

Greens MP returned with increased majority

Greens MP Tamara Smith (Ballina electorate) will return to NSW parliament after a convincing win last Saturday night. She beat strong contender Ben Franklin (Nationals) 60.83 per cent to 39.17 per cent after preferences were distributed.

The NSW Ballina electorate covers both Byron and Ballina Shires.

The total percentage of first preference votes for other candidates was: James Wright with 1.58 per cent (Keep Sydney Open), Cathy Blasonato with 2.38 per cent (Animal Justice Party), Asren Pugh with 25.17 per cent (Country Labor), Lisa Mcdermott with 2.04 per cent (Sustainable Australia).

Preferences flow

Despite Nationals candidate Ben Franklin earning a higher first preference vote, preferences

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Re-elected Greens MP Tamara Smith. Photo Jeff Dawson

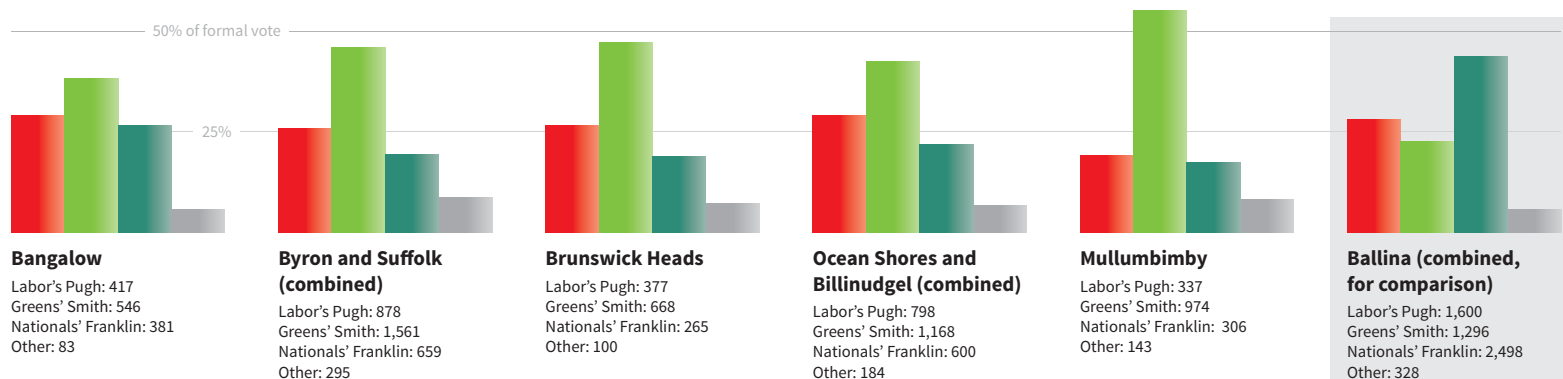
Byron Shire and Ballina Shire booths – a quick breakdown

Byron Shire – Tamara Smith MP dominated the Byron Shire booths on the two candidate preferred vote, claiming many convincingly.

Ballina Shire – After preferences were tallied, the two candidate preferred vote shows that The National's Ben Franklin won most of Ballina, claiming (sometimes close) booths in Alstonville High, the Ballina Community Centre,

Ballina Hospital, Emmanuel Anglican College, Empire Vale Public, Fernleigh Public, Newrybar Public, Rous Public, Southern Cross School and Tintenbar Public, Wardell Hall and Wollongbar Public. Tamara Smith claimed the booths of Ballina High, Meerschaum Vale Hall and Lennox Head Public.

People who voted early favoured Smith way ahead of Franklin 3,384 to 1,647.



All results are sourced from www.vtr.elections.nsw.gov.au.

Greens-led Council policy neglect leads to old growth loss

Paul Bibby

The illegal removal of an old growth tree at the Tallowood Ridge development in Mullumbimby has highlighted significant flaws in Council planning processes for the site, residents say.

Last month, Byron Council staff fined a home owner on the estate \$3,000 for chopping down the tree in their backyard, which locals estimated to be between 50 and 100 years old.

Tree unprotected

But residents say the removal would never have happened in the first place if Council had included the tree in a protected zone rather than allowing it to be included in private property.

'At the most basic level you have to wonder why you would let someone build a house directly underneath a tree like that,' Tallowood resident and local ecologist Dave Rawlins said.

'When you take a step back from this, it's actually part of the ongoing loss of remnant bushland in the ridge as a result of poor council planning.'

The tree was part of the Moiball Spur, a traditional Aboriginal walking trail that stretches from Mount Chincogan to Koonyum Range and beyond, to one of the last patches of remnant rainforest in NSW.

The community has fought for

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Vale Owen Danvers, 1941–2019

Aslan Shand

From humble beginnings in Waratah in Newcastle, Owen Campbell Danvers learned early the importance of contributing to his family and then to the community.

While he was a student at Pelican Flat Primary School, he also worked at the local bakehouse delivering bread and milk to support his family and himself.

At the age of fifteen, Owen joined the Royal Australian Navy as part of the second intake at the Royal Australian Navy Training Establishment at Schofields/Quakers Hill in Western Sydney.

Owen left the Navy after his apprenticeship in 1961, and worked as an engineer in mechanical industries.

After Owen began to experience stress and fatigue at work, he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Owen then became a volunteer with the Multiple Sclerosis Society and spent 16 years as its director. In 1997, Owen received an award from the then-Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir, in recognition



Owen Danvers was farewelled last week. Photo Jeff Dawson

of his years of service as a dedicated volunteer.

Love of his life

It was after he started his own successful business in Sydney that Owen met Andrea. He had admired her from afar, but after he found out they both lived in the same apartment block, their friendship developed.

Andrea was the 'love of his life' and they married in Dubbo in 1987 and enjoyed a happy three decades together. In 1997, Owen and Andrea retired to

Mullumbimby. But not being one to sit around, Owen was quickly involved in a variety of local organisations, volunteering for the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre and the Brunswick Valley Marine Rescue, where he became the first Unit Commander.

He also became Communications Officer at the Mullumbimby State Emergency Service.

In 2010, he was key to the merging of the three former rescue organisations that became Marine Rescue NSW. He became the unit

commander for its sub-branch, the Marine Rescue Brunswick.

During that time, he oversaw the procurement of a new RIB vessel, known as *Brunswick 30*, as well as the purchase of a new air-berth to house the vessel. He also helped to introduce the Sea Hawke live boat tracking system to the radio tower.

Owen will be remembered for his commitment, friendship, kindness and willingness to help others, along with his generous contribution to this community.

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Water utility Rous Water says Northern Rivers' residents use approximately 194 litres of water, per person, per day on average.

With a rapidly growing population and more extreme weather conditions, understanding your water usage is key, says Rous Water.

Byron Shire's water is mostly sourced from Rocky Creek Dam, which is reliant on rainfall.

To highlight the importance of wise water use, Rous Water has launched a challenge for your household over 30 days.

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Water saving tips

Rous Water say there are nine ways to save water. They are watering your garden before 10am or after 3pm, fitting trigger nozzles to your hand held hoses, installing



Water utility Rous Water launched their 160 Litre Challenge and tree planting day at Rocky Creek Dam last Thursday March 21. The event was attended by over 180 local school children, who helped raise awareness of World Water Day, which was held March 22. For more info visit www.rous.nsw.gov.au. Photo Eve Jeffery

water tanks (includes rebates), fixing any dripping taps and toilets, washing vehicles on the lawn with a bucket, turning off your tap when brushing teeth, connecting to recycled water

for the garden, toilets and laundry, choosing water efficient appliances, installing a water saving shower head and taking short showers (under four minutes). Based on the region's

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Ballina electorate re-elects Greens MP

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flowing from Labor and the minor parties led the Greens to victory.

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Tamara Smith told *The Echo*, 'I'm incredibly grateful to be given a second term as the Member for Ballina and humbled by the support of the community.'

'It's been a big four years and we had a lot thrown at us and I'm proud of the positive agenda and

campaign we ran.'

Climate change

'I'm so looking forward to being much much bolder and less hesitant to push the agenda on climate change for NSW. With the longest, driest and hottest summer on record for us in the Northern Rivers, we cannot wait another day for a renewable energy target and a complete green light on a renewables boom for NSW.'

'The Liberals and

Nationals can be left with no doubt that our community is demanding strong action on climate change, the capacity to manage our own affairs and the resources to do so, a complete no on mega developments, increased health and transport services and protection of our waterways and precious biodiversity.'

'I want to acknowledge the commitment and energy that both the Nationals and Labor candidates put

into their campaigns and wish them both well in their future endeavours'.

Smith added, 'I am humbled to think that six out of 10 members of our community put the Greens first or second on their ballot paper - thank you!'

'This is a mandate to pursue the policies we took to the election and this time I'm hitting the ground running with the benefit of incumbency. Onwards and upwards'.

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Urgent legal assistance funding needed says Law Council

The dire state of legal assistance funding in Australia has been highlighted as a matter of critical importance in the Law Council of Australia's 2019-20 pre-budget submission, with a boost of at least \$310 million a year required to address critical gaps in the system.

Additional funding should also be provided to introduce Justice Impact Tests, improve resourcing of federal courts, and establish a National Justice Interpreter Scheme, said Law Council president Arthur Moses SC.

Funding abysmal

'Legal assistance funding in Australia is abysmal and in need of urgent review.

Some of our most vulnerable people are slipping through the cracks, as the Law Council's Justice Project illustrates,' Mr Moses said.

'In the UK, Justice Impact Tests have proven to be a vital tool in facilitating the smoother development of laws and policies with downstream impacts on the justice system and ensuring adequate funding is provided for any repercussions'.

The Law Council's submission also calls for urgent additional funding of the federal courts, especially the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

For more information visit www.lawcouncil.asn.au.

When will Council explore consciousness?

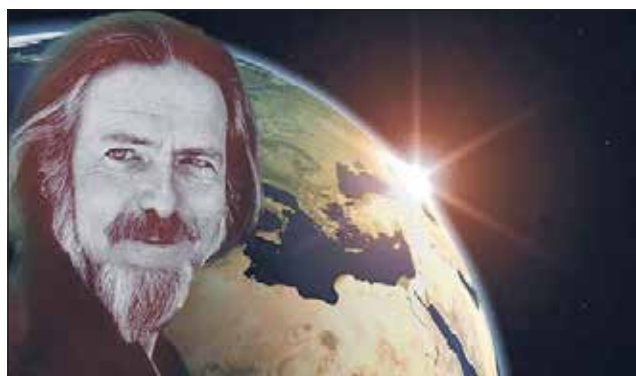
Hans Lovejoy

While we catch a breath from NSW elections, Council (being staff and councillors) will meet this Thursday in the Mullum chambers to heroically manage the Shire's affairs through reports, agendas and votes.

Will their efforts continue to allow the unwashed masses the luxury of spending their time exploring and expanding their consciousness?

Website

One agenda item listed online (www.byron.nsw.gov.au) includes a look over the website itself. Those who use the website regularly might be a tad frustrated that DAs become unavailable soon after they are off public exhibition. Additionally online PDF DAs often don't even follow Council's electronic submission guidelines. Fun fact: staff say in their report 'This is the area that the



Cosmonaut/philosopher Alan Watts had many interesting things to say. One nugget of wisdom begins with '... government is simply an abandonment of responsibility on the assumption that there are people, other than ourselves, who really know how to manage things'. Image Sick Chirpse

public have complained about the most'.

Given it's been a year since the last revamp, Cr Cate Coorey suggests they receive feedback to 'let us know what is good and what could be better'.

Staff replied that such a website review would be 'timely' yet warned there are limitations with its Open Cities content management system (CMS). It should be

noted too that the links to PDF attachments for the agendas don't work, meaning a long arduous navigation to find the corresponding file.

Human Rights

Meanwhile, acting mayor Michael Lyon has penned a *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* for fellow councillors to consider.

It comes after former

human rights professor Gillian Triggs addressed a Mullumbimby audience with her speech 'It's time for an Australian Bill of Rights'. Can it be done? In short, staff replied with 'Council is unable to exceed the role provided for it pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993*'. But such an aspiration can be 'supported', according to Section 223, 2(b) and (e), which outlines that Councils should consider 'social justice principles' in their decision making.

Code of conduct

Keen Council watchers will be holding their breath as councillors deal with a refreshed code of conduct policy this week. It's the sort of document that can either stop poor governance in its tracks, or be used as a weapon against hard working individuals who are associated with local government. Bring popcorn and cushions, it starts at 9am.

Greens-led Council neglect leads to old growth loss

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two decades in a bid to save the tree-lined ridge, but has watched in dismay in recent years as it has been subdivided.

In some cases, this appears to run contrary to a 2010 ruling by the Land and Environment Court which required the protection of vegetation stands and associated fauna within and

adjacent to the ridge line, which the court referred to as the 'shelter belt'.

This is part of what residents say is a broader erosion of old-growth vegetation at Tallowood, including allowing this vegetation to be included in small suburban lots rather than be included in the shelter belt, preventing public access to the ridgeline and going back

on a commitment to pursue larger lots to protect koala habitat as part of the sixth stage of the development.

A Council spokesperson said the land along the ridge top was in fact a 'road reserve' and was owned by Council.

'Some works have previously occurred in the reserve in terms of plantings for environmental reasons and as

a shelter belt as required...' the spokesperson said.

'Other areas of vegetated land not zoned for residential purposes and backing onto the ridgeline are in private ownership and currently held by the developer of the Tallowood Ridge Estate.

'It is required to be managed for conservation purposes under the Tallowood estate masterplan.'

Together Party delivers its budget speech April 2

Leader of the newly formed federal political party Together, Mark Swivel, says they will launch their pre-budget speech an hour before the government does theirs on Tuesday April 2.

Local Barefoot lawyer and Duskyesky choir MC Mark Swivel heads Together and says his 'Thought through and fully costed' budget will be announced at the Mullum Ex-Services, kicking off at 6.30pm.

The party will then tour to Coffs Harbour, Newcastle, North Sydney, Bondi and Marrickville.

Intelligent populism

Swivel says, 'We all know we can move money from defence into climate, education or health, from fossil fuels to renewables, from the banks into community enterprise, from off-shore



Belinda Kinhead

detention to on-shore justice. So, why don't we?'.

'Together is about intelligent populism. We want to rebuild our common wealth – the things we own, share and do together. We believe a generation of market-driven policy has made Australia less fair, more unequal. Together wants a politics which reflects the good people doing good things across our communities.

'People who want more than the Ford and Holden of

the major parties and reject the fear-mongering fringe.

'Togetherists want bolder action on climate repair, corruption and inequality; we want serious tax reform to fund public services – free ambulances but not school chaplains.

'We want a Future Fund which drives the economy and a properly funded ABC that tells our national story. A publicly owned bank and voluntary euthanasia laws. And more!

'Our events are like Ted Talks mixed with QnA, only we want to get elected!'

New addition

In late breaking news, Swivel says Belinda Kinhead, engineer and director of peer-to-peer energy trading specialists LO3 Energy, has joined the Together tilt for the Senate.

'Born in the Northern

Rivers, Belinda worked with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank before returning home with her family to head up LO3 in Australia'.

Belinda says, 'there are many good people, doing so many good things in our communities, right across Australia, and they feel, rightly, disillusioned with the major political parties and the tone of political discourse. We want leaders who can debate big ideas, have real discussions and respectfully disagree with one another. We want leadership and vision, people making the changes we'd like to see. That's why I'm so excited to be joining the Together ticket. Together, we can make Australia slightly better than average again!'

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Psychologist *Mic Hunter says in his life changing book 'Abused Boys'...

*This year (1990), as in every year, tens of thousands of boys will be sexually abused in the USA. They will be damaged physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Every aspect of their lives will be affected. When they become adults they'll be plagued with sexual dysfunctions, troubled relationships, a poor sense of self-worth, and intimacy difficulties...

To add to this tragedy, those who seek professional help from mental health centres, treatment programs and therapists will often be misdiagnosed: the sexual abuse will be overlooked or not taken seriously. The symptoms of the abuse will be treated but not the underlying cause.*

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Club president Matt Kane said the club welcomed all boys and girls aged five to 14, but that registration needed to be completed as soon as possible. 'We're really close to being able to field a full compliment of teams,' he said.

The club is particularly encouraging girls aged 11 to 13 and boys aged 10 to 12 to register. To sign up, call Matt Kane on 0426 279 100 or email brunswickvalleyjunioraflclub@gmail.com.

Art from the generations, ends Sat



Diwali and Biba, pictured, have joined forces with Sarita and Oliver to create a family art exhibition spanning three generations. The paintings include contemporary and tantric themes, with a sprinkle of LGBTQI and the feminine. The original canvases are on exhibition at 6/19-21 Centennial Cct Byron from 10am till 6pm daily, ending on Saturday. Photo Jeff Dawson

Old Byron Hospital update

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will have to pay nearly half a million dollars in holding and administration costs when it officially takes ownership of the old Byron District Hospital site in the coming weeks, according to a staff report.

There was great celebration last December when the state government agreed to sell the 5,300sqm Shirley Street site to council for just \$1, paving the way for it to become a hub for local community services.

But as council prepares to officially sign the contract of sale, it has emerged that the purchase will be somewhat more costly than some first thought.

In the staff report tabled for the upcoming Thursday meeting, council's legal counsel Ralph James says that 'holding costs of the site for the 2019/2020 financial year are estimated at \$400,000 in addition to an estimate of \$50,000 to

fund the administrative establishment of the site and legal documents'.

A Council spokesperson said the majority of the cost was for security as 'it's an unoccupied building in the centre of town'.

They also said the costs were based on initial estimates that would be refined if the project progressed.

Recoup costs

Council is hoping to recoup these costs once the community hub is up and running, most likely by having at least one commercial tenant on the site paying rent at or near market rates.

Mr James notes that, in the interim, council could source the funds from its Holiday Park Reserve via an internal loan.

He also notes that there is currently a significant amount of contamination on the site, including asbestos sheets in the original building, lead based paint and radiated sand in the courtyard.

The costs of remediating the site, estimated to be \$200,000, are expected to be funded by the NSW Health Administration Corporation as part of the sale.

Should council go ahead with the purchase within the next few weeks as expected, it will likely then move to reclassify the land from 'community' to 'operational' as this will allow a greater range of uses and opportunities to generate income.

A preliminary proposal for the site has already been developed by a group of locals led by local realtor Chris Hanley.

This proposal involves the creation of a community hub in which affordable rental accommodation is provided to organisations representing the welfare, health, education and cultural sectors.

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Body positive warriors on your side

Exploring issues around body image, self esteem and eating disorders and providing ways to cope and understand these issues are the focus of the upcoming Future Dreamers clarity support evenings.

Future Dreamers is a women's collective which supports young women 12-25 and call themselves the 'ultimate girls club'.

Bianca Hill from Future Dreamers says, 'We have been hard at work to create a new special foundation for each evening that focuses on Body Positive Empowerment, with the additional support of eating disorder guidance for anyone else in need'.

Bianca is an anorexia survivor who is currently in remission and recognises the importance of creating

a safe space where young women can relate, share their own stories/struggles, gain strength, and simply just come along and connect with others in ease, knowing they are not alone in their thoughts and feelings, or battles.

'We have been working with holistic practitioners within the community to create a place for connection and development in each and everyone's journey to becoming one with our bodies where we can heal, nourish and thrive,' she said.

Body acceptance

'We are opening up this evening to anyone within our community to join us on a journey to body acceptance and appreciation, within a loving safe space where you will join other community

members with the same gratitude and desires in life. We encourage anyone who would like to share insights into their own path of self-appreciation and body love with others to absolutely come and partake.'

Held first Monday of the month

The clarity support evenings will be on the first Monday of every month, re-commencing on April 1 at Future Dreamers (Marvel Street) from 6pm.

RSVP Eva King at Future Dreamers on eva@future-dreamers.com.au or Bianca Hill 0422 968 969.



Artists Claire Yerbury, Brendan Kelly and John McCormick at Friday's 'Enter the Bower' exhibition at Claire and Brendon's forrest gallery. The exhibition featured 20 artists as well as performance art, musicians, light projections and blue cocktails. Photo 'Blower Bird' Dawson

Seabin's intelligent design helps clean oceans

The ocean is a way of life for Pete Ceglinksy and it was the hard realisation that human over-consumption and waste mismanagement was killing what he calls nature's best jewel.

That prompted his buddy Andrew Turton and Pete to quit their jobs to create a Seabin, a receptacle that cleans the oceans, collecting trash, oil, fuel and detergents.

Pete's background of product design, combined with ten years of boat building for high end racing yacht teams, proved invaluable for the development of the Seabin Project and its educational programs.

Floating debris interception device

Along with the development of the Seabin Project as a business, Pete is heavily involved in the technical design and development of the products.

The current design is the



Pete Ceglinksy. Photo www.seabinproject.com

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The catch bag can hold up to 20kgs of rubbish.

April 4 Byron event

The Seabin Foundation, an Australian registered not-for-profit organisation, in association with clothing brand Patagonia, is presenting the Summit to Sea event at the Byron Theatre on April 4 from 5pm.

It's described as a 'conservation conference from the top down'.

Conservation comes in many forms and even from where you least expect it, says Pete.

'Negative impact is

fuelling legislative change and a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program is becoming a staple in a competitive and increasingly transparent economy'.

'The Summit to Sea will be showcasing conservation efforts from all sectors and how inspiration, positivity and innovation can fast track progress in conservation.

'The summit will have 16 speakers presenting in a TEDx style format with live music, coffee, dinner and some amazing raffle prizes.

'All proceeds on the night will go towards Seabin Foundation for their Education, Science and Research programs.

