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Troubadours Dave and Clare @ Bruns



Heavy irony and sweet melodies filled the Brunswick Picture House last Sunday as Dave Graney and Clare Moore played their songs *Rock and Roll Is Where I Hide*, *Three Dead Passengers In A Second Hand Ford* and *Night Of The Wolverine*, among others. Photo Jeff 'Croonery Since 1986' Dawson

Cameras to be installed at Tyagarah

Surveillance cameras will be installed on a Council Road Reserve in Grays Lane after a councillor vote last Thursday.

Additionally \$15,000 will be allocated to support lifeguards at Tyagarah Beach during the Easter holiday period.

Cr Alan Hunter presented the motion and told the chamber it would improve the overall management of inappropriate behaviour in and around the Tyagarah beach and reserve.

'Sufficient funds' of \$10,000 have been allocated via the earlier Council resolution 18-698, which will come from Council's unrestricted reserve funds.

The \$10,000 amount was not mentioned in the motion.

Three councillors voted against: Crs Spooner, Hackett and Lyon.

Those in favour were Crs Coorey, Martin, Ndiaye, Hunter and Cameron.

Cr Jan Hackett told *The Echo*, 'Cameras located way outside the problem areas cannot assist police in identifying those involved in offensive sexual activities a kilometre or more down the road.'

'Obviously, it is a feel good gesture for some on Council and may convince a handful that the area is effectively under surveillance.'

Grandstanding

'But clearly, cameras placed on Crown land cannot provide safety for beachgoers or function as a deterrent to those engaging in deviant behaviour. This ineffective "gesture" amounts to little more than grandstanding.'

'Not a lot of money? No. But Council, being severely cash

strapped, must prioritise its spending commitments. Hence spending any amount on a safety mirage has to be a waste.'

Naturist pleased

Yet the Byron Naturist community say they are pleased with the outcome.

Duncan James of the Byron Naturists said, 'We have been asking Council for lifeguards for busy periods and Council has listened.'

'Tyagarah beach is the closest beach to the Blues Festival and if it's sunny it will get busy.'

An amendment by Cr Spooner was voted down, which sought a 12 month trial of 'no clothes optional (nude) bathing' at Tyagarah beach before installing surveillance cameras.

Draft conduct code 'endorses corruption'

Former councillor blasts state government template

A draft document that outlines the ethical and legal requirements of councillors, Council staff, committee members, Council delegates and advisers has been labelled 'despicable' by former councillor Duncan Dey (Greens).

According to the new code, a council committee member may have a pecuniary interest when deciding matters, as long as the local government minister allows it.

Yet acting mayor Michael Lyon (Greens) says while he agrees with Dey's sentiments, they are 'mandatory elements of the Code of Conduct'.

Yet to be adopted

The new codes will be put on public exhibition after being endorsed at last Thursday's meeting. They will be tabled again before being debated and adopted by councillors.

Cr Lyon says, 'Council has no option but to include them in our codes of conduct. Council must adopt the new model Code of Conduct and Procedures. We can include supplementary provisions, or more onerous provisions, but we can't dilute the standards prescribed in the Model Code of Conduct that are imposed by

state government'.

Clause 5.28 of the *Code of Conduct for Council Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisers* reads, 'The Minister for Local Government may, conditionally or unconditionally, allow a council committee member who has a pecuniary interest in a matter with which the council is concerned to be present at a meeting of the committee, to take part in the consideration or discussion of the matter and to vote on the matter if the Minister is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the electors for the area to do so'.

Dey says additionally clauses 5.29, 6.13 and 6.14 also 'endorse corruption'.

Dey said, 'There is no place for a government minister to waive the fact of pecuniary interest, especially a state government Minister at local government level'.

Unreadable

He's also called some of the document 'unreadable', with ill-defined definitions applying to words such as 'unethical'.

Within his submission, he suggests all three documents should adhere to plain language, as described at www.plainlanguage.gov/resources/checklists/checklist.

Byron Hospital site sale exchange deferred

The sale of the Old Byron Hospital to Council for \$1 by the state government was deferred at last Thursday's meeting owing to a yet to be finalised cost for remediation works.

While it is understood that the NSW Health Administration Corporation will fund the estimated \$200,000, there is yet to be a signed agreement with Council.

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Mercato on Byron opens its Woolies this week



Mercato on Byron on Jonson Street will open its doors in April. Photo Jeff Dawson

Paul Bibby

For two years, locals have watched Byron's first shopping mall gradually emerge from the previously irradiated sands at the southern end of Jonson Street.

Finally, after multiple delays and extended debates over the building's size, height and character, we are finally going to see what all the fuss was about.

The much trumpeted 'Mercato on Byron' will open its doors to the public this month, providing answers to questions about the impact on local traffic and the local retail sector. Locals will get their first look at the centre today (Wednesday) when the new Woolworths store opens its doors.

Byron Chamber of Commerce president Todd Sotheren says, 'My view is that it's going to give that end of town a little bit of a lift which the existing retailers could do with, bringing a bit of extra foot traffic.'

'A big part of the mix is going to be food, which is a big draw to our town all the time. Plus it's great to

have our cinemas back after three years.'

Covering 7,895 sqm², the two-storey centre will include a nine-theatre Palace Cinema complex, a 'new and improved' Woolworths, and a mix of specialist shops and eateries.

There will also be a double-level, 321-vehicle underground carpark directly beneath the shopping and entertainment area.

Green aims

The centre's developers have promised that Mercato will be the first regional shopping centre to achieve a five-green-star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia, though they are now saying the centre will 'aim' to achieve this goal rather than actually achieve it.

The marketing company hired to promote the opening have proudly trumpeted the arrival of 'more than 30 new speciality shops'.

These include Bed, Bath and Table, Livelife Pharmacy, Otto Kebabs, Bay Sushi, Beef and Beach Byron Bay and Crispy Fried Chicken.

Neil Perry's Rockpool

group is also opening a 250-seat Tex-Mex cantina called El Camino

But there remains a question mark over whether retailers have really been crawling over each other to get a spot in the centre.

Thirty per cent of the available retail spaces have yet to be filled according to the centre's marketing manager.

This is almost exactly the same proportion as when *The Echo* enquired in June last year.

The restaurant space of 170sqm² outside the cinema's entrance is still vacant, as are a number of smaller tenancies of approximately 60sqm² located on the upper level.

The owners of the centre have remained tight-lipped about the cost of leasing a space in the centre.

They declined to comment on rumours that some

retailers were offered lower rents in return for a share of their takings once the doors opened.

Nevertheless, the agents responsible for leasing the space, and Mr Sotheren, remain optimistic.

'I find it hard to believe that there's a demand side issue,' Mr Sotheren says.

He is also upbeat about the impact on other businesses in the CBD.

'I'm always amazed by Byron's ability to generate demand,' he said.

'We had three wine bars open just before Christmas, and they were all full-as-a-boot the whole time. I think it builds a bit of a movement when you've got multiple players entering the market.'

Locals will soon be able to decide for themselves whether the centre has lived up to its promise.

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Dad fights off gun-toting teen robber

A local father fought off a young home invader armed with a gun who broke into his house in Mullumbimby in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

Police say the father, who has asked not to be identified, woke at around 4am to discover that a youth armed with a 45 calibre Beretta pistol had climbed into his home

through an open window.

'The 18-year-old accused male threatened the male occupant, who was at home with his wife and three children,' Detective Inspector Matt Kehoe said. 'He then demanded money from him.' Inspector Kehoe said after a struggle, the father disarmed the accused and restrained him until police arrived.

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Ferris runs his marathong through Shire

Aslan Shand

Ben Ferris aka Ferris Gump is a man who likes to run.

He does it in his budy smugglers and his thongs and he's just back in Byron Shire after having run all the way here from the Sydney Opera House.

Ferris is raising awareness about the environment and raising money for drought-stricken farmers.

Starting out just over a month ago, Ferris ran about 50km a day, or around a marathon a day – or a 'marathong' as he likes to call it.

On his way up the coast he dropped into local schools to talk about why he was running, as well as planting native trees and fruit trees in the towns he runs through.

'My own project is RunFerrisRunn Australia and I want to plant a native tree and fruit tree in every city and major town,' said Ferris.

On his way to Byron last week, he planted ten trees – the eleventh was a mandarin tree donated by Mullumbimby Mitre 10 and planted at Mullumbimby High School.



Ben Ferris plants a mandarin tree at Mullumbimby High School with the help of swimming champions Molly, Tom and relieving principal Cameron Johnson. Photo Aslan Shand

Ferris has previously run from Townsville to Darwin, across England and Belgium, as well as running through Indonesia pulling a solar panel to promote solar.

And of course as a local lad from Kyogle and Byron Bay, he was the winner of last year's Chinny Charge locals category.

His next challenge is Byron Bay to Cairns by water.

'I'll be running on a Hobo Mirage Eclipse stand up

paddleboard to raise awareness about the issue of water pollution,' Ferris explained.

Along the way, he'll be raising donations for the ocean cleaning Seabin Foundation, an Australian registered not-for-profit organisation.

The Seabin was developed by local Pete Ceglinski and his friend Andrew Turton.

The Seabin is a floating device that cleans the ocean by collecting plastic, rubbish, oil, detergents and fuel.

Summit to Sea

The Summit to Sea forum is being run by the Seabin Foundation in association with clothing brand Patagonia at the Byron Theatre on April 4 from 5pm. The forum will showcase 16 speakers in a TEDx style format with live music, dinner and raffle prizes.

Ferris plans to embark on his journey the next day. For more info visit his Facebook page at runferrisrunn.

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Acting mayor says he has 'broad community support' over bypass

Hans Lovejoy

Acting mayor Michael Lyon (Greens) has defended Council's governance, claiming there is 'broad community support' for the Butler bypass project.

The Echo asked, 'Since Tamara Smith (Greens) was re-elected with a majority of around 55/45 last week, have you changed your attitude towards large developments underway, especially in Byron CBD? Smith was the only candidate who ran on a platform of pausing major developments, yet the Greens in Council appear to have a

completely different view.

'Given the election was a clear result in terms of public sentiment for many issues, including development, will you work with Ms Smith to get a better outcome than is currently underway?'

He replied, 'This is a collegiate Council focused on good governance.'

'Case in point is the [Byron] bypass, which, despite the disproportionate airplay [*The Echo*] gives detractors, has broad community support.

'Many would-be Greens voters communicated to me that the one concern they had

if Tamara Smith were elected was that the bypass would be halted. I assured them there were plenty of other very good reasons to vote Greens and my feeling is that local development had little to do with us holding Ballina.'

Greens mentors?

Another *Echo* question was, 'Who mentors the Greens councillors? Are there any? Given the Greens councillors do not have any relationship with the elder/retired Greens, is your only guidance and mentorship with staff? If so, how does that benefit the community?'

Lyon replied, 'I have good relationships with many of the elder crew, including Tom [Tabart], Ian [Cohen] and Duncan [Dey] to name a few as well as many of the older crew behind the scenes. There are plenty of mentors and their experience is invaluable.'

■ *The Echo* stands by its coverage of those affected by the bypass and bus interchange. Responsible media should give a voice to those affected by large developments and question transparency and process, especially Council-state government led developments such as these – Editor.

Council staff apologise over traffic delays

Paul Bibby

Locals faced delays of over an hour driving into Byron Bay last Wednesday after Byron Council decided to cut down vines that had been creeping up the infamous 'disco dong' sculpture in the middle of the

morning's peak traffic.

Traffic was reportedly banked back to Tyagarah on the southern trip into town owing to the weeding work, which required the lane immediately adjacent to the Bayshore Drive roundabout to be closed for safety reasons.

Combined with the heavy morning peak and wet weather, major delays were experienced. Byron Council's Director of Infrastructure Services Phil Holloway said, 'We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience.'

'It's very frustrating to be

caught in traffic when you are trying to get to work or get the kids to school on time.'

'This work should not have been done at peak hour and future work like this will be scheduled at a time of day that is generally quieter,' he added.

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Persons of interest – Aidan Ricketts

In the lead up to the Adani rally and convoy on April 21 in Mullum, *The Echo* profiles some of the activists behind the effort to stop one of the largest coal mines on the planet being built.

Aidan Ricketts is an SCU law lecturer and was a key activist in the CSG free Bentley protest movement.

What got you started with activism?

I grew up in Bjelke-Petersen's QLD, so I have experienced a rigged electoral system and an authoritarian police state from an early age. Many NSW people have never understood that QLDers didn't re-elect Joh – only 37 per cent ever did.

Brisbane was a city under occupation by its own police force in the 1980s and it wasn't safe for young people to be in public unless they looked and behaved ultra-conservatively. I was there at the punk gigs with the threat of the task force attacking.

I had friends arrested simply trying to walk to the Clash gig at Cloudland Ballroom – it was illegally demolished some time after.

The youth, the subcultures and the dissidents of Brisbane were not actually enjoying our violent suppression. I was arrested in about 1984 shortly after I finished my law degree because I stood at a rally on the stairs of parliament at 21 years of age and addressed the crowd.

I explained in purely legal terms how the government of QLD was totalitarian.

Of course I was arrested as I walked off, that kind of proved I was right. In reality, I was arrested because they didn't have a special branch file on me, they hadn't seen me before.

I moved on to become involved in the Daintree campaign after the road had



Lecturer with the School of Law and Justice at the Southern Cross University and activist Aidan Ricketts. Photo Eve Jeffery

been forced through.

I was personally threatened by an undercover police officer at Cape Tribulation – I am not making this stuff up.

I was told, 'We are watching you, one step out of line and you're in trouble.'

I eventually took refuge in Northern NSW for my own safety, and somehow despite my love of Far North Qld, ended up becoming part of the community here.

I joined the North East Forest Alliance old growth forest campaigns from 1991 onwards.

What led you to write *The Activist Handbook*?

After the success of the North East Forest Alliance campaigns in the 1990s and early 2000s, I realised I had learned an enormous amount.

I was freshly out of an incredibly hard-fought battle waged in the forests, in the courts and in the media for well over a decade and we had won a decisive victory for the old growth.

I had a moment to ponder what the best thing I could do for activism might be. If I joined another campaign it would only be one campaign. I was already working as a law lecturer, so being an educator and an activist, I decided to go for activist education, so I might help thousands of people to

wage nonviolence. I set up a subject at Southern Cross University Law School teaching about activism, it still runs to this day, it's called 'Public Interest Advocacy' and it runs for a week every second summer school.

I wrote the study guide for that and started doing activism consultancies for groups in various places.

There was a big demand for training materials, I made a CD Rom but there was no platform to market it so eventually decided to write a book. Australian publishers doubted it would sell, but the UK publisher Zed Books jumped at the idea.

The Activists Handbook was released fortuitously at exactly the time that the coal and gas campaigns by Lock the Gate were taking off around the country so suddenly there were many new activists skilling up and the book hit the spot to meet their needs.

Splendour releases locals tickets Sun

Residents with postcodes 2478 through to and including 2484 will get the chance to buy tickets to the 2019 Splendour in the Grass festival before they go on sale to the general public.

From 10am till 4pm on Sunday April 7 inside the Hotel Great Northern,

Presumably you will be again taking a lead role in training activists in nonviolent protests at Adani like you did with Bentley?

Yes. In the lead up to Bentley I was active in the formative stages of Gasfield Free Northern Rivers (GFNR), with the most inspired and intelligent group of fellow activists I have known.

I learned new conceptual frameworks based on complexity theory for promoting the emergence of social movement groups.

Together our region fought off the fossil fuel industry, the NSW government and stared down the operational plan to send in 800 riot police. We won.

What are those principles, and have you developed any new techniques since Bentley?

Nonviolence is the number one key principle.

Without this, in a country like Australia, you will lose mainstream support instantly and provide a justification for increased repressive force by security forces.

Nonviolent direct action is a key tenet of democracy, and to put it most simply, violence itself is undemocratic.

► For the full interview, visit www.echo.net.au. The Adani rally and convoy on April 21 will be led by Bob Brown and held at the Mullumbimby Showground from 2pm.

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Mullumbimby Rotary Club celebrates 70 years

A special dinner to celebrate the Rotary Club's 70th anniversary of serving the Brunswick Valley community is planned for St Martins Hall, Mullumbimby on Saturday April 13.

Co-organiser Nerida Dean told *The Echo*, 'We would be delighted to have the community join us in our celebrations.'

'Many members of the community will have seen us selling raffle tickets or sizzling sausages. We raise money for local, national and international projects.'

Every cent to projects

'As Rotarians pay to belong to Rotary, we cover all our administration costs and every cent we raise goes to our projects. We are currently raising funds to help people affected by the drought.'

'All funds will be distributed through Rotary clubs directly to those in need.'

'We have undertaken many local projects over the years. In 1991, we planted a rainforest on what was grassland on the western side of the Brunswick River at Pine Avenue. This year we



Current Mullumbimby Rotary president Nerida Dean with past presidents Russell Siwicki and Sue Stilton at the old gateway sign at Uncle Tom's. Photo Jeff 'Three Miles' Dawson

were the inaugural awardee for the Environment Section of the Byron Shire Council's Australia Day awards.

'Mullumbimby Rotary Club provided the original Gateway to Mullumbimby sign which is now at the Mullumbimby Museum.'

'We collaborated with Byron Shire Council and created Pilgrim Park at the entrance to Brunswick Heads including building the amenities block recently removed by Council.'

'We also support the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre, and we raise funds to

support victims of domestic violence.

'Rotary student exchange programs are widely known, but we also support other youth projects.'

Student exchange

'We support participants to attend a program for 14 to 17 year olds (RYPEN), and a transition seminar for year 11/12 school leavers (RYST), and for 18 to 28 year olds to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).'

'Annual awards for a student in year 10, year 11 and year 12 are given at

Mullumbimby High School.

'At our celebration dinner, there will be an auction with all proceeds going to the Chrysalis program at Mullumbimby High School.'

'On a national level, the Rotary Club of Mullumbimby is a supporter of Australian Rotary Health; an organisation originally set up to research cot deaths in Australian children but today has a diverse focus and currently is the largest contributor to mental health research in Australia outside the federal government.'

'Internationally we are part of a large effective volunteer organisation that achieves in the top 10 most ethical charities in the world.'

'As a club we have focussed on projects in Timor Leste and Thailand as well as contributing to Rotary International projects. Rotary has over 35,000 clubs worldwide and Rotary members believe we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues.'

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She says, 'GetUp! have done their homework and created a people-powered, science-based campaign to help voters consider changing their vote.'

Values-based

Doe says Calling Party attendees are trained on how to have 'effective, values-based persuasive conversations with voters'.

'Research shows that focusing on facts and issues



Calling Party members get busy. Photo Jeff Dawson

tends to create conflict, but finding shared values empowers both parties, and

it isn't as hard as you might think'.

For the upcoming federal

election, the group decided to focus on unseating the worst blockers of progressive change in our Parliament.

Liberal MP Peter Dutton's seat of Dixon was chosen owing to his tiny margin of 1.7 per cent.

She adds, 'Coming together to do something that can make a difference feels really empowering'.

'The campaign has more parties planned in the next weeks, including online events that you can join from the comfort of your own home'.

See <https://action.getup.org.au> for more information.

Tim Costello speaks refugees, April 5

Aslan Shand

Bringing refugee families together in the current political climate can be challenging, but the need for compassion and understanding of the needs of families and the support they can provide to one another is vital.

Highlighting the importance of family reunification, chief advocate for World Vision Australia, Tim Costello

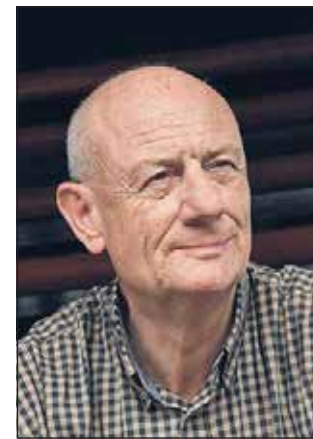
will be speaking at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club on Friday April 5 from 7.15pm.

Ross Munro from Mullumbimby's Refugee Family Reunification Project (RFRP) says, 'The government has imposed visa restrictions, increased costs and made punitive decisions, all of which have resulted in the separation of refugee families'.

'These policies continue to have serious effects on the health and wellbeing of refugee families,' he said.

The reunification project has highlighted a number of the ways that families have been separated in Australia.

One example is a young woman being separated from her husband owing to complications in her pregnancy which saw her



Tim Costello.

Photo ICMI Speakers Bureau

brought to Australia while he remained on Nauru.

He is still to meet his two year old son.

A region of support

'This is a region where there is support for more generous and

compassionate responses to refugees. The RFRP aims to work with a range of refugee support and advocacy groups, faith groups and social justice groups on the far North Coast of NSW to raise awareness and advocate for changes to the federal government's refugee family reunion policies leading up to the federal elections in May,' said Mr Munro.

The project is sponsored by the Ballina Region for Refugees, who are a group of pro-refugee community members and professionals who aim to support compassion and humanity towards refugees and seek to ensure Australia meets its international obligations.

For more information on the Ballina Region for Refugees visit br4r.org.au.

BLUESFEST

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE BYRON SHIRE

TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TYAGARAH - WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL TO TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019

After working closely with Byron Shire Council and the RMS, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise potential traffic impact in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Tanner Lane, Tyagarah. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from Wednesday 17th through to Tuesday 23rd April.

FESTIVAL TIMES:

THURSDAY 18 APRIL - GATES OPEN 2PM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY 19 - MONDAY 22 APRIL - GATES OPEN 11AM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT

TRAFFIC

- The Mullumbimby off ramp at Tyagarah will be closed to South bound highway traffic.
- South bound festival traffic will be directed to turn into the Festival off ramp.
- North bound Festival traffic will enter the site via the indicated off ramp.
- These measures are designed to minimise traffic impact, however, please be prepared for possible delay.

PARKING

- The Festival car parks, in the North and South of the site are accessible from Tanner Lane and Yarun Road, this will be open for day patrons. Temporary "No Stopping" signs will be installed in Tanner Lane, Yarun Road, and Foxs Lane and on parts of Gulgán Road and Grays Lane.
- Please DO NOT park in the local road network around the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, which is the Bluesfest site.
- Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the weekend.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA

- There will be a pick up and drop off area for guests at the South Gate entrance. Please call the Bluesfest Hotline (02) 6639 9899 for clarification with respect to these arrangements. Please note that it is free to use this area.

DISABLED PARKING

- There is an area set aside for disabled parking.

SHUTTLE BUSES

- Shuttle buses will run every 20 minutes (subject to traffic) from Byron Bay Tourist Centre. There will also be shuttle bus services from surrounding towns. The bus timetable is now available on the Bluesfest website.

CAMPING

- Camping is encouraged on the Festival site in the designated areas, contact the Bluesfest Hotline for information. Camping is not allowed in the Festival Day Parking Area or on local beaches, parks or roadsides. Camping is only allowed in official campgrounds. People camping in banned areas will be fined.

BLUESFEST HOTLINE: (02) 6639 9899

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and co-operation.



