uncomfortable as you expected – actually quite enjoyable? There's really no shortage of love, money, opportunity or information, so sharing has plenty of pluses this week, with generosity and goodwill returning to you multiplied. Luck and blessings are all around, eager to be recognised.

♊ **GEMINI:** With Mercury on the move in the sign of charisma, you're eloquent and expressive. But others may be equally persuasive. So while you're having Venus-in-Libra fun this week, don't fall into the trap of only hearing what you want to hear and buying something... oh well, you already know the end of this sentence.

♋ **CANCER:** While retrograde transits can sometimes seem like tiresomely retracing steps or replaying old stories, their bright side offers fruitful reunions, illuminating rediscoveries and creative renaissance, with this week refreshing affairs of the heart and delivering a dramatic reboot to your sense of adventure. Ready for a romp?

♌ **LEO:** Mercury turning direct in your sign takes the last week of Leo birthdays out on a high, handing you the mic to MC this week's proceedings. If that means dealing with an unexpected turnaround in your private or professional life, then lead by stylish example. In differences of opinion, demonstrate what it means to be a class act.

♍ **VIRGO:** Been feeling a bit lacklustre, pedestrian and uninspired? With Mercury your mentor planet in forward gear again and Venus inviting your inner artist out to play, this week sees your creative imagination fabulous, fierce and free ranging. Joint efforts get an energy boost too, even more if they're for a cause.

♎ **LIBRA:** Communication tensions loosen and rapport with others expands this week, as love magnet Venus encourages precisely what you do best: join forces, team up, work in tandem – all the better if it's to make a difference. Compliments are, as always, your best social accessory, and there might even be a windfall...

♏ **SCORPIO:** You'll be all fired up and raring to make your point this week, but if others are provocative, do you really need to take the bait? If you're able to drop your agenda around something you feel strongly about, it will be much easier to see things clearly, think objectively and act accordingly.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** As frustrating delays and patience-testing complications taper off, Mercury's forward move has you gathering ideas, sourcing information, networking and connecting. While you can rely on ties with a proven track record, new connections could also be unexpectedly helpful, but it's still worth having a backup plan in place.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Capricorn Cuba Gooding Jr spoke for the whole Goat clan with his famous movie phrase: *Show me the money!* And if asked charmingly, this week probably will. Pillow talk also takes a frisky turn, and with Venus in a majorly flirty mood, what hasn't been working so well lately could morph into Go mode.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Complaining about something basically means non-acceptance of a person as they are or situation as it is. Aquarian Eckhart Tolle suggests changing the situation if possible; if not, then leaving it. Or else accepting it, which means altering your own attitude towards said situation. Not always easy, but usually worthwhile.

♓ **PISCES:** Health, finances, and friendships all find a firmer footing this week as new information surfaces, and reasons for odd opinions and strange behaviour become clearer through the understanding that there are always more facets and intricacies to any situation than we know. Just because someone isn't on your path doesn't mean they're lost.

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## FRIDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY 8PM **BLEACH GIRLS, DAISY BRAINS, THE LONESOME**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **ADAM HARPAZ, 9PM MCKENZIE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **BRAZILIAN PARTY WITH ZAMBABEM**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL 2018**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **UPSTAIRS DJ KYLE WALKER, 9.30PM DAN HANNAFORD**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 7PM **OOZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY LUNCH 7PM **THE HOLLANDS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE MUSIC & DJS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO **BLUES CLUB**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **D HENRY FENTON**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE LYRICAL SOLO**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 10AM **OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO, 7PM AWARDS CEREMONY**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **HETTY KATE QUARTET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- BALLINA RSL 5PM **PIANO BAR, BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM CRAIG ATKINS, 8PM LIVE MUSIC**
- BALLINA WHARF BAR 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- LENNOX HEAD HOTEL 10PM **SMOOTH GROOVES BAND**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **2X4 DUO**
- LAVIDA, LISMORE 7PM CELLAR SESSIONS WITH **JASON KAFOA AND BLACK PEARL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB - MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHECK 2 - CLUB BISTRO 202 8PM JASON AYALA SPARE**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11.30AM **AFRO DANCE SESSION**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **LONG GONE DADDIES**
- MURWILLUMBAH RIVERVIEW HOTEL 8PM **SWEET MIXJAR**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **REGURGITATOR**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 8.30PM **THE FORTUNES**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **ROADHOUSE EP LAUNCH, DIE FOR MUSHIES, ATTICUS CHIMPS, MNVR**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS - 8.30PM SOUNDLOUNGE ALBERT LEE**