'Some of the speakers include Delta Kay, Pete Ceglinksy, Dave Rastovich, Sophie Hutchinson, Julia Reisser (Minderoo Foundation) and Kael Hudson, to name a few'.

Tickets for the April 4 event are available at byron-centre.com.au.

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The Panel will meet to determine the following:

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394 Ewingsdale Road, 342 Ewingsdale Road, Lot 227 Ewingsdale Road, Lot 7020 Ewingsdale Road, Lot 9 Ewingsdale Road, Lot 229 Ewingsdale Road, Lot 1 Ewingsdale Road, 22B Melaleuca Drive, 22A Melaleuca Drive Byron Bay - Staged Development Application for Subdivision of Nine (9) Lots - Stage 1 - Subdivision into Two Hundred and Eighty Two (282) Residential Lots and associated vegetation removal, earthworks, acoustic barriers adjacent to Ewingsdale Road, public reserve, roads, retaining walls, with environmental landscape and infrastructure works to be completed in Nine (9) Sub-Stages, Stage 2 - Concept Plan for Road connection to light industrial precinct.

When: Monday, 8 April 2019 at 3:00 pm

Where: Byron Theatre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

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

To register to speak at the meeting, please contact the Planning Panels Secretariat before 4pm on Thursday, 4 April 2019 on (02) 8217 2060 or email enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au

Any person may attend the meeting to observe.

The Panel is required to make an audio record of the meeting and make the recording publicly available on the Planning Panels website. You should be aware that this may include your personal information if you are presenting to the Panel.

For more information: (02) 8217 2060 or visit planningpanels.nsw.gov.au

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Car makers call for vital safety check

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CAR makers have called on vehicle owners to urgently check if their vehicles are affected by the Takata airbag recall saying they risked serious harm by failing to make a simple check. The faulty Takata airbags have the potential to seriously injure or even kill vehicle drivers and passengers.

There have been 24 reported deaths and more than 300 reported injuries globally attributed to the faulty airbags.

Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries chief executive Tony Weber said Australians had checked the recall status of more than seven million vehicles on the automotive industry's Takata Airbag recall website www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au since it was launched in July 2018.

This had helped vehicle owners identify over one million vehicles that were affected by the recall and needed to be taken to dealerships for the replacement of faulty airbags.

"Our roads are busy with people travelling with their families," Mr Weber said.

"We plead with vehicle owners to urgently check the status of their vehicle. It's simple and free - just go to the website and enter your vehicle's registration plate number and state or territory."

"If your vehicle is affected, you can make arrangements with your vehicle brand's local dealership to have the faulty airbag replaced."

Mr Weber said car makers had replaced the airbags in more than two million vehicles. "The industry has made significant progress.

"But there are still approximately one million vehicles to be rectified. These vehicles are located throughout Australia.

"They are in every state and territory, every city, every regional town and every post code. They are fleet vehicles, business vehicles and family vehicles," Mr Weber said.

In addition to checking the status of their vehicles, Mr Weber said it was essential vehicle owners immediately followed-up any communication they received directly from their vehicle's manufacturer.

"Don't ignore the communication, don't put it to one side and don't forget to make a simple service booking."

■ This is sponsored content for Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.



FCAI chief executive Tony Weber is urging motorists to check their airbags.

Surprise! West Byron DA before the planning panel

Despite repeatedly expressing overwhelming opposition to the proposed West Byron urban and commercial development over sensitive wetlands just west of Byron Bay, the planning panel tasked with determining it have called another public meeting.

Everyone is invited to the Byron Theatre on Monday April 8 from 3pm to express their views on the proposal, which includes 282 residential lots and associated vegetation removal, a massive amount of earthworks and habitat destruction over multiple stages.

To register to speak, contact the Planning Panels secretariat before 4pm on April 4 on (02) 8217 2060 or email enquiry@planning-panels.nsw.gov.au.



Narita, Jude, Emily, Gabriel, Shizuoka, Aree and Tikal attended last Wednesday's Multicultural Lunch Sharing at Brunswick Heads. Photo Jeff 'Harmony Maximisation' Dawson

Organisers of Byron Harmony Day Festival met last week over lunch to plan for next month's April 27 event at Mullumbimby Civic Hall from 11 am till 9pm.

Harmony Day is where residents and visitors from

around the world share their cultural food, practice English language skills, learn about other cultures in the region and gain support in accessing programs and services which provide assistance to new arrivals.

There will be a stellar line-up of culturally diverse music, dance, food, market stalls, workshops and children's activities in a very family friendly atmosphere.

For enquiries visit www.byronharmony.com.

Serious head injury for boy after fall from Cape Byron

A 15-year-old was winched to safety from Cape Byron with critical head injuries at around 2pm on Saturday.

It's the third rescue Brunswick Volunteer Rescue Crew say they have undertaken in the last few months at Cape Byron. Police say the boy fell after he and another young man were attempting to walk around the headland to Wategos. Medical crew and the patient were winched out from the base of the

cliff and flown to Gold Coast University Hospital.

Difficult to negotiate

Rescuers said, while it might appear easy to climb from the bottom, the rock soon gives way to gravel and shale and even trained volunteers find it difficult to negotiate, even at the end of a safety rope and wearing a harness.

Airbnb survey released by SCU

An Airbnb survey on the impact of holiday letting on Byron Bay has been released, with key findings indicating that while there was increased income for Airbnb hosts, increased employment opportunities for locals and increased local tax revenue, the negative impacts included reduced availability of affordable housing for residents, increased traffic and parking congestion, increased waste management problems and increased infrastructure costs.

The aims of the project, according to its authors, were to 'profile the nature of Airbnb in the Byron Shire, ie to determine the size, main

attributes and development patterns of Airbnb'.

Community perspectives

Additionally the report attempts to 'describe, critically analyse and explore community perspectives on the perceived positive and negative impacts of Airbnb within the Shire, in order to inform specific and locally appropriate solutions'.

Another key finding, say the authors, were that 'most respondents preferred a model which involved onsite management for any short-term holiday lettings (STHL)'.

'Thirty-seven per cent of

respondents wanted "No restriction" on rentals of STHL properties with onsite management. That is, hosts could operate 365 day per year.

'However, for STHL rentals without on-site management, 39 per cent of respondents favoured rentals capped at '0 days' (such rentals not allowed at all) while 27 per cent supported a cap of "Less than 90 days per year".

'Most respondents (including Airbnb hosts) felt that STHL needs to be better regulated. Furthermore, the majority of respondents agreed with the need for greater public information on Airbnb-related issues

within the Byron Shire'.

The project team comprises Dr Deborah (project leader), Dr Sabine Muschter, Dr Tania von der Heidt and Dr Rodney Caldicott.

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Man charged over alleged domestic abuse

Five additional charges have been laid against a 46-year-old Ballina man by detectives investigating a series of serious alleged sexual and physical assaults of two women in the region.

In November 2018, detectives from Richmond Police District established Strike Force Addiscombe to investigate the historic serious domestic abuse of a number of women in the local area.

Strike force detectives arrested and charged the man last month.

He remains before the courts and was refused bail.



Mullumbimby artist Potts works with many mediums. The latest exhibition in the Byron Shire Council's Cube Gallery (located in reception in Mullum) displays 20 years worth of designs he has done for the German based Ritenhoff Glassware company. Photo Jeff 'Artsy Pants' Dawson

Compliance needs improving, says former councillor

Hans Lovejoy

Yippee – councillors appear to be taking more interest in unauthorised building compliance, which is of course a core responsibility when it comes to liability and equity.

Yet former councillor Duncan Dey has told *The Echo* that his tip off of an unauthorised building was ignored by staff and he has witnessed

instances where compliance is dropped in favour of encouraging DA approval in 'poorly located' areas.

Additionally, he says of a recent compliance report to councillors: 'There is no report on the rate of success or satisfaction for the public raising the matter, or for those responding to it'. The data in the staff report implies all CRMs get dealt with, he says.

Council staff recently reminded residents about the 'serious consequences of unlawful building works' though a press release, claiming they had won a court case 'concerning the conversion of a garage into a habitable dwelling without development consent'.

Dey provided two instances of questionable compliance investigations.

'The cases I know of are about illegal dwellings that I complained about in 2016.

'One was a shed that had been tarted up and rented.

'It was bolted to a giant eucalyptus that started looking sick and could have dropped branches. "Lives at immediate risk" are top priority 1.1 on Council's list.

'The dwelling was vacated after a Council order in June 2017 to return the building to its former shed status. Sadly, that order was later lifted after pleas by the owner and on the basis that a Development Application would be lodged to legalise that building, along with a second illegal dwelling on the property.

'The DA was lodged in 2018 to legalise the second dwelling, as a dual occupancy. The DA ignored the

shed. I do not understand why its return to a shed had to await the DA. This building should be decommissioned, independent of the outcome of the DA'.

Dual occupancy

'The second 'case' is that second "dual occupancy" dwelling on the same property'. He says despite sending details and pictures and asking 'Council to stop construction until approvals have been granted', construction did not stop. 'A DA now seeks to legalise the building, despite it being poorly located and non-compliant with bushfire requirements, among many other [potentially] fatal non-compliances'.

The Echo asked Council staff for comment on the matters, but they declined to comment.

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KELLY CRETHAR is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) with Collins Hume Accountants and Business Advisers in Byron Bay and Ballina.

'I love working with people and helping them achieve their goals. Understanding the financial side of a business is something that doesn't come easily for everyone. I love being able to interpret financials into information that business owners can easily grasp', says Kelly.

Kelly obtained her B Business (Accounting and Business Law) from Southern Cross University and started in public practice while studying for her degree in 2000. She joined Collins Hume in 2017 and says it is the firm's commitment to helping community that



she admires. 'We often speak to our clients about work/life balance and that is a focus at Collins Hume too.'

Kelly will be presenting Collins Hume's popular Better Business Workshop on 15 May to educate business owners and has a particular passion for assisting women to achieve in business.

Kelly acknowledges that it can be daunting for young women to enter into the world of accounting and business advising but says 'the industry has so much to offer and the female perspective on business is so valuable.' She says 'You'll never know what's possible until you try, so go for your dreams and never give up!'

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Documents on exhibition are available for viewing at the customer service centre in Mullumbimby and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

Online: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Make-a-submission

Written: Address to: General Manager, Byron Shire Council,
PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

Please be aware that all submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) of the GIPA 2009 Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For further assistance please contact our Records team on 02 6626 7113.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

The following development applications (DA) have been received by Council and require exhibition in accordance with Development Control Plan 2014 (A14). The DAs may be viewed online at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA or by using the Online Kiosks at Councils Customer Service Centre during normal office hours.

DA submissions can be lodged using an online form via Council's eServices Portal. Once you have viewed a copy of the DA, select 'Make a Submission' to lodge a submission directly with Council. Information on making a submission is available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Make-a-submission-on-a-DA.

If you are making a submission, there are requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure.

Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.

EXHIBITION CLOSES 3 APRIL 2019

10.2019.102.1 – BANGALOW, 15 Byron Bay Road (Lot 3 DP 6478)
Ardill Payne & Partners, Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construction of Multi Dwelling Housing comprising Three (3) Dwellings

10.2019.107.1 – BYRON BAY, 5 Banksia Drive (Lot 13 DP 248197) W J Townend – Town Planning Pty Ltd, Change of Use to Indoor Recreation Facility (Gym)

10.2019.100.1 – BYRON BAY, 39-41 Lawson Street (Lot 0 SP 48462) Ardill Payne & Partners, Alterations and Additions to Existing Residential Flat Building

EXHIBITION CLOSES 10 APRIL 2019

There are no DAs for advertising in the newspaper for this date

EXHIBITION CLOSES 17 APRIL 2019

10.2019.103.1 – COORABELL, 784 Coolamon Scenic Drive (Lot 384 DP 727453) Newton Denny Chapelle, Restaurant and Voluntary Planning Agreement for Upgrade of Public Road and Carpark

Pursuant to section 7.5 of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and clause 25D of Environmental and Assessment Regulation 2000 the Planning Agreement for the DA 10.2019.103.1 is on public exhibition at Council's Mullumbimby Offices from 21 March 2019 to 17 April 2019

DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

In accordance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)*, notification is hereby given of the following development consents granted by Council. The consents listed are available to view Online at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA.

Information relating to these applications as required by Schedule 1, Division 4, Clause 20(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* is also available online

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2018.541.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH, 3 Peter Street
Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.10.1 – BYRON BAY, 51 Childe Street
Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House, Swimming Pool, Pool Shed and Shade Structure

10.2018.528.1 – UPPER COOPERS CREEK, 112 Coopers Creek Road Dwelling House, Tree Removal Three (3) Trees and Demolition of a Shed

10.2018.457.1 – EWINGSDALE, 51 Kennedys Lane
Rural Tourist Accommodation : Two (2) Cabins

10.2019.67.1 – EWINGSDALE, 35 Currawong Way
Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling

10.2018.501.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 169-171 Broken Head Road
Dual Occupancy (detached) including existing Dwelling and proposed new Dwelling

10.2019.93.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 2 Yamble Drive
Patio Roof Addition to Existing Dwelling House

10.2018.565.1 – NASHUA, 132 Scarrabelottis Road
Expanded House including One(1) additional Habitable Outbuilding

10.2018.561.1 – EWINGSDALE, Plantation Drive
Dwelling House, Bed and Breakfast Accommodation, Business Identification sign, Swimming Pool, Deck, Gazebos and associated Carparking and Landscaping

10.2018.308.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH, 10 Canowindra Court
Secondary Dwelling and removal of Two (2) trees

10.2019.105.1 – BINNA BURRA, 955 Friday Hut Road Demolition of Three (3) Rural Industry Sheds and Associated Rural Buildings

10.2019.57.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 3 Shearwater Lane
Dwelling House and Retaining Wall

10.2019.116.1 – BYRON BAY, 5 Evans Street
Extension to Existing Garage

10.2019.18.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 158 Shara Boulevard
Secondary Dwelling

10.2009.261.2 – BANGALOW/COOPERS SHOOT, 17 Byron Creek Road and 95 Arrow Head Lane
S4.55(1A) Modification to a Boundary Adjustment Subdivision

10.2018.477.2 – BYRON BAY, 50 Julians Rocks Drive
S4.55 to delete Condition 4 (bush fire safety measures) due to error

10.2017.506.2 – COORABELL, 315 Coorabell Road S4.55
Amendments to Lot Configuration of Approved Multiple Occupancy – Fifteen (15) Dwelling Sites and One (1) Community Building

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2019.1.1 – EWINGSDALE, 1859 Hinterland Way
Torrens Title Subdivision of One (1) Lot into Two (2) Lots

10.2018.634.1 – BYRON BAY, 1 Brownell Drive
Demolition of Existing dwelling House and Construct New Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

10.2018.261.1 – BYRON BAY, 28 Carlyle Street Alterations and Additions to the existing Dwelling House and Construction of Dual Occupancy (Detached) at the rear of the property construction of Two (2) Swimming Pools and associated works.

10.2018.378.1 – MAIN ARM, 181 Coopers West Lane Use of Shed as Dwelling House, Use of Swimming Pool and Use of Studio

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE BYRON BAY MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUNDS

A Draft Plan of Management for the Byron Bay Memorial Recreation Grounds, Byron Bay is on public exhibition for 28 days.

The Draft Plan of Management proposes to alter the categorisation of the land under section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA) from Community – Sportsground to Community – Sportsground and Community - General community use. Council is therefore required to hold a public hearing in accordance with sections 40A and 47G of the LGA.

Public Hearing

Date: Wednesday 24 April 2019

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Where: Cavanbah Centre, No. 249 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay

Any person wishing to make a verbal or written submission to the public hearing should phone the number below to register their interest by 4.30pm on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

Submissions close: 23 April 2019.

Enquiries: Darren McAllister 02 6626 7244

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Byron Shire Council is the consent authority for this Development Application for Designated Development and Integrated Development.

Exhibition/Submissions close: 27 March 2019 (4.00pm)

DA / Parcel No.	Applicant	Property Description (Amended)	Proposal
10.2019.78.1	Newton Denny Chapelle	5-37 Broken Head Road BYRON BAY 2481 (Lot 9 DP 708338)	Use of unauthorised Recreation Facility (Outdoor)

The abovementioned development application has been lodged with Byron Shire Council. The proposed development is designated development and integrated development. The development application and the documents accompanying the application including the Environmental Impact Statement are to be exhibited from 28 February 2019 to 27 March 2019 (submission period) and may be inspected at:

- Via the online Kiosk located within Byron Shire Council offices, Station St, Mullumbimby between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded) or on Council's website (www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition) and
- the Department of Planning & Environment, located at 22-33 Bridge Street, Sydney, Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded). Contact phone number 02 9228 6333 or fax number 02 9228 6555 or Level 3, 49 Victoria Street, Grafton, phone number 02 6641 6600 or fax number 02 6641 6601

Any person during the abovementioned submission period may make written submissions to Council concerning the development application. If a submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of objection must be specified in the submission.

Please quote the abovementioned development application number and parcel number when making a submission. The submission must be received by 4.00pm on the final day of the submission period.

Any person who makes a submission by way of objection and is dissatisfied with the determination of the consent authority to grant development consent may appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court. However if the Planning Assessment Commission conducts a review, the Minister's determination of the application is final and not subject to appeal.

If you are making a submission you may be required to lodge a "Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement". It is your responsibility to ensure you meet your obligations to disclose reportable political donations and gifts. A failure to meet your obligations is an offence. Links to information and resources are available from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations or from Council. All Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statements will be public documents.

Submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) of the GIPA Regulations 2009 as applicable including both the substance of the objection and the identity of the objector. For assistance with this please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.

Enquiries: Chris Larkin 02 6626 7136

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NET ZERO EMISSIONS STRATEGY FOR COUNCIL OPERATIONS 2025

The draft Net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025 is available for public comment for a period of 6 weeks from 27 February 2019 and is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

In 2017, to recognise the importance local government plays in addressing climate change, our Council resolved to be 100% net zero emissions by 2025 in collaboration with Zero Emissions Byron. We resolved to source 100% of our operational energy use from renewable sources within the next ten years (2027).

The draft Net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025 outlines a pathway to carbon neutrality and the replacement of existing energy supplies with renewables for Council operations and activities.

Submissions close: 4.30pm Wednesday 10 April 2019

Enquiries: Hayley Briggs, Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer 02 6626 7294

For information on making a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Make a submission" section of Council's weekly advertising.

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Mullum theft hits local business

Aslan Shand

Flash Computers in Mullumbimby was robbed several weeks ago and is another on the list of what appear to be a spate of professional burglaries in the region. A 'cat burglar' robbed the Ocean Shores shopping centre last month. Ben Buob from Flash Computers said, 'The police have said it was likely a Gold Coast crew.'

'They jimmied the lock, cut the power to turn off the alarm system and they took all of the surveillance footage. They didn't trash the joint and really seemed to



Ben Buob from Flash Computers. Photo Jeff Dawson

know what they were doing.' The thieves broke into the business between 10pm and 6am on Monday March 4 through the front door and took stock including mobile

phones, computers and laptops leaving around \$60 of change in the till. 'I'm about \$20,000 out of pocket,' said Ben. 'The worst thing is they

took customers' computers that had their personal photos and documents on them.' Ben has now replaced all his customers' stolen computers with new ones and has installed a new state of the art security system at the shop. While Ben has registered the serial numbers of his stolen stock with pawn shops on the Gold Coast, nothing has shown up.

Slow recovery

'I'm recovering bit by bit,' he said but the insurance company is refusing to make good and the case is currently sitting with the Ombudsman.

Politics in The Pub hosts Whitlam's biographer, Wed

Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking will be speaking at Mullum's Courthouse Hotel for politics in the pub, Wednesday March 27 from 7pm. Ngara Institute organisers say, 'As we approach a crucial federal election that will

determine the future direction of Australia, what lessons should we draw from the Gough Whitlam era? Could a ninety-day legislative blitz work now?' 'Should we act this rapidly? Do the crises we face demand such? What are the

possible consequences of a Whitlam-like approach? Is it likely to happen?' Professor Hocking is a political scientist and biographer and is known for her work in two key areas: counter-terrorism and Australian political biography.



Professor Hocking

inGrained Foundation offers not-for-profit grants

Local charities are invited to take part in a grants round by the local inGrained Foundation. Founded as a separate not-for-profit by Stone & Wood in 2018, the inGrained Foundation 'works to attract, generate and direct donations to grassroots Northern Rivers charities to assist capacity-building in the region'. After donating

over \$750,000 to charities since 2013, the local brewery calls the foundation the 'next step' in its community program. Stone & Wood's Lizzy Keen says, after their fundraising golf day on March 8 raised over \$10,000 worth of donations, that the Northern Rivers Large Grants Program 2019 invites Northern Rivers social and environmental

not-for-profits with DGR status to apply for a grant between \$15,000 and \$30,000. 'With a total grant pool of \$60,000, the Foundation will award up to four grants in total, in May'. InGrained Foundation board member Jasmin Daly said the Grants Program is designed to create connection and help the community to strengthen

its local impact. 'We're asking all applicants to address how their project 'creates connection' because we feel that regardless of the need, cultivating a connected community as an outcome is at the heart of creating meaningful change,' Miss Daly said. For more info visit www.ingrainedfoundation.com.au.

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John Pilger speaks April 10

One of the world's most acclaimed independent journalists and documentary film-makers, John Pilger, will be speaking and taking questions on April 10 from 7 pm, at the Cavanbah Sports Centre in Byron Bay. The evening is entitled: 'Breaking the silence: an evening's Q&A with John Pilger on propaganda inside the Australian bubble: false enemies, real threats and heroes unsung'.