Department of Planning and Environment

Public Notice of State Significant Development Application and Modification Determination North Byron Parklands Cultural Events Site

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| Application No | SSD 8169 and MP 09_0028 MOD 3 (Concept Plan) |
| Description | SSD 8169 - Construction and operation of the North Byron Parklands Cultural Events Site, comprising the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing use of the cultural events site for cultural, educational and outdoor events with ancillary camping and car parking; Ongoing use of existing site infrastructure; Construction and operation of additional site infrastructure to support the cultural event site; and Construction and operation of a conference centre with associated accommodation. MP 09_0028 MOD 3 - the modification involves minor amendments to the concept plan approval to accommodate SSD 8169 and facilitate the continued use of the site for cultural, educational and outdoor events following the trial period, including outdoor events for up to 50,000 Patrons. |
| Location | 126 Tweed Valley Way, Yelgun |
| Applicant | Billinudgel Property Pty Ltd |
| Council Area | Byron Shire |
| Determination | Consent granted subject to conditions |
| Determination Date | 13 March 2019 |
| Consent Authority | The Independent Planning Commission |

The Development Consent, Modification Instrument, the Department's Assessment Report and the Commission's Statement of Reasons are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at the Department of Planning and Environment at 320 Pitt Street, Sydney or may be viewed electronically at a Service NSW Centre located near you (www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre/service-nsw) or on the Department's website (www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/determinations).

For more information: 1300 305 695 or www.planning.nsw.gov.au

From the Israeli pressure cooker: Amir's journey

Paul Bibby

Even as a child growing up in conflict-torn Tel Aviv, Amir Paiss wasn't afraid to swim against the stream.

'I remember telling the teacher, "Hey, I just think we [the Jews] got land to be in: now we have to help the Palestinian people to be in their land"'

The local music legend recalls, 'It didn't go down well - some of my classmates called me a traitor'.

'But I remember, even then, not being deterred by having an unpopular opinion. I felt aligned with my own values.'

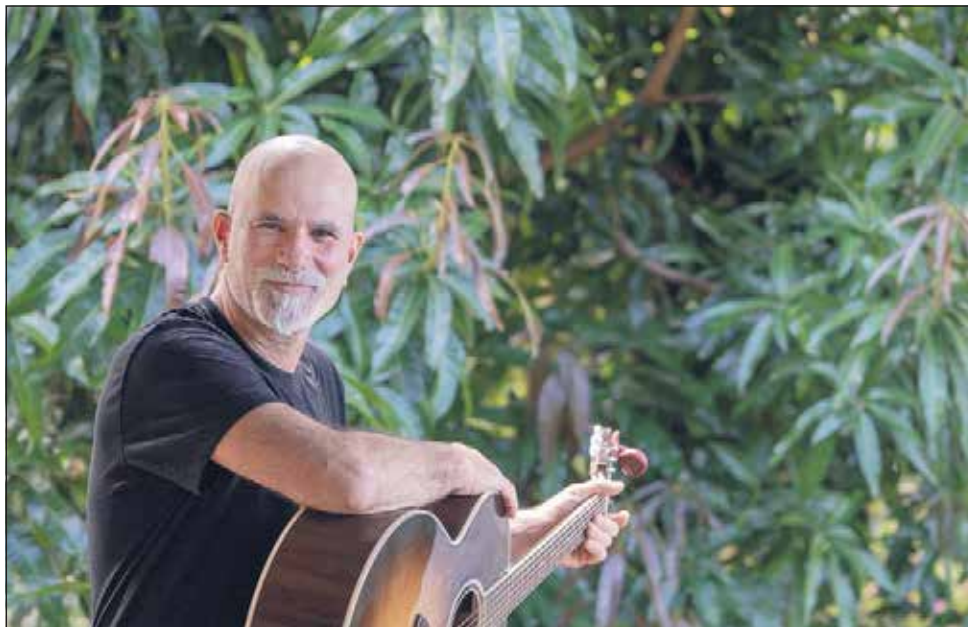
Forty-five years later, Paiss is once again going his own way, exploring a new career path as a somatic experience practitioner - a healing modality that assists in the recovery from trauma and promotes emotional wellbeing.

Paiss and his wife Nirupa Hoffman are presenting their first local workshop together at Mullumbimby's WeMove studio on May 5.

'Music is a continuous flow in my life - it's always here and, I think, always will be,' he says.

'But somatic experiencing is something that really inspires me.'

Those familiar with Paiss's music career may not be hugely surprised at this new direction. The desire to heal has been a recurring theme running through his many projects and collaborations, from the internationally-renowned cultural fusion group Sheva, to the reconciliation gatherings



Amir Paiss and his wife Nirupa Hoffman are presenting their first local workshop on May 5. Photo Jeff Dawson

in which Jews, Palestinians and Christians were brought together through music.

It began, the 52-year-old says, with the desire to heal himself.

'When I was five years old, the six day [Arab-Israeli] war happened,' he says.

'When I was seven, the Yom Kippur war happened, and then at age 16 the Lebanon war happened.'

'And in between that, there were all these terror attacks that happened and incidents involving the army.'

'To grow up in that environment is growing up in a pressure cooker. It's a tough neighbourhood.'

After completing his compulsory military service at 21, Paiss left Israel and didn't go back for nine years, travelling through India, South America and South-East Asia, playing music and exploring different ways to heal his pain.

'I was suffering,' he says. 'I looked at the "normal" society around me and I didn't like what I saw.'

Western values

'I looked at the Western world's values of financial success, achievement, innate competition, this Darwinian outlook and I realised I was after something else.'

'I didn't want to wake up in the morning and feel that the world was unfriendly.'

'I wanted to wake up in the morning and feel grateful, to feel that life was user-friendly.'

Throughout this journey, Paiss had deliberately stayed off the stage.

Having performed scores of times as a child and throughout his military service (which was spent as a member of an army music group) the young man had decided he would not return

to the spotlight until he 'had something original to say'.

'It was clear to me that I didn't want to be a slave to the entertainment industry,' he said. 'I saw what was going on backstage and the dynamics of the industry - the chase for success, financially or fame - and I didn't like what I saw.'

'I was searching and researching how I could get in touch with the essence of music as a healer, exploring how it could create a safe space where people could pray together and connect and express themselves.'

The workshop on May 5 is available to anyone interested in somatic experiencing, and does not require any prior knowledge or experience.

For more information visit www.wemove.studio.

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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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APRIL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's meeting schedule for 2019 includes a 12 month trial to separate planning matters from the Ordinary Meeting.

The following Council meetings are scheduled for April 2019:

11 April 2019 – 11.00am – Planning Meeting

18 April 2019 – 9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

18 April 2019 – 2.00pm – Byron Shire Reserve Trust Committee Meeting

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Station Street, Mullumbimby.

Agendas are available one week prior to the meeting on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-Minutes and at Council's administration centre in Mullumbimby.

Enquiries: Heather Sills 6626 7171

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

10.2018.439.1 – THE POCKET, 660 The Pocket Road - Change of use of farm building to part tourist and visitor accommodation and part ancillary multipurpose recreation space, modification of development consent 10.2016.398.1 by relocating the caretaker's accommodation and locating it within the existing farm building and modification of development consent 10.2015.388.1 by removing two guest bedrooms from the approved accommodation lodge.

10.2018.530.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 18 South Beach Road Alterations and Additions to an existing Dwelling House

10.2018.478.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 13 Parakeet Place Change of Use of Detached Bedroom to Secondary Dwelling

10.2018.320.1 – BYRON BAY, 41 Kingsley Street Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

10.2018.615.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 8 Redgum Place Use of Converted Garage to Bedroom Including Ensuite, Media and Store Rooms and Construction of a Carport and Overflow Parking

10.2018.560.1 – FEDERAL, 21 Roses Road Alterations and Additions to an Existing Dwelling House, including a Two Storey Additions connected to an Existing Dwelling

10.2019.106.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 12 Jarrah Crescent Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.79.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 2/31 Hayters Drive Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

10.2019.92.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6 Tweed Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2018.151.2 – TYAGARAH, 7/149 Grays Lane Modification of internal floor plan and remove conditions 9, 22 and 25 in relation to Section 68 Approval for connection of drains and Council inspection

10.2017.402.3 – MULLUMBIMBY, 77 Tucker Avenue, and 22 Cockatoo Crescent S4.55 to revert the development consent back to the original development consent prior to the recent section 4.55 approval, and to add a plan for restriction on title of Lot 130 for tree preservation

10.2017.343.2 – COOPERS SHOOT, 140 Coopers Shoot Road S4.55 to Delete Condition 5 regarding Telephone Supply Certificate

10.2017.384.2 – TYAGARAH, 7-9 McInnes Lane S4.55 to Correct Condition 2 of Consent

10.2019.25.2 – MCLEODS SHOOT, 16 Browns Crescent S4.55 to Relocate Swimming Pool

10.2015.226.3 – MULLUMBIMBY, 24 Dalley Street S4.55 to revert to Original Entrance of Secondary Dwelling on Consent 10.2015.226.1

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2018.455.1 – BYRON BAY, 4 Browning Street Swimming Pool, Deck and Landscaping and Fencing

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

10.2019.21.1 – MIDDLE POCKET, 254 Middle Pocket Road Use of existing and Proposed new alterations and additions to a Dwelling House

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Cr Lyon 'a mouthpiece for staff' – residents blast towering DA



Eve Jeffery

Acting mayor Michael Lyon (Greens) has defended Council staff over the quick approval of a contentious two storey house in Tallowwood estate in Mullumbimby.

The development application (DA) at 29 Corella Cct was objected to by all surrounding residents and came with a 28-signature petition from other neighbours.

The size and scale of the construction, now underway, has shocked and infuriated the neighbours on Corella Cct, who claim staff failed to give any weight to their petition, rushed the project through, were unhelpful and failed to provide adequate privacy provisions.

Neighbours previously told *The Echo* that attempts to meet to discuss concerns prior to approval with the owners were ignored.

Owners Sally and Andrew Scott were contacted for comment.

Duly considered

Yet acting mayor Michael Lyon told one affected resident that the petitions were 'not ignored'.

In an email on March 11, Cr Lyon said residents 'had a substantive point, which was taken into account'.

'The point was duly considered; however, it was not considered to be, under the rules as laid out in state government legislation, something which could prevent approval of the DA.

'Why didn't staff choose to see it the way of residents?'

'The answer is because legislation allows the proponent to breach, in a minor way, certain parts of a development control plan (DCP) if they can show that they have achieved the objectives of the DCP through other measures... DCPs under the state legislation, are not there as hard and fast rules, but must be looked at as flexible instruments. It is not the choice of staff to be flexible or not. They have an obligation to be flexible'

Yet resident Katie Alleva says Cr Lyon's assurance their petitions were taken into account comes without evidence, 'nor did he offer any improvements to the process that led to it'.

Alleva said, 'Cr Lyon just reiterated what staff had already said regarding their overreaching planning powers. He seems to have no idea how improve things and sounds like a mouthpiece for staff. Explaining to us how staff can favour a developer is not leadership; staff need to be guided on such matters'.

'We were not afforded any say in the screening, just for starters. Just after the plans were amended, three residents met with the planner for 10 minutes and soon after, it was unexpectedly approved.'

'Not all residents saw the new plans. We were treated very poorly by staff and Cr Lyon appears incapable of understanding that, or even what his job is. He's elected to represent residents, not staff.'

She added, 'I am just so angry that Council let this house pass the DA process'.

'I have lost my faith in the DA process and in Council.'

'It affects the views, solar access and privacy of all neighbours'.

Another resident Crystal Wilkes said, 'The 1.8m screening fence as required by staff is the existing fence height! We have no screening whatsoever – their native shrubbery will take years to grow'.

Another directly affected neighbour, who did not want to be identified, asks of their new neighbour: 'How do you inflict this imposition on five neighbours, and then expect to live harmoniously among them?'

'This house is of a monstrous size, it looms over at least five neighbours directly looking into each home's private living spaces from windows and balconies.'

'It is the sort of development that has no place in this neighbourhood,' she added.

■ *The Echo* editor is an affected neighbour.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

Council's new DA Tracker with interactive map is now live! Simply select 'Find a Development Application' on the main screen of Council's website to access the DA Tracker which allows you to view current Development Applications and supporting documentation as well as any associated Applications. You can also lodge submissions online via this service.

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 CLOSING 10 APRIL 2019

No DAs to be advertised in the newspaper for this date

EXHIBITION CLOSING 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

10.2013.587.6 – BYRON BAY, 98-114 Jonson St (Lot 6-7 DP619224, Lot 8-9 DP 617509) Mercato on Byron Pty Ltd C/- Urbis Pty Ltd, S4.55 for Minor changes to approved plans and amendments to easements and hours of operation and removal of requirement to comply with Councils Airspace Policy

10.2015.89.3 – MULLUMBIMBY, 36 Left Bank Road (Lot 6 DP 847017) Newton Denny Chapelle, S4.55 to Reduce Height of Acoustic Fence and Internal Alterations and Additions

Bluesfest to refund punters their parking fees

Paul Bibby

Bluesfest has backed down on its controversial decision to charge for parking at this year's festival and will issue refunds to thousands of ticket holders who had already paid to park there.

Two weeks after a tribunal found that the festival had engaged in 'misleading and deceptive conduct' over the parking plan, organisers issued a statement saying they would postpone charging patrons to park until next year's event.

'All 2019 ticketholders [who have already paid for

parking] will be refunded [those fees] by 12 April 2019,' a festival spokesperson said.

'Bluesfest apologises for any confusion caused and inconvenience it may have caused ticket purchasers.'

The festival incurred the wrath of thousands of ticket holders when it announced last December that it would be charging separate parking fees for the first time.

The measure would have forced patrons to pay up to \$250 more to attend the award-winning festival.

One ticket holder, Anthony Donnellan, took the festival to the NSW Civil and

Administrative Tribunal, with the court ordering Bluesfest to refund his ticket, thus potentially setting a precedent for other ticket holders.

Mr Donnellan said, 'I always said that everybody should have had the opportunity to get a refund and the NCAT was the only way I could see that we could achieve that,' he said.

Bluesfest defends

A Bluesfest spokesperson defended the festival's decision to introduce paid parking next year, saying organisers had been given 'full approval from Byron Shire Council, the

NSW Police and the Roads & Maritime Services to include paid parking.'

'Paid parking is being introduced owing to increased costs in multiple areas of the live music business including artist fees, production, logistics, grounds maintenance and security,' the spokesperson said.

'As the last major live music event within the region to introduce a parking fee, Bluesfest understands that it imposes a further cost for patrons, however as a business, the company needs to ensure the future of the festival!'

Human rights and responsibilities charter adopted

Cr Alan Hunter was a lone voice in Council last Thursday who voted against adopting the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities - Byron Shire*.

Introduced by acting mayor Michael Lyon (Greens), the document will implement principles consistent 'with Council's powers and responsibilities and with current laws'.

Cr Lyon told the chamber

that individual freedoms have eroded over time, including the right to protest.

'It's a slippery slope and is getting worse,' he said.

He referred to Julian Assange as an example; the Wikileaks founder and Australian citizen who has received no government support, despite charges being dropped against him. Assange remains holed up in the Ecuadorian embassy in the UK.

'Victoria has a Bill of Rights,' Lyon said. 'If Councils adopt them, it would put pressure on the NSW government.'

Yet Cr Hunter asked the chamber, 'What are we fixing?'

'I am not sure of the problem: equality before the law? We haven't got that already? Right to life? Freedom of movement? I have the freedom to move wherever I want to. I thought all these

were covered.

'I could understand if we were in a suppressed part of the world... I can't believe we are taking the time to get involved in this.'

The charter was drafted during a series of meetings facilitated by Sue Higginson and Mark Swivel, and was inspired by former Human Rights Commissioner Gillian Triggs after her talk in Mullum last July.

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Calling all ethics teachers

Often people see religion as providing a moral guide on how to live their lives.

It can provide a basis for deciding what is the right or wrong action to take.

But this is not the only way to approach ideas or issues in our lives and the way we might respond to them.

Ethics education for children in NSW primary schools is an alternative to lessons in scripture or just hanging out in supervised care.

The ethics classes give children the opportunity to look at and examine their lives, how we live and the actions we take.

By being introduced to reasoned arguments, values and principles rather than appealing to religion and cultural norms, children are able to develop skills to identify ethical issues.

It can enable respectful discussions.

'The children can be very engaged in the topics we are talking about,' said Cindy Alice who volunteers to teach ethics at Mullumbimby Primary School.

'The kids became really excited about discussing if voting should be mandatory, and at the moment we are discussing punishment and if people would still do the right thing if there were none.'

Ms Alice said sometimes the children have become so engaged in the topics they are discussing that they've asked to come back in at lunch time to continue the debate.

Ethics classes help children develop the skills needed to make their own judgments about whether something is good or bad, and explain why, using evidence and reason to support what they think is the case. The teachers are trained not to teach the children their own personal ethics and values.

There are six local schools currently teaching, or about to start teaching, ethics.

'Demand for ethics teachers always exceeds the supply of teachers,' said Lee Marges who co-ordinates the ethics classes at Mullumbimby Primary School.

'People from both the school community and the wider community are welcome to become volunteer ethics teachers,' she said.

In early May, there is a training session for ethics teachers locally and they are currently looking to recruit more volunteer ethics teachers, so if you have the time and inclination, apply online at www.primaryethics.com.au or call Ms Marges on 0421 336 802 to explore the idea of what ethics teaching might involve.

Aslan Shand, deputy editor

Public interest vs One Nation depravity

Let's be clear about the Al Jazeera sting against One Nation: the drunken braggarts who fell for it deserved all they got and more.

We are used to Pauline Hanson's atrocities, her long years exploiting the politics of resentment and paranoia among the gullible and disaffected, but this latest caper with the NRA and its financial backers to subvert Australian law is quite simply unforgivable.

However, having said that, as a journalist, I must join Peter Greste and others in feeling a bit uneasy about the ethics of the operation. I have no problem with using subterfuge – the use of deception, including hidden cameras and microphones, in order to expose activities that the participants would prefer hidden.

But becoming part of – indeed, orchestrating – the story rather than simply uncovering it and reporting it is going very close to the line. It is not illegal – Hanson's attempt to involve ASIO, of all organisations, is as crazy as the rest of her agenda. And it can hardly be called entrapment – James Ashby and Steve Dixon went for the bait like a pair of rabid hyenas. They were more than willing participants in everything from the conspiracy to the Scotch.

But perhaps the Al Jazeera team would have been better to have kept a little further from direct involvement in the action. At least that would have avoided the distractions Hanson and her rough mates are offering as their excuses as they scramble for cover.

The point is, of course, that whatever reservations I might have about the means, the end was that revealing the depravity in the two part series is overwhelmingly in the public interest. It won't sink Pauline Hanson – decades have shown that her devoted fans will never be convinced that she is anything but a paragon, the messiah who will deliver them from whatever they are whingeing about at the time. But it must surely hurt her party and the so-called advisers, if only because they have been unmasked as buffoons.

There is an old saying that you cannot con an honest man, which is why Rodger Muller's con worked: Ashby and Dickson knew perfectly well that what they were doing was utterly unacceptable, which is why they constantly urged secrecy and talked about ways of laundering the money they coveted. But unacceptable is One Nation's default position; that was

not the problem, even before the sauce started flowing.

What mattered was pure greed. Ashby has always been keen on making money out of Hanson and fancies himself as a master manipulator – his behaviour is vile, but at least it is marginally rational. Dickson, on the other hand, appears completely deranged – the kind of political berserker who presents as a prime candidate for the men in white coats and big butterfly nets, or as a One Nation senator from Queensland on a ticket with Malcolm Roberts – take your pick.

Morrison has played footsie with Hanson for so long that his sudden discovery that she is beyond the pale may be regarded as less than convincing

Mungo MacCallum



Thus it was entirely predictable that once they were sprung they went straight to the NRA playbook: offence, offence, offence. Even from Hanson's tick-infested bunker, this was not helpful, so the supreme leader doubled down with her own appearance, in which the pair stood silently on each side of her as she ranted, predictably, about Islam and the ABC.

This was at least what her base wanted to hear. What it did not want to hear was Scott Morrison, belatedly and reluctantly admitting that reprising Hanson's 20 year old conspiratorial fantasy about Port Arthur in the wake of Christchurch had finally forced him to put One Nation below Labor on Liberal how to vote cards.

Hanson said that would end his government. Well actually ScoMo's government was looking pretty moribund anyway, and it is unlikely to look any worse from (finally) a decision that can at least pretend to be decent. But what will make it worse is, yet again, intransigence from the Nationals, who will not only ignore his ukase, but in many cases are preparing to embrace the party of racists and gun nuts with welcoming anti-democracy sausages.

(So is Tony Abbott, in what might be called a courageous decision to encourage preferencing One Nation anywhere and everywhere, a somewhat

bewildering tactic in Warringah).

This is being spun as the Nats asserting their long-suppressed independence from their senior partners. Assuming some of them survive, they will have plenty of opportunities to be independent in opposition. The split not only reveals Morrison's lack of authority – we already knew that. But it draws attention to the fact that Morrison has played footsie with Hanson for so long that his sudden discovery that she is beyond the pale may be regarded as less than convincing, even by his close colleagues.

Since Christchurch, Morrison has decided that Muslim bashing is no longer a winning move, except to the basest of his base. But having indulged in the politics of fear and division and egged on others – especially Peter Dutton, deeply unhappy about the One Nation ban – for most of his political life, his conversion, while welcome, is best greeted with caution.

He is currently indignantly denying an old story that he once urged his cabinet colleagues to use prejudice against Muslims as an election tactic. The difficulty is that the story is entirely believable, given that ScoMo made his reputation from demonising and denigrating asylum seekers, and was still doing so a mere couple of weeks ago. The great healer he is not.

And that being the case, it was time to change the subject – offence, offence, offence, the obvious target being the Greens. They were the real extremists, the clear and present danger. So the rust-bucket reactionaries of The Australian let loose with all guns blazing. True, One Nation tried to gain illegal funds from the American merchants of death to provide unlimited use of guns, subvert the democratic system and install their version of Trumpian dystopia. Unacceptable, no doubt, but it really didn't matter because it wouldn't happen.

But the Greens – they would ban new coal mines, bring asylum seekers to the mainland, implement a bill of rights and give lots of money to education, child care and the disabled; and, horror of horrors, they would pay for this communistic spending orgy by cutting the defence budget. Of course that isn't going to happen either, but that's not the point. It is an existential attack on Western civilisation, a dagger aimed at our freedoms and our way of life.

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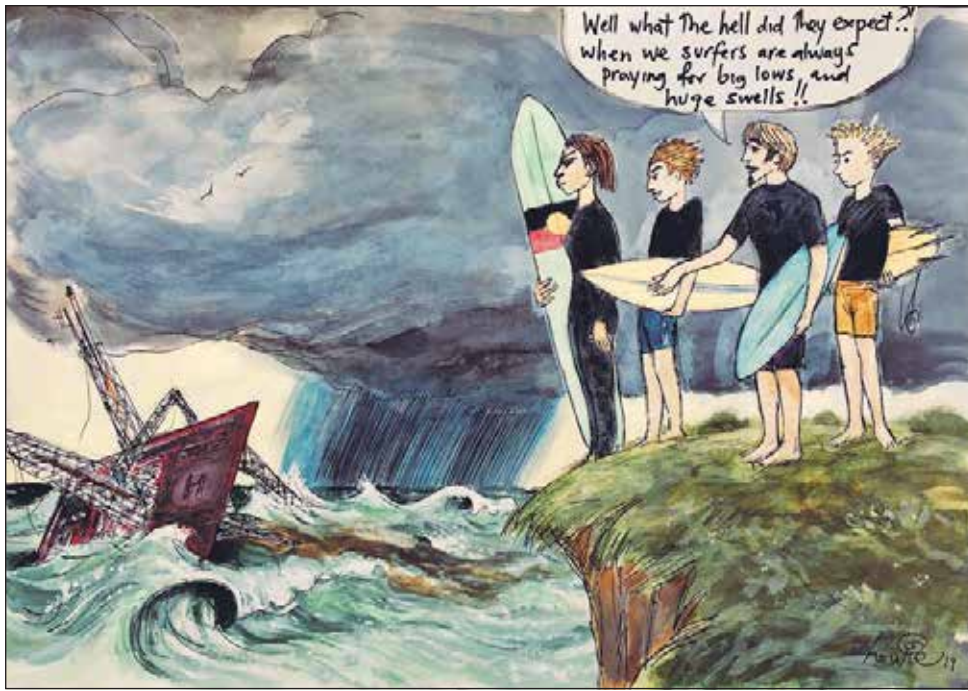
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Ineptretitude!

