

Council 'fail' on bypass

Aslan Shand

While the Byron bypass protesters have been evicted from the site following two arrests last Thursday, and the construction continues to move ahead, there are still local residents who believe Byron Shire Council is failing the community.

Last week Council stated that the issues raised by local Greens MP Tamara Smith regarding the subtropical rainforest at the site were out of date. However, this is disputed by former Byron mayor and Greens MLC Jan Barham, who says that the 2015 mapping Council refers to is not the most up-to-date mapping that council has of the area.

'My concern with the survey work is the lack of recognition of the subtropical rainforest,' she told *The Echo*.

'I'm in disbelief that they have failed to recognise the rainforest as identified in their 2017 mapping. Why do they keep going back to mapping that was done in 2014/5 when the mapping in 2017 was a far more detailed analysis as part of the e-zone review. The bypass application did not do surveys in the rainforest area.'

Issues have also been raised by local activist Fast Buck\$, who sought to view the 'Construction Environment Management Plan' (CEMP) that is required by the Land and Environment Court ruling to be held on site and be available publicly.

Having tried to view the CEMP on site Mr Buck\$ was told that he would need to contact Council. Then having been told by Council he could view it the next day at their offices he was refused the opportunity to read the document. (See more in letters p18).

Ms Barham agreed that public information is lacking. 'The lack of detail and information in the DA and EIS resulted in the Land and

Environment Court's significant consent conditions for an additional 10 management plans that are required prior to construction of the bypass,' she said.

'They should be publicly available. Council is playing multiple roles as the proponent and the consent authority for these plans.

'This requires them to be open and transparent. This is what was done previously with major works projects, all documents publicly available and on the website so the public could access them. Council should be making the bypass implementation process as open and transparent as possible.'

Mayor Simon Richardson confirmed just prior to going to print that the CEMP is now available to the public at Council's head office in Mullumbimby.

Endangered species

Council is currently in discussion with the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy following public concerns raised with the department.

'My understanding is that the federal government Department of Environment and Energy has been in contact with Council about their failure to refer the project under the EPBC Act in relation to the Nationally Critically Endangered Mitchells Rainforest Snail,' said Ms Barham.

'The council is the proponent and they didn't voluntarily refer the plans to the Department of Energy and Environment, which they are required to do because there is a nationally endangered species being impacted upon. The council self-assessed that they didn't meet the requirements and that it was unlikely that the snail was in the bypass footprint. The discovery of a live snail has certainly raised the bar in terms of the impacts.'

It's time to address the climate crisis, stop excessive clearing in Indonesia (and Australia), and save the orangutan



World Orangutan Day and Indonesian Independence Day representatives came together this week to join students planting trees in the Shearwater Steiner School rainforest grove. Pictured L-R Panut Hadisiswoyo (Founder Orangutan Information Centre North Sumatra), Nayla Azmi (Communications Officer Orangutan Information Centre), and Indonesian consul-general Heru Subolo, Indonesian Consulate Sydney. Photo Jeff 'Orangutan is the new black' Dawson

Public kept in the dark over 'Disco Dong'

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has refused to release a structural investigation report detailing serious safety issues affecting the 'Disco Dong' sculpture on the Bayshore Drive roundabout.

As councillors prepare to vote on a motion to remove the sculpture at this week's full Council meeting, the report that is likely to inform their decisions has been kept from public view.

It is one of three documents in relation to the sculpture in the agenda to the meeting that Council has refused to release, including information about the possibility

of undertaking further work on the beleaguered installation.

Kept confidential for no clear reason

When asked why the structural investigation report was being kept confidential, Council declined to provide a clear answer.

'Decisions to make attachments confidential are made for a number of reasons, not just on the basis of commercial in confidence and the matter is in any case to be debated by Council next week,' Council's director of corporate and community services Vanessa Adams said.

The agenda to this week's

meeting provides a little information regarding the findings of the investigation, noting that people have been climbing the structure and stopping on the road to take pictures. Pieces of the structure had recently been found on the ground.

The agenda item noted that the structural investigation, undertaken on July 16, costing \$8,000, found there was a 'risk of serious personal injury being sustained by a member of the public owing to climbing and falling from the sculpture.'

Added to this was 'the eventual risk of the sculpture's structural integrity being compromised.'

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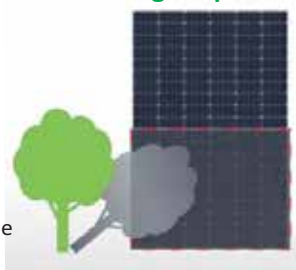
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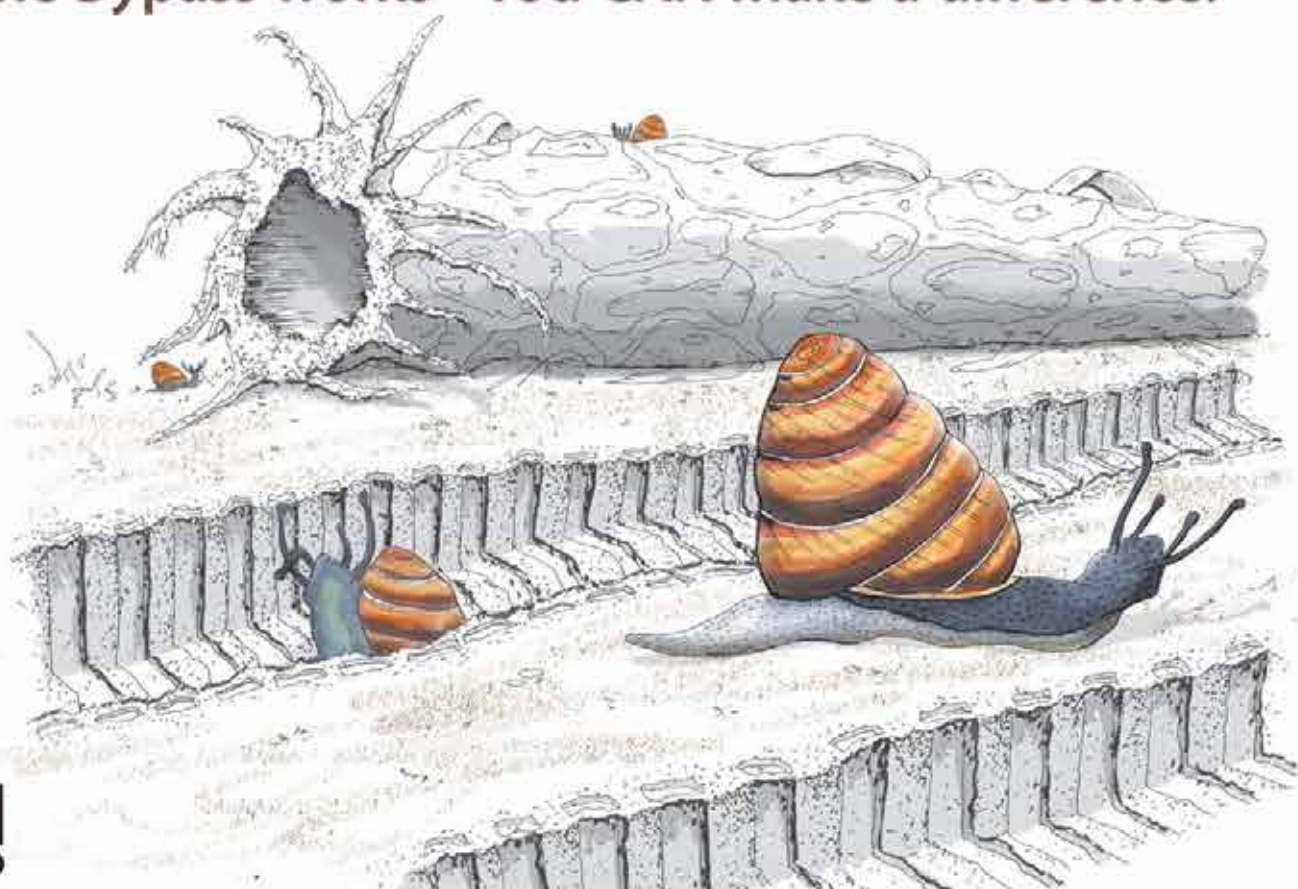
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- ✧ The application relies on land surveys that are 15 – 19 years old.
- ✧ Only 2 days of recent surveys were undertaken, and **NO** nocturnal surveys.
- ✧ These surveys only covered the Swamp Sclerophyll forest, and did **NOT** include the Lowland Rainforest present on site, which is (along with Swamp Sclerophyll forest) critical habitat for a variety of threatened species, including the critically endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail.
- ✧ Former Mayor Jan Barham formally wrote to Council requesting permission for an independent flora survey of the suspected Lowland Rainforest area.
- ✧ The request was refused on the grounds that a "rigorous approval process" had already taken place.