Mainstream media

Organisers say Pilger will offer his insights on mainstream corporate media, particularly when it comes to exposing abuses of power. 'Pilger will cover a



Multi-award winning journalist John Pilger.

range of current global and regional issues, from the situation in Venezuela, the threat of nuclear war with China, the Middle East and the continued persecution of his friend, Julian Assange'. 'He is a strong and

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Trend bucked, again

Congratulations Rupert Murdoch, Alan Jones, Gina Rinehart and their army of developers, bureaucrats and sycophants who were re-elected to rule over NSW last Saturday.

The seat of Ballina (Byron and Ballina Shires) was an exception however – Greens MP Tamara Smith was re-elected, with a slight majority.

Booth by booth, many towns and country halls in the Ballina electorate bucked the trend of most of NSW.

After preferences, the Nationals claimed around 40 per cent while the combined Greens and Labor vote (along with minor parties) claimed 60 per cent.

And unlike many other regions, the Ballina electorate did not have the choice to vote for a One Nation or hard right wing candidate.

The Greens candidate had the advantage of being an incumbent MP – familiarity is everything.

Ms Smith's re-election also sends a signal to Byron councillors, who are led by the 'progressive' Greens block under acting mayor Michael Lyon.

Ms Smith and councillors have been at odds over the way development is being carried out in Byron Bay.

During the election campaign, Ms Smith was the only major candidate calling for a halt to major developments, especially the bypass and bus interchange. The bus interchange is slated for the rail corridor and comes without any community consultation. Affected residents are now calling for an inquiry into the process that led to it, which is understandable given how questionable it has been. And moving two markets at the Butler Street to a yet-to-be found location until the road works are completed is poor planning and policy on the run.

Other issues that may have helped her over the line for Byron Shire voters include a total opposition to the contentious West Byron urban development, which is slated to be opposite the Arts and Industry Estate on Ewingsdale Road. While Nationals candidate Ben Franklin made noises of concern, it was clear that his party is supportive of ruining a sensitive wetland and estuary – essentially the lungs of Byron – to appease a handful of wealthy speculating developers.

Holiday letting probably played a part in the win, as did spiralling energy costs and lack of renewables projects under this government. In the end, Franklin failed to cut through with the message that he's a good guy in a terrible government.

Remarkably, the huge amount of cash he lobbed at the electorate at the last minute failed to materialise into winning votes. In most places, it would. But this is a highly active politically aware region and its inhabitants aren't fooled by political spin, platitudes and a trunkful of cash. In other words, policy matters, and the electorate (60/40) would prefer a government that looked after its citizens and planet rather than its donors.

In that regard, this electorate is becoming more ideologically distant from much of regional NSW, Sydney and Australia.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Morrison soft pedals on Hanson

Scott Morrison would have been happier and clappier than usual when he went to his Horizon Pentecostalist Church last Sunday.

The Prime Minister had almost as much riding on the NSW election as did Gladys Berejiklian.

But where Berejiklian boasted that she was incredibly proud about everything, but also incredibly humble (although she didn't look it), ScoMo was just incredibly relieved.

A few weeks ago, Malcolm Turnbull advised him to call an early federal election to give Berejiklian clear air for her fixed term poll – in effect to put down his own moribund regime to save a more viable government in Macquarie Street.

Morrison declined; he was not planning to give up just yet. But a loss in NSW, his home state, would have been a disaster. Instead, his captain's pick has for once been vindicated – and in a way which may even encourage his own near suicidal followers.

Turnbull's reasoning was that following the Victorian wipeout the same backlash would prevail north of the Murray – the resentment over his expulsion would continue. But it appeared that it didn't; allowing Morrison to dare to hope that the Turnbull effect, or the leadership churn, or whatever you choose to call it, has run its course.

Indeed the only Liberal seat definitely lost on Saturday was Coogee – the only seat in which Turnbull campaigned. And so just perhaps the marginals in NSW at least could be saved – there was even the delirious fantasy that he could pick up a couple from Labor.

Of course this overlooks the fact that Bill Shorten was not expecting to win a lot of seats in NSW – the real prospects are in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. But hey, a win's a win, savour it while you may.

But the real worry for Shorten is not the result, but how it came about – largely through preferences. In past elections, the vote for minor parties and independents is generally regarded as a protest vote – most of the anti-government swing comes back to the majors.

This is how pollsters calculate the two party preferred vote; they look at what happened in the past and extrapolate to the future.

But last weekend the preferences did not come back – a large proportion of them remained with the outliers.

And if this trend persists in the general election in May, Labor will not be the shoo-in most currently assume, even though the optional preferential system in NSW will give way to compulsory preferences in the national poll.

The point of the preferential system is not necessarily to deliver the most popular candidate, but to avoid the most disliked. So if you can't get your first choice, you can at least try to get rid of your most loathed.

As always, ScoMo's protestations have absolutely nothing about principle and very little about truth.

Mungo MacCallum



And this is why Scott Morrison is being disingenuous about whether his Liberal Party will actually put One Nation at the back of the pack in his how to vote card.

Of course the card is not compulsory – it is entirely up to the individual voter how to select preferences. But the party how to vote cards are more than an incentive: they are a clear indication of the party's priorities.

If, as Michael McCormack and many of his fellow Nationals apparently believe, the Greens, with their espousal of renewable energy rather than fossil fuels, are more dangerous than the strident and divisive anti-Muslim and anti-Asian agenda of Pauline Hanson, they are perfectly entitled to put their how to vote cards where their mouths are. Every man for himself.

But there may well be consequences – the Nats may hold on to a couple of seats in Queensland, but risk losing many more coalition seats around the rest of the country. After all, that's what happened in Western Australia, and given the mood in Victoria after that state election, it could easily happen again.

And this is why ScoMo is ducking and weaving, obfuscating and misleading. He says there will be no deals with

One Nation – although he and his ministers have connived in many ways to massage otherwise unpopular legislation through the senate.

He will not, he insists virtuously, do any formal preference swaps.

But he will not confine them to the bottom of the pile – there may be more obnoxious people yet to nominate. The decision will be taken in due time.

But by whom? By him, through a captain's pick – the kind of call John Howard did in 1996, or Bill Shorten has already done this year? Or by the Liberal federal organisation? Or the state organisations? Or by the candidates themselves? Morrison will not say.

And vitally, he will not guarantee that they will be placed below Labor, which is what actually matters.

Morrison soft pedals on Hanson – she has never pushed racism when she has talked to him, he avers. Well, surprise, surprise – he is well insulated in his Canberra bubble.

But perhaps, in the real world, he has heard rumours that she has talked racism for years, in the parliament, in the media – in every platform she can find.

As always, ScoMo's protestations have absolutely nothing about principle and very little about truth. There is more wink wink, nudge nudge than fair dinkum.

And there are times when preferences can be the last refuge of a scoundrel.

Back in the old days in the Northern Territory, there were persistent stories that so called advisers appointed by the long-running Country-Liberal government were sent out to remote communities to help them grapple with the system.

When confronted by intending Labor voters they devised a simple formula: "You don't like this CLP man? Well, you only give him one vote. Write 1 in the square beside his name. You like the next man a little bit? Give him two votes. But you really want the Labor man? Give him three votes."

For many years – decades in fact – it worked.

But of course Scott Morrison would never stoop to such chicanery – if only because he could never get away with it. But these are desperate times – perhaps it could be worth a try...



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Kim Komesarook
Byron Bay

Byron's credentials
Byron Bay is an amazing place. Beautiful nature and wildlife on land and in the ocean. A centre of environmental awareness – or so I thought.

I'm over here from NZ for a month and in the 27 days I've been here, I haven't seen a single electric vehicle (EV). Not even one. Where are all the entry level Nissan Leafs and eNV200s?

Every day I see nose to tail traffic coming into Byron Bay CBD and not even one of them is electric. Are all these cars doing more than 140kms a day? That distance is easily achievable in a basic EV.

What I do see are hundreds of big, grumpy off-roaders with snorkels spewing carbon monoxide.

Is it an unwritten rule that when parked, even if the windows are down, people have to leave the engine running all the time?

I'm confused.
Ollie Langridge
Wellington NZ

Wrong way, go back
I am alarmed by the council ads informing us that they are seeking tenders from four developers for their proposals for the redevelopment of the old eight hectare South Byron Sewerage Treatment Plant.

By leaving it up to developers to decide what they want for the site, council has the whole process around the wrong way.

The first step should have

been to identify the most environmentally significant areas, such as the old sewerage ponds that are now important wetlands and the Endangered Ecological Communities, and socially important areas, such as the walking/bicycle track, which need to be retained under community ownership and management.

Then council should have assessed what the community wants for the site. Allowing for community open space is an option, or even purchase by the NPWS for addition to the Arakwal National Park.

Instead Council undertook a secretive expression of interest process that didn't specify land use or development requirements for the site and was open to all viable proposals.

Even after they short-listed four developers they refused to tell us what they proposed.

Now they have moved to a tender process, and it is only after they have selected their preferred tender that they will tell the community what development they have decided on.

This is an outrageous process for important community land, and is another example of contempt for due environmental protection and community consultation by this Council.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

Dirty smelly toilets
■ Please Council, can you remedy the disgusting toilets in Brunswick Heads? Particularly those at Banner park.

We often need to visit these toilets with our four

year old grandson and he is reluctant to use them; he says 'they are really smelly and I don't like to go into them.'

Also there is no lock on the female toilet door.

They need proper maintenance and thorough cleaning, not a cursory hosing now and then. Please give them the attention they need.

David Ashton
Mullumbimby

Ed Note: Reflections Holiday Parks manages Banner Park toilets, not Council.

■ The mark of a good council is the state of the public toilets. I'm sure this has been said by someone famous, and Bill Rawlinson's letter last week illustrated the mark of Byron Council clearly.

Unfortunately, it's not just the Brunswick sports ground toilets which bear the stench of inadequate maintenance. It's all the Brunswick toilets! I can't even remember when there was an adequate lock on the mens' by the river, and the yellow stains in the bowls must be nightmare stuff for young kids caught short.

Why is it that here in Australia we have the proverbial 'blind spot' in our civic and personal awareness around dunnies? How is it that I can travel Europe and never see a dirty dunny? And why are our businesses saddled with the extra maintenance that comes about due to the public opting for their convenience because they are scared of catching something in the council crapper?

The council is holding talks about the future of tourism in the Shire. Subject one should be a strategy that

makes our dunnies the pride of the Shire. Imagine dunnies that welcome people rather than terrify them, dunnies that ensures a fragrant rather than a fetid moment for sitters and standers.

Bill has done what we are all asked to do. He has been to council, talked to a councillor, talked to the contractor, all to no avail. Seems any such public spirited action only ends up in deeper shit.

Since Bill complained we've gone from daily hose-outs at the sports ground john, to weekly – WTF?

Councillors, you all have the luxury of a home dunny and I'm sure you value your clean seat. What an opportunity to invest in happier tourists, less grumpy residents, and a bit of Byron brand management.

Imagine if we went to Byron for a week and our best memory was the dunnies!

Ian Blair Hamilton
Byron Bay

Hansen support
Perhaps Patricia Warren will forgive some scepticism about the intended effect of the proposed Banking System Report (Separation of Banks) bill 2019. It's just that I'm unaccustomed to finding myself in accord with Senator Hansen.

It's a strange feeling, however, if the sole intention of the bill is to separate retail and commercial banking from wholesale and investment banking then, my lips can scarcely frame the words, it sounds like a good idea.

In 1933, in the wake of the 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression, US Congress enacted the
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Glass-Steagall Act. This act separated investment and commercial banking activities. All went well until 1999 when Bill Clinton signed a bill repealing the Glass-Steagall provisions which many people believe led directly to the global financial crisis just nine years later. So the separation would seem to be a good thing.

Reasons given for the repeal, according to Wikipedia, included the 'repeal would "enhance the stability of our financial services

system" by permitting financial firms to "diversify their product offerings and thus their sources of revenue" and make financial firms "better equipped to compete in global financial markets".

The trouble was that their diversified product offerings and sources of revenue turned out to be disguised junk.

These reasons will, no doubt, also be trundled out by those opposing the Separation of Banks bill now.

Warren Kennedy
Mullumbimby

Illegal development

Earlier this month a Friday Hut Rd developer lost his appeal over Council's refusal of his development application (DA). As the hearing was held in Ballina and I was a registered objector I attended in order to look over the shoulders of Council's lawyers, as it were.

They ran it in a different way than I would have, but the Commissioner's judgement made it clear that he'd seen what I would have explicitly drawn his attention

to: that things weren't quite as they were purported to be.

The purpose of this letter, however, is to draw attention to the compliance issue. Though the developer failed to get consent, his unauthorised building remains, and his unauthorised use of other approved buildings will no doubt continue. So what happens next? Nothing, I suspect.

In February, Council staff presented their annual Compliance Priorities Program; an overview of what Council staff have been doing and

what they propose to continue doing. The report gives an apparently impressive picture that seems to cover all bases, but I have deep misgivings about mixing up complaints about dogshit, or illegal camping, with illegal development matters.

Apparently there were 819 complaints last year about 'illegal development', with no explanation or breakdown.

What we were told was that there had been one successful prosecution that resulted in a fine of \$1,500! Wow, what a deterrent! Justice seen to be done.

What we were next told was that over 700 of these complaints had been 'completed'. Again no explanation or breakdown. Then we were informed that this 700-odd figure was partly comprised of an unspecified number of carry-overs from the previous year – again no explanation or breakdown.

In public access I suggested that councillors would be, not just negligent but willfully so, to accept this aspect of the report as okay without requiring further information. I've known brick walls to be more responsive than this lot, so I shouldn't have been surprised that they voted to simply accept said report, with a pathetic amendment by Cate Coorey to the effect that if any councillors had any problems with the matter they could raise them at the next (so-called) strategic planning workshop.

She raised this amendment in a regretful tone that seemed to contain an inbuilt apology for daring to question staff or daring to support something I suggested.

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that the Friday

Hut Rd matter is now to be counted as 'completed' even though the situation on the ground remains precisely the same as it was.

It's the process you go through that counts, apparently, not the outcome.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Cats

It's true that habitat destruction is the main threat to native wildlife, but feral cats cause enormous damage too.

I love cats, I think they are beautiful, affectionate animals, but when my last cat died I decided I would rather have birds in the garden than a cat in the house.

In terms of the environment it would be better if well meaning organisations stopped rehoming cats. True, most damage is done by cats in the bush, but cats concentrated in suburban areas have a similarly concentrated effect.

David Gilet
Byron bay

Illegal dwellings

I was amused to see the 'serious consequences' of an illegal dwelling which was constructed in a garage by a builder.

Do council seriously think that a fine of \$5,250 is going to deter anyone looking to earn upwards of \$15,000 a year from a backyard rental property?

R Goodchild
Brunswick Heads

Freedom of speech

I refer to Mandy Nolan's *Freedom of Hate Speech* (Echo March 20). The purpose of legal rights and freedoms is precisely to preserve those

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Compared to normal rankings, the ELO system also quantifies the gap between numbers one and two (or players one and 100), providing an accurate assessment of the probability of one rated player beating another in a given encounter.

Despite its advantages, only relatively recently has the Elo system been applied to other sports.

Golf toyed with using the Elo system in the 1990s but eventually decided that ranking players by the amount of money they won was more true to the values of the sport. (Later a genuine ranking system was introduced, based on average score per round.)

A keen soccer fan started applying the Elo system to rank national teams and it proved far more reliable than the official FIFA rankings. Nevertheless, it took until last year for FIFA to switch to the Elo system for men's teams, having started using Elo for women's team rankings more than a decade earlier.

Not surprisingly, e-sports were early adopters of Elo ratings, but

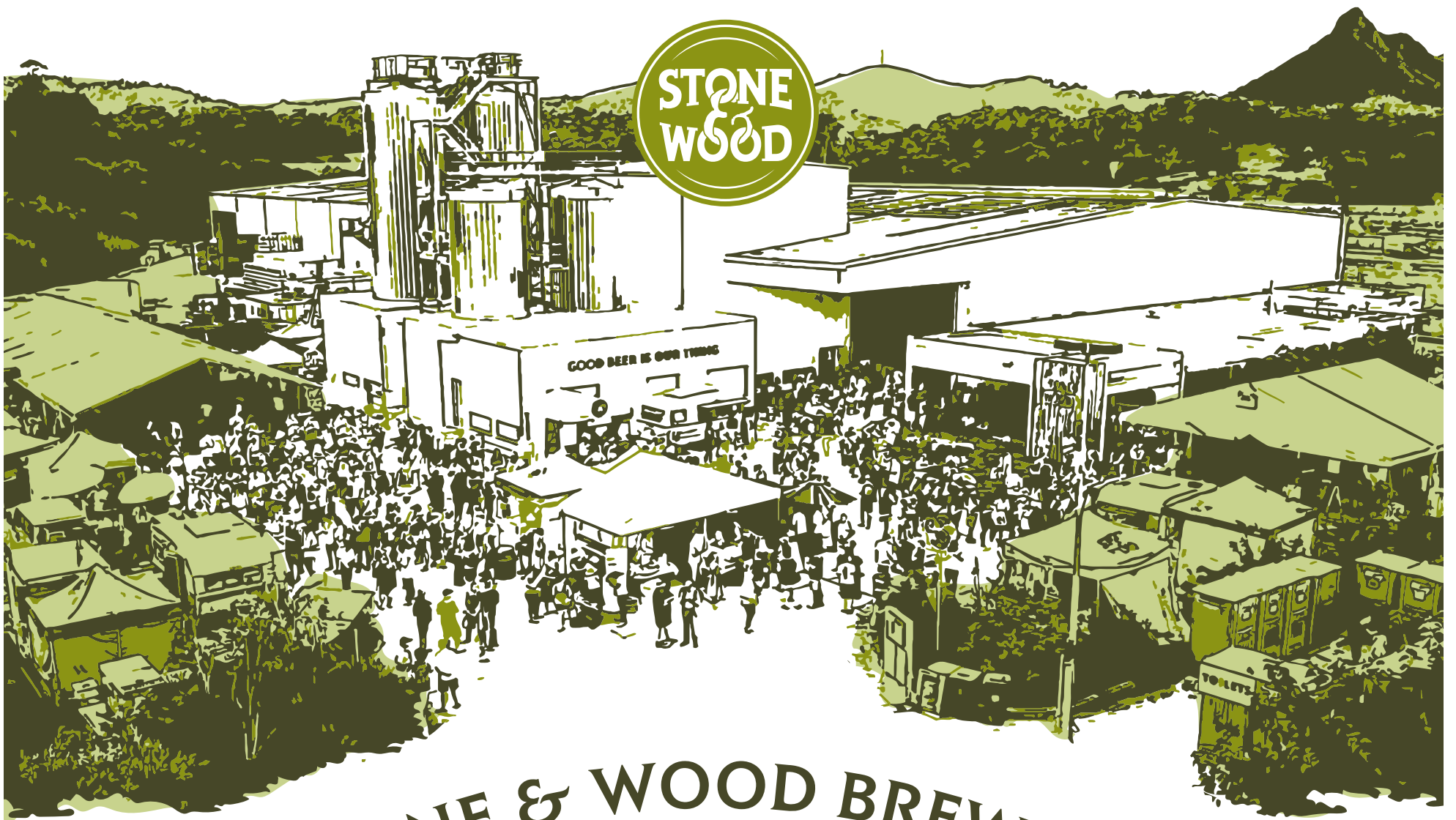
variants of Elo's system have more recently spread to tennis, rugby league and the major American sports.

And last week it was revealed that the Elo system was also being employed by the dating site Tinder, with users gaining most rating points if they were liked by a 'hot' Tinder user and losing most if they were rejected by a person who had also been frequently rejected. A higher Elo meant that your picture would be shown more often to potential partners.

Embarrassed at having such a blunt ranking system revealed, Tinder declared that they would be dropping Elo – curious, since they are attempting to patent its use for dating.

March 2019 Elo Chess Ratings
World Top 10: 1.Carlsen (Nor) 2845; 2.Caruana (USA) 2828; 3.Ding (Chn) 2812; 4.Giri (Ned) 2797; 5.Mamedyarov (Aze) 2790; 6.Anand (Ind) 2779; 7.M.Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 2775; 8.Nepomniachtchi (Rus), Grischuk (Rus) 2771; 10.So (USA) 2762.

Australia Top 10: 1.Smironov (N) 2567; 2.Zhao Zong Yuan (N) 2532; 3.Cheng (V) 2524; 4.Kuybokarov (WA) 2519; 5.Tan (V) 2517; 6.Smerdon (Q) 2508; 7.Illingworth (N) 2493; 8.Ly (Q) 2486; 9.Morris (V) 2478; 10.Ikeda (ACT) 2438.



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► **Continued from page 14** rights that, when exercised by others, are contrary to our own opinions or inclinations.

That we would be in favour of freedom of speech, but only so long as we agree with what others are saying – or for that matter, that we only say what others will agree with – is antithetical to the nature of free speech.

Readers who skim this letter without much reflection might conclude that I'm promoting hate speech, but that's wrong. Reading Mandy's views, I empathise with the outrage she feels at all those who promote hatred and bigotry. Where we disagree is solely in their right to express it, and I write in defence of that right (which is actually absent in Australia).

Whereas Mandy's view is that 'We need to shut them down', my own view is

that we need to speak out against them – and here I support Mandy entirely. A proper defence of freedom of speech deserves much more argument than can be expressed here, but a good starting point might be John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*, a classic treatise on the subject: <https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3ll3/mill/liberty.pdf>

Jay van Tol
Myocum

Cycle safety

In reply to Robin Harrison's comments on bicycle safety (Letters March 20). I submit the current updated research supporting the wearing of bicycle helmets.