Paul Bibby's article, in this week's *Echo*, about the illegal removal of a large Tallwood tree from a resident's backyard is a tragedy, but it highlights an even bigger one. It could so easily have been prevented if the right hand at Council knew what the left was doing, first at the planning stage and then on the day in question.

On that day, resident Jen White, was alerted to the tree's imminent destruction when a tree lopper's crane was being set up and the chainsaws started in her neighbour's garden.

In total dismay she rang me and we went round to see the neighbour. He told us he had a permit and would not stop work while we checked with Council. We both felt certain that this tree was protected. We immediately phoned Council and then went down there.

Front desk staff confirmed that he had an RFS 10/50 permit and could proceed to chop it down. In total confusion, anger and disbelief I was dismissed with a 'Go and talk to the Rural Fire Service and get the law changed'.

Because of community pressure Council

investigated, and it turned out we were correct after all.

Meanwhile the tree is gone and the neighbour has been fined a paltry \$3,000.

Can someone please tell me what more we could have done and why the community have to continually act as environmental police?

We are at the tipping point of climate change and on our watch more koala habitat has been lost. This is simply shameful.

Diane Hart
Mullumbimby

Call for West Byron
Yet again we need a good

community turnout at the Northern Regional Planning Panel's (NRPP) decision on Villaworld's component of the West Byron development on Monday April 8 at 3 pm at the Byron Community Centre.

One of the criteria the panel has to consider is whether it is in the public interest. Through submissions, rallies and packed panel meetings the community has demonstrated that they do not want West Byron. Now we need to show the panel one more time.

Our fate could be decided if the panel decides to approve Villaworld's DA on the April 8.

As we did with the local landholder's development application, we need to convince them that the community does not want a Villaworld in Byron Bay.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

In 2017 *The Champions' Game* by Saul Ramirez was released, describing how the author took a team of poor Hispanic students from a Texan school to national chess success.

From 2015 until 2018, Henderson Middle School took out school titles in ratings divisions (U/1000 and/or U/750 events) and received heroes' welcomes on their return to El Paso.

The book was an inspiring story of success against the odds – perfect for a television movie, many said – but last month the story came crashing down.

The night before the final round of the 2018 National Middle School Championships in Atlanta, a number of other schools made a complaint about the eligibility of the Henderson teams, having discovered that shortly before the event the players had lost almost every game in warm-up events which decided eligibility for various divisions.

The arbiters in Atlanta claimed insufficient time to take action and Henderson were awarded two more national titles but the complaint proceeded to the US Chess Federation Ethics Committee.

Last month the Ethics Committee made their ruling and it was devastating: coach Ramirez banned for life and all 13 Henderson players found guilty of being involved in a conspiracy to deliberately lose pre-tournament games in order to qualify for the ratings divisions in Atlanta.

All the children were banned from ratings divisions for five years while Henderson School was put on probation for two years, with organisers having the right to refuse school entries to similar events. (The children's penalties were lower than usual as they were deemed to be under Ramirez's influence.)

Curiously, the arbiter who coded and sent off for rating most of the rigged tournaments has not yet been sanctioned. William Barela was found to be simply incompetent, having made similar mistakes in more than half of the events he had run in the past four years. He is currently under referral to the arbiters' body, who could strip him of his right to run tournaments.

Incredibly, the school overseers continue to back Ramirez saying, 'The El Paso Independent School District is in full support of the students and coach [of the] Henderson Chess Team.'

Pork barrelling: will they follow through?

■ The National's campaign Ballina – the seat that couldn't be bought!

Ross Krippner
Byron Bay

■ Congratulations to Tamara Smith and Janelle Saffin who will be our representatives in Sydney for the next four years.

Both local seats were clearly a strong vote for the environment. It was the number one factor in polls and each party's advertising material reflected it. Labor and Greens both sold themselves as the climate change action party.

It's going to be a tough time for the environment with the Liberal/National government in Sydney. It will be up to us as Northern Rivers residents to remind them we voted to protect our forests and our water and our rivers and our koalas.

And that's what they need to do regardless of who won our local seats. Gladys and her team need to manage for the state.

It will be on again in four years. In the meantime, let the pork barrelling continue. The coalition have made so many promises and we need them to deliver on those for a start. Then more promising and delivering big please.

We don't want stadiums but we do want funding for TAFE, schools and hospitals. Fix our roads and bridges please and we would like a comprehensive public transport plan researched, costed, and commenced.

Then in four years time we will judge you on that and not just the promises made in the ten weeks leading up to the next election.

Tony Gilding
Knockrow

■ Are we seeing the impact of global warming already around the world in our politicians' brains?

When you look at Trump's election and the sad tragedies from then on, or England's Brexit drama moving now into the third act and year – it appears so. This is quite disturbing for a lot of people not only in their countries, but globally.

We are used to the mad rulers in some countries of Africa and Asia etc but are we now seeing for the first time three-quarters of the voting population of NSW being affected?

What happened at the election in NSW? Did the majority forget about all the urgent problems we are having? Not to mention facing in the future?

Suicide is epidemic in indigenous communities,

the indigenous incarceration crisis, wildlife extinction (koalas, honey gliders and fish), the public housing disaster – the list is long. At the same time we are getting brainwashed about unemployment figures, Muslims, drugs and more.

We now have a premier who doesn't understand the need for pill-testing at festivals, the problem of homelessness (just changed the laws on Wednesday giving new powers to the police) and the urgent needs of rural areas in her state – to mention only a few issues.

But there will be two billion plus spent on building a new stadium in Sydney. What madness are we facing? Welcome to the Gladys State coming into your life ASAP!

Chibo Mertineit
Lillian Rock

► Continued from page 15 walking past the Middle Pub at the end of February.

The ambulance was called and then a visit to Byron Hospital revealed a badly bruised ribcage, no broken bones, teeth or glasses. How lucky was I?

When telling this story to friends quite a few eyebrows were raised when I explained where the fall occurred followed by lots of laughter.

Judith Anning
Ocean Shores

C'ty locked out

Congratulations Dailan Pugh (Letter's March 26) for so succinctly nailing the abysmal process that has surrounded Council's 'partnership project'. The one for redevelopment of the decommissioned sewage treatment plant in Suffolk Park.

Council wanted to retain public ownership, cover remediation costs and gain community benefit. All good except that they have locked the community out of the process from the start.

Byron Shire residents have the right to expect a reasonable enhancement to public space and infrastructure from the developer. Small change for access to this potential real estate gold mine.

Council has missed a golden opportunity to first identify what the community would value, and ensure the tender documents shape the project accordingly.

Council's Supporting Partnerships Policy's first objective is 'to develop

partnerships that demonstrate transparency, probity, accountability and consistency from their inception.'

I am incredulous that no information or consultation will be available until the preferred tender has been selected.

What will be left to negotiate? The process means that applicants will have outlined potentially meagre community benefit and Council will be left to take it or leave it. Not very proactive.

A plan of management was drafted for this area for public exhibition but fizzled. Instead Council put up signs last year asking 'suitably qualified' individuals to partner in the 'master planning and development' of the site. Everything has been hidden behind confidentiality since.

How generous that after the ink has dried, Council will share with us the 'vision for future use' of this much loved site. I think the only thing assured is a windfall for another big developer.

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

Saving lives

My husband and I went for a stroll along the break wall at Brunswick Heads a few days ago and came across a dangerous scene. Two men grasping a flotation device in the water and their upturned boat bobbing around close by them.

There was a nasty low tide running out and they were unable to swim for shore, swimming for the wall was attempted and could have

have been disastrous.

A lone little dingy, 'Little Toot', braved the bar and circled the men but was unable to help. Then Marine Rescue arrived. Bravo to both boats and their occupants. 'Little Toot' I'm sure your presence gave the men courage, and Marine Rescue provided a prompt, team effort rescue.

Dianne Canabou
Durrumbul

Climate deniers

As a conscientious teacher of geography and science, amongst other things, for over 40 years, I find Wilf Sprengel's comments on teachers offensive.

As pointed out in Aslan Shand's excellent concise article (*Echo* March 27), climate change deniers fail to understand the difference between 'weather', which changes constantly in the short term and 'climate', which is changes in weather patterns over long periods of time.

The deniers appear to embrace their beliefs as a form of ideology whilst ignoring proven science that doesn't suit their opinions.

I saw my role as a teacher was to make my students study facts and evidence and to think for themselves to reach conclusions – not to just accept opinions and ideology as fact. This is what motivated those intelligent students who demonstrated – out of frustration in the face of intransigence and inaction by politicians living in the past.

Might I suggest that

Mr Sprengel reads CSIRO scientist Dr Joelle Gergis' excellent book, *A Sunburnt Country* (readily available in the Library), which studied weather and climate patterns over millennia in Australia, including the weather events he mentions in context.

It demonstrates that the 'rate' of climate change is now becoming too fast for natural systems, including human beings, to be able to continue to adapt and evolve, and it's getting quicker.

Finally, resorting to abuse means that you've lost the argument.

Jim Rogers
Byron Bay

What's in a hole?

In the last few days the dangerously deep holes in the road on Stuart Street, Mullumbimby were fixed by the Byron Shire road crew.

As usual, barely mixed gravel was shovelled into the enormous potholes and the gravel was not even compressed to be even with the rest of the road. Several vehicles have then driven over the gravel which has now spread out and is helping to create more potholes.

This excuse for road fixing has been going on for years in our shire and has created some of the most shocking roads in Australia. It is surely time to replace these so-called road builders.

Darryl McDowall
Mullumbimby

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The 'war on drugs' has failed – so what other solutions are there?

Aslan Shand

The impact of the drug 'ice' on local communities has been significant both locally and across the country. Recognising this a NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug 'ice' and other amphetamine stimulants such as MDMA started last Thursday. The inquiry will visit a number of regional centres seriously impacted by the use of these drugs, including Lismore.



Crystal methamphetamine aka Ice. Photo Radspunk

'This Special Commission of Inquiry will examine the effectiveness of current responses to ice and will consider options for improvement and reform,' Commissioner, professor Dan Howard SC said in his opening remarks on Thursday.

'It will look at a wide range of issues and strategies to address the problem of ice and other illicit ATS (amphetamine stimulants), including law reform, harm-minimisation initiatives, drug service enhancement and vulnerable populations.'

While alcohol is still the drug that has the highest level of misuse,

methamphetamine is now the second-most common drug to be misused on the North Coast, according to Leone Crayden the new CEO of The Buttery.

Decriminalisation

'I think the inquiry needs to look at pill testing and the decriminalisation of drugs as part of its inquiry. The "war on drugs" hasn't worked and we need to look at this as a health issue rather than with punitive responses,' she said.

'There has been an increase in drug use including MDMA across the region particularly in the younger generation and there is a lack of understanding of how dangerous it can be. They are

buying an illegal drug and the buyer doesn't know if the drug they bought is pure or has been cut with something dangerous like rat poison or other toxic chemicals.'

A spokesperson for the commission told *The Echo* that, 'The Special Commission of Inquiry will consider a wide range of options to enhance NSW's legal framework and response to ATS. The hearing was told today [Thursday] that the Inquiry will hear evidence from experts in the field of law reform and social policy about the arguments for and against various models of decriminalisation, including what has been done in this area in other jurisdictions.'

Your views sought

If you have a view on the impact of these drugs on yourself, your community or people you know then you are being asked to lodge a submission with the inquiry.

'Importantly, the Commission will hear from people with lived experience of ice and ATS use, as well as their families, to understand the full impact these drugs can have on individuals and the wider community,' said professor Howard.

'It is also important that we hear from members of the public with their views on this important issue, and I encourage those interested to lodge a submission with the Inquiry.'

Key concerns

On 26 March 2019, the Commissioner released four Issues Papers on key concerns relating to the use, prevalence and impact of ice and other illicit ATS. The papers also examine the effectiveness of current

policy and legal responses to harm caused by these drugs, which will be investigated by the inquiry.

The Commissioner invites people and organisations to make submissions in response to questions raised in the Issues Papers, or to share information, experiences or views relevant to the Inquiry generally.

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Are there more sharks in our waters?

Story & image Mary Gardner

Two readers wrote to the letters editor of *The Echo* recently wondering if coastal or offshore overfishing leaves us with 'hungry sharks' and 'more shark attacks'.

One queried beach hauling and prawning in estuaries and off-shore. The other wondered if sanctuaries in marine parks are now so successful that more sharks exist and come inshore 'chasing a feed'. The writer welcomes a scientific response. So here is one from me, a biologist with a PhD in historical marine ecology and deep resilience.

Since 1788 and over years of dispossession and settlement, East Australian marine communities were degraded and many collapsed: the extensive oyster reefs, surf clams on sandy beaches, invertebrate and fish populations, seals, whales and dugongs. Also damaged were elasmobranchs – fish with skeletons of cartilage – the sharks and rays.

With all this in mind, let's talk about 'hungry sharks'. Over the past 231 years, every coastal place was changed by serial depletion: one animal after another hunted out, one zone after another fished out. Many food webs changed completely.

Among elasmobranchs, 111 East Australian shark populations are now threatened. In some cases, 90 per cent or more of each species' population were killed.

What's been lost?

Consider that in 1891 EJ Banfield said that in 'waves close to sand – there are sharks...'. In 1937, USA angler Zane Grey reported these waters 'alive with many species of shark'.

Newspaper clippings in 1911 say there were 37, 'sharks' around Byron Bay considered common. The lower reaches of the Richmond were known as a breeding ground. Think wobbegongs, dogfish, gummy, school, hound and reef sharks as well as larger sharks.

In the 1920s, NSW marine biologist TC Roughley thought of all fish like grasses of meadows: crop them hard and they will grow better.

But most sharks are meso-predators: they eat and are themselves eaten,



especially when they are juveniles. Many are long lived, with slow breeding cycles and paired mating. Heavy 'cropping' breaks down the ability of each population first to raise adults and then for them to find each other, and continues the cycle leading to extinction.

Vanishing species

By 1948, Byron newspapers reported 'sharks' were rarely caught or seen. Some larger species were attracted to the blood pipe from the Byron meatworks. Each day, they were shot. When the works closed, what sharks remained scattered. Not only fewer fish but fewer sharks too.

Moving on to 'more shark attacks'. Back in the 1960s, grey nurse sharks were thought to be dangerous. They were indiscriminately killed until Ron and Valerie Taylor's campaigns proved they were harmless. Although protected since 1992, in 2008 only some 500 individuals remain.

Since 2015, 'attack' species are most likely tiger, great white, whale, hammerhead or bull sharks.

In December 2018, *Nature* published a historical analysis of the Queensland Shark Control Program of nets and drum lines. George Roff and colleagues found that since the 1960s, the numbers of hammerheads, tigers and white sharks caught, declined 74–92 per cent; while the chance of catching not a single shark at any beach any year increased by up to sevenfold. The probability of catching mature animals also dramatically declined.

Shark nets and drum lines

What this means is that over fifty years, fewer large sharks were caught and finally those caught were juveniles. Together with corresponding declines in commercial and recreational fisheries, these are signs of population collapses. Roff suggests that NSW net and drum line programmes plus shark fishing itself have had similar impacts in our region.

So there are not 'more sharks than normal'. The few marine sanctuary zones are too small to benefit the large sharks. They travel and return over great distances: great whites to New Zealand and South Africa; bull sharks from the Great Barrier Reef to breed on the eastern Australian coast line and in coastal rivers. Many are killed enroute for fins and flesh. Perhaps they are that 'flake' you ordered for dinner.

But in the water year round there are more people, at every hour, often with little knowledge of different shark behaviours, migrations and breeding grounds. Curious large sharks find people smell odd and are said to investigate trails of urine. All this increases the probability of interactions.

As for reduced numbers of sharks being 'hungry'? Depends who and when. Their diets vary depending on species and age. Juvenile great whites prefer other sharks and rays while adults like marine mammals. Other sharks eat various rays, fish and sea-birds while a few eat plankton. Bull sharks tend to chase mullet, bait-fish or anything else.

With food web collapses, acidity up by 30 per cent and marine heat waves 52 per cent more common, what to do? So much starts with human behaviour.

Solutions

Be radical. Support twenty good years of strong fishing restraint, with no-take zones for 30 per cent of all marine waters. Rebuild oyster reefs. Redesign drains as chains of ponds to store rain-water. Clean up pollution and storm-water. Cut emissions drastically. As marine populations rebuild, they will also help store carbon. Every coastal place must be re-vegetated: coastal wetlands are fish nurseries.

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Treated like children

Dr Richard Harvey's assumption that an objection to mandatory helmet laws (MHL) is an objection to wearing helmets couldn't be more wrong.

I always wear one and certainly not because I'm obliged to by law. But then, on my electric bike, I tend to ride further and faster than most. Tootling around at less than 10km/h as most cyclists

do, there is far less of a need but, MHLs or not, increasingly people do wear them.

I, like many parents, put helmets on my kids long before MHLs. They are, indeed, a really good idea.

His other assumption, that we would have complete disregard for our personal safety unless we are treated like children and compelled by law, is equally false. Studies in Europe

with no MHLs and Canada where a handful of provinces have MHLs but many don't, show a universal increase in helmet use close to on par with Australia and others with MHLs. However, without the drastic reduction in bicycle usage wherever MHLs were introduced. Education is a lot cleverer and more effective than laws like these.

There was a 40 per cent reduction in cyclist deaths here when MHLs were introduced. Of course, not mentioned, is that not all deaths are from head trauma, but it's still a figure widely used to justify the laws. That figure becomes considerably less significant when we understand it was accompanied by a 50 per cent reduction in bicycle use.

Just because it's a law doesn't make it a good law.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

Council retribution

Last week's *Echo* ran a story about compliance issues and talked about the experiences of Duncan Dey, a former councillor.

The essence of Mr Dey's complaint was that Council's compliance staff allowed his neighbour to complete his two illegal buildings and instead turned their

attention to alleged non-compliance on Mr Dey's own property.

That is a recurring theme in compliance matters; the person complained of makes his/her own complaint about the complainer and thereby hopes to be able to continue with his project. Council staff have the power to disregard a complaint if it's lodged in bad faith – such as by an embittered tenant or ex-spouse – but that seems to be a power they seldom exercise.

Indeed I know of two such cases in relation to a matter that recently went to court. Very early on in the piece one of the complainant neighbours told me they received a phone call from Council staff suggesting that she herself had an illegal cabin. There was no follow-through but the point had been made.

Much more worrying was what happened to another complainant neighbour. One week before the court hearing, that chap received a notice of intention to inspect his property. How 'fortuitous' was the timing that it resulted in said chap withdrawing his complaint!

I find it very disturbing that on the one hand Council's lawyers are fighting the illegal developer (who was seeking retrospective approval for a variety of buildings) while on the other, the compliance section takes action that has the result of benefitting the developer.

When I mentioned the matter to Ralph James, Council's legal counsel, he seemed to me to be genuinely startled at what the compliance chaps had done. I guess that like any organisation Council has

its undercurrents and factions, those in the know and those who just want to keep their jobs.

What ratepayers – and councillors in particular – need to understand is that the staff of the compliance section are Council's cops. When they visit a property they are likely to have a profound effect on the immediate lives of the property owners, who may have to cease construction or whatever naughty stuff they're doing and make expensive choices about going to court or not. Sometimes there are threats to Council staff.

That's the real world. On the other hand if you're into parallel paper realities (like your councillors) you may like to reassure yourself by checking out Council's enforcement policy. Good for a laugh anyway.

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Toilet responsibility

I wish to provide some clarification from Reflections Holiday Parks about our management of the toilets and facilities at Banner Park, Torakina Reserve and Terrace Reserve in Brunswick Heads.

While these facilities are located on public reserves managed by Reflections Holiday Parks, cleaning and mowing of the reserves is Byron Shire Council's responsibility – paid for by Reflections. This maintenance includes cleaning of the amenity blocks and BBQs as well as mowing the reserves.

Any concerns or complaints regarding the cleanliness of these facilities should be directed to Byron Shire Council to address.

Reflections Holiday Parks pay Byron Shire Council a substantial amount (\$251,229) each year to maintain the reserves and these facilities for the use and enjoyment of the local community. This is in addition to Reflections paying Council rates and sewer charges.

There has been confusion around who to call when these facilities are unclean. All complaints made to Reflections Holiday Parks are forwarded to Byron Shire Council for their immediate attention. It is disappointing to see so many concerns raised regarding the cleanliness of these facilities.

During peak holiday periods, including Easter, October school holidays and the December/January school holidays, Byron Shire Council are required to clean these facilities twice a day.

Byron Shire Council are also required to lock these the amenity blocks nightly to reduce the risk of vandalism in the area.

Steve Edmonds (CEO)
Reflections Holiday Parks

Belongil Estuary

Mr Dey's article (*Echo* 27 March) on fish kills in the Belongil Estuary points to the impact of acid sulphate soil on the oxygen levels in the estuary system and the negative impact of the periodic opening of the Belongil estuary to the sea has and that this contributes to the fish kills currently occurring.

Byron Shire Council used to regularly open the Belongil and Tallow Creek to the ocean and we never incurred fish kills. Perhaps more frequent opening might prevent fish kills?