## SATURDAY 25

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **KINGSWOOD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **PINK ZINC**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **DJ LONGTIME, 9PM DJ JUST SAYIN'**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 2PM **FESTIVAL FOR THE SEAS WITH DROP LEGS, TAY OSKEE, NICK CUNNINGHAM, HEMINGWAY, THE DREGGS + MORE (BEER GARDEN) 6PM (BAND ROOM) ELECTRIC FOREST PRESENTS TRIBE**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL 2018, 4.30PM ASTOR PIAZZOLLA: THE BIRTH OF NUEVO TANGO PRESENTED BY THE MENDOZA TANGO QUARTET**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY 6PM **SITAR FUSION JAM WITH BAZZ**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM UPSTAIRS **LOCAL DJS, 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **FUTURE HOOD RICH - BLACK KARNIVALE, JAMIE L, TAI DANIELS, BEAN DIP, KURTIS KING**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL DUO**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 10AM **OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO AND FESTIVAL OF THE IMAGINATION**
- MULLUM CIVIC HALL 5PM **KEVIN JAMES TO BALI WITH LOVE FUNDRAISER**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **BETHANIE JOLLY WOO ME FROM MY SLEEP HOMETOWN ALBUM LAUNCH**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **YOYO TUKI**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **JOSH RAWINI**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **THE FORTUNES, HERE THEY COME AGAIN - BOARDWALK 6.30PM CHRIS FISHER, 9PM BOURBON STREET - RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM JEFF MASSEY**
- BALLINA WHARF BAR 8PM **OOZ**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DJ DISCO STATIK**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **MONEY SHOT**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **BREAKING DAYLIGHT**

- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **JAKE & THE CADILLACS**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 2.20PM **CYPHER SESSION, 12.30PM BATTLE OF THE BANDS - HEAT 4**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **FABIAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **DAN ENGLAND**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ REQUEST NIGHT - DJ JAKE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **TOMI GRAY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 8.30PM **ELVIS: AN AMERICAN TRILOGY**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

## SUNDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **HOBO PONCHOS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **BROADFOOT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 12PM **FUNDRAISER FOR A FARMER - BREWS FOR BALES, 4.30PM GOODRICH, 8PM MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 3PM **BLUES & BREWS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY LUNCH 'TIL LATE SUNDAY SESSION **DJS EVA J & DJ DANGEROUS COBRA**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 5PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS 10AM **BANGALOW MARKET BROADFOOT**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 10AM **OCEAN SHORES ART EXPO, 1PM DANGEROUSLY POETIC TREASURES**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **THE SWIMMER**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL **LIVE SESSIONS**

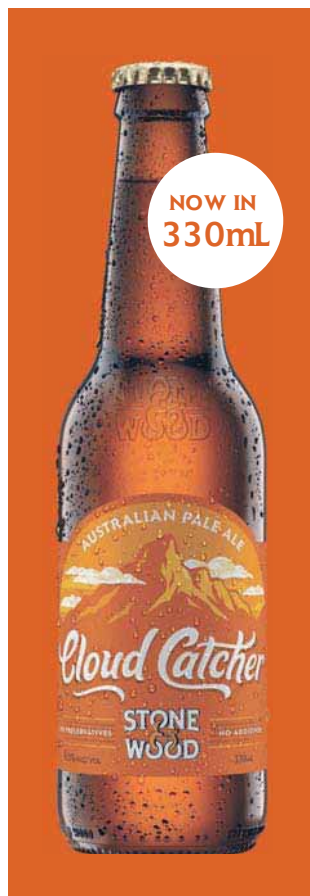
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION PRESENTS ONE NIGHT IN VEGAS**
- BALLINA WHARF BAR 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **70S HALL BALL - LIVING IN THE 70S**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 3.30PM **THE MASON RACK BAND**
- THE GOLLAN, LISMORE 8PM **MOMENTUM - AMOZON, KEVIN D'ORION, SHAMPOO**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB, MAIN LOUNGE 11.30AM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM, ROBYN SYMES**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 12PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2.30 PM **BUGGY BROTHERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **FAVOURITE SON**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

## MONDAY 27

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9.30AM **THE PICTURE HOUSE CHOIR**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **SMOOTH & GROOVE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 4PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON, 7PM MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**

## TUESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **BEN WALSH**
- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**



- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **CUBAN DANCE CLASSES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS THE STAGE 11AM **THE BARRY MANILOW & BETTE MIDLER STORY**

## WEDNESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **SEAN MCMAHON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **ROB EDWARDS**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC WITH JOHN FOG**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING CLASSES**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER - MC ILONA HARKER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE WITH DEAN DOYLE - CHRISTMAS IN JULY**
- LISMORE SCU THE DECK & LOUNGE 6PM **OPEN MIC**
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We are seeking a motivated person to join the vibrant team at Byron Community Centre in this 30hrs/wk position.

You will provide office and administrative support to members of the Community Centre team in order to facilitate a high level of professionalism within the organisation.

The successful applicant will have:

- High level MYOB computer skills
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- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills
- Understanding of the ethos of working within a not-for-profit
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A position description is available by emailing: [info@byroncentre.com.au](mailto:info@byroncentre.com.au)

Applications close 27 August

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Brunswick Heads

2br 1bth \$400

2br 1bth \$440

Ocean Shores

3br 1bth \$550 inc elec

3br 1bth \$550

3br 1bth \$600

South Golden Beach

3br 1bth \$550

The Pocket

4br 3bth \$820

L.J. Hooker Brunswick Heads

6685 0177

5/16 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads

BRUNSWICK HEADS

2 bedroom unit with renovated kitchen and bathroom. Single lock up garage. Open plan living area. Sorry no pets. Available now. \$480.00 per week.