In the USA the 2015 Department of Transportation statistical survey, a study of bicycle injuries (including 818 deaths), came

to the conclusion that 'bicycle lanes and helmets' may reduce the risk of death.

Almost 75 per cent of fatal crashes involved a head injury, and 97 per cent of cyclists who died were not wearing a helmet.

An Australian study, by the University of NSW in 2016 came to the same conclusions. The worldwide study of more than 64,000 cyclists, showed cycle helmet use reduced the risk of fatal head injury by 65 per cent.

I do agree that the number of participating cyclists decreased in the 90s when helmet laws were introduced. But we, as cyclists, need to remember cycling on our terrible roads is a dangerous activity.

We need many more designated bicycle lanes, but please obey the law (and protect your head) by wearing

an approved helmet. It's been proven to work.

Dr Richard Harvey
Coopers Shoot

Public art

Who are the Byron public arts committee and what is their job? Are they supposed to represent the Byron public? Are they creating a Byron 'brand' or 'image'?

Perhaps the Byron public, with a very alive and outstanding artistic community and exceptional art schools should be asked to review their work?

Tania Leilani
Byron Bay

Climate voices

■ Last week we attended one of the student rallies to urge action on global warming. As a retired teacher we were there to show our support but remained in

the background as it was a day for students to make themselves heard.

The atmosphere was inspiring and very positive as our youth led a colourful march up the side of the main street in Byron from one park to another.

Adolescent speakers then addressed their peers and a junior school band performed with original material to great applause.

It was wonderful to see our youth exercising their democratic rights and airing their concerns positively and peacefully, realising how small actions, when combined, can lead to global solidarity among their peers.

Their involvement will stay with them far longer than any civic studies lessons in the classroom.

Sue McLeod
Myocum

■ March 16 2019 was a day I felt even more deeply the truth of the words spoken at the Student Strike for Climate in Byron Bay and elsewhere:

'I want you to panic'. I read something I hoped I would never see in print. The United Nations saying that Arctic temperatures will rise by 3–5 degrees celcius by mid-century and that there is nothing that we can do to stop it (*Guardian* March 13).

I automatically think of the hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of methane contained within the permafrost in the Arctic and tipping points not adequately included in the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) analysis, probably due to political interference.

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SUNDAY MAY 26

Paddle fun and challenges down the Bruns River

A fundraiser for Brunswick Marine Rescue, Surf Life Saving Club & Visitor Centre

MULLUM2BRUNS PADDLE 10 years, still paddling!

The Paddle turns 10 this year!

Scott Waddell and Barry 'Rex' Stewart, two surf lifesavers from the Sunshine Coast, have been there every year and have a mate's agreement to 'do it forever'.

Rex, 54, was born and bred in Mullumbimby and moved to the Sunshine Coast about 8 years ago. He has been paddling 20 years – 'a late bloomer' he laughs – and usually competes in the single paddle challenge, hitting the finish line in around 50 mins. In 2012 Scott was inspired to replicate a similar event on the Sunshine Coast with the 17km Maroochy River Paddle and, although successful, he explains 'it just doesn't have the same close-knit community vibe as the Mullum2Brun's'.



'It's become an annual catch up with family and old friends and we love supporting the local businesses. And of course, it's also a fundraiser for three worthy organisations – Marine Rescue, Bruns Visitor Centre and the Surf Club. I always donate a bit extra, 'cause that's what it's all about', says Mr Waddell.

Although Rex and Scott are competitive paddlers, the majority of event participants are not.

'Most people enter the Fun Paddle section, it's very social and a fabulous, scenic river experience' says event co-ordinator, Kevin Fitzgerald. 'Afterwards everyone is invited to the spectacular Dragon Boat flotilla, live music, food and family friendly activities at the Terrace Park in Brunswick Heads.'

The event kicks off at 9:30am on Sunday 26 May. Earlybird registration is now open, until 15 April at www.mullum2brunspaddle.com.au.



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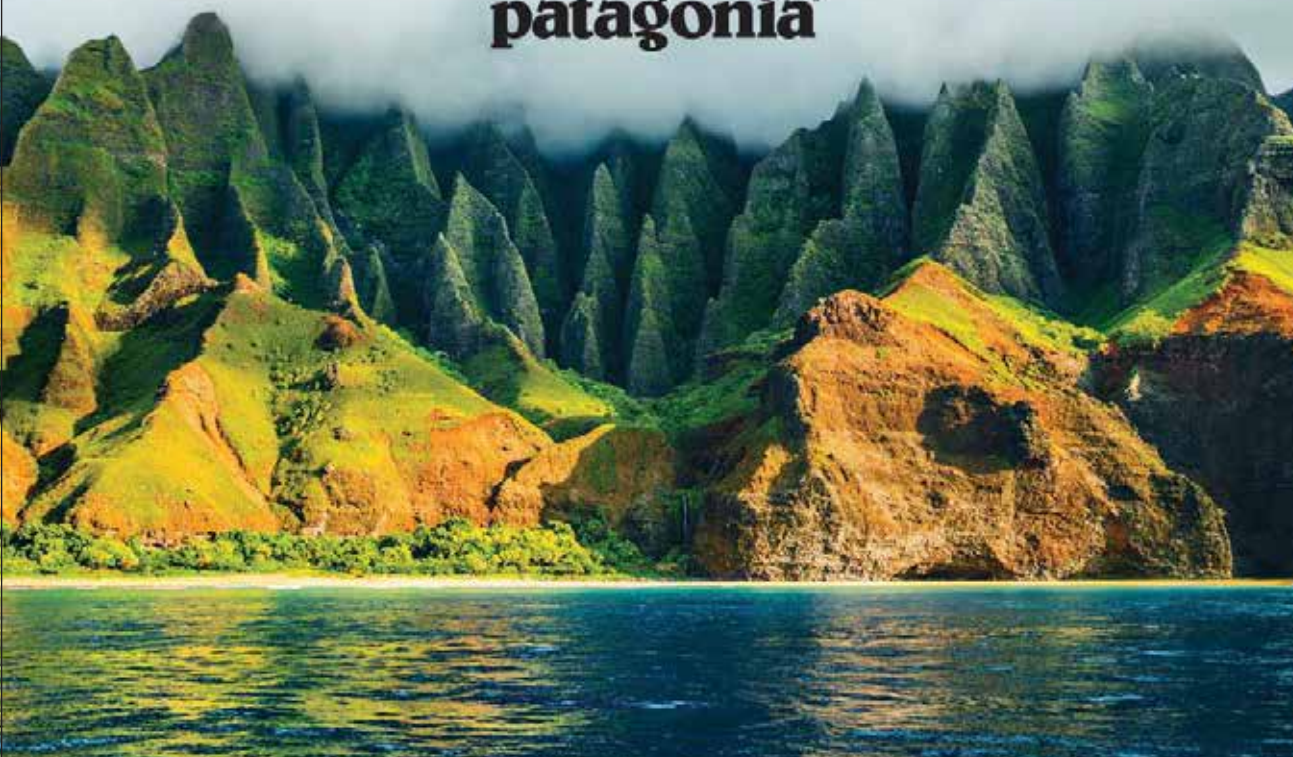
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Weather and climate: what's the difference and does it really matter?

Aslan Shand

There are several letters supporting the recent student climate march in our letters pages this week. There is also a letter that denies climate change is taking place.

So here's a quick guide to the difference between the weather and the climate – and it is this difference (distinction) that is key to understanding why and how climate change is taking place.

Weather v climate

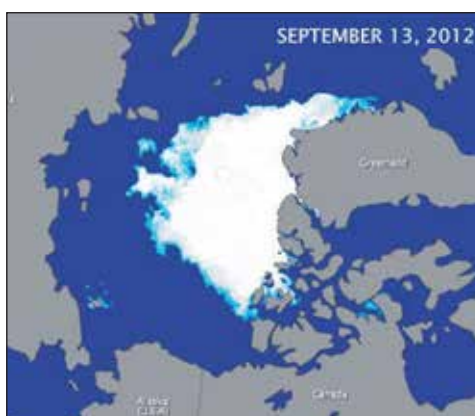
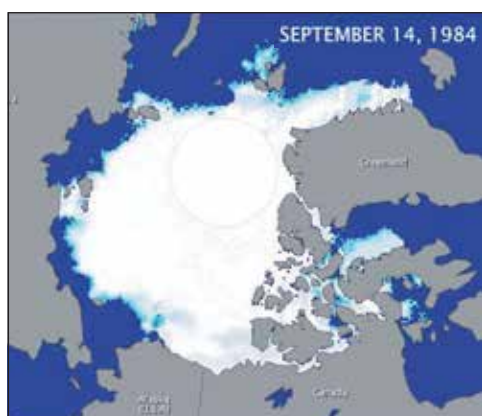
Weather is the day-to-day changes in the atmosphere and includes extreme, unusual weather events.

Climate is the weather over a long period of time. A few single outlying weather events are just that – weather events.

Therefore, to determine if climate change is actually taking place we need to look at the overall change in weather patterns over time. It is looking at these weather patterns which makes it clear that the atmosphere 'on average' and 'over time' is changing.

So the fact that there were two extreme weather events in 1828 and 1896, as pointed out by our climate change denying letter writer, does not mean that climate change is not happening. It is the increase in average temperature in Australia (and around the world), particularly since 1950, which tells us that climate change is taking place.

This is also supported by a range of other science such as ice core analysis. The science is not saying that the climate



A comparison of Arctic ice minimum in 1984 and 2012 demonstrating the reduction in Arctic ice over time. Image assembled from NASA Earth Observatory images by Jesse Allen

hasn't been hotter or colder than it is today – the science is telling us that the climate is changing and at a faster rate than it normally does.

Dinosaur death

Again it is not to say that there haven't been extreme climate changes. Take for example the extinction of the dinosaur. One theory is that the dinosaurs died out as a result of the climate changing rapidly as a result of a meteor hitting the Earth. They died out because it happened so quickly that they couldn't adapt to the change in the climate.

So back to today – the science is clear, the average global temperatures have been rising at a faster rate than they have in millennia, as far as scientists can determine. Which means, there is significantly less time for species to adapt to the changing climate.

The result is we're in the middle of a mass extinction. That is, the rate at which species are becoming extinct is very rapid in terms of the Earth's evolutionary history (the first forms of life started around 3.7 billion years ago).

Earth will continue

It is not that the Earth won't continue as a result of climate change; it is that the Earth won't continue to support humans and the species that exist today in the stable atmosphere that we have evolved to exist in.

We will experience a rapidly changing climate with more regular and extreme weather events and we will have to take action to reduce our impact that is changing the climate, adapt to this changed world, or become extinct ourselves.

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Are we asking the wrong question?

Aslan Shand

For anyone who is yet to work it out, if you don't have enough water in a river – it collapses. Likewise if you don't have enough trees in a forest – it collapses. The result of this is that you have, as we have seen, enormous fish kills in the Murray-Darling and you have forests dying as is currently taking place in many of the heavily logged areas of state forest.

Changing the questions

So what can we do? Firstly, for farmers to have irrigation they need to have a healthy river, so the argument shouldn't be about how much water they can have to irrigate their crops. First and foremost it should be how much water does the river need to function at its healthiest capacity. Once you have a healthy river, only then can you talk about how much extra water there is available and how that can be distributed.

The same goes for logging our forests. First we need to say how much timber do we need to keep in our forests to ensure they and their supporting ecosystems are not just surviving, but thriving?

It is not until we answer that question that we have the right to say 'can we take any timber from this forest'. This should then be followed by 'and how do we do that in a way that doesn't damage the forest and the ecosystems that support it', and ultimately us (as humans) in the long term.

Turn it on its head

The reality is we currently approach the whole debate upside-down and back-to-front. We need to turn our thinking on its head and look at how we create healthy systems before we even think about what we can take from them.

This has been highlighted by North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) who are stating that that Timber NSW's claims of job losses due to the creation of the Great Koala National Park are inflated more than six fold and are insignificant compared to the 7,400 jobs they have shed in the past decade.

Koala's dying out

Koala populations have declined by more than 50 per cent in the last 20 years and the proposed Great Koala



Extreme BMAD (Bell Miner Associated Dieback) in a re-logged section of Yabba State Forest. Photo NEFA

National Park would contain the largest population of koalas left in NSW if it went ahead.

'For the survival of koalas it is essential that this park be created and rehabilitated to restore degraded koala habitat,' said NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh.

Inflated figures

'It is outrageous that Timber NSW is using grossly inflated employment and economic impacts as part of their scare campaign to stop koalas getting the protection they urgently need.

'The Department of Primary Industry's (DPI) own employment data indicate that the logging of the Great Koala National Park only supports some 300 direct and indirect jobs, far less than Timber NSW's claims of almost 2,000 jobs.

'The DPI (2018) North Coast NSW Private Native Forest Primary Processors Survey Report identified that the native timber primary processing sector on the NSW north coast (from Gosford to the Queensland border) employs some 1,284 people, with 288 of these jobs due to private property resources.

'As proposed by the National Parks Association (NPA) the Great Koala National Park encompasses 175,000 ha (19 per cent) of north-east NSW's 921,200ha of state forests, on a pro-rata basis this suggests that it accounts for some 190 of the native timber primary processing jobs.

'The use of multipliers is a contentious issue, though the DPI (2018) adopted an employment multiplier of 1.617 to account for production and consumption flow-on into the regional economy, meaning that 190 direct jobs would result



The more habitat that is lost for koalas the greater risk for disease and death. An image from the media campaign that is blitzing the North Coast

in a total of 307 jobs in the regional economy.

Industry consolidation causing job losses

'It is not known how Timber NSW derived an estimate that the Great Koala National Park would result in the loss of almost 2,000 jobs, though by any measure this is a greatly inflated estimate and represents more jobs than would be lost if the whole of the north coast's public native forests were protected.

'Employment in the forestry sector is on a downward trajectory with ABARES (2018) identifying that 7,396 jobs have been lost in NSW in the past 10 years alone due to consolidation of processing into larger facilities with higher labour efficiencies, and restructuring of the sector.

'Timber NSW is not claiming dire consequences from their own far more significant job shedding.

'Any short term job losses will be rapidly replaced by alternative jobs generated in park management, environmental repair, increased tourism, and population growth which will in the medium term far surpass any job losses due to the Great Koala National Park,' Mr Pugh said.

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Music breaking down borders and giving hope to refugees

Yagia Gentle

There are many reasons why someone becomes a refugee; from war to oppressive governments and personal circumstances. Regardless of the reason, the result is a push into homelessness as people search for a better life. In Afghanistan whole villages have pooled money to send a young boy onto the refugee trail and avoid him being conscripted by the Taliban. Families from Syria, left destitute from the civil war, trudge across countries seeking a safe future.

Nightly, hungry youths attempt border crossings to get to the 'promised land' of France, Germany or England.

On the road, children as young as ten travel on their own and are often beaten, robbed, traded as slaves and die. Corruption in the refugee camps means refugees are often left with nothing.

Beginnings

Having grown up in the hills of Nimbin valley, when he finished school Elijah Gentle set off on a backpacking holiday that eventually led him to volunteer at a refugee camp in Serbia.

It was here that he used his experience from playing and engaging in the music scene to set up music workshops. Some of the refugees were well known musicians in their own communities, giving Elijah the idea and



drive to look at how he could help them record their music.

Raising money in Australia Elijah then returned to the camps to record their music. He travelled around Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Greece and Lebanon with a friend, organising recording sessions with mostly itinerant refugee musicians. They were joined by a Danish

filmmaker for part of the journey, who has made a documentary of the No Borders Music Project.

Bringing it together

Back in Australia collating, editing and marketing the recordings is proving to be the most expensive stage of the project. Any profit will be sent to the nominated

families of the musicians.

Farook's story

One of the refugee musicians who has recorded with Elijah is Farook*, an Algerian Hip Hop artist.

'In Algeria he was involved in making a music video for an Algerian reggae group which criticised the Algerian government. Everyone involved in the project was pursued by the government,' said Elijah.

'The band escaped and Farook reached Bosnia unharmed, however other artists suffered at the hands of the Algerian government.'

After numerous attempts to reach Western Europe Farook resigned himself to making a career in Bosnia.

'He wrote a rap verse

outlining some of his experiences seeking refuge, and together we made a hip hop beat on my laptop and recorded it in an apartment in Sarajevo,' explained Elijah.

Elijah is now looking for support to complete the No Borders Music Project and to release the CD later in the year at events in Byron Bay and Melbourne, accompanied by the documentary made by the Danish filmmaker.

To hear more stories and meet some of the musicians, go to the No Borders Music Facebook page @noborders-musik or support the project by going to the GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/no-borders-music.

★ Farook's name was changed to protect his identity.



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As a father I can't bring myself to put into words what that means. I have been reading on climate science for over ten years and it continues to be a gut wrenching experience.

For much of that time I have projected my angst onto the multi-billion-dollar climate-denial industry and vested interests. But I have

come to realise that the only remaining obstacle to any remote chance of pulling back from the brink is to break our own emotional meta-silence.

This meta-silence is like a massive dam wall holding back unstoppable momentum in a way that we can't currently conceive. It requires us to walk towards our own intense feelings of sadness, anger and fear and create safety for others to do the same. Once this silence is broken, policy alignment, and the money, will follow at a blistering pace. No one can stop the voice of the people. The power is with us.

My deepest purpose now, as a father and a psychologist, is to support the breaking of this meta-silence. As one small offering I have set up a YouTube Channel at 'Climate Transformation' to deconstruct how we are conditioned into silence and how to break through and claim our unstoppable breathtaking power.

We need to feel our deep love for our earth home and our children, shake off our urban politeness, find our inner warrior and take charge.

Tim Loughnan
Ocean Shores

■ It is very sad that schools do not teach the fact that climate change has proven to be cyclic. Why are these accurate record breaking climate extremes, such as in 1828 when a blistering 53.9°C was recorded in the west of NSW, completely ignored?

In January 1896 another 'furnace like' blast stretched across Australia from east to west and lasted for weeks. The death toll reached 437 people in the eastern states.

Newspaper reports show that in Bourke the heat for three consecutive days approached 120°F (48.9°C) and that also for 24 days straight was above 102°F. By Tuesday January 14, people were reported falling dead in the streets.

Also recorded in the early 1900s there was a similar climate pattern change. So it can definitely be seen that climate is cyclic.

Sadly now, students who have been brain washed by ignorant teachers, think that high temperatures have only been brought on by a coal powered industrial evolution.

These frenzied teachers who preach fire and brimstone and then lead their pupils out on the streets, especially during school hours, should be sacked.

It now does not surprise that the NAPLAN results are absolutely deplorable when teaching time is wasted on fiction and not fact.

Wilf Sprengel
Ocean Shores

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Crisis in Palestine

The humanitarian crisis in Palestine is such that imminent death due to starvation and disease currently threatens thousands of helpless civilians, half of them children, victims of Israeli actions and policies.

Israel doesn't care about the Palestinians, it wants to normalise and legitimise its illegal settlements and its military occupation of the West Bank and its siege of Gaza. It ignores UN Security Council resolutions and violates international law with impunity.

This crisis is allowed to degenerate endlessly and without interest from corporate media or western politics which have their own history of slaughter and ethnic cleansing akin to what's been ongoing in Palestine now for more than seventy years.

These days you don't have to go beyond the website of Israel's daily, haaretz.com, to find facts, analysis and opinions which are not permitted elsewhere in the western press, and to listen to the likes of Amira Hass or Miko Peled for insight into the nature of the slow motion genocide of Palestinians.

Israel is not a victim and its supporters do untold harm by seeking to silence critics and in trying to justify Israel's denial of the right of Palestinians to a state of their own or equal rights within a one-state solution.

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Is turning up dead the only way to get a voice?

Duncan Dey

Byron Shire Council (BSC) staff used the phrase 'natural event' to describe the recent fish kill that saw thousands of fish die in Belongil Creek. How natural was it?

Belongil Estuary is an ICOLL (intermittently closing and opening lake or lagoon) that opens across a beach into the ocean. When catchment flow is low, the entrance closes.

When the entrance is closed the beach builds up, raising water levels in the estuary all the way back south of the Ewingsdale Road bridge. When levels there reach 1m AHD (just above high tide) council has permission to dig a channel through the sand berm of the beach and break the water out. As it flows, it washes a deeper cut in the berm and empties the estuary.

The community who benefit from the artificially lowered water levels includes farmers and residents who may otherwise be flooded in these extensive very low-lying areas of the catchment.

The community harmed by artificial openings are aquatic and can't lobby except by turning their bellies up in death. We need to listen to them and to rethink the opening strategy.

Time to re-think

Luckily, Byron Council is doing that right now and should have a draft Belongil Entrance Opening Strategy on public exhibition this year.



The fish kill that took place in March in the Belongil Creek. Photo Reid Waters

Not only is the estuary interfered with by artificial opening, but the catchment has been interfered with by clearing, by having huge areas made impervious to water, and by its flood-plain being criss-crossed with channels which drain those flat low-lying areas.

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the artificially low water table. A subsequent first flush of rain brings acid runoff into the estuary, along with decomposing organic material that strips the water of its oxygen.

First question

Investigation of the recent fish kill needs to ask first whether an acid or low oxygen event occurred.

If the fish were killed only by 'iron bacteria' as stated by BSC, this was an unusual event.

Either way, we also need to reconsider whether flushing huge volumes out of the estuary for our convenience and leaving the fish with far less water depth in which to survive is 'best practice'.