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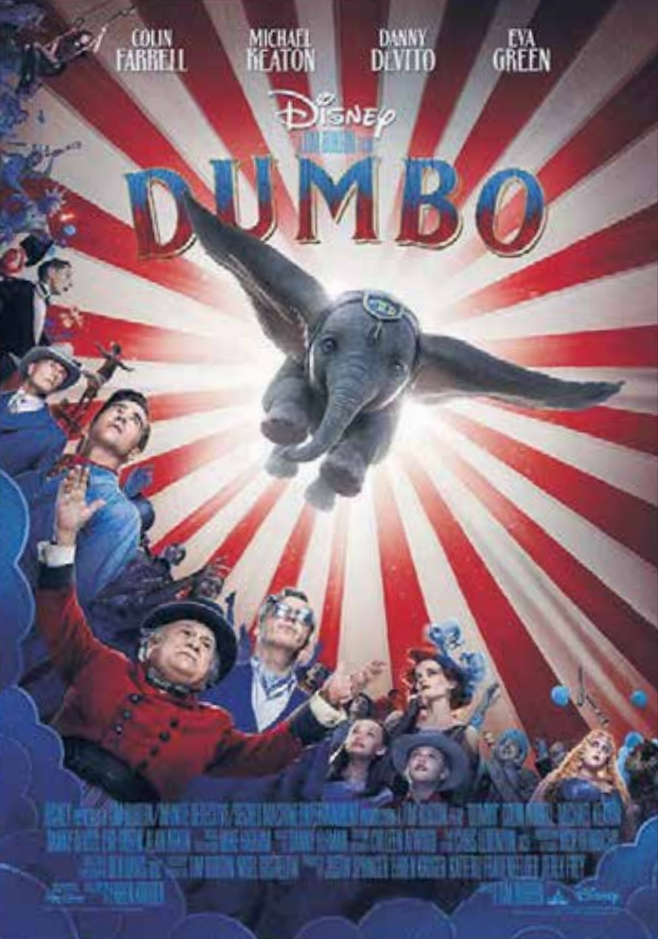
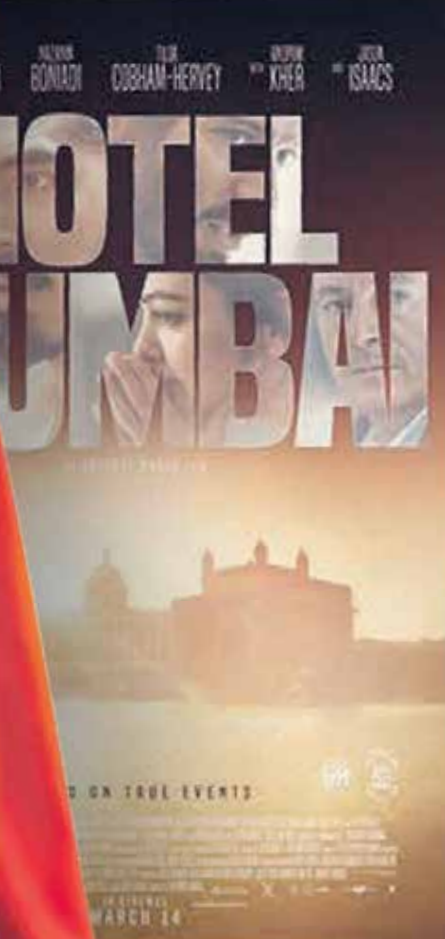
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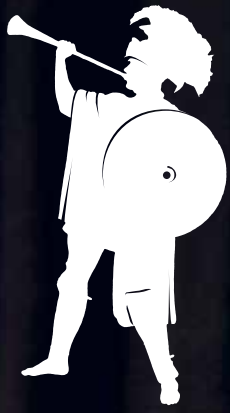
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After sending shockwaves across contemporary culture with his directorial debut *Get Out*, Academy Award-winning visionary Jordan Peele returns with the universally acclaimed *Us*, which sees an ordinary American family facing a terrifying and uncanny opponent: doppelgängers of themselves.

Also screening in the first week is the outstanding multi Oscar nominee *Cold War; Destroyer*, with Nicole Kidman winning acclaim for her leading role in this gripping crime drama; and perennial favourite Bill Nighy in the elegant, offbeat British comedy-drama *Sometimes Always Never*. *Hotel Mumbai* and Academy Winner for Best Picture *Green Book* round-out the drama category. And that's just in the first week!

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The Aftermath is part of a great opening lineup of films.



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more hounding of whistle-blowers, the murder and harassment of journalists, the concentration of media power, and the proliferation of hate speech across social media, it's independent journalists like John Pilger who enable us to comprehend the bigger picture.

Hear Pilger speak on Wednesday 10 April, 7pm at the Cavanbah Centre, Ewingdale Road, Byron Bay. Bookings: ngarainstitute.org.au.

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Acid sulphate soil certainly is present. But possibly more relevant is the impact of the treated effluent from the West Byron STP's constructed wetlands flowing into the back swamp area of Byron Bay that may be a contributing factor in creating the artificially high water levels.

Byron Shire Council's acid sulphate reduction strategy led to the planting of thousands of Melaleucas on land that treated effluent. The purpose of these

plantings was to reduce the level of acid sulphate. A study was to be done to test the success or otherwise of the project. The data should be available, the question is what does it show?

If the data shows that acid sulphate levels in the soil are increasing that would be a contributing factor to the quality of water being delivered to the estuaries and subsequent fish kills.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Too little, too late

To anyone who might like to read this (good manners if you do)...

To quote Bluesfest: 'We've listened to your concerns and we've heard you'.

What a load of corporate crap. The public is not stupid and they have long memories.

If Bluesfest had the guts, they'd admit to themselves that they stuffed up.

What they did was illegal, arguably unethical and greedy. And if it wasn't for the public outcry, written objections and the court case which found against them, do you think they'd be doing a U-turn? No bloody way, José.

This will be my 17th and final Bluesfest. Therefore, the financial losers will be Bluesfest.

Ross Allan
Kingscliff

Forgettable research

At a recent scientific conference, not one but three pharmaceutical companies announced the stunning failures of experimental Alzheimer's drugs that had been tested successfully in mice, who have to be genetically engineered to develop a pseudo-Alzheimer's condition. The compounds—known as BACE inhibitors—actually appeared to hurt patients, by worsening their cognitive abilities and causing brain shrinkage.

The journal *Nature* described this growing list of treatment disappointments: 'Drug companies have spent billions of dollars searching for therapies to reverse or significantly slow Alzheimer's disease, to no avail.'

As one molecular biologist put it, 'The biggest mistake you can make is to think you can ever have a mouse with Alzheimer's disease.'

For the sake of humans and other animals, experimenters must adopt superior, non-animal research methods that are actually relevant to human

physiology. For example, a just-published landmark study using cells from human brains has provided new insight into how Alzheimer's develops, and may lead to effective treatments.

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Desmond Bellamy
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Probiotic potential

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Peter Olson
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Conflict resolution


I had just parked my car in an underground car park next to Woolworths supermarket in Byron Bay when two men in their late 20s or early 30s shouted obscenities against the car and me and then one of them spat on it.

I said, 'Thanks for that it could do with a wash. Why don't you read what Israeli soldiers have to say about the atrocities they've committed. Their website is written on the side. You don't like the truth do you?'


They got in their Juicy rental car and just sat chatting. I was convinced they would damage the car if I left it there so I drove out and parked in the open.

Previously, a man has kicked in the side panel whilst shouting obscenities but neither he nor today's louts had anything coherent to say. If I'd have been in Palestine the car would probably have been riddled with bullets including me!

Gareth Smith
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In our present crisis is an ecological revolution the only solution?

John Scales Avery

Does history repeat itself? Is it cyclic, or is it unidirectional? Certainly many aspects of history are repetitive – the rise and fall of empires, cycles of war and peace, cycles of construction and destruction. But on the other hand, if we look at the long-term history of human progress, we can see that it is clearly unidirectional.

An explosion of knowledge has created the modern world. Never before has the world had a population of seven billion people, to which a billion are added every decade. Never before have we had the power to destroy human civilization and the biosphere with catastrophic anthropogenic climate change or thermonuclear weapons.

Our situation today is unique. We cannot rely on old habits, old traditions or old institutions. To save the

long-term future for our children and grandchildren, and for all the other creatures with which we share the gift of life, we must overcome the inertia of our institutions and our culture.

Restoring harmony

Among the many global leaders who have pointed to the need for fundamental change are Pope Francis and former US Vice President Al Gore.

In June, 2015, Pope Francis addressed the climate crisis in an encyclical entitled *Laudato Si*, in which he said, 'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day'.

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis wrote: 'Just as the commandment "Thou shalt



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not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality'.

For many years, Al Gore has struggled to call public attention to the existential dangers of catastrophic climate change. These efforts were recognized with a Nobel Peace Prize, which Al Gore shared with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The October 2018 report of the IPCC shocked the world. The report finds that

limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees C would require 'rapid and far-reaching' transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport and cities. Global net human-caused emissions of carbon-dioxide would need to fall by about 45 per cent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050.

Tipping point looms

Another conclusion of the report was that humanity has only 12 years in which to act if tipping points are to be avoided, beyond which uncontrollable feedback

loops would be set in motion.

This situation caused 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, addressing the 2019 Davos Economic Forum in Switzerland, to say, 'Our house is on fire. I am here to say that our house is on fire. According to the IPCC, we are less than 12 years away from not being able to undo our mistakes. In that time, unprecedented changes in all aspects of society need to have taken place, including reductions of our CO2 emissions by at least 50 per cent'.

Fundamental change needed

Fundamental changes are needed in order to give our economic system both an ecological conscience and a social conscience. In many countries, economics and politics are linked, because excessive inequality in wealth has meant that

corporate oligarchs control our political systems.

To restore democracy, we must decrease economic inequality. Furthermore, reformed economic systems must prioritize ecological goals, especially the replacement of fossil fuels by renewable energy, reforestation, and the drastic reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Since rapid and fundamental changes are urgently needed to save the future, it is perhaps not an exaggeration to speak of the need for an ecological revolution, but it must be a non-violent revolution, fought in the court of public opinion.

■ John Scales Avery has recently published the book *We Need An Ecological Revolution* that can be downloaded for free at <http://eacpe.org/app/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/We-need-an-ecological-revolution-John-Scales-Avery.pdf>. Printed copies are available from www.lulu.com.

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Mexican vibes in the heart of the Bay

By T Davidson

Miss Margaritas is a much-loved regular hangout for locals and holiday makers, and for good reason too! These guys have totally nailed the golden triangle of epic food, friendly service, awesome drinks and banging good times... oh wait that's four things... oh well, I did say these guys were good at what they do! If you are straight off the beach and keen on a quick lunch with fresh Mexican flavours, you can grab a Lunch Deal Combo of any three Tacos for \$17 OR two Tacos and a Tecate Beer or House Wine for \$17 – hello happy holiday vibes! And if you're into sharing food with your mates like we are, I'd recommend you treat yourself and your tastebuds to the Appetiser Taster for \$30, a generous serving of Jalapeno Poppers, Cheeky Changas, Salt & Chilli Lime Squid, Corn Chips, Chipotle Mayo & Guacamole, so tasty and authentic that you may find yourself wanting to jump up from your chair and spontaneously start doing the Jarabe Tapatio!

The dinner menu turns it up on flavour even more with a fabulous selection of yummy Fajitas on offer. My absolute favourite is the Grilled Achiote Prawns with Spanish Chorizo \$31, which arrive sizzling on a hot plate along with 4 soft flour tortillas, plus fresh guacamole, pico da gallo, chipotle slaw and sour cream. An epic feast for one, or another perfect excuse to order more dishes to share with



your dining buddies.

So, I reckon making great cocktails is much like making great food, you need to start with quality ingredients and do the simple things really really well. The hugely popular Blanco Margaritas for \$16 at Miss Margaritas, is a prime example of dedication to ingredients and flavour. Made using 100% Agave Tequila, freshly squeezed lime juice and served shaken on the rocks with a salt rim! I've never been to Mexico, but I have enjoyed quite a few margaritas in my life time and these guys are on the Blanco Margaritas winners' podium in my opinion!

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Stone & Wood beer \$ flow to charity

S Haslam

Drinking beer for charity doesn't sound like the hardest job in the world, but it's certainly one of the most appreciated. Hardworking not-for-profit Wedgetail Retreat Northern Rivers Community Hospice is a specialized 24/7 palliative care facility utilizing trained volunteer palliative carers along with registered nursing staff.

But, because this wonderful free facility is not government funded by NSW Health, it relies solely on donations. Seeing the need, local brewer Stone & Wood, who have their main brewery in Murwillumbah as well as a smaller brewery in Byron, contributed the profits from last weekend's 'Open Day' at the brewery to the retreat.

Last year they raised \$30,000 through their not-for-profit inGrained Foundation and this year are hoping to raise a similar amount.

Stone & Wood's Community Manager Jasmin Daly said this is the third year the independent brewery has partnered with Wedgetail Retreat, whose vital services continue to receive strong community feedback.

'We've seen the wonderful work Meredith and her team do, caring for our community,' Miss Daly said. 'The respite, refuge and tranquillity they provide for those with

life-limiting illnesses, and also the support they give to the families in their time of need, is inspirational.'

The fun Open Day had, of course, beer as well as food and music, market stalls, food trucks, a kids' area and brewery tours for those keen to get behind the scenes. If you missed it, it's worth a trip next year!

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Vegan Reason



We thought we'd explore peoples' reasons for being vegan in this *Echo* special feature. For many, making the decision to become vegan seems extreme. Hopefully reading some of the reasons and seeing some of the beautiful creative food that's available will help foster understanding of this lifestyle choice.

A vegan's secret weapon...

Vegans have a secret weapon they like to call 'nooch'. In the omni world (omnivores that is) it's called nutritional yeast. This stuff is awesome! Nutritional yeast is a deactivated yeast. It is sold in the form of flakes or as a yellow powder and can be found in the bulk aisle of most natural food stores. It can be used as an ingredient in recipes or as a tasty condiment. It is a significant source of some B-complex vitamins and contains trace amounts of several other vitamins

and minerals. Sometimes nutritional yeast is fortified with vitamin B12. Nutritional yeast has a strong flavour that is described as nutty, cheesy, or creamy, which makes it popular as an ingredient in cheese substitutes. It is often used in place of animal product cheese like parmesan. There are some folk who claim that nooch is a 'whole food' but I just know it's yummy, and here are two of my fav 'secret' recipes.

Eve Jeffery



The delicious 'Nooch'

Cashew Parsley Pesto

1 large cup of cashews
4-6 cups of parsley
2 cloves of garlic
250ml of olive oil
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons of nooch
(a squeeze of lime if that's your thing – it's mine!)
Fling the entire contents into a food processor and make it as coarse or as smooth as you like. I like it rough.

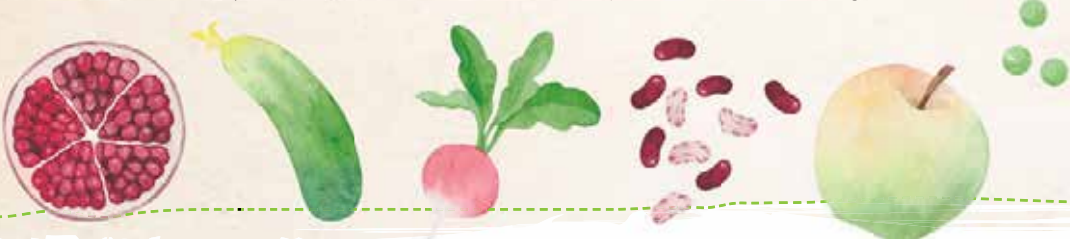


Sunshine Salad Dressing

1/3 cup of hemp oil
1/3 cup of apple cider vinegar
1/3 cup of water
2 tablespoons of nutritional yeast
1 tablespoon hemp protein
1 teaspoon (or to taste) salt or
1 tablespoon tamari
Whizz it up in a food processor and throw it on a salad.



And my salad secret for good nutrition? The Fab Four! Fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds go into every salad I make. It doesn't matter what else goes in, as long as the fab four are there. Try throwing in a handful of grapes, some pine nuts, and crushed black sesame seeds over a fancy lettuce, or draping a thinly sliced pear over cooled steamed broccoli with some cashews and flaxseed oil – then just add some of the homemade pesto or salad dressing.





Vegan Reason

No Bones

We're in our 20s and are fortunate to be part of a generation that is paying more and more attention to what is happening on our planet... and we love food!

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Tahlia and Yasmina - No Bones



David Lowe

The best thing about being vegan is knowing your meals aren't contributing to animal cruelty and waste – not as much anyway. The bonus is you get to be healthier. The worst thing is when intelligent people ask why you're vegan? Obviously, if you can get everything you need from plants, then why exploit animals? Of course there are still lots of issues. Is it local? How much water was used to grow it? Is that vegan delicacy also healthy? For a long time, being a vegan was considered deeply weird. Now it's almost mainstream. This is an exciting transformation. Going vegan is a win-win for everyone.

How annoying have I been today? All good questions!

David Lowe - Filmmaker

Veet

The best thing about being vegan is I feel completely clear in myself and my meditation is deeper. I have even more energy now as a vegan than I did when I was vegetarian. I love helping others learn how to cook incredibly delicious vegan food.

In a perfect world everyone would have compassion for all sentient beings and see that their food choices not only impact themselves and others but also our environment. They would see that by being kind to all sentient beings they could also practise being kind to fellow humans too. We would be living in a world without hurt.

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Blend.

In another bowl combine:

- 1.5 Cups nut flour (Almond meal etc)
- 3 Tspn Baking powder
- .5 Tspn salt
- 1 Cup Cacao powder
- 1 cup chopped dates



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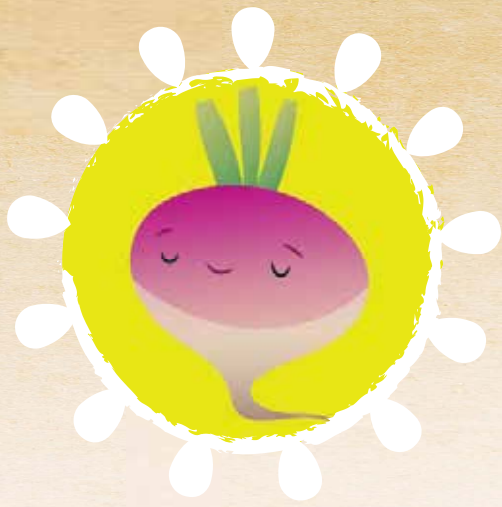
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Heather Dunn, Nurse

The best thing about being a vegan is going to sleep every night in the knowledge that I haven't contributed to the suffering of others.

The worst thing about being a vegan is witnessing the total disregard that most humans have toward the suffering of others on a daily basis.

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Downsizers seek more affordable housing in regional locations

More and more Australians are appreciating better lifestyles in locations outside of capital city areas, according to the The Real Estate Buyers Agents Association of Australia (REBAA), Australia's leading professional body representing independent buyers agents.

Real Estate Buyers Agents Association of Australia (REBAA) president Rich Harvey said with property prices cooling in several major city markets, downsizers particularly were seeing the appeal of a regional property location.

'While it costs eight to ten times the average income just to buy a median priced house in Melbourne and Sydney, prices in established regional areas are less than five times the average income,' said Mr Harvey. 'After selling their long term family home, many downsizers are looking for better value homes and seeking a lifestyle change.'

During the five years between the last two census, 400,000 people have relocated away from capital city locations.

Simon Pressley, buyer's agent with Propertyology, said housing affordability had been a huge driver of demand.

'The shift is driven by stronger economies in

non-capital city locations, a desire to live in a less stressful environment, idyllic tree and sea changes, affordable housing and improved productivity through shorter commute times,' said Mr Pressley.

'Three out of every 10 Australians already choose to live somewhere other than our eight capital cities. Those eight million people love the lifestyle. Strong job growth continues to attract more people to regional Australia. A whopping 200,000 extra jobs were created in non-capital city locations during the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.'

On the Gold Coast, it's not just retirees looking for a lifestyle change but also business owners, innovators and medical professionals who are looking for better value for money and a slower pace to raise their families without mortgage stress, according to Tony Coughran from Simply Gold Coast Property Advisors.

'Selling up property in Sydney and Melbourne and buying prestige waterfront or beach side



residences in the \$1.5 to \$2.5 million range with change to park a boat on their jetty,' said Coughran. 'The flow on effect is grandparents following them, often buying a similar style of property in close proximity to base themselves in when they visit with a view to eventually settle into in retirement.'

Coughran says as little as \$370k will secure you the lifestyle with a two-bedroom, two bathroom unit one block from the beach, approximately \$870k will buy you riverfront 10 minutes from the

beach, and \$1 million will open the door to various waterfront homes or a sprawling acreage with dual residences.

A little further down the coast, Michael Murray from Byron Property Search said a change of lifestyle was the number one reason home buyers were looking to move home and purchase in the Northern Rivers area.

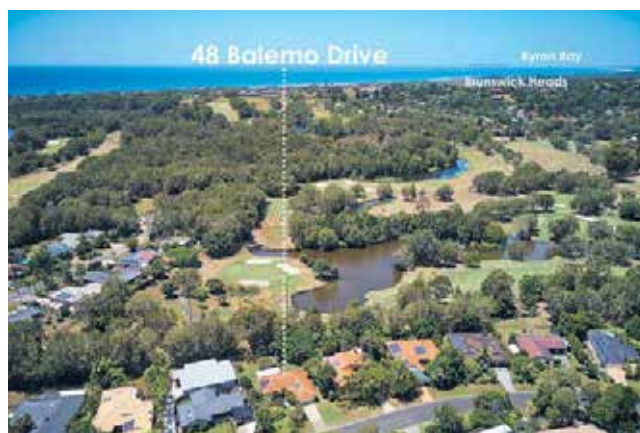
His buyers are predominantly from Sydney and Melbourne looking for properties in the \$1 to \$2 million price bracket.

Time For Tee

48 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores

3 2 2

\$740,000 to \$780,000



Direct golf course access and views of the lake, fairway and green make this property special. Sit on the veranda and enjoy the manicured outlook of the 4th hole, including the waterways surrounding the green.



Open plan living, dining and kitchen merge together and flow out on to the back veranda. In the kitchen there are stone benchtops, induction cooktop and an internal laundry. Louvred windows bring in the breezes from the rear of the property. The large family bathroom is stylish with separate bath and shower.

The master bedroom has a built-in wardrobe and an ensuite. Two further bedrooms are well sized, one with a built in robe, the other with expansive golf course views.

Well established trees and plants in the grounds make the property private from neighbours. A double garage and off-street parking for another two cars makes this home perfect for the modern family or a golf enthusiast!

Inspect: Saturday 6th April 12.00-12.30pm

Contact: Todd Buckland - 0408 966 421
Byron Shire Real Estate

An Elegant Queenslander

27 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay

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Expressions of Interest



Beautiful federation home rich with history. Originally built in the 1920s, the architectural Queenslander was relocated & has been meticulously restored. The home boasts 14ft high ceilings, large double hung timber

windows, decorative fireplace with original bricks, tongue & groove VJ walls, plus wide hoop pine timber floor boards. Generously sized verandahs. Lounge & separate dining room which joins a kitchen that features polished concrete bench tops, breakfast bar, dishwasher, large gas stove, & walk in pantry. Large library or 2nd living room. The master bedroom has an ensuite, & verandah access. Elegant family bathroom. Downstairs is a spacious open area ideal for a studio. 3rd bathroom & laundry downstairs, internal stairs that lead to the covered verandah. 10,000 litre rainwater tank for outdoor use. Home is serviced with solar hot water. The block is landscaped with beautiful gardens, paved driveway & room for a pool. Walk to cafes, schools, golf course & the beach.

View: Inspection by appointment

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Tweed Broadwater Village

Site 147

2 1 1

\$295,000



Situated just minutes from Tweed Heads/Coolangatta, the 'Pet Friendly' Tweed Broadwater Village is ideally located for the over 50's to enjoy everything the Gold Coast, Tweed Valley and Tweed Coast have to offer in a secure environment.

The village is just a stroll to the Tweed River. There is public transport at the entrance to the park and free shuttle buses to local clubs.

This spacious 13 metre home has recently been redecorated throughout and is ready to be moved into and enjoyed!

The open plan living area and kitchen is tiled and has both new ceiling fans and a split-system air-conditioner.

The kitchen is complemented with a new Bellini dishwasher, a relatively new Chef stainless steel electric stove with fan-forced oven and grill, double sink and tiled splash-backs.

The newly fully-tiled bathroom consists of a shower cabinet and vanity unit with a separate toilet.

The home has two generously sized, newly carpeted bedrooms with mirror-door robes and ceiling fans.

A carport adjoins the home that has been partitioned to create a 2nd living area or extra bedroom when the family visits leaving a space for one large vehicle.