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BANGALOW small brand new house, suit 1-2 prof people, has appliances, no outgoing. N/s, d/f. Ph 0402061110

SPACIOUS 3br apartment. Beachside Suffolk \$600pw refs req. 0421603564

SUFFOLK self-cont 1br fully-furn garden flat. Leafy garden, car space, own entry, suit single working person, n/s, d/f, no pets, \$350pw neg. Ph 0425419322

SUNRISE 4br, 2 bthrm house, quiet, off street, reserve at rear, renovated, no pets, avail 1/9, \$800pw. Ph 0411826442

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WANTED TO RENT

BEAUTIFUL RETREAT HOUSE required, 4br + 3 bathrooms with saltwater pool, walking distance to beach and close to Byron, long term. 0427857148 or please email: [sarah@whitelotuscleansing.com.au](mailto:sarah@whitelotuscleansing.com.au)

TO LEASE

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POSITIONS VACANT

BLUE OLIVE DELI Busy Byron cafe seeks hard-working deli assistant with barista skills. 25 hours pw. Must be avail Saturdays. Apply in person with resume

DIGITAL DESIGNERS / Visual Story tellers – FT & PT positions. We're looking for talented digital / graphic designers to join our ever growing creative team. Minimum of 5 years design experience is essential. Please send a cover letter & resume to Nic. Email. [hr@psychwire.org](mailto:hr@psychwire.org)

WAITSTAFF for busy Chinese restaurant at Bangalow. Must be able to work weekends, Friday, Saturday dinner, experienced & fast. Phone 66872382

Holiday Accom Sales/Property Manager - Exp Req

Exciting opportunity to join the team at Byron Bay Coastal Real Estate, our aim is to provide a high standard of customer service for all our clients. Part time - up to 37.5 hours pw incl some Saturdays. The successful applicant must have:

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- Experience in real estate &/or tourism industry
- MS Office & knowledge of REST, YesBookit, Bookeasy systems highly desirable
- Hold a current Real Estate Certificate (or be willing to attain asap)

ByronCoastal REAL ESTATE

Looking for a long term career in Real Estate?

Email your resume to [office@byronbayaccom.net](mailto:office@byronbayaccom.net)

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<b>Mon 27th Aug</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SEO Introduction</li><li>• Abstract Photography</li><li>• Vegan Nut Cheeses and Milk</li></ul> <b>Wed 29th Aug</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeds, Shells, Sticks and Stones</li><li>• Acrylic Adventures</li></ul> <b>Thu 30th Aug</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permablitz Community Project</li></ul>	<b>Fri 31st Aug</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basket Weaving</li></ul> <b>Sat 1st Sep</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watercolour Still-Life</li><li>• Silversmithing</li></ul> <b>Sun 2nd Sep</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R.E.S.E.T 1 - TMJ</li><li>• Websites Using Wordpress</li><li>• Self Publish Your Own Books With Amazon</li><li>• Silversmithing</li></ul>
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Limited places - don't miss out!

02 6684 3374 [byroncollege.org.au](http://byroncollege.org.au)

CHEF/COOK BANGALOW for busy restaurant & catering business. Must be reliable, passionate & able to work quickly. Call Graeme on 0459486049 or email resume: [grayandjen@iinet.net.au](mailto:grayandjen@iinet.net.au)

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LENNOX HEAD

PAPER DELIVERY

Lennox Head couple required to fold, insert & deliver The Echo in Lennox area. Local stable residents preferred. Contract position to start immediately

Phone Taz on 0409917646

PERSONAL TRAINER/YOGA instructor wanted for Bruns gym. Cert IV qualified, exp in Yin & Hatha Vin Yasa. Local residents only. Ph 66851794

CONTRACTOR (enthusiastic & reliable) required for sanding of floors and decks, must have own car and ABN. This is a full time position. Please fwd applications to [richardneylan1@bigpond.com](mailto:richardneylan1@bigpond.com)

PRIVATE CLEANER

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HUONBROOK VALLEY

Events Manager

Exp. person or enterprise wanted to secure and manage events at [www.huonbrookvalley.com.au](http://www.huonbrookvalley.com.au) Commission based.

Woodfired Baker

Exp. woodfired baker wanted to explore partnership opportunity.

Whiskey/Wine Maker

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

Contact: [Steve@Toneguzzo.com](mailto:Steve@Toneguzzo.com)



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**Sushi roller**, experienced and quick learner, with a good flair for Japanese cuisine. This is a full-time permanent position located in Ocean Shores. Our rapidly expanding business offers excellent working conditions to the right applicant. For an interview, contact Igor on **0409 041 884**

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Phone: 6620 9200

The Byron Youth Service is seeking to employ a Parent Worker. This is a casual position 1 day a week for 13 weeks commencing 18th September 2018. Applicants will need to have a minimum Cert 3 in Community Services and lived experience raising teenagers. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Email resume & application letter to [info@bys.org.au](mailto:info@bys.org.au) by 31st August 2018.