Let's keep an eye out for the draft Opening Strategy and ask for it to be made as fish-friendly as possible.

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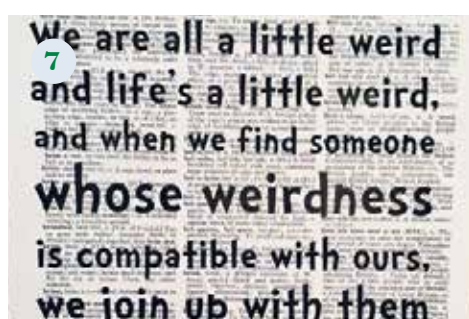
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Death by asbestosis: Mullum Hospital's last gasp – lest we forget

John Stevens

As you make your way down Left Bank Road in Mullumbimby there is, for all to see, a stark reminder and further evidence of one of the biggest corporate scandals this country has ever witnessed.

The Mullumbimby Hospital is now shrouded in white plastic as it waits to be demolished. Symbolically, the last act of our dying hospital is to protect the community which it served since 1969 from the asbestos which caused its termination.

As the story of the crimes and deception of the James Hardie (JH) company fade from community consciousness (as they had hoped it would) our hospital's last gasp should remind us of how wicked some corporations can be. A reminder of the cost in lives and resources that companies like JH take from the Australian community.

James Hardie was the manufacturing company in Australia, later globally, that dominated the market for asbestos products following the Second World War. The iconic Australian fibro house which populated the suburbs throughout the country during the postwar housing boom, was built with asbestos-cement roofs, walls and fences. At the same time, James Hardie's asbestos-cement pipes and asbestos lagging were woven through the industrial landscape.

Science was right

The deadly effects of asbestos on human health were known as early as the 1920s. Reliable, rigorous and consistent scientific evidence, available since the 1950s, shows that 93 per cent of all cases of mesothelioma

(caused by asbestosis) are a direct result of asbestos exposure.

Like the tobacco industry, asbestos companies including JH used their significant resources to discredit and bury the science and press who reported the negative findings.

It is estimated that at least 10,000 Australians died of asbestosis between 1960 and 1990. Asbestos was banned from use in the 1990s but the disease can take up to 20 years from contamination to present as an illness (longer in some cases).

Estimates are that another 50,000 Australians will die from asbestos. Most don't know they have been exposed and are not sick – yet. 710 people died in 2017 of mesothelioma, from contamination that most likely occurred in the 1980s.

Defending the indefensible

When the first compensation case actually made it to court in 1975 JH defended the indefensible. With slick lawyers, out of court settlements and delaying tactics that ensured most claimants were dead before their day in court, these were David and Goliath struggles for justice that JH gloated over triumphantly. That was until the first conviction for negligence was successful in 1991 and then the fibro walls came tumbling down.

According to the Australian Asbestos Network many other work related court victories followed. By the beginning of this century the battleground moved from the workplace to the health damage caused by 'third wave' asbestos exposure in the home – what one lawyer called 'the urban nightmare'. James Hardie twisted



The Christoesque Mullumbimby Hospital demolition that is not being funded by asbestos giant James Hardie. Photo Jeff Dawson

every which way to distance its current operations from its ongoing asbestos liabilities.

In 2001 the company established the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation (MRCF) with a total of \$293 million in funds, saying that this fund would be able to meet all the future asbestos claims.

Offshore answer

James Hardie then relocated its company off-shore to Holland, leaving behind the compensation fund that has a massive financial shortfall.

The subsequent judicial inquiry in NSW in 2004, the Jackson Inquiry, was critical of JH's actions and, after great public and governmental pressure, the company was forced to finalise a new compensation deal. The Carr government in NSW secured a new deal but it took until 2007 for that agreement to be reached. In the end JH guaranteed a fund of \$4 billion to cover its future obligations to asbestos victims.

Suffocating death

There is no cure for mesothelioma which is a type of cancer that destroys the lungs though it is not lung cancer. Apart from the decades it can take from contamination to

this deadly material?

Our Mullumbimby Hospital was a great public asset, managed and loved by its community. It was raffled and lamington driven into existence in the late 1960s.

At 50 years of age it was ready to mature from a place that made this town safe, where my children were born, into a public asset for the homeless or other disadvantaged groups and public causes. But our hospital was diagnosed with having friable asbestos in its construction. Now millions of dollars of our common wealth (our community's money – not James Hardie's) is being spent rehabilitating the site.

This exercise is being repeated a million times over on other buildings of

importance – like your family home if it was built before the mid-1980s and it will be your family's wealth that will be required to pay for it.

Where is our compensation for the loss of this asset and all that follows JH?

More importantly, where is the real justice for the human victims past, present and future as a result of your decision to knowingly contaminate and sentence to death tens-of-thousands of Australians just to make a profit?

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Autumn eating guide

Autumn is a great time for lovers of fresh locally grown food. The end of those long, hot humid days brings a big sigh of relief from our local farmers and an abundance of new seasonal fruit and vegetables to feast on!

Think creamy and nutrient-packed avocados, citrus loaded with vitamin C, broccoli brimming with goodness, plus pumpkins, corn, figs, eggplants and a whole lot more!

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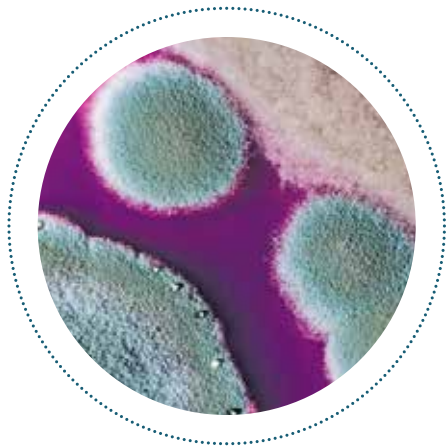
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The Bay Smokehouse also won gold for their Smoked Fish Rilletes, while Nimbin Valley Pecans and Rice took out bronze for their Pecan Spread at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show.

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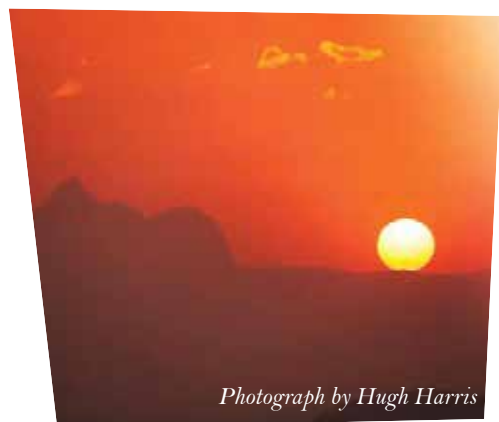
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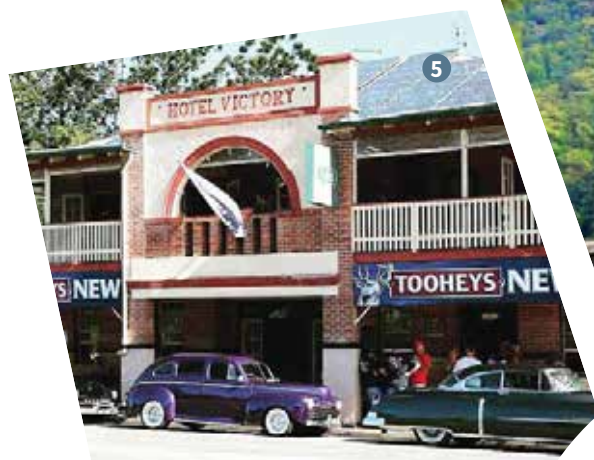
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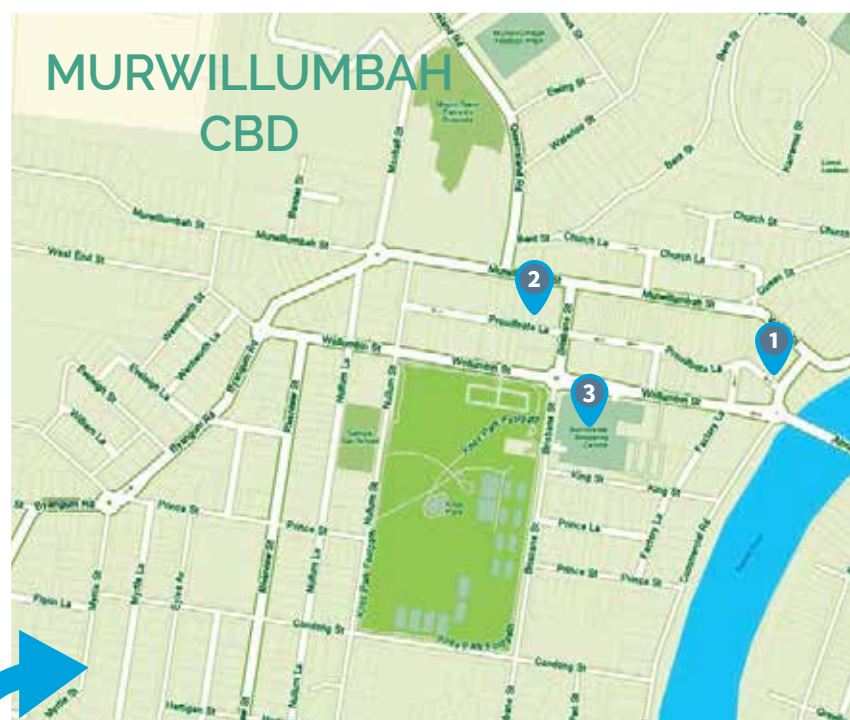
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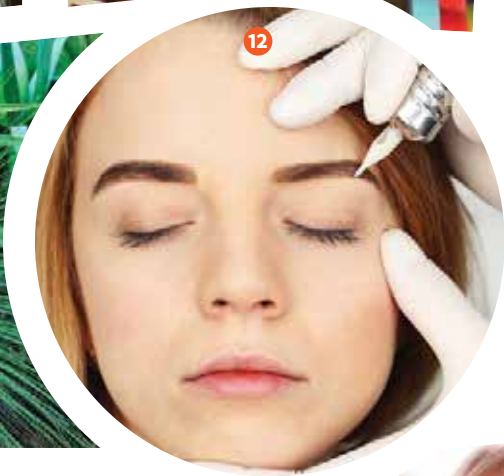
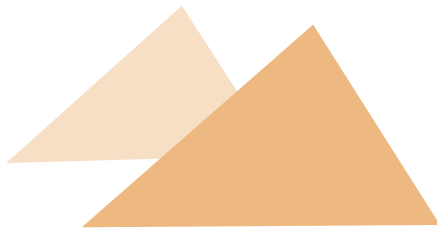
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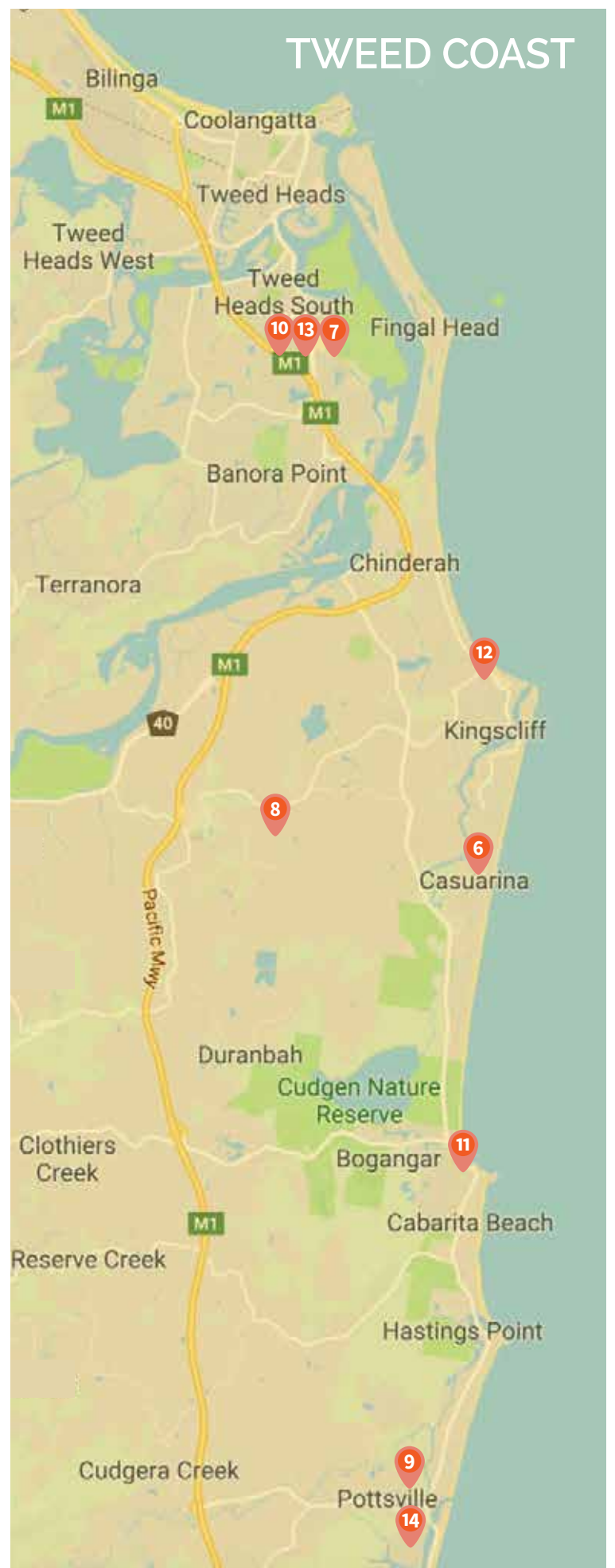
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Living Decolonisation in Mullumbimby

Eve Jeffery

Colonisation is a process by which a central system of power dominates the surrounding land and its components, in particular settler colonies. For example, the British settled in Australia, colonising the lands and the people who were here.

As local Arakwal-Bumbarbin woman Delta Kay puts it, ‘Colonisation is an insidious disease of the mind that allows for the endless justification and indiscriminate theft and extraction of anything of value from indigenous cultures in the capitalist economic world, in which we all live.’

Decolonisation is a word creeping into our vocabulary, and as uncomfortable as it might feel, we all need to find out a bit about it.

Raising awareness

A series of conversations called Living Decolonisation, will be held at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall next week to explore the idea.

The event is being held to help raise awareness about the impact of colonisation on the unconscious mindset that affects everyone in this country. One that has very real and sometimes life threatening implications for many First Nations people.

‘We all swim in the murky waters of unconscious bias and systemic whiteness with its trappings of entitlement and privilege,’ says event organiser Megan Edwards.

‘These waters have silenced and masked First



The mysterious appearance of Aboriginal flags on the Brunswick bridge was a welcome sight on Australia Day. Photo Michelle Begg

Nation’s people’s experience, history and message about decolonisation. They have also hardened non-Indigenous hearts to the reality of First Nations people.’

Cross-cultural conversations

A panel of Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators who specialise in the field of decolonisation will enter into a conversation with each other, and then the audience, around the following themes:

How do we decolonise our political and social systems, our bodies, minds and hearts and our relationships with the ‘other’? How do we re-imagine an Australia where the hurts of colonisation are addressed with the respect, honouring and humility that is called for?

Educators leading the conversation include Indigenous speakers Amber

Seccombe-Flanders, Marcelle Townsend-Cross and Ella Bancroft, and non-Indigenous speakers Daniel Foor and Soenke Biermann. All speakers live on Bundjalung country except Daniel Foor, from North America, who has been warmly welcomed by local Indigenous leaders.

Leading the process

First Nations people have been leading the field of decolonisation for many years. Marcelle Townsend-Cross who helped give the inaugural talk for this year at the Ngara Institute’s Politics in the Pub, is one of the speakers at the event.

Marcelle says that the call from First Nations People in Australia to decolonise has been loud, clear and consistent in recent times.

‘This call asks us to decolonise our social, political, economic and knowledge systems and it asks us to

decolonise our very selves,’ she says.

This ‘Living Decolonisation’ event is the first of a series that hopes to heed her call and help facilitate this process.

Living Decolonisation events have grown out of a year long process of undertaking monthly Deconstructing Colonisation dinners in 2018 with non-Indigenous people in Northern NSW.

‘Creating “Living Decolonisation” events, where we can listen to Indigenous leaders on decolonisation and have a cross-cultural conversation about this journey, is the next step in building broader social awareness of this issue,’ says Ms Edwards.

The event will be held at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Tuesday April 2 from 6.30pm

Cost is by donation, with a suggestion of \$10. April 2.



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Loft's Long Lunch back in style

Take some time out for yourself this week to leisurely graze over 5 courses with Loft's new 'Long Lunch' option, available everyday 12-3pm. Relax, wine and dine in one of Byron's hottest new venues, perched at the top of Jonson Street overlooking town.

Soak up the warm sea breezes while you enjoy Executive Chef Martyn Ridings' special offerings showcasing some of the best produce of our region (and Australia) in a creative way that brings something different to the Byron food scene. Whether you are making time to reconnect with friends, needing a mid-week excuse to leave the office or settling into a laidback weekend, the Loft Long Lunch is the perfect way to treat yourself, and have some fun!

Loft's soft, warm and beachy interiors will have you wanting to stay for hours. You can't go past one of their signature cocktails, Lychee Chilli Coconut Martini or the Brookie's Gin Gimlet. In addition to Spritz and local beers on tap, there is also a very good choice of wines, whether you are after a Grand Cru Chablis from Burgundy, or a modern organic Australian wine. Just to make it even easier to settle into the relaxed, casual vibe, there are plenty of good wines available by the glass.

While you are relaxing and enjoying the food, Executive Chef Martyn Ridings and the team are working hard behind the scenes to make sure food is spot on. A great deal of thought and care has gone into selecting the menu.

'To start, we have the 'Smoked Cod Paté'; hot smoked New Zealand cod fillets in a creamy potato paté served with crisp potato shards and finished with lemon zest and fresh dill', he says.

'The next dish is a personal favourite of mine, and something quite different for Loft. Kangaroo, cooked over hot coals served rare with textures of carrot – a smoky and sweet carrot puree, pickled carrot and roasted baby carrot. To finish, a rich red wine jus and uniquely, caramelised white



chocolate is shaved on top of the carrot, which gives such a lovely sweetness and interesting contrast to the game meat and jus. The kangaroo is from the Paroo Darling Region in Northern NSW.

'To cleanse the palate, we have Tomato & Mozzarella. Two local favourites paired simply, allowing them to shine – Coopers Shoot ox-heart tomatoes with Byron Bay Mozzarella.

'We follow this with our 'Beef with Beetroot' – burnt butter sous vide, and seared Rump Cap served with textures of local beetroot. The beef is some of Australia's very best Tasmanian Cape Grim Beef. Grass fed and the highest quality cut, served rare to medium rare, with pickled plums, smoked beetroot puree, fresh beetroot sheets, cauliflower puree, and diced roasted beetroot. The textural play on beetroot with the smokiness and sweetness lends itself well to the beef.

'To finish, a refreshing mixed berry sorbet served with fresh berries. Strawberries, blackberries, blueberries and lychees combine for the ultimate summer treat.'

It appears that the Long Lunch is back in style at Loft!

Loft: 4 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Ph 02 6680 9182
loftbyronbay.com.au



Punch and Daisy

The first sign that you are in for a treat at Punch and Daisy, who specialise in coffee, breakfast and lunch, is the mouth-watering smells that greet you on arrival. The fragrance of freshly picked garden herbs and charred organic sourdough, and the aroma of brewed Moonshine Coffee, fill the air.

Dania Kamile says that the varied menu is popular with diners. 'Classic breakfast items like the Poached Eggs Salsa Verde and the Bacon and Egg Croissant continue to bring smiles and contentment', she says.

'Lunch items include the Swimmer Crab and Fish Cakes which are more deserving of reverence. The wild-caught crabs and locally line-caught fish are mixed together with Japanese breadcrumbs, and customers tell me the added excitement of a crispy start and smooth finish keep them coming back for more.

'For something on the lighter side, our vegan king oyster mushroom tacos have proven by their popularity amongst our diners that a meal without meat is just as deliciously satisfying.

'Inspired by the culture and spirit of Mullumbimby and the Northern Rivers, we are continuously evolving in the way we cook, create, and connect with our community, customers and of course our farmers, who are the ones who dictate the quality of the food', she says.

If you can't get yourself in for breakfast or lunch, they are now open on Monday nights from 5 till 8 pm, which is a gentle way to ease into the week. They are fully licensed, and will be pouring craft beers and locally made wine by Jared Dixon. The Monday night POP UP menu will change, so keep an eye and ear out for what is to come. 'Whether you make it in for breakfast, lunch or dinner, we hope to see you in soon', says Dania.

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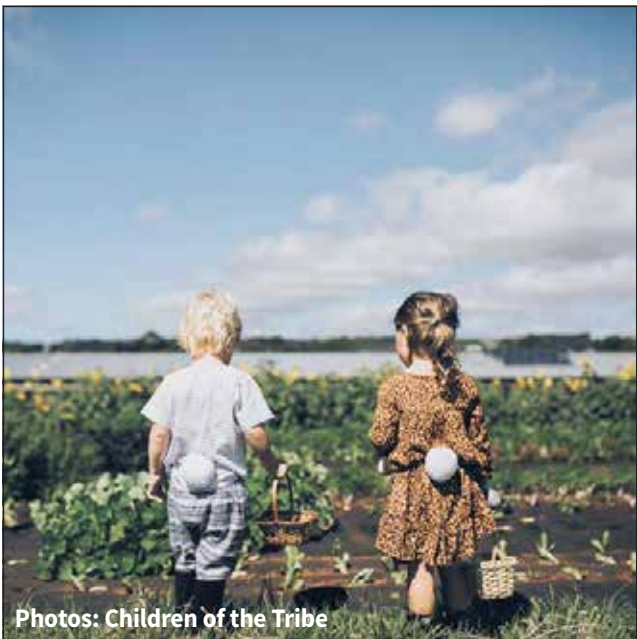
By S Haslam

The Farm really do have some good ideas and once again they will be hosting their famed (free) Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be hiding eggs in the Macadamia Orchard at The Farm on Easter Sunday, and at 10am the Hunt begins. Everyone is welcome!