On August 3rd, the critically endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail was found at the proposed Bypass.

- ✧ The snail was positively identified by Queensland Museum experts, from photos taken at the Southern end of the proposed Bypass.
- ✧ The National Recovery Plan for Mitchell's Rainforest Snail states that "No further loss of habitat is acceptable." i.e. the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail is facing extinction, and everything should be done to protect its remaining habitat.
- ✧ Lowland Rainforest is classed as a critically endangered Threatened Ecological Community in its own right, and is the primary habitat for the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail and other threatened species.

If the Bypass is demonstrated to be running through Lowland Rainforest, this changes everything.

- ✧ It means the development needs to be referred to the Commonwealth Government, because it will then fall under the Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.
- ✧ If Council, State or Commonwealth Government allows this project to proceed without due consideration and assessment under this Act, fines of up to \$10 million dollars can be incurred, with potential jail sentences and heavy fines for all involved, including sub-contractors.

Council fines would ultimately come out of the pockets of Byron Shire residents.

- ✧ And will the Bypass even work? When the present route for the Bypass was first proposed 20 years ago, it was deemed unacceptable, owing to the impacts on biodiversity. The Rail Corridor was the preferred route.
- ✧ Why is it now being seen as an acceptable route?
- ✧ And since the majority of people travelling along that road are heading into the town centre, it's unlikely the proposed Bypass will do much to alleviate traffic congestion.

There's yet another issue...

The Bypass will be constructed 2.5 to 3 metres above ground level - imagine the increase in noise!!!

- ✧ This will put cars and trucks at the height of the rooftops of Byron!!!
- ✧ What impact will the estimated 20,000 cubic metres of landfill have on the critical water flow into the nearby Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve, and the impact on that ecological community?
- ✧ Watch this 3 minute interview: [facebook.com/watch/?v=3423582557655556](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3423582557655556), And: [nbnnews.com.au/2019/08/13/byron-bay-blockade-moved-on-by-police/](https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/08/13/byron-bay-blockade-moved-on-by-police/)
- ✧ How will this landfill impact local residences and shops in Byron during heavy rainfall events?

ACT NOW!

Call for an immediate HALT to all works on the Bypass, and for a rigorous environmental survey to take place.

Send a letter to **ALL** 3 State MPs listed below, demanding an immediate halt to all works on the **Southern AND Northern** ends of the Bypass, to allow for comprehensive and rigorous environmental surveys to take place. You may also wish to contact your local Councillors. **Here are the contact details:** 📧

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP - Minister for Roads

Contact him via the Ministerial website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/ministers/minister-for-transport-and-roads/>

The Hon. Rob Stokes MP - Minister for Planning

Contact him via the Ministerial website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-public-spaces/>

The Hon. Tamara Smith MP - Member for Ballina

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'Celebrating a Moment' is the theme of this year's Ocean Shores Art Expo. There are 276 entries and 200 student artworks that are featuring in this year's exhibition.

The Ocean Shores Jubilee Committee award, that focuses on celebrating the founding of Ocean Shores 50 years ago, has 101 entries. The prize will go to the artist who best captures an aspect of Ocean Shores' history.

The Art Expo takes place over three days from Friday 23 August till Sunday August 25 in the Ocean Shores Public School Hall from 10am till 4pm daily.



Local art takes centre stage

Ocean Shores Art Expo president Richard Heazlewood-Ross and Mullumbimby High School student Matilda Thornton and her artwork *Dinner* that she is entering into the Expo. Photo Jeff Dawson.

Awards night

Friday's awards night captures the creativity of the community with Alex Moss's spectacular 'Vivid' style lightshow projected onto the facade of the school hall.

There will be \$8,400 in prizemoney awarded across the categories as well as

the prestigious \$2,000 Vale Award that is chosen by the Expo committee. The awards night will be catered by Mullumbimby High School hospitality students.

'The exhibition now

attracts artists from across the region and culminates with the Grand Finale on Sunday afternoon featuring the Dangerously Poetic performers, the Mana Aloha Hula Troupe, and the Bowlo

Choir,' said Ocean Shores Art Expo president Richard Heazlewood-Ross.

'The Art Expo aims to bring the community together and support local artists.'

It's baaaack! Revised DA for 139 Jonson St Byron

Paul Bibby

Plans for a mixed-use development at the southern end of Jonson Street, Byron Bay, have been reintroduced by the developer 10 months after being summarily rejected by the Northern Regional Planning Panel.

Developer Graham Dunn has reduced the proposed building at 139 Jonson Street from four storeys to three in a bid to gain approval for his plans, which were originally lodged with Byron Council back in September 2017.

The draft plan is now open for public viewing on the project's website: www.139jonson.com.au.



Artist impression of 139 Jonson Street. Image supplied

The original incarnation of the plan drew strong opposition from residents, who argued that it represented a significant overdevelopment of the site and one which, if approved, would set a dangerous precedent for the rest of Jonson Street and Byron Bay more broadly.

Mr Dunn said he and

the others working on the project had spent the past nine months addressing the issue of the fourth storey and other elements of the design.

'I believe we have now resolved the issues raised and so we are ready to share our new draft plans,' Mr Dunn said.

Mr Dunn said the other

major change to the proposal was the loss of short-term accommodation, with 34 permanent residential homes replacing a mix of permanent and serviced apartments that would have allowed for some holiday letting.

Under the new plan, the 34 permanent homes would be located on the two upper levels, while the ground level would be home to a cafe or restaurant, commercial and retail operations.

Two basement carparks would provide parking for 125 cars, including six accessible spaces and two with electric-car charging stations.

'At the core of the design is alternative planting modes,' said project architect Jade Myers.

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Sun bears, orangutans and the climate crisis

Aslan Shand

I have kids and we were given an awesome book called *The POP UP book of POO: What goes in must come out* - and I have to say it was very informative. But what it didn't look at is what happens when you can't, or you struggle to, poo. It turns out that it is extremely painful and makes for very unhappy and grumpy sun bears (and people as well for that matter).

Hitam is a sun bear who hails from the wilds of Kalamatan in Borneo. She was kept as a pet for five years in a cage and fed on nothing but rice and milk before being confiscated and moved to the Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) care centre.

As a result, rather than being a fully grown sun bear she is the size of a one-year-old cub. Also her pelvic canal opening - the place where the poo comes out - is 1cm wide rather than 4-5cm

'This results in Hitam being in constant, excruciating pain - defaecation is a tortuous exercise. She rolls around on the floor, panting and straining, clearly in huge discomfort,' says the OFI.

Responding to a call to help Hitam from the OFI local Eltham vet Dr Stephen Van Mil is heading a team going to Borneo to assist her.

Dr Mil has enlisted the assistance Girius Antanaitis, who has created a pelvic implant for Hitam. This will be taken to Borneo with a team of specialist vets including Dr Gordon Corfield, who



Hitam rolling around as she tries to pass a stool. Photo OFI

plans to perform a triple pelvic osteotomy and use the plate as a bridge to permanently open Hitam's pelvic canal to a normal size. He will be assisted by Dr Geoff Wilson and Dr Larry Vogelnest, senior veterinarian at Taronga Zoo in Sydney. They hope the operation will ensure that Hitam will be able to poo in peace forevermore.