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29-30/08/2018  
**\$500**

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SHOW AND GROW YOUR SKILLS make new friends & celebrate cinema. Join the Film Festival team [www.bbff.com.au/volunteers](http://www.bbff.com.au/volunteers)

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All levels to HSC. Current teacher. Ph Andrew 0413294982

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Native qualified teacher. Ph 0435635822

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**QUALITY PIANOS** for sale, and expert piano tuning. Ph Fred Cole 0412216019

**GUITAR STRINGS, REPAIRS**  
Brunswick Heads 66851005

**BIRTHDAYS**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
‘Lorry’ Driver Extraordinaire  
45 years young and you’ve already distributed 200,000 copies of The Echo, may you live forever!  
Love from The Echo crew!

**The Legend of Mullumbimby**



**Happy 41st Birthday Saffron**

Lots of love Mum, Pippin and everyone.....

FUNERAL NOTICES

**Roux, Helene Berthe**

Passed away peacefully. Late of the NSW Central Coast and formerly of Ocean Shores. Loved wife of the late Jean Roux. Much loved mother of Marie-Paule, Christine, Claude, Jean-Pierre and Genevieve. Helene will be sadly missed by all family and friends.


*Aged 92 years*

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service at the Magnolia Chapel, 15 Towers Drive, Mullumbimby on THURSDAY (23 August, 2018) commencing at 2.30pm.

**MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS**

PETS

I’m still here..... you didn’t come to take me home. I was hoping you had read about me & thought, ‘That’s the cat for me!’ Maybe you just haven’t had the time to pop in & meet me yet? It was really cold last night. Surely you need me to warm your lap? I need you & a family to love me. My 3rd advert. 3rd time lucky?



**PEPPA**

To make Peppa’s day, please meet him at the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 DALLEY STREET, MULLUM OPEN: Tues 2.30–4.30pm THURS: 3–5pm SAT: 10am–12 noon Call AWL 6684 4070 Like us on Facebook!

**ANIMAL**

COMPANION ANIMALS WELFARE INC.




Meet **Daphne** a female 1-2 year old Kelpie x German Shepherd brimming with joie de vivre & bursting with energy.

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**Please phone Shell from CAWI on 0458 461 935 for a meet up.**

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All cats are desexed, vaccinated and microchipped.

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**PETS FOR LIFE**

**SOCIAL ESCORTS**

**SELENA IS BACK** 19, Asian Aussie tall, size 6 model. Cassandra 30, size 8, DD bust, classy blonde pocket rocket. Chantel 19, cute size 8. London 18, pretty, size 8, F bust. Jules 25, brown eyed girl. Layla 20 is back, size 8, model looks. Brittany 40, size 8, natural E bust, classy cougar. Spoil yourself. In & out. 7 days. Ladies always wanted. Ph 66816038

**SEXY ESCORT**  
Outcalls only. 0478109345

**BYRON AREA OUTCALLS**  
Phone 0421401775

**OUTCALLS**  
0451579023

**BALLINA EXCLUSIVE**  
34 Piper Dr. Open 7 days 10am till late. In & Out Calls. 66816038. Ladies wanted Find us on Facebook!

**MONTHLY MARKETS**

1st SAT Bruns Heads	6628 4495	4th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC	0490 026 840	5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433		
2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609		
2nd SUN Alstonville	6628 1568		
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159		
2nd SUN Coolangatta			
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370		
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024		
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150		
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333		
3rd SUN Ballina	6687 4328		
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631		
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299		
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911		

**FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS**

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

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE .....	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay .....	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER .....	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL.....	6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads.....	6685 1277
Mullumbimby.....	6684 2144
Byron Bay .....	6685 9499
Bangalow .....	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON).....	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics .....	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS) .....	6622 1881
LIFELINE .....	131 114
MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)..	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily .....	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE .....	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE .....	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE.....	6622 1233
WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service.....	6628 1898