The Farm children's holiday program runs from April 8-26 and consists of a number of workshops that, whilst being fun, support The Farm's objectives, which include educating children (and adults!) on the value of sustainable organic food growing practices, coupled with an intention to create and connect to community.

During research, after purchasing The Farm, current owners Tom and Emma Lane discovered surprising parallels between the share-farming use of the land in the 1860s, by its then-owner William Flick, and its current arrangement of the 'growers collective' where the farmers own their own business.

The success of local people in collaborating to create and market unique local value-added produce (much of it sold to visitors) must hearten people like the Lanes who hope to inspire younger people to make a farm something more



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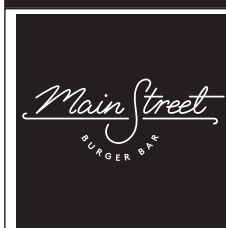


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Nimbin comes of age!

Realestate.com.au figures show the median house price in Nimbin was \$535,000 in 2018 – up from \$282,000 in 2015. Nimbin Hills Real Estate agent, Yvonne Campbell said people coming to the area are attracted by clean air and water, a great community, and the affordability of the area in comparison to other areas.

Steeped in Australia's logging and dairying history, and with a strong indigenous heritage, today Nimbin is Australia's most famous hippie destination and alternative lifestyle capital.

Located just 30 minutes to the regional centre of Lismore, and approximately one hour to the coast. Nimbin is NSW's third most visited town, with approximately 200,000 visitors annually (source: Tourism NSW) and a permanent population of approximately 1400 (source: ABS).

Of late, Nimbin has enjoyed something of a surge in favour as city slickers from north, south, and west flock to this tiny village for a change of pace. 'Coasties' too, jaded by the fast growth of beachside towns are also starting to see the benefits. With a thriving and eclectic main street, where a vacant shop is a rarity, balanced by the weekly farmers market selling

local produce, regular entertainment and a host of amenities on offer, including a hospital and great schools; Nimbin would be one of the best serviced villages anywhere.

'Historically Nimbin has bucked the trend of so many country villages which have slowly faded away as its residents age and the young leave for the city. And Nimbin's popularity doesn't show any signs of abating. One of its greatest drawcards is the stunning natural beauty of the surrounds. Nimbin is blessed with beautiful rainforests, pristine creeks and breathtaking mountain vistas,' says Yvonne.

While classic former dairy farms in the hills around Nimbin are now pushing the one million dollar mark and beyond, and Nimbin village homes are selling for around \$500,000, prices have jumped markedly in recent times.



Yvonne says 'This makes the latest land offering, "Nightcap Vista" compelling. It's north-facing and frost-free, and the rich-soil land offers a range of block sizes perfect for a sustainable lifestyle starting from just \$220,000. The lots range from two-thirds of an acre to 9 acres. Six

lots have already sold. The 23 lot estate offers underground power and phone services to all blocks, and a choice between town water (Stage 1) or tank water (Stage 2).'

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Lot 13 Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores 741m²

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- 4 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay. \$1.7m-\$1.85m
- 347 St Helena Road, McLeods Shoot. Expressions Of Interest
- 1 Gittos Lane, Possum Creek. \$2.15m-\$2.35m

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- 56 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores

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- Lot 4 Booyong Road, Booyong. Auction 13 April Guide \$950K-\$1.045m
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SHE WAS BORN TO DO THIS

SOME MUSICIANS FIX YOU TO THE FLOOR, GIVE YOU GOOSEBUMPS, AND TOUCH THAT PLACE THAT SAYS 'YOU ARE PART OF THIS, COME WITH ME'. ÁINE TYRRELL IS ONE SUCH MUSICIAN. AFTER 18 MONTHS IN THE MAKING, ÁINE RELEASES RETURN TO THE SEA.

Your sound has changed in this album into something that is much rockier, much more of a call to arms... what brought about that change in your song writing and in your playing?

I would call it a progression more than a change, a becoming of more of myself as a songwriter and performer. Trusting my power to relay these songs in the way they were asking of me and trusting in the creative partnership with my producer, Mark Stanley.

Do you believe politically motivated songs motivate people to change?

Hell yes. They always have been used for that and they personally inspired change in me. So I am a believer. Folk music is music of the people and in its pure form the genre has to speak of the people and all that we are collectively going through as humans in this time, space and place.

How do you want people to feel when they hear your music? Do you have a story you want them to take home?

From its very conception, we designed this album to make listeners personally and collectively, as humans, want to reach for more. From the lyrics, to the outros, to the choices in instrumentation we always came back to the mandate of reaching because we are living in exciting times where change is happening by the day and the people do have the power. Sometimes we just need to be reminded of that.

Tell me about writing *Born to Do This*... it's such a stirring song that brings people – mainly women – to their feet!

Born To Do This is a song that gives us all permission to take up space in this world and be who we are. It's also a song that gives us

permission to be angry at the things that stop us from achieving our potentials. The song was written to be inclusive of all genders, as we aren't getting out of this without each other. It particularly resonates with women, I think, because it was my own raw response to being a woman these past few years and being part of campaigns and witnessing sisters all over the world fire up. The song is my roar and it turns out a whole lotta people like roaring with me.

How has your integral relationship with musician and producer Mark Stanley helped in growing and evolving your sound? How important is it to have someone like this in a musician's ear?

Is he really intuitive? Does he ever suggest things that you never thought of, but were perfect?

Collaboration is such an exciting part of the creative process and it drove both Mark and I to dig deeper and push each other completely out of our comfort zones on this album and we hit some magical places. As David Bowie said "Go a little bit out of your depth. When you don't feel that your feet are quite touching the bottom, you're just about in the right place to do something exciting."

You are an International Finalist in a very prestigious music comp! One of the judges is Tom Waits! Who else is in the category with you? Tell us a little more?

In This House made the finals of the International Songwriting Competition and is the only Irish or Australian song in the Folk/SingerSongwriter category. Other Australians like Missy Higgins,

Bobby Alu, and Sahara Beck are nominated in other categories.

Tell me about the launch – you have a kick arse band around you– with Angie Hudson, Tom Whitaker and Mark Stanley – what else can people expect for *Return to the Sea* launch!

I've been waiting for this launch in Mullum. There is a certain magic that I know Mullum will bring that I wouldn't want to miss. Emily Lubitz and the Bunyarra Culture Collective are so inspiring and deadly and I feel so damn lucky to have

them sharing their particular magic in the same hall as me. My band are a bunch of dead-set legends and we only have 2 band shows left on the tour, so this one is gonna rock. We have some surprises, a children's entertainer Shorty Brown, and catering. Why would you miss it?

Friday at St Martin's Hall in Mullumbimby, Tix are \$20 presale or \$25 at the door. Kids are a gold coin donation with Shorty Brown to entertain. Dinner from 6pm.

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I STAND CORRECTED

I have been a comedian for over 30 years. Long enough to be able to tell you that political correctness is NOT destroying comedy. It's made it better. I get tired of reading articles that feature old blokes who can't tell their racist, sexist jokes anymore complaining that the world is too politically correct for their genius.

The reason people don't laugh at 'politically incorrect' jokes, isn't because the world has gone mad, it's because those jokes aren't funny anymore. They weren't actually funny in the first place. They were mean. If you haven't been the target of that sort of material, which many of the tellers haven't, they don't know what it feels like to be on the other side.

I have sat, side-of-stage waiting to go on while men have told jokes about fucking their girlfriend in the arse, or how ugly and fat some chick was that they picked up in a bar. I have heard jokes about poofta bashing. And I've heard a lot of shit jokes about Asian drivers.

I was performing at the Comedy Store in Sydney many years ago when a comic who I won't name, did some horrendous gag about how great it is when Asian drivers are killed. The audience thought it was hysterical. The comic was a complete moron. Later that night when I was in the carpark I spied him walking towards his car and I thought wouldn't it be ironic if I accidentally ran him over? If I was Asian I would have probably done it, not because of any racial profile, because in comedy terms, that would have been a pretty neat call back.

When you stand in front of people with a microphone you have a responsibility, not just how you make them laugh, but how you make them think. I don't like the term political correctness. This is a term coined by the alt-right to diminish the right that marginalised groups have to not be ridiculed and patronised for the amusement of dominant culture: those who believe they have claim on that territory called 'normal' or 'universal'. They define difference as anyone who is not them. Meaning generally, anyone not a white, straight, Anglo man. Anyone who is not 'them' is a target for ridicule. And if you don't find it funny, then apparently you don't have a sense of humour.

Politically correct is a loaded term. It carries inherent negativity. When people say 'politically correct' the words are infused with a judgement which dictates that not bullying people different to us, is somehow a blow to our basic freedoms. When people talk about political correctness they talk about it as if it's a bad thing. Like it's ruined the party. IT hasn't. But it has ruined a good old fashioned comic lynching. It has taken away our basic freedoms to oppress, humiliate and re-inforce ideas or beliefs that reduce another person or group to a stereotype so we can laugh at how stupid, or useless or ugly or fat or dumb they are. I mean when you're feeling a bit low, how fun is it to find other groups of people to feel better than! It's exhilarating. Particularly if you yourself are particularly useless and dumb to start with.

I would like to re-brand 'politically correct' to 'respectful' or 'educated and aware' or maybe just 'clever'. Yep, clever. When you're not punching down, you have to punch up, which means you can't kick the clappers out of cliched targets. You can't line up some minority group and let rip, you have to find a way to find the funny in other ways. Most of the comics I know seem to have no problem creating material that is funny and interesting and isn't offensive. It's still edgy. It's still pushing boundaries. In my opinion, it's more powerful than it's ever been. And I've seen a LOT of comedy. It can still be outrageous. It just has to BELONG to you. No one does better comedy about being Indigenous than an Indigenous comic. Same goes for gay comics. And Women. And Muslims. Et Al. It has made it a challenging time for straight white male comics because they've had to get really really good - or go home.

What's the point of oppressing people if the people you've oppressed end up with all the good jokes? Here's an idea, support a matriarchy, and we'll oppress you for a few generations - then creative freedom is yours! But, I should warn you, you will be paid less, and they'll only ever book one bloke per show because you can't have 'too many' blokes on the bill - that would be bad for business.



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THE FERAMONES BY THE SEA

Dubbed as the Northern Rivers' very own 'supergroup' *The Feramones* feature a bunch of internationally acclaimed musos such as **Rick Fenn**, the lead guitarist for *10CC*. Also on guitar is **Alan Limbrick**, who recently toured the world with Mike Oldfield, and has recorded with Joan Armatrading and David Knoffler. On keyboards is **Alan Park**, Cliff Richard's musical director and pianist for more than two decades. Bass player **Greg Lyon** has a catalogue of recording credits dating back to his fusion band *Crossfire* in the 70s. Lead vocalist **Col Germano** is best known as the singer/songwriter for 80s/90s hard rock band *Bourbon Street*. Dubbed the 'Charlie Watts of Australia', Rick Lloyd is one of this country's most talented and highly-regarded drummers. That's a band full of rock pedigrees.

Catch them at the Ballina RSL on Saturday from 9pm and the Byron Services Club on Sunday at 4.30pm. Both shows free.

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The **Tahir Faridi Sufi Qawwali Ensemble** create a rich landscape of soul-stirring sounds by weaving a tapestry of male voices together in deep chorus with entrancing tabla rhythms. The poetry of Sufi mystics is sung with lively improvisation and intricate musical embellishment. Sufism uses poetry and song to unite people in the spirit of peace & devotion. The ensemble have performed in diverse venues & festivals around Australia & NZ. **Byron Theatre on Friday at 7.30pm.**

This is her first Bluesfest, and she's keen, in fact its going to be a tick on her bucket list.

'I heard Iggy Pop's going to be there. I've been looking at the Byron Bay festival like every year since I was probably a kid, going, "Man, if I could only ever play there, that looks like so much fun," because the line-up is always stacked and creative. It's always a surprise who's going to be there, so I'm really thrilled that I get the opportunity to come out and play for y'all!'

It was a drum kit that set Samantha on her musical path. When she was 13 she picked up some sticks and was off. 'I thought it looked cool but dad played guitar and all of his friends played guitar and my uncles played guitar, so that was kind of like a precursor to that. So when I picked up the guitar I was about 15, and started playing, and it kind of went hand-in-hand. I started writing at about 18, 19-years-old.'

Samantha credits her shyness in being key to what attracted her to the limelight.

'I wanted to be an entertainer. And so I just kept working at it, and when I was 19-years-old I decided I wanted to do this full-time. I put a band together. I started booking my own shows around Kansas City, and then it moved out a little bit further regionally. I started going to Chicago and stuff like that. Then I got picked up by a record label called Ruf Records and I did a project called 'Girls with Guitars', and it kind of took off from there. I made five solo albums with them, and the rest is history.'

For Samantha, songwriting is a very organic process.

'I wish I could say there was a method to it, because that would be a little easier to control. Sometimes you'll

just be driving and a melody pops in your head and you've got to stop and record it, or a little lyric comes and you've got to write it down. Sometimes you're not in the best spot to sit down and write a song, but it just comes anyway and you've got to just get it done and do it.

But for me, songwriting, it's really... if you're going to do it and be good at it, it's a 24 hour thing. It's a commitment. You don't just one day say, "All right, I'm going to start writing for my record." I really think you've got to keep writing all the time to keep that muscle up. It's just like a muscle memory thing, you know? When you stop doing it for a while, the inspiration stops flowing so easily, and it can get kind of frustrating. I feel like I've put myself into writer's block before because I've not been as disciplined about doing it.'

The secret for Ms Fish is re-invention. Every record, she believes is an opportunity to transform, even just a little!

'You get to reimagine the band and just what kind of presentation you're going to put on for your fans.

I want to give them something different every time they come. I want them to be on this trip with us, and so yeah, I push myself to kind of stretch out, and really, it's just what I've been listening to for the last couple years. That's where it starts, you know? That's where my inspiration comes from; what have I been going through, what have I been doing? And then the music sort of just shapes itself around my life.'

Samantha Fish brings her sublime acoustic guitar and her rootsy, emotionally resonant songwriting to Bluesfest this year | 18 – 22 April | bluesfest.com.au

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RANDY TALK

HE'S PURPLE, HE'S BALD, AND HE DOESN'T MINCE HIS WORDS. HE'S RANDY. THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER NON-HUMAN STAND UP COMEDIAN. AND HE'S COMING TO BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE

I never thought I would become a comedian. I wasn't, until 2004 – I did it as a dare at a pub at an open mic and I've kept doing it – it's the thing that gets me out of bed.

So what do we really know about Randy... what would his Tinder profile be?

Tea drinking, book reading, fresh air enthusiast who firmly believes that online dating is a perversion of genuine human connection and reinforces all of the self indulgent self obsession that comes from online communication...

I'm also not overly impressed by Scott Morrison aka Mr Embarrassment. I am not a Twitter sound bit guy. I wouldn't want to spend any time with ScoMo. I don't feel that I would be enriched by that guy. I felt like I might with Julia though. Could have had a laugh with her, since then its been a parade of stodgy white men.

And Randy's got big goggle eyes, apparently a thyroid condition, but that doesn't stop him reading.

My Fave book at the moment is *Too Big to Walk* – it's the new science of dinosaurs, by Brian J Ford. He's an amazing biologist, he's a fellow of Cambridge, and he's a researcher who's published shit loads of stuff. The book is about how dinosaurs were aquatic, and NOWeverything they tell us about dinosaurs is fundamentalist irrational protection of the concept of terrestrial dinosaurs so they still get their funding. Dinosaurs were aquatic. I am fascinated by that. I read a lot of books.

Randy is smart. But he's got a certain edge.

I listen to a lot of rock n roll and metal, I like heavy riffs, before the show I rock out to some *Clutch*, and I really like anything by Jess Cornelius - her new track is really great, anything Australian, I listen to lots of women, female singer songwriters... Julia Jacklyn is one of my go-to artists.

Randy gets away with a lot on stage. Somehow people drop their guard a little—it's fun to be hassled by a puppet, but he can still offend!

I have a very neutral face, people will project expressions onto my face. There is something about the neutrality of me which means they don't judge me as I appear, if my material isn't funny the novelty wears off immediately!

So what is going to happen for the Brunswick Heads show? Randy is one half of Sammy J and Randy, but this is a chance to get up in the purple fella's grill.

For a show like the one at Brunswick Heads, I am getting in the zone now, 2 weeks ahead, it's an hour show, and there's a lot I want to say. I am using bits of existing material and writing new links, its going to be awesome – I can't fucking wait!

The show is Friday and Saturday at the Brunswick Picture House at 7pm. Tix are \$30/35 at brunswickpicturehouse.com

COMEDY FOR BANGALOW

Bangalow comedy lovers are in for a treat when **Mandy Nolan** presents a stand up comedy double header with two stellar performers **Jenny Wynter** and **Jonathan Atherton**. Jenny Wynter is vibrant, disarming, charming and enigmatic. Armed with her keyboard, Jenny uses the improvisation skills she's honed by working in *Second City* with Gary Austin and with the world renowned improvisation theatre company *Loose Moose* in Canada to create unique comedy songs made on the spot for her audience! Globe trotting Jonathan Atherton is a lover of culture, and pretty well kicked off comedy in Malaysia, where for 10 years he ran the Crack Up Comedy Club. With a keen ability to pick up languages and put himself in the middle of cultural conversations, Atherton is never a fly on the wall, he flies around the room.

Mandy Nolan joins these two headline comedians as the host at Pop Up Comedy at the Bangalow Bowling Club on Thursday 4 April at 8pm. Doors open from 7pm – Tix are \$25 available at the club or on mandynolan.com.au

VIRGIN FOOLS!

'How do you teach someone to be funny?' That is the question Mandy Nolan is most asked about the stand up comedy course she runs through Byron Community College.

'I don't' she says, 98% of people are naturally funny or have some sort of comedic insight – I teach them technique, I help them find the things they want to talk about, and guide them in how they might talk about it. We create a 5 minute routine, and then they get up on stage! Over the last two decades Mandy has taught more than 1500 people. The 6 week course in stand up comedy leads participants to a final end date: The Virgin Sacrifice!

This is when each new comedian gets their 5 minutes of fame! Catch her latest crop of comics at the Mullum Services Club on Monday! April Fools Day! 8pm. Tix \$10/15 – at the door or book on mandynolan.com.au



KAT HOUSE

Kat Davidson is a stand up comedian with real life experience. She tackles relationships, observations and random events with equal passion and her unique storytelling ability takes her audience along with her for the ride. With MC Mandy Nolan and support by **Vanessa Mitchell**.

Country Club Comedy at Ocean Shores Country Club on Tuesday at 7pm. Free.

PLAYWRIGHT FORUM

Playwriting Australia's new artistic director **Lachlan Philpott** is keen to meet and converse with playwrights in the Northern Rivers and hear people's views on the current and future state of play for playwrights.

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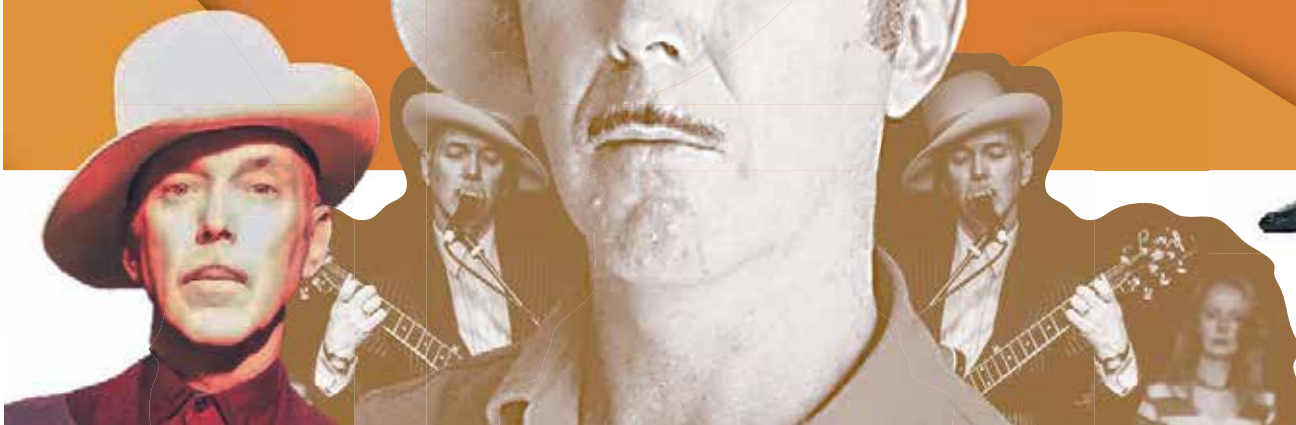
She is a legend, an icon, a beloved troubadour who has brought joy to music lovers for decades. Rolling Stone magazine called multiple Grammy Award winner **Joni Mitchell** 'one of the greatest songwriters ever' and her songs helped define an era and a generation. This tribute concert from incredible singers and musicians was filmed over two nights at the **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion** in Los Angeles.