Open: By Appointment

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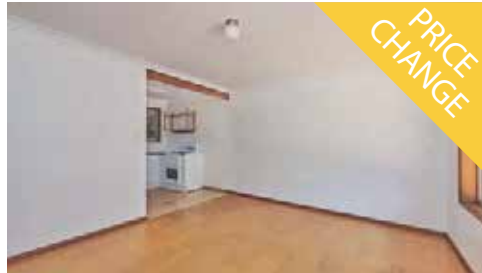
OPEN SAT 10am

5/1 Bindaree Way, Ocean Shores

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Great unit in a convenient location just a 2-minute walk to the shops. Ideal for the first home buyer or investor, this 2-level apartment has an attached garage and a private outdoor entertaining area with rear access. Don't miss this one.

Inspect
Saturday 6th April 10-10.30am
Price
\$415,000
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PRICE CHANGE



OPEN SAT 11am

34 Natan Court, Ocean Shores

3 1+ 2

Within a 12-minute stroll to the waters edge at South Golden Beach, this little gem sits near the canal and reserve in a peaceful cul de sac. A family friendly property with open plan living area, covered outdoor entertaining & fully fenced back

Inspect
Saturday 6th April 11-11.30am
Price
\$650,000
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PRICE CHANGE



OPEN SAT 1pm

2/2 Gara Court, Ocean Shores

3 2 2

This gorgeous contemporary home is an elegant option for downsizers not willing to downgrade, and for young families wanting space without the big price tag. A sun-filled home in a great location a short walk to the shops and surrounded by nature.

Inspect
Saturday 6th April 1-1.30pm
Price
\$695,000
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PRICE CHANGE



Lot 13 Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores

741m²

A rare elevated vacant parcel with panoramic views of the ocean, valley and hills. Architect designed plans have already been approved by council which take full advantage of the outlook and north aspect. Call to meet onsite and inspect.

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- Polished timber floors
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- Panoramic views over paddocks with spectacular mountain vista
- Gorgeous 1920's circa timber character cottage
- High ceilings, ornate feature, timber floors
- Covered timber decks, outdoor rooms, yesteryear features
- Air conditioning, gas cooking, heat pump, fireplace
- NBN internet connected, town water, fenced yard
- Privacy, views and 6 minutes to beach

Inspections: By appointment
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\$1.295 million

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Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122

CLUNES 33 Smith Street

\$610,000 - \$660,000 Inspect Sat 12pm

Trent Stana 0467 002 335

4 1 2 1285m²

- + Set in a quiet cul de sac is this easy to maintain family home close to the store, cafe & school
- + Modern renovated kitchen with breakfast bar & range hood. Comfortable lounge area with A/C
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Byron Bay First National

- 4/8 Byron Street, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm
- 44 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 1-1.30pm
- 29 Pinegroves Road, Myocum. Wed 2.30-3pm
- 88-98 Hinterland Way, Knockrow. Thu 4-4.30pm
- 5 Chinbible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 9-9.30am
- Lot 20/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Fri 3-3.30pm
- 21B Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Fri 4-4.30pm
- 347 St Helena Road, McLeods Shoot. Fri 5-5.30pm
- 29 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 20 Azalea Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am
- 122 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am
- 4 Myokum Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am
- 15 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 3 Hayter Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 44 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4/8 Byron Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Gittoes Lane (Cnr Friday Hut Rd and Gittoes Ln), Possum Creek. Sat 11-11.30am
- 11 Sansom Street, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Ribbonwood Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/18-20 Paterson Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 29 Blue Seas Parade, Lennox Head. Sat 11-11.30am
- 19 Taylors Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 88-98 Hinterland Way, Knockrow. Thu 12-12.30pm
- 8 Scenic Vista Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 21B Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm

- 35 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 16 Richmond Avenue, Ballina. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 62 Nashua Road, Fernleigh. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 4 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 347 St Helena Road, McLeods Shoot. Sat 1-1.30pm

Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley

- 4/22 Fingal Sreet, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 9/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am-12pm

For Sale By Agent

- 18A Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.45-11.30am

GNF Real Estate Bangalow

- 233 The Saddle Road, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.30-11am
- 25 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Sat 11.30am-12pm

Katrina Beohm Real Estate

- 33 Smith Street Clunes. Sat 12-12.30pm

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

- 36 Yamble Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 15 Mundurra Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

McGrath Byron Bay

- 19/11 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30-10am
- 15 Nargoan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Whian Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 16 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am-12pm

Professionals & Mark Cochrane, Mullumbimby

- 61 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.45am
- 40 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am
- 5 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.45am
- 4 Brushtail Court, Pottsville. Sat 1-1.45pm

Raine & Horne

Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads

- 7 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.30am
- 40 Tree Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/6 Kooringa Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 128 Riveroak Drive, Murwillumbah. Sat 11-11.30am
- 56 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6A & 6B Goondooloo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- Lot 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah. Agent onsite Sat 1-3pm
- 17B Royal Drive, South Golden Beach. Sat 1-1.30pm
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- Byron Bay First National**
- 15 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. \$1.05m-\$1.15m
- Byron Shire Real Estate**
- Lot 13, Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores. \$595,000
- Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley**
- 26 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

Professionals & Mark Cochrane, Mullumbimby

- Lot 2, Coopers Lane West, Main Arm. \$990,000-\$1,085,000
- 4 Brushtail Court, Pottsville. \$757,000

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads

- 110 Youngs Road, Limpinwood
- 48 Booyong Place, Nobbys Creek
- 2/6 Koorringa Court, Ocean Shores

Auctions

Byron Bay First National

- 122 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 4th May 10am. Guide \$1m

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- 46 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores. 27th April 2019



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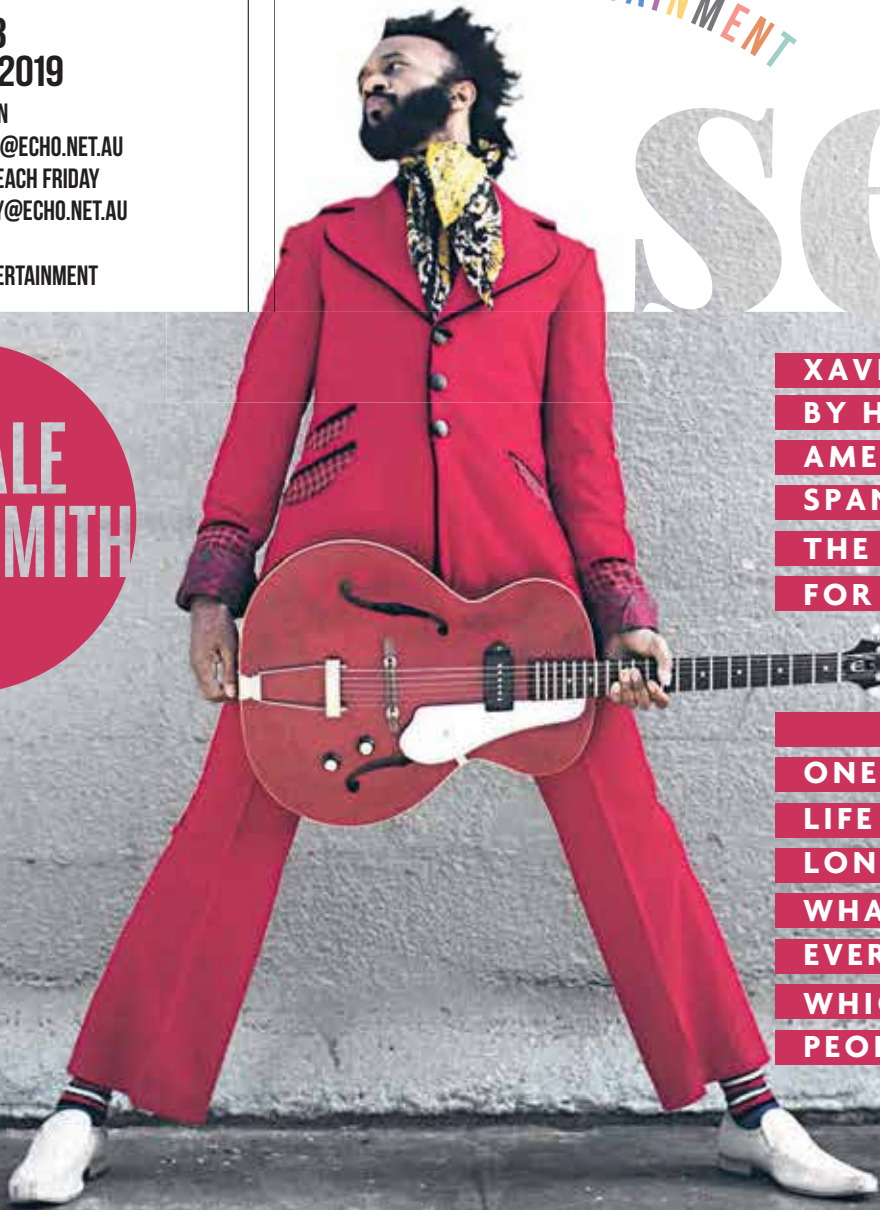
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THE MALE
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XAVIER AMIN DPHREPAULEZZ – BETTER KNOWN BY HIS STAGE NAME FANTASTIC NEGRITO – IS AN AMERICAN SINGER/SONGWRITER WHOSE MUSIC SPANS BLUES, R&B, AND ROOTS. HIS 2016 ALBUM THE LAST DAYS OF OAKLAND WON A GRAMMY FOR BEST CONTEMPORARY BLUES ALBUM. THIS YEAR HE TOOK OUT THE GRAMMY FOR THE SAME CATEGORY FOR HIS ALBUM PLEASE DON'T BE DEAD. THIS ONE-TIME DRUG-DEALING HUSTLER DROPPED A LIFE OF GUNS AND KNIVES, GREW HIS SIDEBURNS LONG, AND GATECRASHED THE GRAMMYS WITH WHAT HE CALLS 'BLACK ROOTS MUSIC FOR EVERYONE'. HE'S REFRESHINGLY UNMODEST, WHICH IS KIND OF CHARMING. IT'S GOOD WHEN PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE GOOD.

'I had a very interesting record for that category I think that's how I felt, man. I don't know, I always look to do things that are very original and that are not just rehashing the same thing that's been done over and over before. And I think that's probably why they put contemporary blues. I don't know, that's just how I felt. I had a feeling, and yeah, I mean it was... I don't know if that's arrogant to say, but it's just how I feel. I'm in music for originality, and I really am attracted to music that's pushing and does things outside of the box and differently. And it's great that that's acknowledged. I'm happy to say that in both of my contemporary blues albums there's not one twelve-bar-blues song, and that makes me very happy.'

Fantastic Negrito calls pushing out of the box his comfort zone.

'We all have different reasons for becoming an artist, and that was my reason. I think I wanted to write songs that really connected with just everyday people and that's why I started doing this as a busker initially, just busking in train stations and in front of donut shops and coffee houses just five years ago. And my desire then was to make a connection with people, and that's my desire

now. Just all kinds of people, not just the people who make us feel comfortable. A lot of my basslines and guitar riffs are written, just me watching all the dope dealers that I grew up with in the neighbourhood. They had a certain swag, and I wrote a lot of my basslines around that. And I try to find the most out-of-tune upright pianos and strap things together in my art gallery and come up with something that's compelling and that's interesting and gives people a feeling.'

Fantastic Negrito was born to the street. To the hustle. In fact even learning the piano he had to hustle.

'I thought when I was around 17, "Well, this could be good, do this". But I just didn't have any talent, so I had to learn how to play. So I would sneak into the University of California at Berkeley and I would get into those practice-room classes, and that's how I learned how to play.'

'I learned probably about six months after touching the piano, I realised that there was music in my head. So I decided that that's all that I would play. And that would be my way of connecting and making a contribution. I felt like with all the drama in my life then I would be... I could grow up to write a song

like *Plastic Hamburgers* about the proliferation of prescription pills in the United States. Or I would write a song like *Bad Guy Necessity*, which is I feel like the essence of society and civilisation is that we all need to have these people we consider the bad people, so that we can rally against them. I think that's a very unfortunate part of humanity.

'So when I'm in there writing and producing these songs, I want to start from nothing. I don't know what I'm gonna come out with, but I go in always with a great song. And I loop drum beats together and guitar loops together and piano licks. It's almost like minimalism in a way. I'm trying to pick out as many things as I can so that the shortest distance between music and feeling is achieved, and that's my objective.'

Songs just arrive for Fantastic; he doesn't labour a lyric or a melody.

'They fall out, they're always circulating and I try to catch up. I need to have a couple people to help what's going on with me because it's just a lot of music, and then there's so much activity. So I'm working on just keeping it as pure as I can; to me it's very organic. I think 90 per cent of the things I write are garbage; the world never hears 'em. And then there's that 10

per cent that the world hears. But my process is just to keep it... sanctified.

'There's optimism in it; even in the darkness I always walk towards the light. I mean, I feel like that with all of my songs, if you listen to *Bad Guy Necessity* and some of these tracks, even *The Nigga Song*, which people don't want to face. But there's a lot of positivity in it and there's a reason that I'm singing it. I'm not just singing these things and writing them to be frivolous.

'I call it black roots, 'cause it's all in the same, it's all the same garden we're picking from. AC/DC picked from it; so did James Brown; so did Led Zeppelin. It just all came out differently because they had different experiences. But all this music came from enslaved Africans. And everyone was able to take parts of it and make it their own and share it with the world – that's the beauty of it. So definitely, I'm not afraid of any of that, I think, "Yeah, I love it all". People hear what they hear, but it's great. I love... hey, whatever. Someone called me... what did they call me? The male Patti Smith. I think, "Great, I'll take it!"'

Fantastic Negrito plays Bluesfest this year. For tickets and program lineup go to bluesfest.com.au.

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DEAR NEW ZEALAND, COULD WE BORROW YOUR PRIME MINISTER? WE'LL GIVE HER BACK, PROMISE.

We're hoping she could run a masterclass in compassion. Our politicians don't seem to have any. Maybe she could scout our political system for a leader with some of the qualities she has. Or perhaps run a reality TV show ahead of our upcoming election 'Australia's Got Compassion'.

Basically our politicians are faced with humanitarian, climate-change, and social-justice challenges and they are forced to address those emotionally instead of economically. Maybe Scott Morrison can live with a family of refugees. Or with someone dying from black lung. If you go fiscal instead of instinctual you get voted off.

Our country needs the hope that Jacinda has given you. We here are SO BLOODY JEALOUS! Have you seen what we have to choose from? We have an election coming up and our politicians are, well, how do I say this nicely? Awful. The potential leaders from both parties are uninspiring, dull, and so last century.

We're still running with the old-white-men-in-suits thing. Even though old white men in suits are continually shown to be distrustful, duplicitous, and dangerous, we still don't seem to be able to shake off this belief that power belongs to them.

It's time for young mums who speak their mind. Who would have thought that a 38-year-old mum of two could not only perform in the job as PM but would capture the world's imagination. Imagine if all world leaders were like Jacinda! She speaks from her heart. She's shown the world it's possible to be a visionary AND a leader. It's sent shockwaves around the world.

Politicians everywhere are shaking in their suits. They're thinking, 'Are we going to have to do this too? Are we going to be expected to show kindness and insight and reason?' Scott Morrison tried to include the terms *peace* and *love* in one of his speeches but it sounded stupid. You can't just say *peace and love* – you have to believe it. I don't think he's a peace-and-love man.

Jacinda is terrifying to the average polliie because so many of them are sociopaths. We've been electing sociopaths for years. I mean who else would want the job?! We thought it was an essential criterion. But Jacinda has shown us that it's not. That people in power don't have to be brutal or bullish. They can show who they are. They can inspire people to change by appealing to their humanity!

Our governments usually 'inspire' people to change by cutting them off Centrelink. Or they build a stadium. We're still Romans at heart; nothing like a big stadium to win a vote! Just ask Gladys Bjelke Petersen!

We've realised it's not just about having women in power; we have to have women who don't emulate the way the men have been working. That's why we want Jacinda.

We want to find our outspoken brave young women. They're the future. Not the dusty old dicks that line our parliament. We'd be happy to lend you Pauline. You'd have a lot of fun with her. She pretends to be stupid, but she's not. Just the other day her party leaders were exposed as having gone to the US to try to get \$20 million from the NRA to push them forward in the next election and try and destabilise our gun laws. That's sedition I think. There was a time when you'd be locked up, even hanged for that. But no-one in her party has even been sacked. In fact I think the attention has just made her followers dig in deeper. She has this special way with words. She said, 'Let me make it very clear to the Australian people. I have never sought donations or political guidance from the NRMA.' Everyone laughed. It's a funny joke (mainly because she's from Queensland and she should have said RACQ). Everyone went, oh, she's stupid. But she's not. I think she did it on purpose so that the media would pick up on her blunder, it would go viral, be distracting and it would make her look benign. How can you seek funding from the NRA if you don't even know who they are kind of thing?

Anyway, New Zealand, we don't have much time. Nobody believes in our two-party system any more. That's why they're electing show ponies like Mark Latham. And the Shooters Party! Please send Jacinda; we could billet her out no problem. We can even teach Pauline how to say your name properly.

Love Australia (because we don't).



SONS OF THE EAST

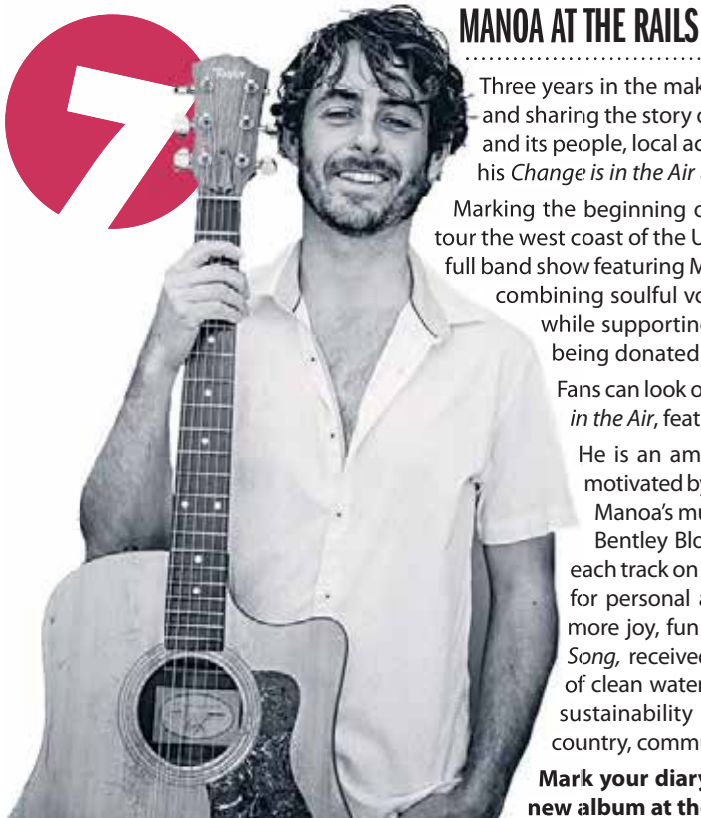
Sons of the East are an indie-folk band from the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Bandmates **Dan Wallage, Nic Johnston,** and **Jack Rollins** have already seen their music achieve 70 million streams and over 16 million YouTube views as their popularity continues to soar worldwide.

The band's motley acoustic-electric sound has become a unique and charismatic trademark. Soulful, joyous and irresistible. With a huge year ahead Sons of the East have decided to go bigger. In early March they released their brand new single *Silver Lining*. An anthemic riff on hope and resilience, *Silver Lining* is set to

become another timeless classic from Sons of the East. This week the band release their third studio EP *Burn Right Through*.

To coincide with the release of *Silver Lining* and their new EP the band kick off a massive tour that will see them return to the UK and Europe with their full five-piece band.

Sons of the East are taking their brilliant live show through 14 countries, playing over 40 venues and ten European festivals, and they are coming to play the Byron Brewery on Saturday at 6pm. \$18.10 at oztix.com.au



MANOA AT THE RAILS

Three years in the making, inspired by his deep love for the natural environment – and sharing the story of an emergent regenerative culture empowering the earth and its people, local activist, eco-educator and roots musician **Manoa** is debuting his *Change is in the Air* album at **The Rails** in Byron Bay on **14 April**.

Marking the beginning of his Australian national tour, before heading overseas to tour the west coast of the USA and Hawaii, The Rails audiences will be treated to a rare full band show featuring Manoa's uplifting reggae grooves and laidback folk melodies combining soulful vocals, conscious lyrics, alongside sax, keys, drums and bass while supporting a great cause with 10 per cent of EP sales from the night being donated to local ocean warriors Positive Change for Marine Life.

Fans can look out for the official video release for the EP title track, *Change is in the Air*, featuring **Bobby Alu** on drums, next week.

He is an ambassador for Stradbroke's Pacific Island Earth School, and motivated by his lifelong desire to be of more service to people and nature.

Manoa's music has been enormously inspired by his participation at the Bentley Blockade and other eco-activism sites around the globe, with each track on the EP speaking to his deep reverence for the earth, yearning for personal and cultural transformation, as well as the desire to bring more joy, fun and presence to life. His first single from the EP, *The Water Song*, received worldwide acclaim in 2016 and is about the importance of clean water, and each of the tracks released since, speak to reclaiming sustainability and co-creating a new collective narrative connected to country, community and protecting wild places.

Mark your diary for Sunday 14 April when Manoa launches his brand-new album at the Rails.

GIVING HEADSPACE A NUDGE

The Cunning Stunts' party with a conscience: **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** is raising money for **Tweed Headspace** this month. This is the 35th event and part of a shared vision by the crew to use their passion for dancing and bringing the community together for good. They have raised in excess of a quarter of a million dollars for local charities! For those not familiar with Tweed Heads Headspace, the service provides free support for 12–25 year-olds going through a tough time. They have a policy that dictates that no young person will be turned away without being supported to access services in or outside of Headspace. At Headspace Tweed Heads they currently have five youth access clinicians including an Aboriginal youth access clinician, five psychologists, a GP, a drug and alcohol worker, a dietician, an exercise physiologist, and employment and training advisers working within their centre. They also have hot desks available in the centre and invite local organisations from the community who support youth to work from them. They also have a community-engagement worker to build links with the community.

This month's Nudge Nudge welcomes DJ / percussionist / producer **SHE J**, currently a member of Tijuana Cartel, who has performed at other Cunning Stunts events as a musician. This is her Nudge debut as a DJ. Australian DJ royalty, the legendary **DJ Stephen Allkins**, is playing a special 2-hour set. Stephen

moved to the Northern Rivers a few years ago to live a semi-retired life. His alchemy with selections, mixing, and panache leave us satiated and desirous at the same time! The Cunning Stunts' resident DJs **Lord Sut** and **Dale Stephen** are guaranteed to freshen your palate, excite your senses, provide you auditory bursts of happiness, and ensure your feet don't stop moving! Their acclaimed sets will be filled with unexpected twists and turns to keep the dancers and music enthusiasts always wanting more!

All DJs donate their time and play their incredible tunes to support our local community and raise awareness at this party with a conscience.

Nudge Nudge Wink Wink is a ticketed monthly event running from September till June that brings the community together in an all-inclusive way, while raising much-needed funding for beloved and deserving local charities which help improve the lives of northern NSW residents. Food, entertainment, an outside bar, and amazing raffle prizes all contribute to this special event that the first Sunday of the month has become.

Funds at their events are raised through ticket sales, vendor and attendees' donations, sponsors, and the selling of raffle tickets. One hundred per cent of profits is donated to local well-deserving charities.

Tix are \$25 at eventbrite.com.au.