☾ Third quarter 5 Aug 4.17am

● New moon 11 Aug 7.57pm


☾ First quarter 18 Aug 5.48pm

☾ Full moon 26 Aug 9.56pm

**AUGUST 2018**  
Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 W	0629	1715	2105	0904	1101 1.27; 2317 1.56	0505 0.38; 1637 0.44
2 T	0628	1716	2159	0938	1146 1.27; 2355 1.48	0542 0.39; 1722 0.51
3 F	0628	1716	2254	1012	1237 1.28	0622 0.40; 1815 0.58
4 S	0627	1717	2352	1048	0038 1.39; 1336 1.31	0708 0.41; 1923 0.63
5 S	0626	1717	1126	0131 1.30; 1445 1.37	0800 0.41; 2045 0.65	
6 M	0625	1718	0052	1209	0239 1.23; 1555 1.47	0859 0.39; 2210 0.60
7 T	0625	1718	0154	1257	0353 1.20; 1701 1.60	1000 0.34; 2327 0.50
8 W	0624	1719	0258	1351	0505 1.21; 1801 1.73	1100 0.27
9 T	0623	1719	0402	1452	0611 1.25; 1857 1.85	0030 0.38; 1158 0.20
10 F	0622	1720	0503	1558	0709 1.30; 1947 1.94	0123 0.28; 1251 0.13
11 S	0621	1720	0600	1707	0802 1.35; 2036 1.98	0212 0.19; 1344 0.08
12 S	0620	1721	0652	1815	0853 1.39; 2122 1.97	0258 0.15; 1433 0.08
13 M	0620	1722	0738	1922	0942 1.42; 2207 1.89	0343 0.14; 1524 0.12
14 T	0619	1722	0821	2027	1030 1.43; 2250 1.76	0426 0.16; 1614 0.21
15 W	0618	1723	0900	2128	1119 1.41; 2332 1.60	0509 0.21; 1705 0.33
16 T	0617	1723	0938	2228	1211 1.39	0551 0.28; 1801 0.46
17 F	0616	1724	1015	2326	0015 1.43; 1308 1.36	0633 0.35; 1907 0.58
18 S	0615	1724	1054		0101 1.27; 1414 1.35	0720 0.41; 2026 0.65
19 S	0614	1725	1133	0022	0159 1.14; 1525 1.37	0813 0.46; 2149 0.66
20 M	0613	1725	1215	0117	0310 1.06; 1630 1.41	0915 0.48; 2302 0.61
21 T	0612	1726	1259	0210	0425 1.05; 1724 1.47	1016 0.47; 2357 0.53
22 W	0611	1726	1347	0300	0527 1.08; 1810 1.54	1112 0.43
23 T	0610	1727	1436	0348	0615 1.13; 1851 1.59	0040 0.46; 1159 0.38
24 F	0609	1727	1527	0433	0657 1.18; 1928 1.64	0117 0.40; 1240 0.33
25 S	0608	1728	1620	0515	0734 1.23; 2003 1.67	0150 0.35; 1316 0.29
26 S	0607	1728	1713	0554	0810 1.27; 2037 1.67	0222 0.31; 1351 0.27
27 M	0606	1729	1807	0631	0845 1.31; 2110 1.66	0252 0.29; 1427 0.26
28 T	0605	1729	1900	0706	0921 1.34; 2142 1.62	0322 0.28; 1502 0.27
29 W	0604	1730	1955	0740	0958 1.36; 2215 1.57	0353 0.27; 1540 0.31
30 T	0602	1730	2050	0814	1037 1.38; 2247 1.49	0426 0.28; 1621 0.36
31 F	0601	1731	2146	0849	1120 1.38; 2324 1.39	0500 0.30; 1706 0.43

Times are Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time.  
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the Bureau of Meteorology.



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Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Neighbourhood Centre

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Low-cost or free food

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

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

Respite Service

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

Alateen Meeting

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

Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Social sporting groups

**Bangalow:** Senior social table tennis at Bangalow Bowling Club on Sundays 2–4pm. All levels welcomed. Call Margot 0412 394 932. **Mullumbimby** : Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. Tuesdays: 10.30am. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. Wednesdays: Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommuntycentre.com. or call 6685 6807.**South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932.

ACA

Adult Children Of Alcoholic Parents and/ or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in East Lismore every Friday 10–11.30am corner 215 Dibbs St and Wyrallah Rd in small Quakers hut next to Community Hall.

Volunteer hub

Choose from 50 organisations at the volunteer hub at Byron Community Centre. Make a difference in your community, have fun, learn new skills and meet people. Ph 6685 6807 email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au.

Language exchange

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

Museums

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

and welcomes all groups and visitors. Phone 6687 2183.

Drug support groups

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

Over-60s fun activities

Seniors Activities **Tuesdays at the Byron Community Centre**, Jonson St, Byron Bay. Elder Beats seniors drumming 10.30–11.30 am with Gareth Jones in the theatre, 11.30 Morning tea in the Cavenbah room, 12.00–1.00 Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings, further information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com. or call 6685 6807. **Fridays at Marvell Hall** play mahjong, canasta, 500 etc and enjoy a cuppa at 1.30–5pm. Marvell Street East, Byron Bay. Enqs: Nancy 0498 480 373

Bosom Buddies

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

Emerge Australia

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

Junior chess club

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

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: What do intuition, creativity, wellbeing, quantum physics and entanglement (Bell’s Theorem) have in common? Stephen Pirie invites you to discover how ‘Quantum-powered intuition and creativity’ is beneficial, useful and life-affirming from 1.30 till 3.30pm, at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Toy Library

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

Stress relief

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

Indonesian Conversation

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

Mantras

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

Permaculture Byron

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

Cryptic Crossword Club

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

Grief support

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

Muslim Prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu’ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 12.30 pm.