Leading the team Dr Mil will assist in surgery and supervising the filming in conjunction with his longtime friend and film colleague Peter Frare for a documentary based on Hitam's story.

Symptom of a bigger issue

Wildlife being poached and sold as pets is just one of the results of the intensive clearing that is taking place in Indonesia continues unabated.

'While there is a lot of attention on performing a world-first surgery to save one sun bear in Borneo, the much bigger picture is the real focus,' said Dr Mil.

'The wholesale destruction of rainforest in Borneo for illegal logging, palm oil plantations, and mining, and the secondary industries of illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking, is spiralling out of control. It is a verifiable fact that the rate of rainforest destruction in Borneo is at an unthinkable 300 football fields an hour. Hitam is a very sad, shining example of this.'

The process of clearing for palm oil plantations involves felling the trees for timber and then burning off.

'The deep, deep peat layers are then burned - this can last for months, emitting trillions of tonnes of carbon. Once that is cleared, palm oil trees are planted, or small-scale mining activities are undertaken,' says Dr Mil.

'Wildlife is mostly seen as a huge nuisance - most palm oil companies will pay a US\$20 bounty for an adult orangutan to be killed. Most poachers will pay \$US50 for a baby orangutan for the illegal "pet trade". Sun bears are the latest in these trend pets.'

Help the team get there

Currently the team are attempting to raise the \$20,000 in 20 days to cover the basic costs of performing the operation.

'Everyone is donating their time,' said Dr Mil. This will just 'cover the hard costs of getting the team to Borneo.'

If you would like to help the project then you can donate online at <https://chuffed.org/project/operation-sun-bear-borneo> until 12.36pm August 29.

Public kept in the dark over 'Disco Dong'

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Staff estimated the cost of decommissioning the sculpture at between \$11,000 and \$13,000.

Should the sculpture be removed to storage in a state that would allow reconstruction at a later date, the cost of decommissioning would increase to between \$16,000 and \$20,000.

Call to remove 'cloak of secrecy'

Labor councillor Paul Spooner said he would be moving a motion at this week's meeting for all three

confidential documents to be made public.

'I think there's a great deal of public interest in the project and there's no reason for the cloak of secrecy,' Cr Spooner said.

'There's no confidential commercial agreement involved, and the residents and ratepayers of the Shire deserve some answers.'

The Public Art Panel, at a meeting on June 26, recommended that additional money be spent on 'finishing' the sculpture.

The estimated cost of this enterprise, including contingencies, is \$35,500 according

to Council staff.

Notes provided to Council by the artist who created the sculpture, and a report detailing what further work could be undertaken, have also been kept under wraps, with Council refusing a formal request for access by *The Echo*.

Birds for sale?

Meanwhile, locals have already begun debating what should be done with the statue once it has been decommissioned.

Cr Spooner said he supported decommissioning, and he wanted the council

to explore selling off the individual aluminium birds it was made of to recoup some of its costs.

'I've learned that there are 4,000 birds on the sculpture and a further thousand that have haven't been put up,' he said.

'So if we sold each for \$20 as a memento we could give half the proceeds [\$50,000] back to the public art fund and the other half to improving homelessness services in the Shire.'

■ See *Echonetdaily* for updates on the fate of the 'Disco Dong'.




Bluesfest 2020: who's coming

Bluesfest have announced their first lineup with a mix of old favourites, recent additions, and some awesome Bluesfest debuts.

The first announcements include the legendary George Benson making his Bluesfest debut and the incredibly talented Brandi Carlile.

So, without further ado, the Bluesfest 2020 first artist lineup is: Dave Matthews Band, Crowded House, Patti Smith, John

Butler, Xavier Rudd, The Cat Empire, Morcheeba, John Prine, Jenny Lewis, Frank Turner, John Mayall, Buffy Sainte-Marie, The Marcus King Band, Walter Trout, Christone 'Kingfish' Ingram, Greensky Bluegrass, Larkin Poe, and The War & Treaty.

Festival director Peter Noble says he has been so pleased to hear all the positive feedback from the 30th Anniversary event in 2019.

'I hope to take that to the next level in 2020.'



Patti Smith will be gracing the Bluesfest stage once again in 2020 with her lyrical tones. Photo Jeff 'fest' Dawson.

Australia fails its Pacific neighbours again

Eve Sinton

Australia's performance on climate crisis at the Pacific Islands Forum was a disgraceful exhibition of denialism and intransigence.

The Morrison government sent confirmed climate denier Alex Hawke to start the dirty work, bullying Pacific Islanders who face an existential threat from rising sea levels. He told them Australia would not stop using coal-fired energy or opening new coal mines. It was a 'red line issue'. And there was to be no acknowledgement of

'climate crisis' in the forum's Tuvalu Declaration.

Scott Morrison flew in, walked past protesting children, and completed the dismal picture during a discussion so distressing that Tonga's prime minister shed tears.

Then we had shock jock Alan Jones's misogynist rant about New Zealand prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, who advocated for meaningful climate action at the forum.

Jones screamed that Ardern was a joke, an absolute and utter lightweight, a swallower of the

climate-change hoax. And then he called for PM Scott Morrison to 'shove a sock down her throat'.

It could not be more obvious that Australia's government, including both major parties, rules on behalf of the fossil-fuel industry. The level of bullying, vitriol, and violent threats amounts to outright thuggery. Utterly shameful.

The *Courier-Mail* added to the mood with a vicious attack on Extinction Rebellion activists and called for more repressive legislation and penalties to protect the fossil industry.

Adani enjoyed some head-kicking by bankrupting Wangan and Jagalingou traditional owner, Adrian Burragubba, in an act of revenge for his opposition to their Carmichael mine.

People standing up to coal can expect escalating abuse, persecution, and violence.

Fossil fools run the country, and they are rushing to destroy the place with coal mines and gas wells wherever they can shove them.

■ Eve Sinton is editor of *Fossil Fool Bulletin*, www.fossilfool.com.au.

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Confusion as mayor's casting vote knocks back development

Paul Bibby

Contentious plans for a tourist accommodation development in Wilsons Creek have been knocked back in dramatic circumstances by Byron Council.

Mayor Simon Richardson initially voted to approve the Development Application (DA) for seven cabins and a swimming pool at 58 Montecollum Road at Thursday's Council planning meeting.

But when the councillor vote was locked at 4-4, Cr Richardson used his casting vote to refuse the proposal on the grounds that this better reflected 'the wishes of the council'.

Vote confusion

The owners of the property and their supporters, mistakenly believing that their DA had been approved, burst into spontaneous cheers and applause when Cr Richardson cast the final vote.

But the celebrations turned to anger and disbelief when they realised their plans had been thwarted, with one shouting, 'this is bullshit!'.

Cr Richardson said he changed his vote because he believed that councillor Basil Cameron, who was absent owing to ill-health, would have voted against the proposal had he been present.

'It is my view that the casting vote should reflect the wishes of the council as a whole, not my personal wishes, and I believe Cr Cameron would vote against this, so this is my decision,' Cr Richardson said.

Earlier, the meeting had been told that the developers had agreed to reduce the size and scale of the proposed development in a bid to gain approval.

This included reducing the size of the pool deck by 30 per cent and reducing the number of cabins from eight to seven.

This was designed to limit the number of guests congregating around the pool at any one time, thereby minimising the potential for excessive noise.

Staff for approval

Council staff recommended approval of the development, declaring



Wilsons Creek residents, outside Byron Council Chambers, celebrating the knock-back of the tourist-accommodation development. Photo Paul Bibby

that it was 'in accordance with the relevant planning controls that apply to the site and is unlikely to result in significant adverse impacts on the natural or built environment'.

But a group of around 30 Wilsons Creek residents who attended the meeting strongly disagreed.