CLASSICAL CROSSOVER: CELTIC TENORS

When you put together three brilliant tenor voices with natural Irish charm, singing spine-tingling classical, folk, Irish, Gaelic and pop favourites in stacked three-part harmonies, then mix them up with quick-witted banter, you have **The Celtic Tenors**. The charismatic, globe-trotting trio are the most successful classical crossover artists ever to have come out of Ireland and are returning to Australia in May 2019. They just sing songs they love, and they most certainly don't take themselves too seriously. It's all about the music, the harmonies, and the fun. Three unique solo voices, but when called upon – one tenor sound! While each of The Celtic Tenors has been influenced by the musical traditions from their own individual parts of Ireland, **Daryl Simpson, James Nelson, and Matthew Gilsean** show great flexibility in melding their voices to suit the appropriate genres. The Celtic Tenors will also perform the Irish Songbook on their 2019 Australian tour with such classics as *Finnegan's Wake, In The Gloaming, Song For Ireland, Danny Boy, The Dutchman, Caledonia, You Raise Me Up*, and many more favourites. With a polished international reputation and over a million album sales worldwide, The Celtic Tenors offer something truly unique: the skill, range, and ability of world-class tenors combined with the personality and fun of genuine Irish performers.

They perform at the Byron Theatre on Friday 17 May at 7.30pm. Tickets \$69 at the byroncentre.com.au.



WILDLANDS YOUTH MUSIC SHOWCASE

Wildlands will screen alongside a mentoring and culture impact film as part of a **Music in Community Showcase**, and free youth workshops to be held at the **One Vision Productions Creative Hub** in Byron Bay on **Friday from 5pm till 9pm**.

Twenty Indigenous youth from the Cabbage Tree Island community have taken part in a dynamic hip-hop music, dance, and film production workshop to create the short film clip *Wildlands*.

The workshop was proudly supported by the NSW government through Create NSW and delivered by local not-for-profit organisation One Vision Productions (OVP) in partnership with three Indigenous youth who graduated from the 2016 SAE/OVP Certificate III in music production and who went on to become Indigenous hip-hop ambassadors on the world stage with their band *Indigenoise*.

The multimedia workshop provided the young people with an opportunity to combine Indigenous culture with contemporary creative arts – sharing firsthand their inspirational real-life pathway to pursuing a career in music and the arts.

'Hip-hop music has not only proven an effective way for Indigenous youth to reclaim their culture; it empowers them by providing an outlet to engage with community elders and learn about their traditional stories and songlines.'

In 2016, OVP director **Mark Robinson** was compelled to run hip-hop workshops across Australia. He founded One Vision Productions (OVP) shortly after. His vision: 'To use culture, connection and creativity to work with people's passion in the arts, to help them make positive life decisions.'

The Music in Community showcase will also feature live music by members of *Indigenoise* and introductory workshops by **DJ Tetrameth** and **Dave Green**.

'Whether a youth wants to become a DJ, world-class musician, or a performing artist, we help that reality come alive. We teach youth to become mentors, to become leaders, and we help them shine in their everyday life. If you're keen to be part of making a real difference in our community, come and check it out.' One Vision Productions was named a leading grassroots organisation by the NSW Council of Social Service and has worked with more than 50 communities throughout Australia and more than 10,000 youth, focused toward changing their lives. **Contact email: director@onevisionproductions.com.au.**

Music In Community | One Vision Productions Creative Hub | 4/10 Wollongbar Street Byron A&I Estate | Friday 5pm

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Launching The Ninth Chapter!



THE NINTH CHAPTER POSSESS A POWERFUL ABILITY TO GROOVE. LAYERING ELEMENTS OF FUNK, BLUES, AND FOLK, THE AUSTRALIAN SIX-PIECE REVELS IN EXCITING SONGWRITING THAT TAKES LISTENERS ON A DIVERSE MUSICAL JOURNEY.

With over a decade of touring and three EPs to their name, the band has just launched their first full-length album (self titled). Renowned for pairing heavy groove with thumping horns, and able to sculpt a vast landscape of sounds, moods, and tempos – the album is a definitive representation of where The Ninth Chapter's musical evolution has taken them. Led by JAZ MUNRO'S bluesy vocals and slinky guitar, it is a showcase of The Ninth Chapter's dynamic sound: the driving rhythm section of bassist DANIEL BOWLAND and drummer ZAC PAGE, the expansive percussion of GLEN MCCLYMONT, and the richly layered horn section of DILLON CARLSSON and TOM HILLIAR.

Describe the last six months for Ninth Chapter?

Completely unique. After so many years together it becomes harder to find yourself in new territory and the album has certainly tested us on many levels, bringing with it a weight that until now has been unknown within the band.

How have you honed your very distinctive sound?

Good question. It's hard to pinpoint exactly how we have honed our sound; however, creating an atmosphere where we can all bring as much or as little as we can fit into our lives is certainly a factor in its evolution.

Tell me about your debut album. I'm always intrigued why bands self title. Is it because you can't decide on a name, or is it a thing?

In our experience the self-titled album is usually the first long play, and for us, even though we have been together for over a decade now, this album represents our journey as a band from a three-piece with more folk influences to the six-piece deep groove outfit we have evolved into. So I guess it seemed fitting.

What is the core strength of this new album?

Prior to heading into the studio we knew we wanted to represent what we all bring to the band individually, and that breadth of influence resulting in elements of funk, blues, folk, and jazz, which in itself would be the strength of the album. From a lyrical standpoint the album is as much about our journey as individuals as it is about the band's sound.

Tell me a bit about the recording process with Geoff Wright at Lucky Boy Analogue. Why did you decide to go non-digital?

We love to change it up for each studio recording and the opportunity to work with Geoff was fairly random. After recording one song in 2017 we decided to continue the project at Lucky Boy. Over three weekends later in 2018, we

enjoyed the vibe he created for us. Recording analogue is much warmer and less produced, creating that natural sound we like.

Did it change much do you think, about the sound of the album?

Yes it did. Not only do you hear a warmer sound with the inevitable background noise of recording to tape, but we found ourselves simplifying the sound and stripping our instruments back to their natural elements, which compared to recording digital where you tend to tweak things in post-production and lose what you created live in the studio. We tried hard to keep that raw live-essence throughout the album and be okay with some flaws which came from that.

You guys say your band is about mateship – a brotherhood of creativity. I love that. Can you tell me a little bit more? Is it a six-way chemistry?

It's absolutely a six-way chemistry. Bands are volatile creatures and after a few years of playing together we decided from then on it has to be about enjoying playing live with each other, and once that disappeared we would re-think things. Fast-forward to today and some of our most memorable gigs have been our most recent for how we enjoy each other's company and connecting with the audience during that process. This has been our number-one priority throughout the journey, and who knows when it will end...

What can we expect for your upcoming gig?

New music, same vibes. It will be a funk-driven show full of our signature style, mixed with new material that is still forming. Kind of a balance of the new songs finding their feet, and the old faves bringing it home.

The Ninth Chapter plays at the Rails on Friday 12 April at 7pm, free!

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Conductor - Dr Warwick Potter

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DATE: Sunday 7th April 2019
TIME: 2:30pm
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TICKETS: Adults \$45 | Concession \$40 | Students \$20
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| FRI | CLAPTONE TAYA + MORE | HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM |
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ENTERTAINMENT **live music**



SACRED GEOMETRY FOR POTTY

UK act **Sacred Geometry Banned** will be making a special guest appearance at **Pottsville Beach Upfront Festival** this **Saturday** around **8pm**.

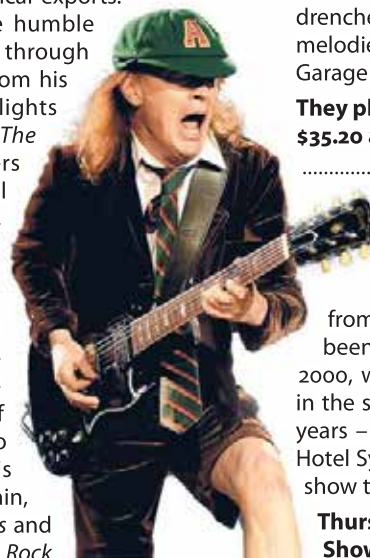
Members of this band have been staying locally to avoid the British weather and to write new material, and have decided to play a local intimate gig to roadtest the new set list before their UK Summer Festival shows. These guys blend old-school trance-dance grooves with psychedelic guitars and otherworldly keyboards, a sound heavily influenced from the UK alternative festival scene, and have worked with legendary 70s pace rockers Hawkwind and Gong and well-known departed local Daevid Allen.

Pottsville Community Hall, Saturday, 8pm. \$10 at the door

LEARNING YOUR AC/DC

History lessons are, by nature, elongated and tedious affairs full of facts and figures and not much else, but when you combine history and live music things, become interesting and entertaining – Fast. Such it is with *The AC/DC Story*, a three-hour-plus interactive performance that documents the life and times of one of Australia's finest-ever musical exports.

Taking you on a journey from the humble beginnings of the legendary band through the Bon Scott era and the fallout from his death, through to the many highlights with Brian Johnson at the helm, *The AC/DC Story* succeeds where others have failed through the use of visual media such as filmclips, interviews, and rare photographs, and combines them with a live performance from **Accadacca** in selected increments; performing songs from each album and adding an authenticity to the show that takes you back to the days when this cheeky group of Aussie underdogs defied all odds to reach the summit of rock'n'roll. It is a show that will inform and entertain, with the famous bells from *Hells Bells* and the cannons from *For Those About to Rock*



TUMBLEWEED AT THE NORTHERN

Coming out of Tarrawanna, **Tumbleweed** is an Aussie rock group that formed back in 1990. With Aria-nominated albums and a swag of Top 50 hits on the Aria chart, the group had a year-long hiatus from April 1998. After reconvening in 1999 they recorded *Mumbo Jumbo* (March 2000). Tumbleweed disbanded in 2001. In 2009 Tumbleweed re-formed with their early lineup of **Jay Curley** on bass guitar, his brother **Lenny Curley** on guitar, **Paul Hausmeister** on guitar, **Richie Lewis** on lead vocals, and **Steve O'Brien** on drums. They were called the 'ultimate stoner's band' for the 1990s. From within a post-psychedelic underground haze that evoked the spirit of 1969, they came on with lashings of fuzz-drenched wah-wah guitar riffs, hard-driving beats, languid vocal melodies, and more hair than any band had a right to possess! Garage stoner at its best!

They play the Hotel Great Northern on Friday at 9pm. Tix are \$35.20 at thenorthern.oztix.com.au.

making a welcome return. It is an all-encompassing spectacular that tells the story of AC/DC with music and allows you to actually feel and enjoy the journey from a unique and rewarding perspective. Accadacca have been belting out all of your favourite AC/DC tunes since 2000, with vocalist **Larry Attard** having supported and run in the same circles as an up-and-coming AC/DC in their early years – occasionally drinking with Bon himself at the Victory Hotel Sydney, as well as... well, you will just have to catch the show to hear the rest.

Thursday 18 April at the Ballina RSL. Doors 7.30pm. Show 8pm. Tix \$30.

▶ ▶ ▶ **LIVE MUSIC CONTINUED**

MASTERCLASS WITH TAYA

Long-term Main Arm local Taya Mills, aka **TAYA**, has been writing and performing music since he was a child. At just nine years of age he started DJing. Finding his passion, TAYA was on the path to a lifelong love affair and career journey with music producing and DJing. Growing up in the local Byron Shire scene, TAYA solidified his place within the vibrant music community. To broaden his horizons and develop his craft TAYA moved to Berlin seeking fresh inspiration from one of the biggest electronic music scenes in the world, and also spent time residing and playing in Bali. While living in Bali in 2017, TAYA's skill and determination won him Beatport's first international Beats In School Producer Competition in conjunction with Yousef's Circus Recordings. Consequently, TAYA is the newest member of the world-renowned label. This recognition and status was what led to TAYA being asked to close out Splendour in the Grass in 2018. Now back living and working at his home studio deep in the hills of Main Arm, TAYA has been his most creative and productive self and has been working on releases with major labels as a result of winning the Beatport competition. He still travels to Melbourne and the Gold Coast to play, but the homegrown shows are where he has the most fun.

TAYA says there are plenty of opportunities in the region to see and enjoy good music. During his career TAYA has had residency at most of Byron Bay's iconic late-night venues as well as working closely with local touring and events company Club Raiders. He now has realised his dream of being able to travel the world and perform to people who know and love his music, but he isn't stopping there; inspired by his drive to succeed TAYA is spending countless hours in his studio in Main Arm, in an effort to see how much farther his career can go. TAYA began his professional music journey in 2005 studying at SAE Byron Bay and now he is coming back to where it all started with a free and exclusive masterclass. TAYA says he was absolutely thrilled to be invited back to SAE to present the masterclass.

'To come so far in my career, now is the time to give back to all the young and aspiring DJs and producers in the region, at the most respected music college in the world,' TAYA says.

TAYA's masterclass will be held at the SAE Byron Bay campus on Wednesday 1.30–4pm. To register for this event please visit facebook.com/SAEInstituteByronBay/TAYA – Masterclass in Music Production and DJing.



Soul Wiggles

I DON'T THINK THERE'S A SINGLE PERSON IN AUSTRALIA WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHO **MURRAY COOK** IS, OR AT LEAST DOESN'T KNOW A SONG WRITTEN BY HIM. HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR BEING A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE WIGGLES.

He has been a mainstay of the Australian music industry for well over 30 years, finding his beginnings in a few Sydney-based rock bands before, in 1991, he founded The Wiggles with Anthony Field, Greg Page, and Jeff Fatt. From there, the ARIA Hall of Famer has become one of Australia's most well-known and critically acclaimed guitarists, dubbed 'the most influential guitarist in the world' owing to his work with young children through The Wiggles – influencing generations of guitarists, including many of Australia's most prominent names today; including the DZ Deathray boys. Not only has Murray done cameos in their video, joined them onstage at Splendour last year; the DZ boys returned the favour and did a cameo in the first **Soul Movers'** single out last week!

Murray may have left The Wiggles, but he certainly hasn't slowed down. He is living his passion in music, joining The Soul Movers, a soul/R&B/classic-rock band that is his primary music focus.

'The Soul Movers started in about 2006. I wasn't involved then; it was Lizzie Mack and Dennis Tek from Radio Birdman. They broke up and so did the band. I had known Lizzie for quite a while – she's six foot two and I am six foot four – so I'd see her across the room. I was blown away by her voice. I got in contact and asked if she'd like to play some music, and that ended up leading to the Soul Movers getting back together!' says Murray.

The Soul Movers have had quite an adventure since then. 'A couple of years ago we were in Austin, Texas, at SXSW; afterwards we went on a road trip to Muscle Shoals – it's a small area with three small cities and some great sound studios. We

ran into this guy there in his 70s. Lizzie start talking to him and brought him over and introduced him as Gene Chrisman, who played drums on *Son of a Preacherman!* And songs with Elvis. We had a chat and he said, 'Do you want to meet the guys I am recording with?' He was recording with Dan Auerbach from The Black Keys. It was an amazing experience. We recorded at FAME the original studio – the one where Aretha Franklin recorded! It was amazing. It can be overwhelming at first, but you get down to work and start recording. There is a feeling there, though, and we wanted to work like they did in the 60s. Playing a lot live. I think it gives a better feel. It gets too clean with overdubs, but like this – it's very organic.'

Murray is still getting out there with the kids, proving he could shred it with the best of them with the DZ Deathrays. 'They asked me up onstage for Splendour and we did AC/DC's *Highway to Hell*. It was great fun! A lot of people there said The Wiggles was the first gig they went to! It took up so much of my time and life being in The Wiggles; it was a big part of my identity, and it took a couple of years to settle in to not being a Wiggle, and there were times when I thought it was a mistake leaving. I love being in the Soul Movers; it does help fill a creative hole. I am really involved in the creativity of writing the songs. We are looking for that sweet spot. After 20 years of touring 10 months of the year you want to be popular, but play gigs close to home!'

Soul Movers are in Byron to play the Byron Brewery on Saturday 13 April at 7pm, free, with a record-store day appearance at Howl and Moan at 1pm.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON
NRSO MUSICIAN
RICHARD WILLIAMS
- TIMPANIST**

ENTERTAINMENT

THE QUAD SQUAD

The Quad is a one-of-a-kind cultural precinct and public space in the heart of Lismore that has been adopted by the community as their own creative playground. Nestled between the new Lismore Regional Gallery, Lismore Library, and the Northern Rivers Conservatorium, The Quad is a public meeting place, a performance venue, a children's playspace, a creative hub, and a space for community expression.

An innovative partnership between Lismore City Council and Southern Cross University, The Quad was launched in 2017 and has since hosted 32 free events, attracting more than 19,000 visitors. The Quad's annual program, curated by Quad placemaking officer **Marisa Snow**, is dedicated to providing a platform for new ideas, artists, and creative works to be developed and presented in the public realm.

'The Quad has been overwhelmingly embraced in its first year and we're thrilled with the response,' says Marisa. 'The Quad presents a unique opportunity to provide a platform to showcase new multi-disciplinary works while also providing a venue for community events and expression.'

The Quad's program is full of free music, art and performance. Here are just some of the highlights for this year: **The Backyard Music Series happening first Saturday every month, 6.30-8.30pm**, with great local acts performing tunes under the stars.



Bring a picnic blanket and the kids. Slate cafe serves up nibbles and drinks from 5.30pm. This month features **The Magnificence with Emily Lubitz from Tinpan Orange slated for 3 August!**

Lismore Youth Festival kicks off 16 April, and is Lismore's first youth festival. This has long been a dream of Indigenous youth mentors **Mitch King** and **Blake Rhodes** of **Dream Bigger**. The one-day festival will showcase emerging artists from the ages of 14 to 19 years across all artforms. The goal of the festival is to generate a positive youth culture for Lismore and surrounding areas through creative and performing arts. So watch that space!

Talking Timpanist

RICHARD WILLIAMS IS ONE OF THE CORE MUSICIANS IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. HE HAS BEEN PERFORMING IN THEIR PERCUSSION SECTION FOR OVER A DECADE. THE VETERAN TIMPANIST IS ALSO A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAGE MANAGER - HE IS ALWAYS THERE TO PERFORM THE ARDUOUS TASK OF SETTING UP THE STAGE BEFORE EVERY CONCERT AND PACKING UP AFTERWARDS.

How did you decide to become a timpani player?

At age 13 my mother took me to an orchestral concert of the St Louis Symphony Orchestra. I was immediately fascinated with the percussion players, especially the timpani player. The timpanist was considered the solo position in the orchestra and I soon found out why. The timpanist plays similar notes to the trumpet and string bass players, and is very dominant in a lot of classical pieces of music by all the great composers. I got private lessons from the late great Rholand Koloff, who was the solo timpanist for the New York Philharmonic for over 30 years. I still watch him on YouTube playing in *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copeland with the New York Philharmonic conducted by James Levine. It is well worth the watching as he was considered one of the greatest.

When did you arrive in the Tweed region and how did you find the NRSO?

I had been performing with Queensland Pops Orchestra in Brisbane for 23 years as their principal timpanist under the late conductor Colin Harper, until his death in 2004. I moved to Tweed Heads and was invited to play solo timpani for the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra under its founder Barry Singh in a rehearsal for a gala concert. Barry was happy with my playing and offered me the position as solo timpanist for the NRSO. I have been playing in the NRSO for some 15 years now and still am enjoying doing so even at my age of 72. Music keeps me young!

Tell us about one of your favourite classical pieces that you like to perform and why is it special?

My favourite classical pieces are the symphonies of Gustav Mahler as they use a lot of percussion, especially the timpani with all of its potential nuances. The first piece of music I ever performed as principal timpanist was with the California Youth Symphony Orchestra, playing Hector Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* at the War Memorial Opera House of San Francisco when I was just 16 years of age. The interesting thing is that Berlioz used the timpani to portray the sounds of thunder for the storm scene in his symphony. The same sounds are required for the upcoming NRSO concert in Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*, in which I will play the timpani thunder sounds during a storm scene in the third movement.

The upcoming NRSO concert *Pastoral Interlude* will be performed on Sunday at 2.30pm at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre, conducted by Dr Warwick Potter. Tix are adults \$40/45 or students \$20 at nrso.com.au or at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Box Office 10am-3pm.



PUBLIC ACTS OF THEATRE

Left in the box when all the dark things fly out, Hope bides its time. Public Act women's theatre project has taken the old story of Pandora as a starting place for exploration. If we don't open the lid of the box are we repressing our soul itself? Weaving together story, poem, dance, and spoken word, a new group of women takes to the stage. The dark things turn out to be the stuff of life and reveal surprising sides and then, finally, hope comes out to play.

This performance at The Byron Theatre is the culmination of Public Act's Empowering Women Through Theatre course, which has been running since 2015 based at the Byron Bay Community Centre.

For more info go to: www.publicacttheatre.com. Tickets \$15. 7pm Wednesday 10 April at the Byron Theatre. Tix are online at byroncentre.com.au or via the box office at 6685 6807.

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SURFING THE ICE

Nordurland is a film about going surfing in the harsh, cold waters of Iceland in the middle of winter. It follows three friends from the subtropical Northern Rivers of NSW Australia, surfers **Torren Martyn** and **Laurie Towner**, as well as founder and wetsuit designer **Ryan Scanlon**. They travel to isolated, snow covered coastlines in search of remote waves, and Byron Bay filmmaker **Ishka Folkwell**, beautifully captures these vast and stunning landscapes on screen.

In making the film Ishka Folkwell had to endure some of the harshest environments imaginable; with temperatures below freezing, wind chill, ice, and snow it was no easy feat to make a surf film. Ishka, recounts one of the biggest challenges was the low light of an Arctic winter; they only had a small window of daylight for a few hours each day to surf and film. The sun would only just poke its head up above the horizon enough for a surf then back down into a very long night.

Most of the exploration to find places to surf was done in the dark. With an original soundtrack composed for the film by Byron's **Headland** band, glaciers, mountains, and powerful icy surf all come to life in this adventure to the far north.

Torren Martyn's narration offers a personal reflection on the trip and a real glimpse into the challenges and rewards of travelling to frozen, distant lands in search of surf.

The film will be showing this Friday night at the Byron Theatre with two showings at 6pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased from byroncentre.com.au or at the door, with all proceeds being donated to help protect our natural environment via lockthegate.org.au.

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TELLING STORIES ABOUT CHANGE



On **Sunday 14 April**, **Jenni Cargill-Strong** hosts an all-female lineup of tellers on the theme of seeding change: **Andrea Darvill, Sophie Wilksch, Dani Wolff, and Alison Crook.**

Dani Wolff is a natural-building designer and community-design facilitator. She comes from an architectural background and was drawn into the world of building with earth, using our hands, connecting to each other through the land we live on. She has taught permaculture, earthship construction, and natural building workshops for the past eight years around the globe and has shared at many events about her passion for co-creating communities and eco-villages. She now resides in Myocum and is starting a new project; Conscious Ground, to build a living classroom of regenerative living and to create an Earth Education Centre.

Andrea Darvill is a dual citizen of the Byron Shire and Canada, and is back in the 'hood before going back to Canada for a stint. Her first storytelling debut was at her nephew Eka's third birthday party in Rosebank. She recently told stories at Eka's 3-year-old son's preschool in LA. Ah, the circle of life! Andrea has performed all over the world, especially in Hong Kong. Andrea has performed for audience members as young as two and as old as 93. She'll have a folktale to tell.

Sophie Wilksch is a teacher of carpentry, and building and design. She loves working with reclaimed and recycled materials, to build eco tiny-homes, sustainable natural dwellings and upcycled furniture, which has been an on-going passion since she graduated from Architecture in 2012.