Bridge club

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

Mullum U3A

Mullumbimby U3A group meeting 28 August, 10 till12, at Mullum Ex-services club for art appreciation with Diana Hughes. For information ring 6680 7350.

BV UA3

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 28 August 10am till 12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Excursion to the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens. Visitors and potential new members are very welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Spirit Song

Spirit Song (chants and meditation) on Sunday 26 August 5 till 6pm at St Paul’s Spirituality Centre, 14 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay (200 metres off Jonson Street). Contact: John Power 0403 905 543.

Water secrets

Live Kangen Water Demonstration by Native Water on Sunday 26 August upstairs in the Santos kitchen, Mullumbimby, 1–2pm. There will be a screening of *The Secret of Water*. Find out what kind of water you are drinking and discover the health and environmental benefits of freshly ionised alkaline and acidic water.

Liberation Larder AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Liberation Larder will be held Monday 27 August 2pm in the Veranda Room, Byron Bay Community Centre. Meeting is open to interested members of the public.

Historical Society AGM

The Bangalow Historical Society AGM at Heritage House at 9am on Monday 4 September. Members and non-members welcome. All positions declared vacant. Come along – you don’t have to join the committee; however, we are looking for some new ideas for the year ahead. For more information call 6687 2183.

welcome. See bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html or for partner ring Phyllis Keyte 6684 1103. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club. Play resumes Saturday, January 6.

Community Chanting

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

Repair Cafe

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

Free ESL

Free English as a Second Language classes suitable for beginners to advanced learners. Brunswick Heads 6672 0834 or Kingscliff 6674 7267.

Landcare

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

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Carers’ support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers’ Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Budgeting Support

Money Matters is a free service helping people identify where their money is going, how best to save and, most importantly, how to get on top of bills! Contact the Byron Community Centre to make an appointment; private sessions run every Monday afternoon.

BB Garden Club comp

Byron Bay Garden Club Spring Garden Competition. Judging Thursday 30 and Friday 31 August. Entries must be received by 2pm Friday 24 August. Open to all residents who live in the 2481 postcode. Entry forms available from Eden at Byron, Leisurescapes, or by contacting Jeni on 0439 344 281.

Women who love books

New book group, Women Who Love Books Too Much, starting in August in Mullumbimby. Enquiries ph 0430 175 923 or thejuicyyears.blogspot.com.

Ocean Shores Art Expo

Ocean Shores Art Expo’s 15th celebration on Friday 24 till Sunday 26 August, 10am–4pm at the Ocean Shores Public School. Over 300 artworks for sale on the theme ‘Treasures’ plus a huge display of student works. Awards night at 7pm, over \$5000 in prizes with food, wine & music. \$15 entry. Info at www.osartexpo.com.

SGB AGM

South Golden Beach Community Association Annual General Meeting at Ocean Shores Tavern, Wednesday 22 August at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Angela 0413 100 796.

Free Sound Healing CDs

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

PFLAG

PFLAG – Parents, Families And Friends Of Lesbians And Gays Northern Rivers is re-launching this Sunday 29 August at The Tropical Fruits’ Fruitopia fair at Lismore Showgrounds, 11am till 2pm. Email enquiries@pflag-nr.org, find them on Facebook or call 0467 382 010 for more information.

Mungo’s CrosswordN246

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Strong edge, strong cut for beach footwear (4-4)