Speaking during the public access section of

yesterday's meeting, resident Ben Fawcett said there were 'numerous anomalies and discrepancies' between what was proposed and Council's own policies for development of rural tourist cabins.

This included the location of the cabins on a steep, south-facing slope, the presence of a swimming pool just over 100 metres from

neighbours, and the number and clustering of the cabins.

He also said that the rough, poorly maintained road accessing the proposed development was unsuitable for the amount of traffic it would have to take, the impacts of which would be most keenly felt by neighbouring properties.

Independent councillor Cate Coorey put forward

a motion that Council refuse consent for the development, and this was ultimately passed using the mayor's casting vote.

Earlier, the architect who helped design the project, Frank Stewart, said there had been 48 letters of support from other Wilsons Creek residents and other local businesses.

Architect: all matters addressed

'Council staff recommended approval when this first came before the council on September 21 last year,' Mr Stewart said.

'Councillors elected to defer the matter and provided four areas for us to address. We've addressed each of those four matters and Council staff have again recommended that the application be approved.'

'We've already reduced the number of cabins by 30 per cent and have reduced the number of cabins further from eight to seven.'

'The delay in approval has affected the clients both personally and financially.'

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There is an immediate need for action on the climate crisis and Australia Post is doing its bit by encouraging primary school students to come on board with sustainable gardening. For their annual stamp collecting month they are featuring worm farms, vege gardens, and nest boxes on the five new special stamps they have issued. The stamps were designed by award-winning illustrator Andrew Hopgood, who has illustrated a number of children's books focused on sustainability and the environment. Photo Jeff 'Stampy' Dawson

Slow down and watch out: koalas on the move

Breeding season for koalas is getting underway, which means that there will be more koalas on the ground. Juvenile males in particular will be on the move as they search for a place to call home while others will be searching for mates.

'Across the region eight koalas have been killed over recent weeks,' said Ros Irwin,

president of Friends of the Koala (FoK).

'This is the time of year that we at Friends of the Koala dread, as we know that during the breeding season between July and February the rescues will ramp up,' Ros said.

'While disease (and habitat removal) is the primary direct cause of koala deaths,

car hits are next, and they're generally fatal.'

Last Saturday Vincent, a koala that had been rehabilitated two years ago and released, had to be euthanased following a car hit.

So slow down and keep an eye out for wildlife. If you hit a koala call the Koala Rescue Hotline on 6622 1233 – put it in your phone.

Every choice you make makes a difference

Aslan Shand

The climate crisis and equity are the two issues that are the focus of the Homeward Bound program that is bringing together 100 women from the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) this year.

The program is now in its fourth year and runs over 12 months, culminating with a three-week workshop in Antarctica to brainstorm 'climate change and equity' says marine scientist Dr Elisabeth Deschaseaux from Southern Cross University. At the end of ten years the program seeks to build a network of 1,000 women working together to create innovative change.

Originally from France, Dr Deschaseaux has called Byron Shire home for nearly ten years. She works with a molecule called dimethyl sulfide (DMS), which mainly derives from certain types of marine algae and coral, and which contributes to the formation of cooling low-level clouds when emitted to the atmosphere.

'My research aims to understand how

climate-change-associated stressors will affect DMS production in coral reef ecosystems, which are under threat,' said Dr Deschaseaux.

'What I have found so far is that certain species of Acropora coral tend to produce more DMS under elevated temperature, which suggests that coral reef ecosystems might exert a feedback on temperature increase. However, the question remains whether coral reef ecosystems will have time to adapt to the rate at which the climate is currently changing.'

Plastic releases methane

To get to Antarctica and fully participate in the program Dr Deschaseaux now needs to raise US\$17,000.

'My motivation for joining the program was to learn how to conduct more applied science to actively fight against climate change and marine pollution,' she told *The Echo*.

'My secret goal is that I would like to start an association that would help diminish plastic pollution in the ocean.'

'The enormous plastic pollution that we are facing is also a driver for climate change as most plastics release methane, a greenhouse gas with much greater warming properties than CO₂. Reducing plastic pollution and cleaning up our ocean is part of counterbalancing global warming.'

'This program also has a special focus on equity as it aims to counterbalance the low representation of women in leadership roles, which I believe is necessary.'

Every step helps

Working in the field of climate change Dr Deschaseaux says that it is important to 'Be hopeful and work together towards making a difference. There is no small contribution. The world has everything in its hands to stop our climate from changing at this rate. All we need to do is start today, from small personal changes in our everyday lives to influencing our politics towards implementing global changes.'

If you can help Dr Deschaseaux raise the funds she needs, donate at: www.chuffed.org/project/women-for-climate-actions.

Time is of the essence...



The time to speak up, act up and protest is now. We are in a climate crisis!

CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

Check out what's been happening with the ongoing climate catastrophe this week:

The Arctic is ablaze

Unusually hot weather and dry thunderstorms have turned the Arctic Circle into a tinder box with raging wildfires burning millions of acres across Siberia, Alaska and Canada, unleashing plumes of smoke as big as Europe and countless tonnes of CO₂.



Australia bullies its Pacific neighbours over climate policy

Scott Morrison did his utmost to undermine action on the climate crisis at the Pacific Islands Forum held in Tuvalu demanding the removal of the word *crisis* and references to coal in the official communique – classy!



Last month was the hottest ever

July 2019 was the warmest month across the globe ever recorded, according to data released by the European Union's satellite-based Earth observation network.



First Icelandic glacier to disappear due to climate change commemorated

A commemoration has been held for former glacier Okjökull, known as Ok, which scientists say is the country's first confirmed glacier to disappear thanks to the climate crisis. The plaque reads:

A letter to the future

Ok is the first Icelandic glacier to lose its status as a glacier.

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This monument is to acknowledge that we know what is happening and what needs to be done.

Only you know if we did it.

August 2019 415ppm CO₂

Still holding out hope that humanity might get on and deal with it...



Harry Potter day at Coorabell School

Eve Jeffery

An innovative parent of a Coorabell Public School student has found a novel way, or should I say the way of a novel, to draw attention to the school's fete. It worked for me!

The theme of the fete is 'Harry Potter' and the sorting hat will be waiting for you at the school gates to allocate you in to your Hogwarts's House. You can join a house team and play fun games as you compete for the 2019 Hogwarts House Cup.

There will be plenty of entertainment on the day and fun sideshow Potterish games including quidditch



Photo Jeff 'He Who Can't be Named' Dawson.

training, bouncy castles, bungee run game and an amazing gigantic Zorb Ball

to climb inside and turn your world upside down. Professor Dumbledore

will oversee a fun fancy-dress competition and the infamous cupcake contest.

Dine at the Leaky Cauldron (inc vegetarian), Honey Dukes, 3 Broomsticks, Hogshead, and Florean Fortescue's ice-creams.

Professor Dumbledore, inspired by the Coorabell students, has decreed the fete will be committed to reducing waste and single-use plastic. So bring your broomsticks and wands, but also bring your own water bottle, plate, and magical smile.

Ample parking available at the school and on Mango Lane, Coorabell, on Sunday 25 August, 11am till 4pm.

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Art exhibition a dream come true...

Retired art teacher Ian Roberts became a friend to 21-year-old Bronte in the last month of her life. She approached Ian to do a special drawing for her of all her happiest childhood memories.

Debra, her mother, says Ian knew Bronte was in a hard place and felt he wanted to help out. 'It was a

no brainer,' says Ian. 'I knew how unwell she had been and it was to be a present for Christmas for her parents, Deb and Phil, to show them her happy times before the sadness.'

On December 13, 2017, Ian messaged Bronte with a photo of the almost-finished work. Bronte replied, 'It is beautiful. My happiest

childhood memories.'

Debra says that Bronte ended her life soon after that. 'I believe she wanted us to have a tangible memory to treasure.'

Cancer diagnoses

Sadly, Ian has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He underwent chemo but he has now been told there is

'nothing else they could do,' said Debra.