Alison Crook is the chairperson and one of the founders of Enova Community Energy Ltd, which is a social enterprise that is Australia's first community-owned energy retailer. Alison has had an interesting and varied career and has a long list of academic letters after her name. This has included such diverse roles as: tutor in Philosophy (Flinders Uni), Australian Volunteer International in PNG, NSW state librarian and deputy vice-chancellor for resources at Monash University. Along the way she has been named as Australian Businesswoman of the Year, and Australian Business Leader of the Year (Professions), been awarded an AO for services to public administration and a Centenary Medal for services to business. She has served on some 17 boards in both private and public sectors. Alison will share her story in conversation with Jenni about how she came to be involved in community renewable energy, and what it could mean for us as a community to own our own power – taking action when our systems fail us.

Sunday 14 April, 4-5.30pm | Mullum Ex-Services Club. Suggested donation: \$10.

ENTERTAINMENT



SCULPTED POP-UP

Ten emerging Northern Rivers artists present a *Sculpted* pop-up exhibition in Mullumbimby that opens on **Thursday 11 April.**

Reflecting on their environment via space and form, the exhibition is curated by **Kelly Reiffer**, who describes herself as an 'accidental gallerist'. Working at the high end of investment banking, her attention was captured by art at the cutting edge. In 2009 Kelly took a bold leap, establishing her Berlin Art Gallery, *Skalitzers*, and for four years she represented some of the biggest names globally in the graffiti and street-art scene, including ROA, Vhils, NUG, L'Atlas, and Cope2, in Berlin. Returning to Australia, Kelly continued to represent Berlin street artists, and turned her focus to pop-up shows, exhibiting in an ex-Gucci shop in The Rocks, Sydney, and an old chocolate factory in Chippendale. Kelly moved to Byron in 2014, producing public artworks in the Byron Shire at Wategos, Byron Bay, Habitat, and Ingenuity, presenting her first, very successful, Blue House exhibition last December, with visiting Berlin artist, Danny Gretscher.

Sculpted is Kelly's first invitational show of artists of Byron. Featured artists are: **Lisa Arronis, Jill Dawson, Susie Duggin, Tim Fry, Danny Gretscher, Mercedes Mambort, Suvira McDonald, Jess Poulsen, Amelia Reid, and Leora Sibony.**

All ten artists share a deep attention to their environment – the natural, urban, domestic, emotional, psychological, social, intellectual, spiritual, communicated and remembered – which comes through in the themes of their respective works.

Opening Thursday 11 April, 5-8pm and showing until 20 April, Thurs-Sat, 11am-5pm at The Blue House, 1 Argyle St, Mullumbimby.

VERY EARLY BIRDS GET BETTER WORMS

Byron Writers Festival 2019 will be here before we know it, so mark your calendar, book early, and grab yourself a ringside seat at Australia's largest and leading regional celebration of storytelling, literature and ideas.

This year Byron Writers Festival is offering a new extra earlybird release of 3-day passes at even lower prices, available from 3 April for one week only. A second release of earlybird tickets will be offered in May when the first guests are revealed, and full-price tickets go on sale in June when the whole program is announced.

Festival director **Edwina Johnson** says the new ticket release comes after unprecedented demand for earlybird tickets in 2018: 'We have listened to the many people who want to buy their tickets earlier and for the best possible price. By offering an extra release of earlybird tickets this year we hope even more people will be able to join us at the Festival for this important exchange of ideas and stories that sustain us in challenging times.'

This year's Festival will take place **2-4 August** with more than 140 Australian and international writers, thinkers, and commentators coming together to share their stories, inspirations, and insights on the beautiful seaside grounds of **Elements of Byron Resort.**

For more information and tickets visit byronwritersfestival.com/festival.

DRILL HALL GOT THE SHITS

When someone is told repeatedly that they're worthless, they come to believe it.

It's not surprising then, that the three women in Drill Hall Theatre's upcoming performance *SHIT* believe they're shit, and that the world is shit.

Under the direction of **Georgia Martin**, local actors **Kate Foster, Kate Horsley, and Claire Atkins** will bring the foul-mouthed, violent, and darkly funny characters of Billy, Bobby, and Sam to life in Mullumbimby from **May 10 till 25**. Written by award-winning Australian playwright **Patricia Cornelius**, *SHIT* is electrifying; the characters pull no punches (literally) as their story explores themes of class, violence, and misogyny in Australia.

The play is provocative and bitterly funny theatre. Billy, Bobby, and Sam have been in and out of foster homes and institutional care all their lives. They have been neglected and abused sexually and physically, but they are survivors.

In spite of their situation a peculiar optimism surges through the play. The themes and language might be confronting, but are never gratuitous. Words are their weapons, and give them agency. *SHIT* is a play about three women living on the fringes, but this is a play for all women.

***SHIT* is on at The Drill Hall Theatre at 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby, from May 10 to 25, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and on Sundays at 2pm. Tickets are \$22/\$25 and can be purchased at www.drillhalltheatre.org.au/shit and at The Bookshop in Mullumbimby. General enquiries call 0420 986 570.**



CREATIVE BALLINA

Christine Cameron is a talented local artist who produces artworks in watercolour, linocut, coloured pencil, and scratchboard. She has received a number of local and national awards including the 2017 *Tursa Art Prize*. Christine has work in local, national, and international collections and sells locally through Creative Artisans Gallery in Ballina.

Her work will be on exhibition from Wednesday and concludes Saturday 27 April at Creative Artisans Gallery, Wigmore Arcade, River Street, Ballina.

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I'M NOT RUNNING I'M SCREENING

I'm Not Running is an explosive new play by **David Hare**, premiering at the National Theatre and filmed live for cinemas.

Hare was recently described by *The Washington Post* as 'the premiere political dramatist writing in English'. His other work includes *Pravda* and *Skylight*, broadcast by National Theatre Live in 2014.

The cast includes **Siân Brooke** (*Sherlock*, NT Live: *Hamlet*), **Joshua McGuire** (NT Live: *Rozencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *About Time*) and **Alex Hassell** (*Grantchester*, *The Miniaturist*).

Pauline Gibson is a junior doctor, who becomes the face of a campaign to save her local hospital. She's thrust from angel of the NHS to becoming an independent MP. In the houses of parliament, she crosses paths with her university boyfriend, Jack Gould, a stalwart Labour loyalist, climbing the ranks of the party. As media and public pressure mounts on Pauline to run for leadership of the Labour Party, she faces an agonising decision.

Saturday at 1pm. Tix at byroncentre.com.au.

Life

JOHN PILGER ON PROPAGANDA

John Pilger is an Australian journalist and BAFTA award-winning documentary filmmaker. He is perhaps best known for *A Secret Country*, the book that gave a controversial and passionate portrait of Australia's dark side: racially discriminatory, oppressive, militarily dependent on foreign powers, and politicians in collusion with financial kingpins. He wrote this in 1989; has anything really changed?

Breaking the Silence is an evening with Pilger hosted by Mick O'Reagan at the Cavanbah Centre, 7-9pm. Tix are at ngarainstitute.org.au.

HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Byron Writers Festival and **Dumbo Feather** are bringing writer and sustainability expert **Clare Press** to town to talk about her recent book *Rise & Resist: How To Change The World*. The free talk will take place **10am on Friday at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay**. What does it take to change the world? Is it a protest, a piece of art, a hashtag? How can we embrace our friendships and communities and drive the kind of change that improves lives and protects our natural world? How do we, the many, challenge the power of the few? These are the questions posed by Press in her book *Rise & Resist*. Join Press in conversation with **Zoë Gameau** as she discusses the formation of a new counterculture united by a grand purpose: to rethink how we live today to build a more sustainable tomorrow.

It's free but you need to book: byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on.

IT'S A NICE DAY FOR A WHITE RABBIT

Melbourne City Ballet are coming to town with *Alice in Wonderland* – an incredible show with a cast of 16 dancers!

Two of Australia's leading choreographers, Melbourne City Ballet's **Michael Pappalardo** (artistic director) and **Brendan Bradshaw** (artistic associate) collaborate to pay homage to the well-known novel by Lewis Carroll, *Alice In Wonderland*. With this enchanting ballet complemented by a Tchaikovsky arrangement, *Alice In Wonderland* tells the story of a young girl who is whisked away to a magical world of wonder.

Falling through a rabbit hole she meets magical creatures both strange and mysterious on her adventure to find her way home.

Join the White Rabbit, Queen of Hearts, and the Mad Hatter as Alice ventures through Wonderland. This all-new ballet is perfect for all ages and is a magical portrayal of the classical story, over a year in the making. Melbourne City Ballet is set to entertain across Australia and New Zealand and bring a smile to both ballet audiences with its exquisite choreography and non-ballet audiences through its dynamic storytelling.

With 40 unique costumes and newly designed tour-able sets, this ballet is sure to be a colourful and playful rendition of this story. In true Melbourne City Ballet fashion the company brings a feast of movement to the stage. Sunday at the Byron Theatre, at the Community Centre at 1.30pm. Tix \$36 at byroncentre.com.au

ART IN THE PUB WITH RENE

Artist **Rene Bolten** hosts Art in the Pub at the Court House on Monday. What better way to talk about painting and art than with beer? Rene will talk about the different processes of painting and drawing. He will touch on his career as an artist and the enjoyment of being a teacher.

Rene's practice is greatly influenced by his relationship with his art-making materials and the people, objects and places around him.

Art in the Pub on Monday at the Court House, Mullum at 6.30pm

Getting to know Glenn Robbins and Dave O'Neil



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO LOVE GLENN ROBBINS. HE'S CREATED SOME OF THE FUNNIEST AND MOST ENDURING COMEDIC CHARACTERS IN AUSTRALIA'S COMEDY HISTORY, WITH RUSSELL COIT AND KEL KNIGHT BEING TWO ALL-TIME CRACKERS, AND UNCLE ARTHUR STILL HOLDING A SOFT SPOT FOR MANY WHO REMEMBER THE CRANKY OLD CARDIGAN-WEARING GENT.

What a lot of people don't know about Robbins is that he is also a standup comedian. He is joined by two of his closest comedy comrades, Peter Rowsthorn and Dave O'Neil. I wanted to get under their skin, to find out how these guys tick. So Dave and Glenn finished a couple of sentences for me as part of the psychiatric evaluation: End diagnosis. These are very funny blokes...

FROM GLENN ROBBINS

If I weren't a comedian... I would have launched a thing called Google back in the 90s.

What I have learnt about life is... that there is one thing you should never forget... just can't remember what it is.

The secret to getting more out of life is to... watch and learn all your life skills from MAFS.

When I was a kid I thought... too much.

The people I most want to impress... are the voices in my head.

When I am alone... I like to mind my own business.

One of the things I most like to do naked is... have sex; I know, call me crazy.

If I could have dinner with anyone on the planet it would have to be... Dave O'Neil and Peter Rowsthorn. We like to share dessert.

My ultimate superhero is... Super Dave Osborne – RIP.

If I were a superhero, my superhero power would be... Aromatherapy. Solving smell problems all over the world.

My biggest personal challenge is... to not have any personal challenges.

My mother always said... that I could see dead people; should have written a film about it.

The other kids at school... are probably in jail now.

The biggest misconception about comedians... is that we all take size nine in shoes.

When I have a great gig... people laugh hysterically and throw money at the stage... then I wake up.

The things that make me laugh... are what's about to happen at the Byron Comedy Festival.

The album I love most that embarrasses me... is my *Duets* album I recorded with Andre Rieu back in the 90s – available at all good petrol stations.

When I dance I like to... keep hip dislocation to a minimum.

What should we expect for your show at Byron Comedy Fest?... What happens at Byron stays at Byron.

FROM DAVE O'NEIL

If I weren't a comedian I would... be the funny guy at work annoying people.

What I have learnt about life is... to try to find what you love and do that as a job.

The secret to getting more out of... an orange is to SQUEEZE!

When I was a kid I thought... I was going to be an archaeologist, but I blame Indiana Jones for that.

The people I most want to impress are... my parents; they still want me to be an archaeologist or a dentist.

When I am alone I like to... eat junk food in my car.

One of the things I most like to do naked is... walk down the street but the police aren't keen. Nor are the neighbours.

If I could have dinner with anyone on the planet it would have to be... Glenn Robbins and Peter Rowsthorn and it's going to happen in Byron!

My ultimate super hero is... the Phantom. Because he lived in a cave with his dog. He was basically homeless but he made the best out of it.

If I were a superhero, my superhero power would be... eating while driving.

My biggest personal challenge is to... stop smoking, stop drinking, stop snoring, stop eating junk food... just stop!

My mother always said... your brother is the really funny one.

The other kids at school... used to laugh at me; well I did repeat quite a few years and I had a beard by Year 7.

The biggest misconception about being a comedian is... you're funny all the time. Just ask my wife!

When I have a great gig... I buy a big bag of chips and say, 'You deserve this!' No wonder I'm fat.

The things that make me laugh... are funny people like Glenn Robbins, Peter Rowsthorn, Denise Scott...

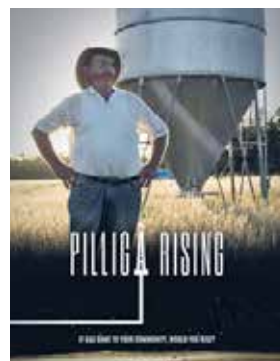
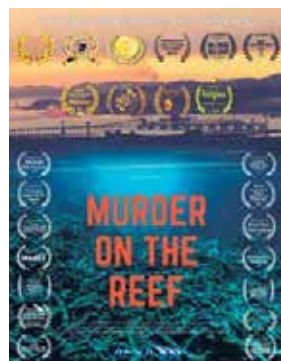
The album I love most that embarrasses me is... Air Supply's *Greatest Hits*. I saw them last year; they were awesome!

When I dance I like to... pretend it's 1984 and I'm skinny and a great mover.

What should we expect for your show at Byron Comedy Fest?... Just a whole lot of laughs from two comedy legends... and me!

Glenn Robbins and Dave O'Neil headline with Peter Rowsthorn at the Byron Comedy Fest in their show *Mixed Nuts* at the Byron Surf Club on Friday 17 May at 9pm. Tix are \$65. byroncomedyfest.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



US

The old bloke a few seats down from me yawned audibly, and I was feeling the same way. Jordan Peele shot to fame among cinephiles with last year's *'Get Out'*, his debut as director. It has already become something of a cult movie and this, of which he is also writer and producer, bears some resemblance to it in that it deals with identity. But otherwise, the two are like chalk and cheese, with *Us* being little more than a zombie flick dressed up to look deep and meaningful (for the real deal, check out the Australian *Cargo*). It starts creepily enough, at a beach fairground in Santa Cruz, 1986. A little girl wanders into a hall of mirrors and comes face to face with her Doppelgänger. Jump forward to the present day, and that little girl is married with a couple of kids of her own. The family has just arrived at their lakeside holiday house, but on the first night a group of people decked out in red overalls are seen standing in the driveway. When the father (Winston Duke) confronts them, he finds that the man opposite, is 'him'. And that the other three are his wife (Lupita



Ngong'o), daughter (Shahadi Wright Joseph) and son (Evan Alex). We learn that they represent the neglected 'shadows' and they have turned up to wreak violent revenge on those who have flourished in the real world. As an exploration of how the 'other' in society might one day rise up, the idea is fair enough, but after the initial weirdness, which is genuinely disturbing, the film is given over to run of the mill killing, stabbing and screaming etc. Why the alternative father can only communicate in grunts is never properly explained, nor is the reason why the boy scampers around on all fours like a chimpanzee. It just gets boring (although it did prompt me to reference *Jeremiah 11:11*) and the surprise ending is not really a surprise at all, being flagged as soon as the closing scene commences.

DUMBO

There is something about movies by Tim Burton that makes them a bit like a takeaway Chinese dinner – ten minutes after you've eaten it, you're hungry again. Maybe the problem lies (for me, anyway) in not exactly knowing what he is trying to say, and to which audience he is making his pitch. As always with Burton, this is a visually sumptuous film – if you can't get into it, you can at least look at it forever. As a re-make of an animated 'classic', it works because it passes the crucial test of believability. The little CGI elephant is absolutely convincing, from the moment we meet him after he has been born into the circus world of Max Medici (Danny DeVito, an annoying actor who yells all the time). With absurdly overgrown ears, it is soon discovered by the kids looking after Dumbo (Nico Parker, Finley Hobbins) that he can fly if you stick a feather up his trunk. It goes without saying that a callous entrepreneur (Michael Keaton) will muscle his way into the money-making opportunity, thus introducing the villain, in the form of greedy commerce exploiting the sweet-natured carney folks. Dumbo is adorable, especially when, in his first nervous appearance before the paying rubes, he saves the day despite the most precarious circumstance – it was heart-stopping, even to this most jaded reviewer. That Burton repeats the scene soon after says rather too much about his resort to cliché. The characters are two-dimensional, although I could not quite get a handle on why the kids' father (Colin Farrell), needed to have only one arm (and I could not see where it was hidden). The film is colourful, spectacular, and uncomplicated with the line between good and bad clearly drawn, although the almost deafening score is noisier than it needs to be (what movie isn't these days?). But its most pleasing, belated message is the one it makes about wildlife and the need for us to save it at all costs. Take the kids – they might learn something.



STARS BY LILITH



LATE WEEK SUN AND NEW MOON IN ARIES JUMP-START A WHOLE NEW ASTROLOGICAL YEAR, SO SET INTENTIONS, WRITE THE WISH-LISTS AND LET IT RIP...

ARIES: Sun and new moon in your pioneering, adventurous sign announces the annual power point of your astro-calendar, bringing a welcome jump-start to anywhere you've felt stuck. Decide which concrete steps you'll take towards what you want to happen between now and mid-October's Aries full moon; if closure and completion is needed, so be it.

TAURUS: This week's planetary combination suggests you may be dealing with intense emotions, and/or a transition requiring release. Letting go can be a hard ask for Taureans, especially of people, so perhaps take a deep breath and make three decisions that will move life forward. And be absolutely assured the force is with you.

GEMINI: With propulsive Mars jetting into Gemini you're at your most energetic and frisky, but this is also when you most need to concentrate, focus and manage your energy to avoid nervous burnout. And not let Mercury in the sign of rose-tinted-specs obscure red flags regarding any exciting newbies entering your orbit.

CANCER: New moon in let's-do-it Aries spins the astral wheel into a brand new cycle, ready or not. Up for the ride? April-born Jimmy Cliff sings it best for this week: *You can get it if you really want, but you must try, try and try...* Step up Cancerians, do the work, and be assured of joyful rewards.

LEO: With its energy surge for brave new beginnings and changed ways of operating, this week makes it easier to solve problems boldly. Itching to get stuck into something new? When Mars is in impulsive mode, it's absolutely imperative to do the necessary due diligence, background checks and cost estimates first.

VIRGO: Mars in the sign of variety spices up this week and it would be easy to overdo, overwork and overthink. The key as always is balance, and fortunately distractions are equally varied and tempting, so give yourself permission to stash some things in the pending basket and just have some fun.

LIBRA: Venus in dreamy, romantic Pisces and this week's start-up new moon in your partnership house delivers the cosmic equivalent of a cattle prod to your love life - making it a prime time for resetting togetherness goals and renovating daily routines to make them easier, more enjoyable and efficient.

SCORPIO: With Venus taking the kind of dive you like, this fiery week is guaranteed to get hormones boiling and red corpuscles fired up. The new moon in your sector of health initiatives suggests a bit less of some things and more of others: like dieting, getting a massage, a medical check-up or making that gym enrolment...

SAGITTARIUS: Mars in your partnership sector usually brings a relationship renaissance: either a new friend/love interest or business alliance. But the red planet in mutable Gemini can get carried away, so unless you want this week to turn into an episode of *Absolutely Fabulous* (who knows, perhaps you do) take a chill pill and look before you leap.

CAPRICORN: Whatever you say this week, make sure it's authentic: others will know if it's not. Mars moving into your deep cleaning, decluttering, taking care of details zone can activate control issues, interpersonal friction and elevated tempers – though the upside can get invitingly hot and steamy in your personal, private sauna.

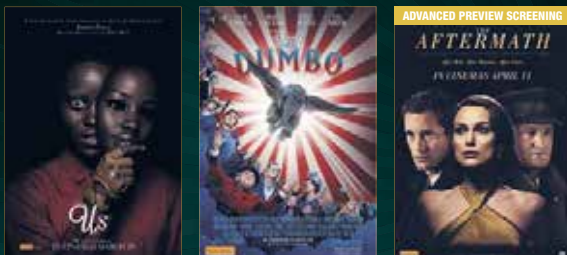
AQUARIUS: While fast food, quick fixes and instant gratification may beckon, smart Waterpourers will go for the slow sizzle that makes things last. You're cute, astute and nobody's April fool, so take all the time you need this week figuring out when, where, which way and how much of what will work.

PISCES: With the planets of affection and information exchange in your sensitive sign, toes could be trodden on and feathers ruffled during this rough and tumble week. Which sounds like your cue to lose the to-do lists, reschedule appointments and put some delicious Venusian pleasures on the menu instead.