9. Listen to bands ... bling! (8)

10. Vegetable sounds like piss! (4)

11. German bell is mislaid – stated in Athens, ended up in London! (5,7)

13. Broken limb – rider wants airships (6)

14. Admission to enrapture (8)

15. Unfairly brought the crowds with big breasts (7)

16. Happy to study shelter (7)

20. Mighty warrior sick, in pains (8)

22. Even, but not cool (6)

23. Gathering of witches, territory ranged widely – a venue for singing and dancing! (6,6)

25. Previous stake (4)

26. Put offside sergeant? Mistake! (8)

27. Determination of punishment – but it’s only a form of words (8)

DOWN

2. Supine, fibs over unit (4,4)

3. Gambling device in home – Packer to exploit! (5,7)

4. Generosity will lead to less rage (8)

5. Old coins trade new for old flowering plants (7)

6. Wandering, mistake worker (6)

7. Man ill ingesting dye (4)

8. Intelligence organisation – it contains two English, in my opinion (2,3,1,2)

12. Steel maker unfortunately can’t bar fuels (5,7)

15. Scans the researches for short songs (8)

17. Russian river. Vicious, Paisley – it’s very hard (8)

18. Opiate not available, Mick, about the ear (8)

19. Eastern nations – they may be left! (7)

21. Los Angeles shelter has potential (6)

24. Checks out animal doctors (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Beach sandal, thong (4-4)

9. Jewellery for the lobes (8)

10. Vegetable used for vichyssoise (4)

11. Parthenon relics held in the British Museum (5,7)

13. Primitive airships (7)

14. Way in – or out (8)

15. Loaded in piles (6)

16. Happy, untroubled (7)

20. Hero of the Iliad (8)

22. Four-sided regular polygon (6)

23. London concert venue (6,6)

25. Bet, stake (4)

26. Alienate, snub (8)

27. Verdict in a criminal trial (8)

DOWN

2. Becomes completely horizontal (4,4)

3. One arm bandit (5,7)

4. Profligacy, generosity (8)

5. Attractive spring flowers, sometimes (wrongly) called a kind of rose (7)

6. Wandering, off-course (6)

7. Type of imine, used in dying (4)

8. In my view or opinion (2,1,3,2)

12. Vital installation in a steel mill (5,7)

15. Grabs, takes without permission (8)

17. Hard black rock, similar to glass (8)

18. Drug, technically a sedative (8)

19. Assets, originally lands (7)

21. Not currently active but having potential (6)

24. Animal doctors (4)

Last week’s solution N245

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## Byron High boys narrowly miss out on Bill Turner Cup finals



Quarterfinalists: Byron Bay High School's U/15 boys side. Photo Rachel Milgate

Byron Bay High's U/15 boys soccer team won their round-of-16 clash last week, but three days later went down 1-0 to Newcastle High in the quarterfinals, ending their stellar run in the Bill Turner national knockout football competition.

The narrow loss to the Newcastle side took place in Coffs Harbour last Friday.

'The team put in their best effort. What more can you ask?' Byron Bay coach Harley Schmidt said after the team's charge to the finals ended.

'At the end of the day it was not the result we were after but the boys have put

in a great effort throughout the whole tournament. To get to this stage is a really great achievement.

'The bounce of the ball gets you sometimes,' he said.

Three days earlier Byron Bay beat St John Paul College (Coffs Harbour) on penalties after the game was locked at 2-2 in their round-of-16 game played at home. The win put them into the quarterfinal against Newcastle.

The St John Paul team got off to a great start with a goal in the first minute, but Byron soon grabbed the ascendancy when Zahi Addis scored back-to-back goals in the

14th and 18th minutes. The game was locked up early in the second half when the visitors equalised.

Byron Bay won the penalty shot out 4-2.

The Bill Turner Cup is a high school competition for students 15-years-and-under in a knock-out format with 450 teams from Cairns to Melbourne, all regions of NSW and the ACT.

### Correction

In an earlier report (*Echo* 33.09) Zahi Addis was incorrectly named as Khai Addis; the photo in the story was of his brother Hani Addis.

## Linda and Judy take open pairs crown in the Bay



Congratulations go to (L-R) Jenny Meinel, Bev Gawned, Linda Child and Judy Wright for playing a very close game to decide the Byron Bay Womens Bowling Club 2018 open pairs champions. In a very entertaining game Linda and Judy claimed the honours with a 16-15 win. Photo supplied.

## Locals blitz BJJ



Local Brazilian jiu-jitsu competitors won medals at the Australian national championship in Melbourne earlier this month. (L-R) Andy Murasaki (adult double gold), Chilli Harel (junior gold), Bryce McCourt (teenager gold). Yarif Vigo Montes (not pictured) also brought home gold and silver in the adult division. Photo supplied

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## Byron Bay bowlers claim top-four finish at state titles

The Byron Bay Bowling Club number seven pennants team missed out on a finals berth at the state titles by just a single shot over the weekend.

The team started strongly, winning their section and defeating West Tamworth on Friday afternoon, Norrah Head in a close tussle on Saturday morning, and overcoming Batlow on Saturday afternoon to qualify for Sunday morning's semifinal against Taree West.

They were defeated in that game by one shot overall on



The Byron Bay Sevens played the state pennant finals held at The Greens BC at The Entrance last week. Photo supplied

the last end after a tight measure for the vital shot.

'Well done, the Bay's Sevens, who were great ambas-

sadors for our town and club and gained memorable experience from this competition,' club member Syl Reid said.

## Beez girls face the best at state cup

**Coach Matt Ogle**

The Byron Beez U/16 division one girls' team travelled to Minto recently to compete in the BNSW State Cup after winning the northern division of the 2018 BNSW Waratah Junior League in July.

The young Byron Beez team did themselves proud, but were winless over the three-game weekend competing against basketball associations with much larger player pools including Blue Mountains, Sydney City and Batemans Bay.

Their best performance was against the Sydney City Comets when the Beez put on a great show of skill and teamwork. Undersized and undermanned, the Beez kept the game very competitive and the crowd pleased with their tenacious defence and precise offence.

The Beez game against



Byron Beez U/16 girls with coach Matt Ogle. Photo supplied

Batemans Bay, eventual competition runners-up, was also closely contested for the majority of the game: however, with plenty of subs, the opposition were able to keep running with fresh legs, and eventually got away from the Beez.

The whole weekend was great experience for our players, of which all but one will be eligible to play U/16s again next year.

The girls were very positive about their efforts and performance and the fact they improved from game to game, bouncing back from a big early loss. To challenge some of the best teams in the state is testament to their attitude and commitment to the game.