Ian's dream was to have an art exhibition of his work before he dies. They have made this a reality. An exhibition of Ian's work is currently running at the Bingara Gallery (next to Macadamia Castle) until Sunday August 25, from 10am till 5pm.

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

Don't forget to take your reusable shopping bags!

Early start to bushfire season

With fires blazing along the east coast the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) have declared an early start, Saturday 17 August, to the Bush Fire Danger Period for the far north coast.

The Ballina, Byron and Tweed shires will start the Bush Fire Danger Period early this year and the RFS is urging residents to prepare now for what could be a long and protracted fire season.

Currently there are 65 fires burning in New South

Wales and 27 of those are in the Northern Rivers.

NSW RFS Far North Coast manager, Superintendent David Cook, is urging residents to make and discuss their bushfire survival plan now.

'Residents should prepare their property by removing flammable materials from their yards, clearing leaves from gutters, and checking hoses can reach all around the house,' said Cook.

During the Bush Fire Danger Period, any person

wishing to light a fire will require a permit. A fire permit is free to obtain and can be organised by phoning your local Fire Control Centre.

On days of Very High fire danger or above, as well as Total Fire Bans, all fire permits are automatically suspended.

To check the Fire Danger Ratings for your area visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact the Far North Coast Fire Control Centre on 02 6671 5500.

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NORTHERN RIVERS & THE GOLD COAST

That was Byron Writers Festival... a publisher's perspective

Melbourne-based publisher Jen Hutchison came to Byron for the Writers Festival with two tasks – both accomplished.

The first was to co-present a workshop called Publish Like A Pro with Debbie Lee of Ingram Spark. Ingram is the global print-on-demand publisher and distributor, a favourite with Australian indie writers and small imprints.

'We did that at the Byron Community Centre to a packed room,' Jen said, reflecting on her successful five-day stay.

Direct-publishing

'We talked with local and visiting writers interested in the opportunities available to writers in today's digital and direct-publishing environment. Debbie set out how the system works, and how writers can access it and take their books worldwide. There was particular interest from older writers, who struggle to get cut-through with mainstream publishing. The sector is now democratised – well that's how I describe it – and writers wanting to publish have easier access and more choices than in the past.'

Pathways to market for older writers are Jen's particular area of interest – writers who have come later to their writing craft after careers elsewhere.

Journeys to Words Publishing, launched in May this year, focuses exclusively on their work. Its first release, *Motherling*, is doing well, she reported, particularly since Jen's interview with Myf Warhurst on ABC Radio in May.

'And it will be featured in the upcoming September issue of *The Australian Women's Weekly*,' she added.

'That's exciting for this powerful and affirming story of a woman's walking journey along the Camino



Jen Hutchison is a Melbourne-based publisher who is interested in assisting older writers to get published.

with her adult son's ashes, searching for herself and a way through her grief.'

Now is the time for older writers

'This is a great time for older writers,' Jen continued. 'I'm one myself, and it's very satisfying to take fabulous books to market.'

Jen's second aim, also accomplished during the festival week's gorgeous soggy weather, was to promote Journeys to Words Publishing's second release, *High Infidelity*, a novel by Queensland author Shelley Davidow.

'*High Infidelity* is set in Byron Bay – intimately and intricately,' Jen said. 'It's a great read, beautifully written, and so well noted since its release a few weeks back, that it's under consideration as a movie. We're very excited about it.'

Jen explained. '*High Infidelity* is the story of Lara,

an English woman who runs from betrayal and finds herself, her values, happiness and her future in Byron Bay. And quite a few adventures along the way,' Jen said.

Loved it

'All week I talked to anyone who'd listen,' she laughed as she recounted her experiences at the Byron Writers Festival.

'And it was the perfect setting to be talking to readers, local bookstore owners, and fellow publishing and writing colleagues about new books.'

And Jen's take on Byron Writers Festival?

'Loved it, just loved it. What a terrific collection of speakers, writers, and thinkers. I managed to get a seat at some inspirational sessions. AC Grayling can tell me a story any time. Wasn't he fabulous!'

For books, go to journeystowordspublishing.com or ask at your bookstore.



Last week saw another successful Mud Trail on the north coast. Twenty-one potters from Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby, Bangalow, and beyond opened their doors for the weekend. Jacqui Sos is pictured with one of her beautiful raku pots near her Mullum studio. Jacqui said 'the weekend has been a huge success with many sales.' Photo Jeff 'Mud Star' Dawson

Inspiration for sustainable homes

Looking for a little inspiration for your next renovation or housebuilding project? Sustainable homes are once again opening their doors both locally and around Australia on September 15.

Sustainable homes open their doors

You can explore a rammed-earth house in Limpinwood, a strangler-fig-inspired residence in Bangalow or a four-bedroom house designed and constructed by Eco-Essence Homes in Lennox Head.

The national event will give people a rare view into exceptional homes designed, built, or renovated with healthy and environmental living in mind and allow them to speak to and learn from homeowners, said Donna Luckman, CEO of Renew.

'Everyone wants a home that is well designed, healthy, and runs efficiently in an age of high energy bills. Sustainable House Day allows Australians to see real homes that have achieved this, and get unbiased advice on how to make their



Elwood Farm in Limpinwood is one of the sustainably designed houses that will be opening on September 15 for Sustainable House Day. Photo supplied

homes more comfortable and cheaper to run,' said Ms Luckman.

Seven key elements to passive design

Thinking ahead for your design and location is also key for the Northern Rivers. Optimising your passive design allows you to increase winter sun, and reduce summer sun which is the right combination for this area, said says Renew's Sasha Shtarget.

'The orientation of a house, spatial zoning, thermal mass, ventilation,

insulation, shading, and glazing are the seven core components of passive design,' she said.

'Make sure your home is designed for the long haul and that its materials are durable and able to be easily re-used or recycled.'

Held annually since 2001, Sustainable House Day is run by Renew, a not-for-profit organisation that provides independent advice on sustainable living.

A full list of homes opening on Sustainable House Day and registration is available at: www.sustainablehouse-day.com.

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New GM for Byron Community Centre

Paul Bibby

Byron Community Centre has appointed the former head of a sizeable fundraising and philanthropic organisation to be its new general manager.

The centre this week announced that Louise O'Connell would be taking the reins from long-running GM Paul Spooner, who stepped down earlier this year.

Ms O'Connell, who is currently living in Mullumbimby, is the former CEO of the University of Newcastle Foundation – the organisation responsible for that university's fundraising and philanthropic work.

Serving the community

As such, she brings dedication to social welfare and community development to her new role, as well as a passion for the arts.

'I'd like to start by acknowledging the energy, vision, and wisdom of my predecessor, Paul Spooner,' Ms O'Connell said.

'Along with staff,



The new GM of the Byron Community Centre, Louise O'Connell. Photo Jeff Dawson

volunteers, and the management committee, he's laid a great foundation and it is a privilege to continue the great work they have been doing.'

Ms O'Connell said she saw her role as supporting the centre's staff and volunteers, and ensuring that the centre continued to serve the community for many generations to come.

Need for long-term funding

'It may come as a surprise to some people that, while the centre's future is safe, it doesn't have guaranteed ongoing funding,' she said.

'What I hope is to secure long-term funding for all of our projects to ensure that future generations can make use of them.'

'The centre's building has been used by our community for more than 100 years and I want to help make sure the centre continues to thrive for the next 100.'

The beating heart of the Bay

Ms O'Connell described the Byron Community Centre as the 'beating heart of Byron Bay'.

'We make a huge contribution to the community in terms of social welfare, community development, organising the Byron Markets,' she said.

'There is also great value that comes from the world-class entertainment at the Byron Theatre and the support for community radio station Bay FM.'

'I consider myself very fortunate to be joining a fantastic centre that's very well established in our wonderful community thanks to the efforts of the staff and volunteers.'