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THURSDAY 4 APRIL

11:00am **BF** Flying the Nest
 12:45pm Captain Marvel
 3:15pm Border
 5:30pm Everybody Knows
 8:00pm Captain Marvel

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

9:45am **BF** Flying the nest
 11:15pm Captain Marvel
 1:20pm Everybody Knows
 3:45pm Captain Marvel
 6:00pm Closed: Private Function

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

10:00am **BF** Flying the nest
 11:30am Free Solo
 1:15pm Everybody Knows
 3:45pm Captain Marvel
 6:00pm Closed: Private Function

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

10:00am **BF** Flying the Nest
 11:30am Everybody Knows
 1:45pm Captain Marvel
 4:00pm Everybody Knows
 6:20pm Captain Marvel
 8:30pm Green Book

MONDAY 8 APRIL

11:15am **BF** Flying the Nest
 1:00pm Everybody Knows
 3:30pm Green Book
 6:00pm Free Solo
 8:00pm Captain Marvel

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

11:00am **BF** A Dogs Way Home
 12:45pm Everybody Knows
 3:15pm Green Book
 5:45pm Captain Marvel
 8:00pm Everybody Knows

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

11:00am **BF** Flying the Nest
 12:45pm Everybody Knows
 3:15pm Green Book
 5:45pm La Traviata
 8:30pm Captain Marvel

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THURSDAY 4

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **SARA GRANT TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **DOS LOONA**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **STREET LEVEL PRESENTS**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **IZZY DAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY 7PM **JONI 75 - A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **DJ CHEF DE PARTY + FRIENDS**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **SUMMIT TO SEA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **MANDY NOLAN PRESENTS - JENNY WYNTER & JONATHAN ATHERTON.**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SHIRE CHOIR**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES, 6.30PM **JOSH HAMILTON**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **OLE FALCO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **TRIVIA**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING, 6PM BACK TRACKIN'**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **CACTUS, BLEACH GIRLS & PURE MILK**

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY 7PM **JONI 75 - A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE MUSIC & DJS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUTH WALL**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES 6.30PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **FANCY DRESS KARAOKE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS WITH AMIR PAISS AND OHAD REIN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 7.30PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **JEREMIAH JOHNSON**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 11AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB - FEAT SANDFIRE, 4PM PIANO BAR - NARRELLE HARRIS, BOARDWALK 6.30PM RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 8PM **CROAKER & THE HONEYBEE**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DJ CORNELIUS**
- THE SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GALLERY, LISMORE 6PM **HAZEL ROSE PRYOR - EXHIBITION REVERIE BIRDS**
- LISMORE WORKER'S CLUB 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **THE MUSTANGS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH 7PM **UKI REFUGEE PROJECT - FUNDRAISING COMEDY MOVIE NIGHT - THE MERGER**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **BOOMSHANKA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **ROCKIN' RON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6.30PM **JASON DELPHIN, 8.30PM DJ DAYLEE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4.30PM **SCOTT WHATMAN, 9PM TROMBONE KELLY, JUNIORS 5PM DAVE CAVANAGH**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN 7.30PM **MICK THOMAS & THE ROVING COMMISSION**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **THE WAYWARD SUNS, DYER MAKER 'SINGLE TOUR', PERSEVERANCE, RYAN MUNRO**

SATURDAY 6

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **BRAVE GOLF**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **DAVE SCOTT BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 5PM **DJ LONGTIME, 9PM DJ LORDY WARDY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **SONS OF THE EAST**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **I'M NOT RUNNING BY DAVID HARE - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 7PM **ELDORADO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW 4PM **VOX CALDERA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MARK RIDOUT AND THE RHYTHM**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **ELIXIR FEAT. KATIE NOONAN**
- SABI SUSHI, OCEAN SHORES 12PM **OLIVIA ROSEBERY, 6.30PM LUKE YEAMAN**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **GREAT GATSBY PARTY - GALAXY BAND FEAT KRISTINA KELMAN**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **RAMBLIN ASH AND LUCY MENZIES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **NATHAN MELVIN TONG**
- TINTENBAR HALL 1PM **THOR PHILLIPS**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **TOKE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA, 8PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **MOSSY ROCKS**
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- LISMORE WORKER'S CLUB, MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES, SPORTS 7.30PM CHEVY EXPRESS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 8PM **THE ABBA SHOW**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **INO PLO**
- COMMUNITY HALL, POTTSVILLE 8PM **SACRED GEOMETRY + JOANNE SAPPHIRE, SOPHIA FLETCHER & ANDY KAY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF 3.30PM **MUSIC IN THE PARK - BORDER RANGERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JON TOOGOOD**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **GAVIN DONIGER, 7PM BILL JACOBI**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS JUNIORS 2.30PM **AKA 4.30PM EUREKA FUNK, 9PM TROMBONE KELLY**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **HEADLINES (MELB), TEEPZ (MELB), T-RAPPER, DECREPIT REP, C-REKS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ACCA DACCA**

SUNDAY 7

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **BURGER JOINT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **WALKER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4PM **THE FERAMONES, 9PM MOHNDOO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **MOJO BURNING SIDESHOW - CREEK, NO PARADE, PIECES OF MOLLY, PLENKO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 10AM **KOBYA, DARYL JAMES, STAN CEGLINSKI, RAKU O'GAIA**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS LUNCH-LATE EVA J & VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 4PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **OKA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**

- BILLINUGDEL HOTEL 2PM **NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 11AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB - FEAT SANDFIRE**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 4PM **STU BLACK**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD 4PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- NORPA AT CITY HALL, LISMORE 12PM **PLAYWRIGHTS FORUM - PLAYWRIGHTING AUSTRALIA - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR LACHLAN PHILPOTT**
- ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE 2PM **VOX CALDERA**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 12PM **JORGE PERIERA**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **SABOTAGE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 1PM **JOHNNY AND THE EASYRIDERS, 6PM DVS**
- CIVIC CENTRE, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **NORTHERN RIVERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 2PM **TWEED LINKS QUARTET**

MONDAY 8

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **HARRY MET SWANNY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8.30PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 9.30AM **THE PICTURE HOUSE CHOIR**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **ART IN THE PUB**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **DAVID LEE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON, 6.30PM MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 9

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **SIMON MEOLA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**



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- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY 9PM **YEWSDAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA CLASSES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 1PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING, 6PM ROB ROSELUND**

WEDNESDAY 10

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **CHRIS & JAMIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **WOMEN'S THEATRE PERFORMANCE BY PUBLIC ACT THEATRE**
- CLUB BYRON 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- CAVANBAH CENTRE, BYRON BAY 7PM **JOHN PILGER**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **SWING CLASSES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 10.30AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI, 1.30PM TOMMY MEMPHIS, 6.30PM LITTLE STEVIE & THE TAIL FINS**
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| ● New moon | 5 April | 7.50pm |
| ○ First quarter | 13 April | 5.05am |
| ○ Full moon | 19 April | 9.12pm |
| ● Third quarter | 27 April | 8.18am |

APRIL 2019 Astronomical data and tides

| 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 0.47 |
| 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 |
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| 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 0.61 |

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 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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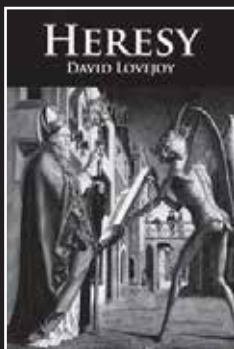
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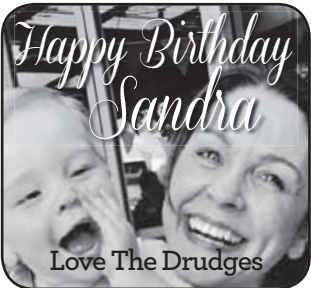
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Aslan Shand

If you thought the West Byron battle was over, think again. The community is once again being called to action over the second development application (DA) for the contentious West Byron site that is coming before the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) on Monday, April 8 at the Byron Theatre from 3pm.

The DA is proposing to create 282 residential lots that would include 19 duplex lots, four medium density lots and many larger lots capable of re-subdivision down to 150-250m² which could lead to the possibility of the site having over 400 dwellings.

If the Villaworld development is approved it would lead to 'filling over a significant population of the nationally vulnerable Wallum Sedge Frog, situated in an Endangered Ecological Community, and filling over locations of the NSW vulnerable Wallum Froglet, and clearing mapped koala habitat and feed trees,' said local ecologist Dailan Pugh.

Irreversible damage

The Byron Shire Council's ecological consultant advised that the assessment,



Left: The West Byron Villaworld proposal (in pink) could lead to over 400 houses on the site. Right: The endangered Wallum sedge frog living on sections of the site. Images supplied.



by the developers, of the impacts of filling these areas was grossly inadequate.

The consultant stated that, 'Whatever the situation regarding rezoning or approvals for this development, the ecological consequences of the development proceeding in its current form are profound and effectively irreversible for the local ecosystem and biodiversity'

Nonetheless the state and commonwealth governments have approved bio-banking to offset this ecological destruction.

Time to fill

Significant quantities of fill will be required to bring the site above flood level including the construction of 'a 1.8 - 2.6m high (and potentially up to 4m) sound wall along Ewingsdale Road on top of up to 1-2m of fill,' said Mr Pugh.

He also pointed out that the earth mound and screen plantings would extend up to 6m within the Ewingsdale Road reserve, that is on

public land, a concession already approved by Byron Shire Council.

Cars, cars, cars

Villaworld appear to have underestimated the amount of traffic that the development will generate, saying that it would be below the RTA guidelines.

This has led Byron Shire Council to state in their assessment of the DA that, 'Until the issues of baseline vehicle volumes and proposed vehicle volume growth rates on Ewingsdale Road can be resolved, the assessment of the ability of Ewingsdale Road to convey current and additional traffic movements from the proposed development cannot be carried out'.

Refusal recommended

Byron Shire Council has recommended refusal to the NRPP on 24 grounds including: lack of assessment of social impacts; impacts on coastal wetlands, biodiversity and ecosystems;

inadequate assessment of impacts on the Belongil estuary; undersized lots; unassessed impacts of fill; inadequate assessment of disposal and impacts of stormwater; inadequate assessment of changes in groundwater; and lack of approval from the Rural Fire Service.

Buy it back

'I have asked the Planning and Environment Ministers to instead consider acquiring the land so that it can be incorporated into the nearby Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve,' said recently re-elected Greens member for Ballina Tamara Smith.

'If this development is approved it will lock Byron into a perpetual spiral of short-term letting that our local infrastructure is not prepared for and it will destroy the character of our community.'

'Local residents have demonstrated time and again their opposition to the West Byron mega-development, and I continue to stand with them in their opposition.'

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Mullumbimby branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) meets Wednesday April 10 at 10am at the CWA Rooms. Bring a plate for a light lunch. New members welcome. Info: Jenny 0427 847 282 or Sue 6684 1675.

Tweed Heads Probus

Hastings Point/Tweed Heads Probus Club meeting on Tuesday April 16 at Tricare, 87 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point, at 10am. The speaker will be Meg Reid, Manager of Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah Service NSW. She will give a presentation on how to simplify the range of services offered to residents and businesses. Enquiries: Jean Watson 6670 4072.

BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold their next luncheon meeting on Thursday April 4 at 10.30am, at Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker Mark Cochrane will speak about Relief Aid to Louisiana Archipelago PNG. Apologies to Marion 0408 294 973 or mlightfoot@internode.on.net April 1.

Gaza Protest

According to the WHO, Israel killed 200 Palestinians and wounded 27,942 during the Great March of Return. Protest with Byron Friends of Palestine at the Cavanbah Centre Byron Bay, Wednesday, April 10, 6pm. Info – Gareth 0491 107 279.

Byron book fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their annual Book Fair on the weekend of July 13 and 14. Pre-loved books in good condition are once again wanted for the fair. Children's books, art books, fiction, non-fiction, history, Australian, and limited editions are all gratefully received. Call Janene 0407 855 022.

Evensong

Sunday April 7, 5pm at St Paul's Spirituality Centre 14 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay (200 metres off Johnson Street). John Power: 0403 905 543.

NR Parkinson's group

Northern Rivers Parkinson's support group at 10am Friday, April 12 at Crowley Village Activity Centre, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Guest speaker Jo-Anne Reeves, CEO of Parkinson's NSW. The next coffee catch-up morning will be at 10am, Friday May 10 at Summerland House Farm. This

is a relaxed social get-together. RSVP Yvonne 6628 5884, or Tamsin 0427 645 146.

Free holiday fun

Free school holiday activities for kids at the Byron Bay Library. **Tuesday April 16** make an 'insect hotel' at 10.30am. Provide a home in your garden for garden-friendly insects – from bees to beetles. Suitable for children aged five and up. **Wednesday April 24** is the kids show *Super heroes of the compost kingdom* on at 10.30am. Join Karen, the compost queen, for a fun and interactive session looking at how composting works, and take home a plant that you've potted. Suitable for children aged three and up. Bookings are essential for all activities, on 6685 8540.

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.

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.

OS Country Club Art Competition

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OS Art Expo

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Byron Sophia

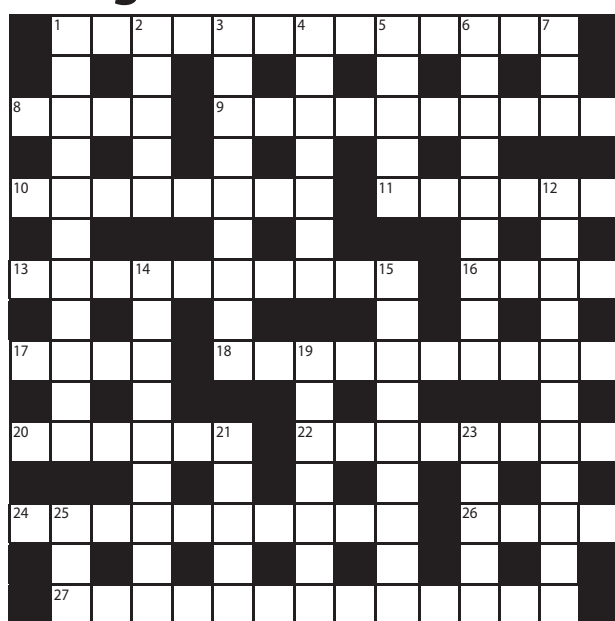
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Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Standard lunch orders – as Ed is ashamed! (3,10)
- Touched fabric (4)
- BB and Cole stomp Jelly Roll Morton classic (4,6)
- America in wake-up with the French philosopher (8)
- Jerk and square sorceress (6)
- From this point, devise omen for her! (4,4,2)
- Dusty and lean (4)
- Hunt the herd (4)
- Irrational spirit, all right in an imitation – but it was purchased without prior inspection! (3,2,1,4)
- Container ship (6)
- Bomb ground pit (8)
- City, 6, 50, 50 East – tropical city, actually (10)
- Refuge not right! (4)
- Revolutionary courses realizing a way – a snack! (6,2,5)

DOWN

- Hog, hare and mare mixed – there will be blood spilt! (11)
- Friends and couples (5)
- Go wild, peel naked with your feet in the water! (5,4)
- Unfortunately endure, over time, to get false teeth (7)
- Popular place for the flow of information (5)
- Hastens for Ben ... right, that's to dine (7,2)
- Look at Bishop's place (3)
- The capon's escaped – and loses its nerve (8,3)
- Devises direction to become intelligible (4,5)
- Number running in shelter – but it wasn't on purpose! (3-6)
- American lass, one gin of a great astronomer (7)
- Adores – O O O! (5)
- Take your places – thanks, Ray! (5)
- Turn and dock raven – it's a monster! (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Light takeaway lunches (3,10)
- Touched, sensed (4)
- Jelly Roll Morton tune, ... (4,6)
- French artist, the Douanier ... (8)
- Jerk, spasm (6)
- Hence (4,4,2)
- Thin, lean (4)
- Stow (4)
- Purchase made without knowing what is inside (3,2,1,4)
- Container (6)
- Buried explosive device (8)
- City in far north Queensland (10)
- Refuge, recess (4)
- Tasty snack (6,2,5)

DOWN

- Bleeding (11)
- Friends, pals (5)
- In water over your feet (5,4)
- False teeth (7)
- What comes in (5)
- Makes haste (7,2)
- Watch, observe (3)
- Shows cowardice (slang) (8,3)
- Become comprehensible (4,5)
- Lack of purpose (3-6)
- He discovered the moons of Jupiter (7)
- Adores, worships (5)
- Type of ray (5)
- Tolkien's monster (3)

Last week's solution N277

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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@byroncommunitycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932.

ACA

Adult Children Of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in East Lismore every Friday 10–11.30am

corner 215 Dibbs St and Wyrallah Rd in small Quakers hut next to Community Hall.

Volunteer hub

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

Language exchange

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

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.

Contact Improvisation

Contact Improvisation Saturdays in Mullumbimby 10–12 noon at St Martin's, Church Hall, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. All levels of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564.

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 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA 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.

Grief support

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

Byron FLEA

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

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 Cavanbah room, 12.00–1.00 Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings, further information

seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **Fridays at Marvell Hall** play mahjong, canasta, 500 etc and enjoy a cuppa at 1.30–5pm. Marvell Street East, Byron Bay. Enqs: Nancy 0498 480 373

Carers' support

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

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzertati2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8.30am–12 noon and first Thursday of the month 9am–11am: food bank. Last Wednesday each month 10–11am: playtime. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.15pm, Saturday 9am–12.15pm. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

Mantras

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

Permaculture Byron

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

Mullum Women's Shed

Mullumbimby Women's Shed Thursday 10am–2pm at the Mullumbimby Community Gardens. All women welcome, by donation. Contact FB page: mullumbimbywomensshed or Christina 0403 191 119.

CWA Bangalow

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

Muslim prayer

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

Byron Bay XI take major premiership



The Byron Bay second grade cricket team with umpires and Baz after winning the trophies. Photo Deb Milgate

Syl Reid

The Cellars second grade cricketers won the Coastal League grandfinal against the minor premiers Lennox Head last Saturday.

After winning the toss Byron sent Lennox in to bat on a well-prepared pitch at Rabjones Oval in Murwillumbah.

Lennox Head were bundled out for 90 runs in the 28th over. Levi Shouldice took 4 wickets for 26 runs after Brady Fuhrmann (1/11) and Toby Schott (1/12) removed both the openers with 8 runs on the board.

A brace of wickets by the other two bowlers, George Worthington (2/9) and Lachlan Whiteford (2/29), ably assisted the Bay's cause with the final four wickets

falling for 3 runs.

A great effort in the field set up the win and the bats made it happen in the 17th over, for the loss of 4 wickets.

The Bay's Mitch Loane finished with 30 n.o. and Matt Irwin (captain) scored 24 runs. This combination was the key to the rapid conclusion of the big event.

Toby Schott (10) and Michael Hughes (6) opened the batting with Lennox throwing everything at them.

Owen Delian was run-out for 4 runs and Ryan McGuinness was there at the end on 9 n.o.

A splendid result especially after last season's washed out final which resulted in Byron sharing the major premiers title. This one was earned fair and square and is a credit to all involved.

Igor wins SLS bronze



Brunswick Heads SLSC medal winners at the Queensland State Masters: (l-r) Paul, Adrian and Igor. Photo supplied

Guy Knox

When Ukrainian Igor Kocherga swapped the Black Sea for the Pacific Ocean, Brunswick Heads SLSC gained a champion.

Igor has been a patrolling member of Brunswick SLSC for six years and his dedication earned him the 'Patrol Person of the Year' award last season.

In March he won the Bronze Medal in the 110 surf board relay at the Queensland State Masters Surf Lifesaving Championships.

His Brunswick SLSC friends also cleaned up with

five title wins in the same competition.

Rob Brown won the 40-44 years surf race and rescue tube and in combination with Paul Davis, also won the surf board rescue race. Paul went on to win the 50-54 years ironman and combined with Peter Madden and Adrian Russell, won the 170 surf board relay race. Phil Parker picked up two bronze medals in relay events.

Brunswick SLSC is competing at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships which started on the Gold Coast last Saturday and will run for nine days.

Women footballers debut with a win



Ocean Shores' first top-tier women's team, the Firebirds, won their season opener last week. Photo Michelle Begg

Marc Patten

The Shores United Soccer Club's first top-division female team took to their home field on Friday night and collected a historic win.

The side was up against a highly rated and experienced Richmond Rovers. But right from the start the determination from the Shores players was evident in a really entertaining, fast-paced match.

They started to look the better side in the second half and with 20 minutes to go, Danni stole a loose ball through the middle and 30 metres out, smashed it. The crowd went wild as the ball ripped into the top corner, and roared even louder when the final whistle left Shores United winners, 1-0.

Also playing at home last Friday were the men's thirds who managed to beat a physical Ballina side 2-0.

Shores passed the ball particularly well and a shut

out for new keeper Mick and goals from Clancy and young Bryton, in his first senior game, sealing the win.

On Saturday, Shores fifths came up against a very clinical and highly rated Eureka. Shores eventually came out on top 6-4 thanks to a big second half effort and two beauties from striker Glen.

Heartbreaker

In first division the Snakes took on the Italo Stars side that had the better of the first 20 mins, but scores were level at halftime.

The Snakes came out on fire in the second half, grinding the Stars down. A Bruno special and then a beautiful breakaway keeper chip from young Oliver, also in his first senior football match, gave the Snakes a 2-0 lead.

The Snakes looked home with 18 minutes to go, but the Stars somehow clawed their way back, scoring three times, to win 3-2.

Ocean Shores swimmers head to state school finals



Some of the Ocean Shores Aquatic team including regional champions Tom Cheek, Meg Porter and Sashi Wills; and zone champions Montannah Archibald, Eve Porter and Tiggi Groves with coach Adrian Fillipic. Photo supplied

Ocean Shores Aquatics has 17 swimmers heading to Sydney to represent their schools and the Far North Coast at state school swimming meets in April.

Some will swim in relays but the majority will be going down for individual events.

'Regional champions

Sashi Wills, Meg Porter, and Thomas Cheek will be competing in a total of up to eight events, testing their endurance levels and character,' coach Adrian Fillipic said.

'We wish all of these swimmers happy travels and great swims along with some pleasant experiences'

Local athletes win medals at Kingy Tri



The True Wheels Cycle tri squad: (L-R) Rob Bele, Alex Evans, Mick Donnelly, Victoria Garden, Brian Woods, and Andy Kean. Photo supplied

The True Wheel Cycles team have won gold and bronze medals at last Sunday's Kingscliff Triathlon.

The men's sprint relay team of Andy Kean and Dean Cutting collected the gold medal in the category. Andy raced the swim and ride legs and recorded second fastest times in both, while Dean did the run and made the best time.

'With perfect racing weather, as well as the swim going with the receding tide, the ride with a slight breeze, and cool running conditions, there were a lot of record fast times across the day,' team

member Mick Donnelly said.

The True Wheel Cycles mixed relay sprint team came third.

Victoria Garden started the team off with the swim, followed by Mick Donnelly on the ride and Brian Woods on the run.

In the mixed relay event the team of Alex Evans (swim), Jack Devine (cycle) and Rob Bele (run) took on a very large field and all did great times, but they missed out on a podium finish.

Matt Slee from the Byron Bay Triathlon club came fourth in the day's main event, the Olympic triathlon.

New members swell All Girl Surfriders in 2019



The All Girls Surfriders youngest member Leihani Zoric (6 years) and eldest member Freda Phillips (73) enjoyed the first club round of 2019 on the weekend and were blessed with clean 0.65 metres waves at Lennox Beach. There was an influx of new members and a new age category for those born before 1984 was started. Photo Natalie Grono

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Further to last week's NSW election result, the early voting stats were updated during the week. The final result went to the Greens' Tamara Smith 55 per cent ahead of the Nationals' candidate Ben Franklin on 45 per cent, after preferences.

Last week's headline 'Green-led Council policy neglect leads to old growth loss' has been refuted by Greens acting mayor Michael Lyon, who says it was a decision made five years ago. In 2012, Simon Richardson (Greens) was elected mayor but lost his slim majority in the term after a Greens councillor defected. *The Echo* concedes the headline was probably unfair to the Greens.

Ethics in journalism were put to the test in the Al-Jazeera sting operation on One Nation last week, which exposed their top brass salivating over the prospect of watering down gun laws and seizing control of the entire federal parliament if they could get \$20m in foreign donations. Is it ok to entrap political actors and be part of the story? Was it in the public interest given it's an age of openly ugly and corrupted politics, or does it lower public opinion and give One Nation goons reasons to complain? Mungo's view is on page 14.

Are you facing a massive large-scale inappropriate development application (DA) in your neighbourhood? *The Echo* has just published an online resource aimed at providing helpful information to guide you through the process. The NIMBY guide is available online at www.echo.net.au/nimby-guide and raises inadequacies in Council's planning processes, the limitations with council's planning laws and most importantly how it could be improved.



Byron Shire's Dynasty Eight chamber choir teamed up with David Bennett and his bank of Planet Earth Gongs at the Brunswick Hall on Saturday. Photo Jeff 'Gonged Since 1986' Dawson

Byron Shire Council appears to be travelling ok with its finances, according to the 2017-18 audited financial statements of councils, released by the NSW Audit Office. The independent body that assesses NSW government agencies and departments says Byron's revenue was \$120m, expenses \$85m and its total operating surplus was \$35m. Total assets are \$892m with liabilities of \$82m. Their audit opinion as of 19 October 2018 was 'unmodified' compared to last year. So which of the state's 138 councils is having financial trouble? Bayside Council, Hilltops Council and Maitland City Council are yet to submit their financial statements, says the report.

Local compost enthusiast and inventor Andrew Hayim De Vries is doing well with his recently launched composting system called Subpod. His team hit their fundraising target on day eight of their 30 day campaign on Indiegogo. He says they now have pre-orders from over 22 countries. For more info visit www.subpod.com.au.

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