The Byron Beez will be holding trials for girls' representative teams later this year to enter the NJL in 2019.

## Giants out of NRRRL finals

The Mullumbimby Giants have bowed out of the 2018 NRRRL competition after losing to the Murwillumbah Mustangs 40-20 in the first elimination final.

The Giants got off to a good start playing away from home and went into the sheds at halftime ahead by 20-12.

'Injuries took their toll and then the Mustangs just ran over us at the end,' club secretary Shane Diehm said.

After featuring at the top of the table for the first half of the season the Giants leave the competition in fifth place, and in far better shape than in past years.

'It has been 10 years since we have been in the finals, so we are happy to get there.

'We have built a pretty solid foundation this year and our new coach Dallas Waters will be with us next year, so we can keep building momentum and hopefully go even further in 2019,' he said.

## Geckos keep winning Shand cricket

**Brian Mollet**

The Geckos cricket team has a long and proud history dating back to when Nicholas Shand used to browbeat, bribe or blackmail a bewildered-looking bunch of journalists and drinking buddies onto the old pitch, most startled to be out of bed so early.

There they would unerringly receive a resounding drubbing from the wily Wanganui team (Wilson's Creek) and indeed it took many years for the Geckos to crack it for their first win, an occasion that caused weeklong celebrations.

So to suggest that the Geckos would go through

the round robin of the Shand series undefeated would have had people seriously doubting your sanity and flushing any stray medications in your medicine cabinet down the toilet.

But the Geckos are now five from five in the Shand series after accounting for the Lennox Ripstarters on Sunday, who won the toss and chose to bat.

A blustery breeze had the new ball swirling and dipping around and James, Trent, Mick, and Mal all bagged two scalps apiece.

In a rousing performance in the field the Geckos stuck to every ball like farmers friends on a woolly sock and


bundling out the power hitting Lennox lineup of Gaz, Scoot, Beezo, Barnsey, and Ed for a surprisingly lightweight 98.

Opener Rossco and the evergreen Adeha (31no) then set about chipping the target score down to size and stumps were drawn in mid-afternoon when team stalwart Peter Wynn-Moylan clipped up the winning runs with a good eight-and-a-half overs to spare.

The Geckos now own top spot and their final's opponents will be decided by the match between Main Arm and the Byron Full-Tossers, who have to win well to avoid the Gecko juggernaut.



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The DA for a waste management facility at Broken Head Quarry, mentioned last week, has been withdrawn. The proponent has told *The Echo* that Council staff asked it be considered by the NSW planning department, and claims the footprint needed to recycle local food and plastic waste 'is very small' and they will be utilising innovative technology. Could this be a win for localisation, recycling and sustainability? Stay tuned.

Local Nationals figurehead Ben Franklin wants to represent us! Except, um, he's just broken a promise. He told *The Echo* he wouldn't run for the seat of Ballina. But changing your mind is okay, isn't it? Especially when sooooo many people tell you that you should. Good luck, Ben, you're a nice chap but unfortunately your party is full of climate change deniers and knuckle-dragging troglodytes. See editorial, page 12

An endangered Grey Nurse shark was freed from a fishing line at Julian Rocks last week. Video footage, available on [echo.net.au](http://echo.net.au), shows Japanese national and Byron Bay diving instructor Inaki Aizpun unhooking the fishing line from its jaws. He told *The Echo*, 'It was condemned to a slow and painful death. I felt sorry for the shark and, in my duty to help such a beautiful creature, I grabbed the line from his mouth. After few times trying, I managed to liberate the shark from the deadly fishing net.' He added fishing nets are 'destroying vast amounts of marine life in our oceans.'

Loathed former low-level QLD cop and proto-fascist



If, as they say, every picture tells a story, between 'em Kofi and Lucy have got a few tales going. They were enjoying the beers, barbecue, bluegrass and sunshine at Bangalow on Saturday. Photo Jeff 'Ink Me Up One, Danno' Dawson

liar Petter Dutton (Liberal) will fortunately not be the PM leading up to the next election. Potatohead will now sit in the backbench to join all the other has-been gargoyles. Together they will continue to plot more chaos and stagnation for the nation. As they do, they rub pieces of coal together. My preeeecccioussss, they repeat.

Those planning on attending Council's Thursday meeting – and who wouldn't – it starts at 4pm, not 9am. Items up for voting this month are Railway Park rotunda location options, representation at Northern Rivers Rail Trail meetings, a report on the Byron Skate Park and Recreation Hub, a revised Community Engagement Policy, a Planning Proposal update for Saddle Road, a report on parking time changes in Mullumbimby, Bangalow and Brunswick Heads, and a Recycled Water Management Strategy. Phew – and that's not all...

Good on Bangalow for organising drought relief to Bingara. There is another connection with Byron Shire in that the general manager of

Gwydir Shire, where Bingara is located, is none other than Max Eastcott, a lively GM – to say the least – of our own Shire in the 1990s.

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