Call out for sculpture in Mullumbimby

Aslan Shand

Sculptures took over Mullumbimby's Palm Park for the first time last year at the inaugural Ingenuity Sculpture Festival delighting both locals and visitors. Inspired by the success of their inaugural festival organisers are once again looking for artists who would like to exhibit their work during the upcoming second festival in November.

The sculpture festival created a delightful place for people to relax away from the hubbub during the Mullumbimby Music Festival (MMF). A place where they could both enjoy the beauty and be challenged by the artwork on display.

Longer display

'Last year was amazing and we were surprised at the number of people who came,' said Joey Ruigrok Van Der Werven, who is a member of the Creative Mullumbimby Ingenuity working group.

One thing that quickly



Germination by Jason Morning was the winner of the \$5,000 2018 acquisition prize. Photo Aslan Shand

following the festival. 'During that time, from November 18, it will be open until 9pm with the possibility of some sculptures with lights. We will also supply torches for people to explore the exhibition at night.'

Open to more artists

Last year submissions were open to sculptures in Byron Shire and surrounds. However, this year they have decided that it is also open to

'artists who feel affiliated on a topical, geographical, or cultural level with Mullumbimby'.

Entries are open from now until October 1. The sculpture festival will take place from November 14 till 24.

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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:

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

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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.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Apply for a job at Council. For current vacancies refer to www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies.

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

- 10.2019.194.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 8 Davidson Place**
Dwelling House and Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2019.243.1 – MYOCUM, 20 Myocum Ridge Road**
Dwelling House and Shed
- 10.2019.123.1 – BYRON BAY, 50 Julian Rocks Drive**
Use of Existing Carport
- 10.2019.315.1 – BYRON BAY, 23 Coral Court**
Expanded Dwelling Module to Existing Dwelling House and Shade Sail over Driveway
- 10.2019.235.1 – BYRON BAY, 8 Pacific Vista Drive**
Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and Construction of New Dwelling House and Swimming Pool
- 10.2019.179.1 – BANGALOW, 5/226 Fowlers Lane**
Dwelling House including ancillary Swimming Pool
- 10.2019.111.1 – GOONENGERRY, 230 Repentance Creek Road**
Subdivision Two (2) Lots
- 10.2019.258.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 5 Towers Drive**
Eight (8) Light industry units and consolidation of Two (2) lots into One (1) lot
- 10.2019.170.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH, 80 Redgate Road**
Dwelling House, Swimming Pool and Garage (Detached)
- 10.2018.522.1 – MULLUMBIMBY CREEK, 12 Tristran Parade**
New Dwelling to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached), Studio, New Garage and Deck Extension
- 10.2018.621.2 – BINNA BURRA, 955 Friday Hut Road**
S4.55 to Modify Condition 35
- 10.2018.638.3 – NEW BRIGHTON, 47 North Head Road**
S4.55 to Modify Conditions 1 & 11 including modification of Internal Floor Layout
- 10.2007.247.4 – NEW BRIGHTON, 47 North Head Road**
S4.55 to Modify Condition 3
- 10.2018.167.2 – BYRON BAY, 6 Lawson Street**
S4.55 to Delete Condition 6
- 5.1993.248.5 – NEW BRIGHTON, 47 North Head Road**
S4.55 to Modify Condition A5 of the Consent
- 10.2018.311.2 – OCEAN SHORES, 24 Berrimbillah Court**
S4.55 to Modify Layout and Size of Swimming Pool
- 10.2018.508.3 – BYRON BAY, 7 Keats Street**
S4.55 to Modify Approved Plans for Alterations and Additions to Multi Dwelling Housing
- 9.2019.33.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 39 Bulgoon Crescent**
Tree Removal One (1) Tree

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

The following applications have not been granted approval by Council, but are listed for the information of the community:

- 10.2019.95.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 1A Train Street**
Secondary Dwelling
- ### DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS
- 10.2018.647.1 – MULLUMBIMBY CREEK, 807 Left Bank Road**
Use of existing building as an expanded house habitable outbuilding
 - 10.2019.280.1 – BYRON BAY, 1/7-17 Brigantine Street**
Use of Alterations & Additions to Industrial Unit

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

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

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

If you are making a submission, there are requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying

with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure.

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 28 AUGUST 2019

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 4 SEPTEMBER 2019

- 10.2019.384.1 – Ewingsdale, 246 Woodford Lane (Lot 27 DP 858323)** Matt Walker Town Planning, Change of Use from Equestrian Centre to Chocolate Manufacturer (Rural Industry) with Ancillary Retail Premises and Cafe

Dangerous dunes in Suffolk

Byron Shire Council are asking people to stay away from sand dunes at Suffolk Park after abnormally high tides last month resulted in erosion of some sand dunes.

Council have been stabilising a number of areas with sandbags and have closed several beach-access paths. Unfortunately members of the public have been ignoring the warning signs placed by Council to protect the dunes and are taking down barricades and continuing to use the access paths.

Council's coastal and biodiversity coordinator, Chloe Dowsett, said it's important

that people heed the warning signs in place, saying the dunes are unstable and dangerous.

Council is asking people to avoid the dunes at the Macgregor Street access where there is a steep drop. There is also a seat that is not stable and for public safety Council has removed it and will reinstate it when the dune rebuilds.

'The sand will return in time but until this happens people need to be mindful of steep dunes and avoid letting children play directly underneath,' Ms Dowsett said.

Bangalow Road cabins and plunge pools approved

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has approved a multi-dwelling development in Byron Bay following an impassioned plea from the property developer.

Residents living next to the property at lot 14 Bangalow Road objected to his plan for five small, detached dwellings on the grounds that it would impact on their privacy, create flood risks, and bring holiday letting to their quiet enclave.

At a site inspection immediately prior to Thursday's planning meeting they added claims of soil contamination to the list.

This claim led councillor Cate Coorey to propose a motion requiring the owner to undertake soil testing prior to having his development approved.

For the developer of the property, Sam Kanjo of the KanjoGroup, the contamination claims appeared to be the final straw, coming after a long and protracted application process that had seen him significantly reduce the size and scale of his plans.

Not all millionaire developers

'We advertised this DA (development application) twice for a total of six weeks and not once did they [his neighbours] bring up anything about contamination,' Mr Kanjo said.

'And now, without any evidence, and on the day of this meeting, they bring these claims.'

He told councillors that they were simply responding to 'negatives from people who object to everything'.

'You just think we're all millionaire developers,' he told councillors.

'What's really, really annoying is that when these people [the neighbours] purchased their land they could have purchased this site and kept it as their own backyards. Instead they said, 'no, we'll just use it as our own and then object if anyone else tries to do anything''

Cr Coorey defended her motion, saying that the proposed development was right next to a fragile coastal wetland site that needed to be protected.

'All I've asked for is for a site inspection,' she said. 'Do you consider that a study to determine the quality of the soil where there was allegedly building rubble in the past is unreasonable?'

But mayor Simon Richardson said the council needed to 'look at what's in front of us in a fair and reasonable way. We need to avoid just listening to the cheer squad and seeking to avoid being smashed by those who have their own reasons to smash us. Who here has got an extra \$100k to burn because of someone's four-second thought bubble?'

Cr Coorey's motion was defeated and the motion, adopting the staff recommendation to approve Mr Kanjo's plans, was passed by seven votes to one.

Despite Mr Kanjo's promise that the dwellings would not be used for holiday letting, residents fear this will ultimately be the outcome.

'Who builds five separate cabins with their own plunge pools in Byron Bay and doesn't rent them out on Airbnb?' said one resident, who asked not to be named.

They are also concerned that stormwater from the property will overflow into their land during heavy rains.

Dusty drivers raise more than a million for cancer

Mia Armitage

'Two cars have been pronounced dead and I believe one got left at the pub,' said Mystery Box Rally commentator Katherine Ferris on Monday morning.

Okay, so Ms Ferris isn't really a sports commentator; she's the media spokesperson for Mystery Box Rally, an annual fundraiser for research into cancer.