The entire concert, along with special behind-the-scenes interviews with the artists, will screen at Palace Byron Bay Cinemas on its opening day, Thursday April 4, at 7pm.

Tickets \$18-20 on sale now at www.palacecinemas.com.au.



Culture



LAUGHS FOR KIDS

The Byron Comedy Fest is keen to engage kids with some programming aimed, not just at entertaining and amusing them, but at putting them centre stage under the spotlight cracking funnies!

Two weeks prior to the Byron Comedy Fest, **Mandy Nolan** will be conducting *Funny Kids – comedy workshops for kids* with two separate age streams so that kids from 8 – 17 can learn how to turn every day observations, ideas and experiences into comedy! The workshop will culminate in a final performance, on **Sunday 19 May**, as stars of the Byron Comedy Fest. Hosted by Mandy Nolan, this will be an hysterical insight into how kids see the world! **To find out more about the workshop go to mandynolan.com.au**

International Man of Circus **Joel Salom** presents *Talking Dogs* on **Saturday** – it's every kid's dream come true, a playful, interactive show where kids get on stage with Allen (the shy soft dog) to do stunts with Erik (the mean robotic one) and Joel, the crazy human man-child, who tries to keep it all together! Joel's creation, Erik The Dog was a Grand Finalist on Australia's Got Talent.

Professional clown and circus director **Alex Frith** comes out of London where he ran *Aircraft Circus* for 10 years. He has a penchant for pie throwing and slapstick and is running these fabulously fun workshops, where you do indeed get to throw a pie in a mate's face! These workshops are streamed for 8-10 year olds and **11-16 year olds** and will be happening on **Saturday at the Surf Club!**

For more information about workshops and shows, ticket purchase and programming, go to byroncomedyfest.com

Zippa Dee Doo IT'S DAVE & CLARE!

Dave Graney emanates cool. Not because he's trying. It's because he is cool. He's refreshingly unselfconscious in the way many musicians probably wish they were. And he's funny. He gets the big joke that it's all a big joke, as evidenced by the very cool single from his new album *Baby I Wish I'd Been a Better Pop Star*.

Zippa Dee Doo is the 33rd album that Dave and his partner, in life and music, Clare Moore (keys, drums, vibraphone and singer!) have been involved with creating and releasing. Its eight songs are done thirteen ways, from pop gems to epic jams recorded with his band *The Mistlly* – who are basically *The Coral Snakes*, the band with whom Dave took out a swag of ARIA's in the 90s!

They play music drawn from a lifetime in rock'n'roll culture. They didn't learn their licks in school, they made their own mistakes and set their own standards. It's been a road of musical adventures for Graney and Clare, who started out with *The Moodists* back in the 80s.

'We were contemporaries of *The Birthday Party* and *The Go Betweens* and *The Laughing Clowns*. We spent most of the 80s in the UK. Then we came back and had the best year ever. I won best male artist in 1996. It was a time of 'peace' in the CD/record

industry and everyone was an activist in Australian music.'

'There used to be more people in the record business. Record shops in every town. People working at record companies who would drive to shops and talk to people. By the late 90s it was stopping. There were more media. More journalists. It is a shame that the actual human side of the record industry has dropped away. Even with social media there is still nothing like word of mouth, the buzz of hearing people perform and then talking about it. All the stuff about things 'going viral' – just being in this antiseptic world of digital transmission and escaping boundaries – is not really true. Playing music has gone back to how it was in the 1950s, you have to be able to give people something they enjoy.'

Although Dave prefers the dynamic of playing songs with the whole band, there's always something a bit special about gigs that are just him and Clare.

'When it's just the two of us it focuses us on not trying to match the band. We try to focus on the words and the story of the words – we play anywhere and everywhere that way. We started doing some of the parlour shows. I did one where a fella set up a PA on his back porch, and his neighbours sat around on chairs. Did

one last week in a Winery inside a shearing shed in the Coonawarra. I come from around there and I felt the closest to that place than any others I've played.'

So with 33 albums and hundreds, possibly thousands of songs, how does Dave remember one song from the other?

'I can access lots of songs, it's like being any kind of writer, there is a part of you that never changes and that's all part of my inner flux. There are a few songs that people always ask us to play, we are happy to build a set around what people are familiar with.'

It's not just the music that's cool. It's Dave's threads. He's always had the knack of some pretty smooth styling.

'When I was younger there was nothing off the peg you could buy, you had to search for vintage stuff, because rock music used to be years ahead of fashion, and then fashion started to dress like rock musicians – no one would have dreamed of that!

I never throw anything out. A lot of these pieces are synthetic so they'll be around for generations.'

Catch Dave Graney and Clare Moore on Sunday at the Brunswick Picture House at 4pm, tix are \$27/32 at brunswickpicturehouse.com

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SWIMMING WITH MEN

The potential for this movie to drown in silliness was frightening. The idea that eight blokes, all of whom are a bit long in the tooth and not buffed like Adonis, would be involved in synchronised swimming might not make you want to rush to the cinema, but like the Jamaican bobsledders, they pull it off and manage to elate you at the end. In 2003, a bunch of Swedes (they appear in the final scene) formed a synchronised swimming group to 'escape the meaninglessness of life'. They won the sport's first unofficial world championship and inspired the Londoners of Oliver Parker's joyful film. The central character, Eric (Rob Brydon), is not immediately likeable. He is bored in his high-end accountancy job and resentful of his wife's election to local council. Wrongly believing that she is having an affair, he acts like a dickhead and moves into a rented room. At the local pool where he swims regularly – remember how at the beginning of 'The Graduate', Dustin Hoffman's Ben escaped his stultifying environment by lying at the bottom of the family pool? – he meets up with the synchronisers who take him in as one of theirs. The underwater photography is fantastic, with all of the actors rather than doubles executing most of the moves. Despite being the protagonist, Eric never manages to earn your



total sympathy, but among his mates there is somebody we can all identify with. The will-he or won't-he? romance between one of the swimmers and their trainer is a subtle hook, as is the fear of failure that consumes another. You know where the story is headed, but sometimes you desperately crave that happy, cheesy ending. With darkness descending all around us, it is fortifying to be reminded of how people can connect and help each other through their travails. In the film's light-hearted profundity and gloriously unembarrassed conclusion, there is enough to make you keen to get out of bed in the morning and take on whatever comes along.

FIGHTING WITH MY FAMILY

Women's professional sports have come along in leaps and bounds recently and this rambunctious, uplifting and tender movie tells the story of one of the trailblazers. From Norwich, where she grew up in a family of wrestlers, Saraya Knight (Florence Pugh) crossed the Atlantic, changed her name to Paige and became the youngest ever WWE Divas Champion. The status of wrestling as a serious sport is often scoffed at, and Hutch (Vince Vaughn), her demanding American coach, concedes that its contests are 'fictitious, not fake', as much showbiz as anything else. But it is a career that Saraya and her bother Zac (Jack Lowden) have pursued with a passion all their lives. For both of the youngsters, their goal has long been to make it into the big arenas of the US and they are thrilled when they get



their opportunity to impress Hutch at a London audition. But it is only Saraya who is chosen to travel to Florida for further grooming and assessment. Zac is gutted and the

film's emotional load is borne by his reaction to not being selected, as well as Saraya's struggle to cope with her new, hard-nosed environment. Families can be torn apart by such traumas, but the parents, Ricky and Julia (Nick Frost, Lena Headey), remain rock-solid and supportive of their kids. I laughed out loud a couple of times – negotiating a payment for one of his troupe, Ricky asks Union Jack how he'd feel about having a garbage bin lid smashed in his face. Then he does it, and the wrestler nods, 'it'll be okay' – and was equally touched when friends and family crowded into the Norwich living room to watch Paige take her shot at the title. In a wonderful cast, Pugh and Lowden shine as you ride the highs and lows with them. Rejection is the pits, but accepting it and moving on can be as demanding as any challenge in the ring. Paige's success would be hollow without her brother's embrace, and in the end love triumphs.

STARS

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THIS WEEK'S
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THINGS CLEAR
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MERCURY AND
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♈ **ARIES:** You're highly disinclined towards anything your heart's not into this week, so don't over-promise or over-estimate your capacity to deliver. Choose substance over sizzle. Be a team player, but watch your back. If unexpected, uncomfortable news surfaces, check facts before reacting because right now your imagination's working overtime.

♉ **TAURUS:** My my my, how tongues do fly... This week's sun is in straightforward Aries, while your prima planet Venus swims into sensitive, emotionally labile Pisces. Energetic mismatch? Pretty much, but working with the old truism 'forewarned is forearmed' makes it easier not to take things personally.

♊ **GEMINI:** Tensions dissipate as Mercury swims out of retrograde in Pisces. If you've been see-sawing back and forth about something, Venus moving into your house of mutual values highlights what makes things last, and what just doesn't cut it. There are plenty of treasure in this week's sea of possibilities, so go fish.

♋ **CANCER:** Venus in Pisces can often bring a Cancerian love phase or friend connection to a close, in which case – or in any similar scenario – Cancerian author Devika Fernando's observation applies: 'We are not given a good life or a bad life. We are given a life. It's up to us to make it good or bad.'

♌ **LEO:** With Venus upping your need for affection and urge to merge, tops on this week's agenda is attending to the greatest love of all. Increase self-care, treat yourself the way you'd want a lover to, and presto! Suddenly there's plenty of what you want available. But is it what you need?

♍ **VIRGO:** With Mercury out of retrograde, crossed wires unkink, missed messages magically appear, misunderstandings unravel, strangeness is explained and things that haven't been making sense suddenly give up their secrets. And as this week's fast moving transit revs from slow to go, it's time to enjoy a little waltz on the wild side.

♎ **LIBRA:** This week's likely to flush out citizens desperately in need of a crash course in Basic Diplomacy, and who better than you to deliver it? That sorted, read the advice for Leo. Current moon movements through the signs of upmarket entrepreneurs, eccentric rebels and slippery mystics provide a variety of interesting dance moves.

♏ **SCORPIO:** The cosmic temperature's hot in this week's pot and definitely set to add pep to your step, a lilt to your kilt, a dash of chili to your intimate cooking, and possibly a bomb where you least expect it. Think you already have a reasonably decent grasp on mindfulness? Ok, how about kindness?

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Are tricky Mercury in Pisces vibes giving you the slip this week – and the pip? Totally understandable, and the cosmic good news is the antidote of Venus in Pisces, which instils more patience and compassion for those less quick on the uptake than your speedy selves. You're going to need it.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Mercury exiting retro this week makes it apparent what you, of course, knew all along: that feelings aren't facts, proving you right yet again. But if that feels like a Pyrrhic victory, you might want to ditch righteous for a move into the other person's shoes. Or not – your call.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** If folk seem frazzled, snappy and inclined to bite, it isn't necessarily anything you said. Then again... it does take two to tangle, so could you manage a little forgiveness work this week? Venus in the sign of the wild and willing will respond with an ocean of hoochy koochy if you do.

♓ **PISCES:** As Mercury exits retrograde in Pisces you're charming and magnetic – also elusive and tricky, which, be advised others find both entertaining and frustrating. With Venus streaming grace and favour your way, beauty principles decree this week in favour of upstyling: as in wardrobe overhaul, hair attention and personal refurbish.

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- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES 6.30PM **OLIVIA ROSEBERY**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **UKE NIGHT – BACK TO BASICS**, 7PM **MULLUM ACOUSTICS OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SOPHIE OZARD**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT – TOM SIEGERT + ANNE HOWE MC: MANDY NOLAN**, 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT WITH TOM SIEGERT + ANNE HOWE + MC MANDY NOLAN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **KINGY COMEDY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **THE FLAME**

FRIDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **VOID, CROCODYLUS, A.SWAYZE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **TUFFY**, 9PM **SHAG ROCK**
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- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 7PM **JARRAH DAVIDSON**

- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE MUSIC & DJS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **VAGGAPHONES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **THE LYRICAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **RANDY LIVE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES 6.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **AINE TYRRELL – CD LAUNCH 'RETURN TO THE SEA'**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **ON THE EDGE OF A DREAM**
- THE BLUE HOUSE, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **LISA ARRONIS, JILL DAWSON, SUSIE DUGGIN, TIM FRY, DANNY GRETSCHER, MERCEDES MAMBORT, SUVIRA MCDONALD, JESS POULSEN, AMELIA REID & LEORA SIBONY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- BALLINA RSL 5PM PIANO BAR, LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7PM **ROD MURRAY**, 8PM **TIM SHOU**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **ROUS UNPLUGGED**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DJ DISCO STATIK**
- LISMORE WORKER'S CLUB 7.30AM **LONG GONE DADDYS**
- NORPA AT CITY HALL, LISMORE 7.30PM **NORPA – I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE 8PM **MISH SONGSMITH & JEWEL**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **FREE THE GENIE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **JESSICA ODGERS**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB – THE ANDREW BAXTER BAND + THE EARLY BIRDS**
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- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4.30PM **THE GREEN SINATRAS**, 8PM **THE SOUNDS OF THE SUPREMES**, 9PM **AGENT 77**, JUNIORS 5PM **MARTIN WAY**

- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **JJ & THE SOUL MAN**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **THE WAXFINZ 'ANYMORE' SINGLE TOUR, NULLUM VOID, GIRL & GIRL, PERSONS UNKNOWN**
- HOTA, GOLD COAST 10.30PM **JUNK**

SATURDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAISY BRAINS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **LITTLE BILLIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **ELIZA & THE DELUSIONALS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **SALT & STEEL + TOM & CHARLIE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **NUWANDA COLERIDGE – PIANO IN THE DEEP**
- LOCURA, BYRON BAY **CITIES OF GOLD, SANTAMARIA BROS & JONO MA**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **JEZ MEAD FEAT. VINNIE LADUCE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PORT ROYAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **RANDY LIVE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL 5PM **DYNASTY8 CHAMBER CHOIR AND PLANET EARTH GONGS**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES 6PM **THE ATMOSPHERICS**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SALI BRACEWELL**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **ON THE EDGE OF A DREAM**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 11AM **AN ARTISTS AFFAIR – 'FLOWERS AND FLESH'**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6PM **DAN CLARK**, 9PM **THE FERAMONES WHARF BAR**, BALLINA 8PM **LEA MAY**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**

- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- LISMORE WORKER'S CLUB 7.30PM **STUNNED MULLET**
- NORPA AT CITY HALL, LISMORE 7.30PM **NORPA – I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **CHRIS EVANS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **HIGH TIDE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ JAKE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**, 7PM **PETER HUNT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4.30PM **DEZZIE D & THE STINGRAYZ**, 8PM **IAN MOSS**, 9PM **AGENT 77**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **BRETT HEALY PROJECT**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- HOTA, GOLD COAST 10.30PM & 3PM **JUNK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **CHILLIN IT + WOMBAT**

SUNDAY 31

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4.30PM **SOUL'D**, 8PM **MY HAPPY PLACE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **THOR PHILLIPS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 2PM **BURNING HANDS BLUES BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM **WATER LILIES OF MONET: THE MAGIC OF WATER AND LIGHT – ART ON SCREEN**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 4PM **OOZ**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY 5PM **MANOA**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7.30PM **LUNCH 'TIL LATE SUNDAY SESSION DJS EVA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- LOCURA, BYRON BAY 9PM **GIOM**
- DOMA, FEDERAL 12PM **GLENN KELLET**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **SUN SALUTE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **DAVE GRANEY & CLARE MOORE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**

- BILLINUDGL HOTEL 3PM **THE EERIE THINGS**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 10AM **AN ARTISTS AFFAIR – 'FLOWERS AND FLESH'**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TIM STOKES**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA **BEX MARSHALL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 4PM **SURF REPORT**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 4PM **LUKE HAYWARD**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **PAINTED CROW**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE 4PM **CLASSIC FUTURE RETRO**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 12PM **THE MAGNIFICENCE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 3PM **RAKU ONE O'GAIA**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 1PM **ABOUT FACE**, 6PM **AGENT 77 JUNIORS** 2.30PM **JEFF CAMILLERI**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

MONDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY **4'20 SOUND SYSTEM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- LOCURA, BYRON BAY 9PM **BENJAMAS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS 9.30AM **THE PICTURE HOUSE CHOIR**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **MANDY NOLAN – VIRGIN SACRIFICE**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**

TUESDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**



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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **KEVIN BLOODY WILSON**

WEDNESDAY 3

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- CLUB BYRON 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING CLASSES**
- ELTHAM PUB 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
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- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**

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		● New moon 5 April 7.50pm			<div>APRIL 2019</div> <div>Astronomical data and tides</div>		
		☾ First quarter 13 April 5.05am					
		☾ Full moon 19 April 9.12pm					
		● Third quarter 27 April 8.18am					
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)		Low tide, height (m)
1 M	0655	1844	0300	1638	0703 1.53; 1930 1.28		0028 0.59; 1330 0.4
2 T	0656	1843	0352	1713	0744 1.58; 2005 1.36		0114 0.52; 1403 0.42
3 W	0656	1841	0445	1746	0820 1.60; 2040 1.44		0152 0.46; 1433 0.38
4 T	0657	1840	0538	1819	0854 1.61; 2113 1.51		0228 0.41; 1501 0.34
5 F	0657	1839	0631	1851	0927 1.60; 2147 1.57		0303 0.39; 1530 0.32
6 S	0658	1838	0725	1924	1000 1.57; 2222 1.62		0339 0.38; 1559 0.31
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7 S	0559	1737	0720	1859	0932 1.51; 2159 1.65		0316 0.39; 1529 0.32
8 M	0559	1736	0816	1937	1005 1.44; 2237 1.65		0357 0.43; 1600 0.35
9 T	0600	1735	0915	2018	1042 1.35; 2318 1.64		0441 0.47; 1633 0.39
10 W	0600	1734	1014	2105	1124 1.26		0531 0.53; 1713 0.45
11 T	0601	1733	1114	2157	0007 1.61; 1217 1.17		0634 0.58; 1802 0.52
12 F	0601	1732	1213	2255	0106 1.58; 1330 1.11		0751 0.60; 1910 0.58
13 S	0602	1731	1308	2357	0219 1.58; 1500 1.12		0913 0.57; 2034 0.59
14 S	0603	1729	1400		0336 1.61; 1622 1.20		1025 0.50; 2157 0.54
15 M	0603	1728	1448	0102	0446 1.68; 1728 1.33		1123 0.40; 2307 0.45
16 T	0604	1727	1532	0208	0545 1.74; 1822 1.47		1212 0.32
17 W	0604	1726	1613	0314	0638 1.78; 1912 1.59		0007 0.36; 1255 0.25
18 T	0605	1725	1653	0420	0726 1.77; 1958 1.70		0100 0.29; 1334 0.20
19 F	0605	1724	1732	0525	0810 1.72; 2042 1.77		0151 0.26; 1412 0.19
20 S	0606	1723	1812	0629	0852 1.63; 2125 1.80		0241 0.27; 1449 0.21
21 S	0607	1722	1854	0733	0933 1.52; 2207 1.80		0330 0.32; 1525 0.26
22 M	0607	1721	1938	0835	1014 1.39; 2248 1.75		0420 0.39; 1600 0.34
23 T	0608	1720	2025	0935	1054 1.27; 2331 1.68		0513 0.47; 1635 0.43
24 W	0608	1719	2114	1032	1137 1.16		0609 0.55; 1713 0.52
25 T	0609	1719	2206	1125	0016 1.60; 1230 1.08		0709 0.60; 1758 0.62
26 F	0609	1718	2258	1213	0110 1.52; 1341 1.04		0814 0.63; 1900 0.70
27 S	0610	1717	2351	1257	0214 1.46; 1506 1.06		0918 0.62; 2021 0.74
28 S	0611	1716		1336	0322 1.44; 1617 1.14		1015 0.59; 2145 0.72
29 M	0611	1715	0044	1413	0423 1.45; 1712 1.23		1103 0.54; 2251 0.67
30 M	0612	1714	0137	1447	0515 1.48; 1756 1.34		1143 0.48; 2342 0.6

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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 from Bureau of Meteorology.



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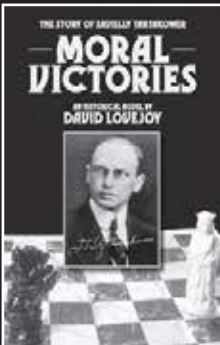
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male quadriplegic Byron Bay. Nursing background pref. High level English essential. Job incl catheterisation, enemas, patient care, and household duties for quad returning home from hospital. Shifts avail 7am-2pm, 2pm-10pm, poss 10pm to 7am. \$40 ph Must have ABN.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

ADAMS, STEVEN THOMAS
Loved father of Karla, Amanda, Jennah, Shaninsa, Steven, and Louis. Adored by his thirteen grandchildren. Steven will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Steven's life to be held at the Melaleuca Station Crematorium Chapel, Chinderah on THURSDAY (March 28, 2019) commencing at 11.30am.
MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS

Aileen Catherine Ryan

Late of Ocean Shores
Passed away peacefully on Thursday 21st March 2019.
Aged 89 years.
Dearly loved Wife of Bill (dec'd).
Loved Aunt of Jean, Beverley, Judith, Kevin, Brian, James, Aileen, and Dennis, and cherished Great Aunt.
Loved Sister of Carrie, Jean, Bae, and Bill (all dec'd) and loved by all their families.
Family and Friends are warmly invited to attend Aileen's Funeral Service to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby, Friday 29th March 2019, at 2.30 pm.
After the service, the cortege will leave for the Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery.