Nearly 400 participants this year set off from Cavanbah Centre, Byron Bay, on Saturday morning in pairs with 'full tanks, crazy outfits, and big hearts,' said rally founder James Freeman.

Rally teams are due back at Cavanbah Wednesday afternoon.

Cars have to be at least 25 years old and teams don't



Winter's mum Kirsty Burns and Chris Gray will be doing the Mystery Box Rally in style in a stretch Cadillac. Photo Jeff Dawson

know where the rally will lead them each day until it starts.

\$1m for cancer

Fundraisers had a target of a million dollars this year and by Monday morning had already raised nearly five

thousand dollars extra.

Ms Ferris said the real test would happen on the final day, when teams would have to face unsealed roads.

'Anything can happen,' she said, 'there'll be tears and cheers and claps when

they get back to Byron.'

Teams and supporters plan to gather at Byron Bay Brewery to celebrate the end of the rally and receive awards including 'best team theme', 'highest fundraiser', 'car least likely to make it'.

Barrio says DA is just clarifying outside seating numbers

Byron Council received and exhibited a development application (DA) for Barrio restaurant in the Habitat complex in Byron Bay seeking an extension to the DA to clarify what proportion of seating would be allowed in the outside seating area. However, nearby locals who claim that the DA will 'nearly double the licensed area of Barrio Restaurant and Bar' and increase the noise from the restaurant as well as providing for the extension of vehicle delivery hours.

Residents say they lost confidence in the modelling when it said that the sound of bottles from commercial dumpsters being emptied

less than 50m from bedroom windows early in the morning would comply with EPA standards.

Clarification

Responding to residents' claims Brandon Saul from Habitat says they are not seeking to double the licensed area but to clarify how many people they can have seated in the courtyard. He told *The Echo* that the original DA allowed for 216 patrons and they are not seeking to vary that capacity.

'It will simply provide clarity as to how many of those patrons are allowed to sit in the courtyard. While the original DA clearly indicated

there would be seating in the courtyard, it was moot as to what proportion of the permitted capacity could sit inside versus out,' he said.

Noise still an issue

However, the residents' Bayshore Apartments Owners Corporation say the 'DA relies on noise modelling, which residents say is incomplete and lacks credibility.'

Acknowledging the issues of noise raised by the residents last year Mr Saul said Barrio have installed what they believe is a permanent fix to the problem that is in excess of the requirements for the 216 patrons that could be in the courtyard at any time under the new DA application.

'The acoustic consultants estimate that the courtyard area could now hold over 1,000 patrons and still comply with the specified noise limits,' said Mr Saul.

'The noise mitigation measures were tested and deemed successful and compliant. The tests were reviewed and accepted by Council.'

Mr Saul said they have also proposed to "flip" the entry direction so that delivery vehicles enter the loading dock from the internal courtyard. 'Our acoustic modelling shows that this will allow delivery vehicles to stop in a shielded standing area (farther away from the neighbours) enabling Barrio to comply with the specified noise limits,' he said.

A spokesperson for Byron Shire Council said it received submissions raising the issue of 'noise and amenity.'

'Staff will now assess the DA, taking into account any concerns raised including noise and impact on the amenity of surrounding neighbours and the built environment,' they said.

New Emergency Services Levy payment reversed

A shocking decision to charge an Emergency Services Levy to be paid by ratepayers in June has been reversed and now the state government will cover an increase of almost \$14 million.

Councils already contribute 11.7 per cent of the Emergency Services budget in NSW, with the cost embedded in council rates and further costs recovered through insurance premiums.

Council contributions were unexpectedly sent soaring to cover the cost of extending workers compensation coverage for volunteer and career firefighters diagnosed with one of 12 specific work-related cancers.

Local Government NSW

president (LGNSW) Linda Scott said the reversal followed months of intense lobbying by the peak body.

'Our battle is not with firefighters, or against the broader workers compensation they will receive,' said Ms Scott.

'Local government fully supports fair workers compensation for them, and for all workers in NSW.

'What we could not support was the fact that these massive levy increases came without consultation or warning.

'By working together all governments can ensure the way forward penalises neither firefighters nor local communities.'

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

By Byron Shire Mayor Simon Richardson



Thank you, Ben Franklin. During the recent state election campaign, Ben and the Lib/Nats promised \$25 million for Byron to offset impacts from tourists on our community and infrastructure. After Ben was unsuccessful in winning the seat, that promise could easily have been broken. I know that many in the government pushed strongly for this money to be redirected to other areas. But Ben continued to fight for us and the funding will flow into our Shire. If only I had a dollar for every time someone has said to me 'when are we going to fix the roads?' My answer to them is always the same. We are trying. Previous Councils did not invest in roads as a priority and we are now catching up but it's going to take a long time. Now, this extra amount, though still not enough, is the biggest sum we've ever received from any government. It is difficult to overstate how much of a difference the scale of this state government investment will make to this Shire over the next four years, though here is a snapshot: our road reseal program will increase by an extra \$912,000 per year on average (an increase of 60%), our heavy patch program will increase by an extra \$600,000 per year (an increase of 100%), our road reconstruction program will increase by an extra \$2,538,000 per year on average (a 102% increase) and the funding will allow us to start our asphalt program with \$950,000 per year on average – a brand-new program, not been done before. It is a monumental boost for our community.

Thank you, Tamara Smith, for being tireless in your representations to the NSW Government about environmental issues, both higher-order issues such as climate change and the need for action in renewable energy and issues more localised such as protecting our marine areas and species. With Tamara's support, we are set to roll out state-significant renewable-energy projects.

We are lucky. We have two great advocates working on our behalf. Regardless of the colour of their flags, what is great is that both their flags wave forward. By leaving preferences and beliefs at the door and working together, both Tamara and Ben have the ability and integrity to show what 'regenerative politics' could look like. Focusing on and creating positive solutions to our local issues, and continuing to work alongside our community, Tamara and Ben could make Byron be an example to the rest of NSW, or Australia – all sides of politics working together for the greater good. Now that's an idea!

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Climate alarm bells

While the world is literally melting before our eyes – for once I can genuinely say ‘literally’ (see OK glacier p8) – major organisations from the UN to the Australian Post, not to mention scientists across the board, are sounding the alarm on the climate catastrophe.

In the meantime it appears that Australia remains mired in the juvenile, misogynistic, bullying antics of the likes of Alan Jones. Add to this the disturbing argument, apparently put forward on your behalf and mine as taxpayers, by the Australian Taxpayers’ Alliance that, as Australia accounts for just 1.3 per cent of global emissions and our Pacific neighbours for even less, then helping our neighbours and addressing our own contribution to climate change ‘will do virtually nothing’.

Well, that’s the spirit! Let’s all start selling drugs to children, hey? I mean, if someone else is going to do it it may as well be us? Right?

Well, no. We are in a climate crisis and if we don’t start to look at how we function as a global civilisation then we are going to be in serious trouble.

Currently we base our success on a constantly growing GDP (Gross Domestic Product). That means that as long as the population continues to grow and people buy more stuff then we are good. Our economy continues to grow, we are a success and we don’t move into recession or, even worse, depression. That’s why governments have been keeping interest rates low and are talking about increasing spending on infrastructure – to keep the money flowing and you and me buying more stuff.

The massive, overwhelming problem with this (we could call it a tsunami) is that the increasing number of humans, along with the continuing drive to consume and ‘buy more stuff’ to keep our economies going, is destroying the planet. The need to feed, clothe, house, and encourage people to spend more on ‘stuff’ is not only emitting enormous amounts of greenhouse gases that are warming up the planet; it is also drying out our water sources, clearing land, and destroying other species at a pace never seen before.

To escape from this death spiral there are real, practical steps that can be taken by each individual and at all levels of government. Rather than removing the word *crisis* from the Pacific Islands draft declaration, as our PM did on Thursday, as well as removing references to coal for deep-pocketed mates, our government and PM should be inspiring Australians to embrace the changes needed to stop the temperature rising beyond 1.5 degrees.