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PETS

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Sooty is having a bad time in the shelter. He's starting to exhibit sad behaviour because he is in desperate need of human affection. He appears unfriendly to other cats but that is possibly more because he is fearful rather than aggressive. He can be seen pacing up & down the fencing because he is unhappy. Can you provide a loving home to this gorgeous boy? He really is our re-homing priority. To meet Sooty, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 DALLEY STREET, MULLUM OPEN: Tues 2.30-4.30pm THURS: 3-5pm SAT: 10am-12 noon Call AWL 6684 4070 Like us on Facebook!



DUSTY+HONEY

Ideally, we'd love to re-home **Dusty & Honey** together, however, they are completely different in nature and needs...**Dusty** is a de-sexed 2-year-old female Fox Terrier x Staffy. She is sweet, loving, smart, energetic & loves the beach. She socialises well with other dogs & is great with children. **Honey** is a de-sexed 8-year-old female Miniature Dachshund. She is affectionate & loves to snuggle with her humans but is not particularly friendly with other dogs or wildlife.

Byron Dog Rescue
Enquiries 0458461935.



Rocko

Rocko is a 4 year old desexed male staffy x. He is a good-natured boy, obedient, affectionate and gentle on a lead. If you can give Rocko a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on 0421 017 461.



Visit friendsofthepound.com to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.



FLOSS

Unfortunately for **FLOSS** she continues to miss out on the opportunity to bring joy and companionship to a human family, because the "Adoption Fairy" has not yet visited her. This week...? Beautiful young cat of slim build and with a colourful coat. Floss has a loving, friendly, and easy-going personality. All cats are desexed, vaccinated and microchipped.

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Is your power meter smart?

Eve Jeffery

A new product to meter our power usage is becoming a common addition to households in Australia but some people believe 'smart meters' are unsafe. Energy Made Easy, which is part of a government information service to help us save money on our power bills, has recently introduced a new Smart Meter.

Smart meters, sometimes called interval meters, are a special type of electricity meter that are different from the analogue meters we have now, which are read at regular intervals by a human. Smart meters record how much electricity a house or business is using at regular times during a day and send the readings directly to your energy distributor electronically.

To date about 10 countries world wide are already using smart meters – Australia, Canada, parts of Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, some Nordic countries, Spain and parts of the UK and the US using the meter with the technology set to go in about seven more countries that are getting ready to switch.

A smart meter is automatically installed with new solar panels in Australia unless the customer requests an analogue meter instead.

Some believe that smart meters emit dangerous levels of radiation.

According to the anti-smart meters website, Stop Smart Meters Australia, the



A Silver Spring Smart Meter. Photo www.crn.com.au.

appliance is not safe for household use.

'If you live in NSW, QLD, SA, Tas or the ACT, don't be lulled into complacency by the opt-out provisions of the new national electricity rule starting 1 December,' says a post on their website. 'The right to opt-out and keep your existing meter only applies to "working" meters.

'If your retailer decides to do a "maintenance replacement" deployment (because sample testing has shown a likelihood of meters becoming faulty) instead of a "new meter deployment", there is no requirement for your retailer to forewarn you, other than to notify you of a power interruption.

'This means that you must convey your refusal in advance. If you have taken this step, the new rule provides for you to be given a

smart meter if your meter is subject to a maintenance replacement – but it will be one that does not have its wireless communications enabled. A meter reader will continue to read your meter, and you and your family will not be bathed 24/7 in microwave radiation from your own meter.'

It looks like the rollout is well underway so the choices for consumers now are to either 'opt out' or not worry about it.

Another option is to radiation proof your home or at least your meter box.

If you would like information about refusing the Smart Meter, visit the Stop Smart Meters website: www.stopsmartmeters.com.au.

If you want to find out what the government has to say, visit: www.energy-madeeasy.gov.au.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT	Bruns Heads	6628 4495
1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	0490 026 840
2nd SAT	Woodburn	0439 489 631
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
2nd SUN	Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	0422 094 338
4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631
4th SAT	Wilson's Creek	6684 0299
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month)	Coolangatta
5th SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000

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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
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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
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	1800 656 463
LIFELINE	131 114
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Body positive

Future Dreamers are re-commencing their ‘Body Positive Empowerment’ and ‘Clarity’ support evenings with the additional support of eating disorder guidance on the 1st Monday of every month. Re-commencing on April 1 at Future Dreamers (Marvel Street) from 6pm. RSVP Eva King at eva@futuredreamers.com.au or Bianca Hill 0422 968 969.

North Coast Mud Trail

Calling all North Coast Potters! Applications to be part of the North Coast Mud Trail 2019 are now open. The Mud Trail is part of The Australian Ceramics Association (TACA) Open Studios weekend, held on August

17 and 18. Participants must be members of TACA and North Coast Ceramics Inc. Applications at www.northcoastmudtrail.com.au/NCC, closing date May 1. Contact Jacqui Sos on 0411 424 031.

U3A Ballina/Byron

A session on poetry will be held at 10am on Tuesday April 3 in the RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Garden Gathering

Saturday, March 30,10am till 1pm join the Garden Gathering. Come and find out how to ‘Fix your Patch’ for Autumn planting with a talk and Q&A from local garden guru, Diane Hart. All your soil questions answered. A

fun and information packed morning for the whole family. Working Bee 10-11.30am, then morning tea with the talk starting midday at Mullumbimby’s Community Garden. Enquiries dianehartgardens@gmail.com.

Pottsville Croquet

Join us for a social game of croquet at the Pottsville Fun Croquet Club. Beginners and visitors welcome. Games start 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday at the Black Rocks Sports Field. \$5/game. Enquires 0413 335 941.

BB auxiliary

Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Garage Sale on Saturday April 13 at 105 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park, commencing at 8.00am. Homemade Christmas cakes, puddings, plants and other goodies. All proceeds go to Byron Central Hospital. Enquiries 6685 3162.

BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday April 2 at 10am

at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Our guest speaker is Joan Green from Friends of The Koala. Enquires to Margaret on 6680 3316.

Talking tourism

‘Talking Future Tourism’ in north Byron Shire is the next stop for the Byron Shire Council who want to hear your thoughts on how you want to see tourism managed as they develop their new 10 year tourism plan. Join the next discussion workshop with the North Byron Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday March 27, 2pm till 3.30pm Ocean Shores Community Centre 55 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. RSVP to tourism@byron.nsw.gov.au by Monday March 25.

OS Country Club Art Competition

Artists! The 2019 Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition opening night May 16. Enter online at www.oceanshorescc.com.au. Entries deadline May 3. Categories are – Oil/

Acrylics; Watercolour and Pastel/ Drawing. Over \$2000 dollars in prizes.

OS Art Expo

Attention all artists! It’s time to get creative for the next Ocean Shores Art Expo. This year’s theme is *Celebrating a Moment*. An additional category of Digital Art is offered. Expo dates: 23 till 25 August. Registrations open mid-June, see www.osartexpo.com.

Over 60s activities

Play Mahjong and 500 at ‘Fun Fridays’ at the Marvell Hall, Marvell Street East, Byron Bay. Starts at 1.30pm. \$5 entry includes a cuppa and afternoon tea. Come along and join our friendly group. Enquiries: Nancy 0498 480 373.

Mullum’s OWN

The Mullumbimby Older Women’s Network (OWN) is meeting regularly to gather, network and share. We welcome older women (50+) in Byron Shire who are new to the area, looking for a new social network, or feeling

isolated, to contact us about activities. Contact: Mariana 0430 175 923.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Dreams and roadsigns on the path? Inspire each other by sharing memorable dreams. Presented by Christa Fleming, author, lecturer. Thursday, March 28 from 1.30 till 3.30pm, Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St. Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

PFLAG

PFLAG – Parents, Families And Friends Of Lesbians And Gays Northern Rivers has relaunched with new energy. Email enquiries@pflag-nr.org, find them on Facebook or call 0467 382 010.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit members. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Elaine 07 5580 8215 or 0421 796 713.

Mungo’s Crossword

N277

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Retreat for dogs, perhaps (4,4)

5. Hidden garden threat (6)

9. It’s negative, but pick Weasley! (8)

10. Emphasise tension (6)

12. Conditions around positions (13)

15. Throws off dollars (5)

16. Slow time – rotten, add spice! (3-6)

17. Doctor, with no staff, single – and an overriding obsession! (9)

19. Leopold, the flower (5)

20. Bury conservative rural member between countries (13)

22. Bookie kills, and adds relish (5)

23. A pulse for the bird, one likely to win (8)

25. Chastise? Sounds a bit of a joke! (6)

26. Lobby – not more a confusion (8)

DOWN

1. Broken bench on small tomb – it causes a stink! (6,4)

2. Woman always not right (3)

3. Go to the crease on a short day – beat the bushes! (7)

4. Race of angry nation (5,7)

6. The item? (7)

7. Awful poor snag in dirty café (6,5)

8. Eros transformed and ascended (4)

11. Mara ran a long course (4,8)

13. Repair needed about part of the agreement (11)

14. Mailman far away from satirical book (6,4)

18. Without the gloss, the queen is still important (7)

19. Bread, verve and revolutionary (7)

21. Like dad returns – quickly! (1,1,1,1)

24. Expert advertising circle (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Small retreat (4,4)

5. Peril, alarm (6)

9. Negatively charged particle (8)

10. Tension, strain (6)

12. Surroundings, conditions (13)

15. Tosses, throws (off a horse) (5)

16. Time of the year with few tourists (3-6)

19. Obsessive single purpose (9)

19. Blossom (5)

20. World wide, across borders (13)

22. Seasonings, taste enhancers (6)

23. Garbanzo bean (8)

25. Chastise, discipline (6)

26. Vestibule, lobby (8)

DOWN

1. Explosive device causing foul odour (6,4)

2. First woman (3)

3. Game drives (7)

4. Type of footrace in rural surrounds (5,7)

6. Word such as the or an (7)

7. Cheap and unhygienic eatery (6,5)

8. Flower of England (4)

11. Footrace of slightly over 21km (4,8)

13. Renovate, refurbish (11)

14. Famous satire by George Orwell (6,4)

18. Concerns, items of substance (7)

19. French pastry (7)

21. As soon as possible (1,1,1,1)

24. Professional (abbrev) (3)

Last week’s solution N276

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Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked ‘Regular As Clockwork’ to editor@echo.net.au.

Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10–12noon 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.

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

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; Ukulele 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.

Cryptic Crossword Club

Any cryptic crossword tragics out there – beginners or advanced. 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!

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** is closed for renovations until further notice.

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** meeting held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby – Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads – Friday 10am, Byron Bay – Wednesday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby – Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

Budgeting support

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

Breast Cancer Support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay meets at the NSW Cancer Council rooms, 8/130 Jonson St, Byron Bay (upstairs in shop complex next to Byron RSL) at 12–2pm every third Wednesday of the month. A NEW Support group will start 17 October and every third Wednesday of the month for partners and families afterwards at 2pm, same place. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay or call 0431 207 453.

Labyrinth Walk

Walk the Labyrinth at Byron Bay Uniting Church 1st Sunday of the month between 2.30 and 4pm. Introductory talk at 2pm. Info: Lauall Greer 0438 608 776.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Presbyterian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Shona 0457356567 or Bronte 0451567996.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or mishaele@si.org.au. **Dzogchen meditation** and study group 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby Civic Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Byron Mindfulness-Insight meditation** Mindfulness-Insight Meditation Sangha and Pairoj Brahma, and Maggie Clark from 6.45 till 8.45pm. Tuesdays @ theYurt, Temple Byron www.templebyron.com Contact: Maggie 0409 611 845, Pairoj 0423 241 916. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 6pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Community Yoga Nidra** class free, Wednesdays 1–1.30pm at the Bamboo Yoga School, behind The Health Lodge, 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Matt 0430 008 293. **Meditation Collective** Mondays 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: www.byronbaymeditationcollective.com.au or call Geo 0431 747 764. **Archetypal meditation** at St Paul’s Spirituality Centre Wednesdays 2–3pm 14 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay (200 metres off Jonson Street). John Power: 0403 905 543. Free Community **Yoga Nidra** every Wednesday 1pm at the Bamboo Yoga School behind The Health Lodge 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Call Matt 0430 008 293. **Integral Zen meditation** Tuesdays 6–7.30pm at the Pura Vida Wellness Centre, 14a Park St. Brunswick Heads. By donation. Contact Erik 0418 337 508.

Seniors computer club

Byron Shire seniors computer club invites interested seniors to come to learn how to use your photos creatively. Meets at Ocean Shores Community Centre, Wednesdays 1–3pm during school terms. For more information phone Lynne on 0428 665 948.

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.

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@byroncommuntycentre.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

Choirs

Bay Singers meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10–11am. Ukelele class at 11.45am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm-8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Uniting Church, corner Dalley Street and Whian street, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@raisetheroofsinging.com 0417 277 211. **Brunswick Valley Choir** Monday nights at Bruns Bowlo, 6.30pm ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Picture House Choir** - quick sing fix at Brunswick Picture House on Monday mornings 9.30am till 10.30am Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Rebel Rebel Girls Choir** for ages 8 to 12. Meet Friday at 4pm, Ocean Shores. Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Time to Sing** Sundays, 10am at South Golden Beach Community Hall. Call Linda: 0415 412 514.

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.

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Byron second XI charge into the grandfinal with good win

Syl Reid

The Byron Bay second grade cricketers have made it into the grandfinal of the Coastal League for the second year in a row with a victory over Tintenbar East Ballina last Saturday.

Playing at TEB's home ground, Kingsford Smith South field, the Byron Cellars team lost the toss and had to bowl first.

TEB were restricted to 9/147 off their 40 allotted overs with Toby Schott topping the bowling with 3/22 off eight over's.

George Worthington (2/19) and Levi Shouldice (2/36) chipped in, while Lachlan Whiteford and Brady Fuhrmann picked up a wicket each.

Byron Bay lost six wickets,



Toby Schott helped bowl Byron into the grandfinal of the Coastal League with figures of 3/22. Photo Deb milgate

chasing down the score off 35 overs.

Owen Delian was undefeated on 37 runs, batting at number three.

Toby hit 33 as an opener along with Michael Hughes who contributed 23 in their opening partnership of 61.

Ryan McGuinness scored 18 runs and Peter Jackson was 12 not out as the Bay side cruised into the grandfinal this weekend versus Lennox Head probably at Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah by all accounts.

Go the Bay

Quality speakers line-up for Mullumbimby Giants fundraiser

The Mullumbimby Giants will be hosting their major fundraising event for the year this Friday night, which includes a line-up of A-list speakers including world champion surfer Layne Beachley and Australian league player Chris Johns.

'Chris also played for the Broncos and helped get the Melbourne Storm going, he was their first CEO,' club member Mel McKenzie said.

Other speakers on the night include former Queensland netballer and Firebirds player Katie Walker and former Australian cricket

captain Jodie Fields who retired with a test average of 66.

'All up we have some pretty awesome past athletes and inspirational speakers. It will be an awesome night,' she said.

The night will also include music and auctions. All the fun this Friday March 29 at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club from 5.30pm. Tickets need to be pre-purchased at Mullum Newsagency or Stewarts Mensware.

Footy

After the party the Giants

first-grade team will be looking to collect their first win for the season after losing to Casino, playing away last weekend.

In a close game played in hot conditions the Mullumbimby side lost 24-18.

The Reserves also lost 26-12, but the women's tag team won 16-0.

This weekend the Giants travel to New Park to take on the Kyogle Turkeys.

The Giants first home game at Les Donnelly Field is not until round four against the Tweed Coast on Sunday April 28.

Swimmers celebrate good season as they ready for state finals



The Mullumbimby Swimming Club had plenty to smile about as the summer season came to a close last week. Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby Swim Club celebrated its club championships last Friday to cap off another successful year in which members qualified for state titles and the north coast regional development squad.

'All swimmers have performed well this season winning medals and improving their personal best times,' club secretary Tracey Morley said.

The squad consistently won medals and improved their personal best times competing at Swimming NSW carnivals held at Murwillumbah, Alstonville, Lismore and Coffs Harbour.

Results

Club members Natasha Fraser, Jinja Jones, Rocco Jones, Finn, Mira, Ella and Pia Brittain all made it to regional school events.

Natasha and Georgina qualified for the NSW Country Championships, while Natasha has qualified for the school state titles in the 400m freestyle, 400m individual medley and the medley relay team.

Ella Brittain qualified for school state titles for the 200m freestyle and 100m breaststroke.

Oliver Pickering qualified for school state championships in the 50m and 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Georgina Morley-Miller was great at the North Coast Summer Championships taking six seconds off her 200m backstroke personal best time, earning the silver medal and missing the gold by 0.01 seconds. She also qualified for the north coast regional development squad.

Sara qualified for school regionals and came fifth in the 50m backstroke and qualified for the junior regional development squad.

Finn Brittain just missed out on school state finals by 0.5 of a second in the backstroke.

'The club has benefitted from having a national level coach in Craig Davidson and all swimmers and parents would like to thank him for his personalised coaching, which has brought out the best in all swimmers this year,' Tracey said.

'Well done swimmers for the excellent achievements throughout the season and good luck at the state titles. New members are welcome next September.

'Thanks to Mullumbimby community for support in our fundraising activities.'

Local surfers go head-to-head in Sydney Surf Pro

Crystal Cylinders

Lennox Head's Stu Kennedy and Byron Bay's Soli Bailey delivered on their potential with great results at the 2019 Vissla Sydney Surf Pro World Surf League Qualifying Series 6000 event at Manly Beach.

After some top level performances from both surfers they met in the round of sixteen. In a very close tussle Kennedy took the win over Bailey and moved into the quarterfinals where he was bested by eventual winner Jordan Lawler.

Kennedy struggled to find a quality wave in the 25-minute clash where very

inconsistent conditions were on offer.

Stu gained 2650 points for his equal fifth result and won US \$2500 while Soli gained 1550 points and US \$2000 with his equal ninth placing. Kennedy is now ranked eighteenth on the QS ratings ladder with Bailey in 43rd place.

The tour

The 2019 World Surf League Championship Tour will host the biggest year in surfing ever and also bring in some major changes.

The main features are new format updates, equal prize money, and



Stu Kennedy came equal fifth in the Sydney Pro. Photo Dunbar/WSL

qualification for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The new format changes feature a reduction in the number of heats required to finish an event, to allow for events to run in less time to take advantage of short term

swell windows.

The downside is that a competitor can be eliminated without getting to surf a one-on-one heat, and with inconsistent waves, three man heats can often be decided by the luck factor.

Red Devils run on in two weeks

Byron Bay Red Devils fans will have to wait another two weeks to watch their top side play, but the club's other teams had success when they travelled to Yamba to play the Lower Clarence Magpies last Sunday.

An under strength reserve grade had numerous U/18 players filling in and was losing early on, but managed to get an 18-18 draw.

The U/18s also had to rally back from being down a try to pull off a pretty good win finishing up 14-8.

The highlight of the day was the performance of the women's tag team who came away winners 42-0.



Kyan Stoddart in action for the Red Devils U/18s. Photo Deb Milgate

The Red Devils next play at home on Saturday April 6 when they host the Evans Head Bombers.

There are no NRRRL games this weekend as referees are undergoing training.



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Congrats Tamara, Ben, Asren, James, Cathy and Lisa, who all led honest campaigns based on policy for the 2019 NSW election. As the results again show, Byron Shire leans heavily towards an ideology of environmental protection and responsible, equitable and transparent planning. Will the massive pre-election commitment from the Liberal Nationals party for the region be honoured, even though its candidate Ben Franklin was unsuccessful? Fulfilling those promises would be a hallmark of good government. And given this is a very active political region, those promises won't be forgotten.

Council watcher Fast Buck\$ aka John Anderson had a surprising reply from staff over how the Disco Dong sculpture was approved on Ewingsdale Road. Staff say that section 4.1(1) of the EP&A Act 1979 allows development for the purposes of a road or road infrastructure facility by a public authority without consent. Staff justified the work to Anderson, 'because it serves the purpose of improving the roundabout's aesthetic quality.'

Last week's story *New animal hospital on the way* incorrectly stated the hospital was to be also a tourist attraction. Ninian Gemmell told Backlash, 'We do intend to offer an educational facility and viewing area so that students and small groups can observe the local wildlife being treated. Currumbin Hospital has such a facility. However we do not intend to be a tourist attraction or zoo. We will exist to treat and release injured wildlife and work with the local care



The Cassettes pressed the play button for a flash mob experience at the Byron Farmers Market last week. Photo Jeff 'Flashed And Mobbed Since 1986' Dawson

groups... not to offer an attraction to the public'.

Also a correction regarding the bypass story from last week: Labor candidate Asren Pugh said he was not in favour of halting works on the bypass and supports a bypass. He said if he was elected and council wanted him to, he would have taken the option of the rail corridor to the minister. 'I did call for the bus interchange to be stopped until proper community consultation occurs'.

Council will be locking the gates on the Butler Street Reserve from 9pm to 6am daily to stop overnight parking. It's in response to recent illegal camping, partying and dumping of rubbish, including faeces. Penalties will apply if your vehicle is still parked in the Reserve after 9pm. Free parking is still available in the Reserve between the hours of 6am and 9pm daily, except on market days which include Farmers Markets on Thursdays and monthly markets - on the first Sunday of the month.

How did neighbouring electorates fair after Saturday? Lismore have elected Labor's Janelle Saffin after a close race against the Greens' Sue Higginson. Clarence re-elected Nationals MP

Chris Gulaptis with a margin almost the opposite to here. Up in Tweed, incumbent Nationals MP Geoff Provest retained his seat against newcomer Craig Elliot 47.28 to 52.72 per cent on the two candidate preferred vote.

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