In fact this week I’ve been inspired by my youngest son who has stopped collecting ‘ooshies’, plastic dross now handed out free at Woolies to keep the kids encouraging the parents to come back and shop for more. Even he recognises that his choices – each small choice – have an impact. If he can see it, then what is wrong with the likes of ScoMo and his dodgy mates?

Aslan Shand, acting editor

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Altruism not the PM’s defining characteristic

The Great White Father has arrived in the far flung atolls of the Pacific. And, like the missionaries before him, Scott Morrison is delivering the bringing of the light – a gospel of hope and salvation.

Well, up to a point. Boiled down, his message is that if they are worried about the rising waters, they should sandbag the foreshores and move to higher ground if there is any, because he is not going to do anything substantial to help.

He will, of course, offer money, which his host at the Pacific Islands Forum, Tuvalu prime minister Enele Sopoaga, said was not really the point: ‘No matter how much money you put on the table it does not give you the excuse not to do the right thing, which is to cut down on your emissions, including not opening your coal mines. This is the thing we want to see.’

Morrison brushed that aside – it was only confirmation that the Islanders are too primitive to appreciate the beauty of Western capitalism, the wonder of a real economy. If he returns he may try the kind of traditional gifts for the residents, perhaps a cargo-load of beads, mirrors, and bolts of brightly coloured cloth.

But in any case, he was not there just to trade, but to evangelise, and his first commandment was a simple one: ‘Thou shalt have no other gods before coal.’ This was the red line, and a red line beats a waterline every time.

The epistle had already been delivered by Alex Hawke, the quaintly titled Minister for the Pacific – a designation some might find a touch colonial. But Hawke was, as always, at pains to emphasise the spin.

First, Australia was doing its bit on climate change – we would meet our Paris commitments in a canter. Actually, with Australia’s emissions continuing to rise we almost certainly won’t, even with the dodgy carry-over credits from Tokyo, which were never envisaged in Paris and have been rejected by most other advanced nations.

But even if we did meet our 28 per cent, the science has moved on – it is now clear that this will not be enough; the targets need to be ramped up as a matter of urgency. No way, says Hawke – and in any case, Australia’s emissions are a very small contribution to what is

now increasingly acknowledged to be a climate crisis.

Well, this depends on how you measure it – in per capita terms we are among the biggest, if not at the top. But this is not the real argument – Sopoaga also demanded that we stop opening coal mines, to which Hawke replied that we were only planning to open two more (at the moment) and right now Australia runs just 20 of the 2,459 operating mines around the world.

‘Australia is the biggest exporter of coal in the world – our gold medal winner.’

Mungo MacCallum



True, but again beside the point. Australia is the biggest exporter of coal in the world – our gold medal winner. And even if you add in the other fossil fuels, oil and gas, we would still be on the podium along with Russia and Saudi Arabia.

If Australia were to cut back, supply and demand would not only force the international price to rise, but the urgency of switching to other sources would make replacements, mainly renewables, far more attractive. Australia is not an innocent bystander at the mercy of the polluting giants: we are – or rather we should be – a major player, even a game breaker.

Morrison likes to insist that emissions have no nationality. But Australian coal does, which is why he loves the export earnings of the sacred rock. Pretending that we have no responsibility for it just because we can ship it overseas in the way we used to get rid of our garbage is just a lie. And for years it has been part of the mendacity that sustains the climate denialists in the worship of their carboniferous deity.

Hypocrisy? Of course, so let’s shift the blame. The sinking Islanders are the real hypocrites because they accept largesse from the heathen Chinese, indefatigable miners and polluters. And they do, partly because they have little choice. But do Hawke and Morrison really want to draw an equivalence? They attack

China’s aid as exploitation, done with a sinister imperialist purpose, while for Australia it is all altruism.

We are, declares Morrison waxing sentimental, family. We certainly like to think of ourselves that way, but there is a proviso: Morrison has to be the pater familias, the patriarch, and father knows best. The children have to be taught to behave – take what they are given and be bloody grateful, be seen and not heard and preferably not even be seen too much. The family gathering included shouting and tears but Morrison assured us, always respectfully. And Big Daddy had his way.

Morrison goes on about the vast amount of aid Australia provides, especially in contrast to New Zealand. But it is not too smart to dwell on the figures – the Australian bid, including a repackaged \$500 million already promised that Morrison has thrown in, still only brings the current offering up to \$800 million. The Kiwis, with a far smaller economy, are stumping up \$500 million. And as we all know, the main reason Australia is coming to the party is to try to push back China – not too much altruism there.

Morrison is quite right to boast of Australia’s longstanding engagement in the Pacific. It has come a long way since the days of the blackbirders, the slavers who kidnapped Islanders to work on the Queensland canefields. He is particularly keen to mention education – given the circumstances he might like to throw in some intensive swimming lessons.

And now he is talking about disaster relief, by which he presumably means storm and tempest, often because of climate change. But the real disaster will be when the low-lying islands not just lose the odd coastal village, but become effectively uninhabitable.

This will be Australia’s moment of truth: what is to happen to the people? Where will they go? The likelihood that many will become boat people, asylum seekers, and while the lucky ones may end up on the more hospitable shores of New Zealand, a lot will head for Australia. And if the present regime, or anything like it, is in power, they will not be welcome.

It would be ironic indeed if they were confined in offshore detention – the ultimate Pacific solution.

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Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

5G and greenhouse

While some activists are in different camps, it's interesting to contemplate the similarity between 5G and greenhouse radiation. With 5G we have millimetre-wave-length radiation that can be absorbed and emitted by some biological molecules, disturbing them without knocking off electrons (ionising them).

Similarly with greenhouse gas we have infrared wave-lengths that can be absorbed and emitted by greenhouse gases thereby creating disturbance, which translates to heat in the atmosphere, also not knocking off electrons that would otherwise result in ionisation.

It's subtly the same problem, just at different scales of wavelength, and having effects at different scales of matter, biology, and ecology... death by a thousand vibrations.

Just like nature, our preference should be to use



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optical wavelengths for both communication and energy production.

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

5G murder

The 'civilised world' is methodically mass-murdering all who disagree with the control-pollute-destroy mentality. 5G is the current weapon but if you look at www.znews.tv you will see or be reminded the methods are many.

In our Australia there is a superabundance of natural gas, which could be made available to every house and

car on the eastern seaboard for about one cent a litre.

Numerous people in senior official positions, including the third most powerful person in the Australian federal parliament, have told me in person or on the phone that: 1. we could run the government without any taxation but the banks would not allow it; 2. there is no limit to the amount of credit the trading banks can create from nothing; 3. banking is fraud; 4. in the High Court we always find for the banks; 5. paying income tax is voluntary.

Isn't it time to drop our trivial separations and together address the actual situation we have in our fragile extinction-headed biosphere by demanding the top priority is caring for each other and our planet rather than pay our governments to create terrorism?

Chris McIlrath
Main Arm

Really?

Once upon a time... in Byron Bay. You go to the movies and you get charged \$15 to get your car out of the most expensive parking place in Byron Shire, which is under the cinema and Woolies.

The movie was three hours long with the ads. Who knew? We must have been 15 minutes over the free-parking limit. So it's a dollar a minute! The cinema staff could have given us a heads-up. The 'manager' of the cinema says, that it's nothing to do with them (ie no refund); take it up with the parking company.

If I could be bothered I would probably be told there is a note somewhere and it's my fault for not seeing it... It's a stacked deck, cop it sweet! It was a good movie but the aftertaste ruined it!

Lester Prowze
Huonbrook

Folau's crowdfunder

Thanks for that letter (Carl Cleves *Echo* 14 Aug 19) re: Israel Folau. Just wanted to add, what a force our legal system is, that he could crowdfund lots of money from idiots, showing that lots of money sure makes a difference in winning a case. Thanks for clarifying that, Israel!

Dee Taminia
Ballina

Model community

I was randomly selected to participate in the Byron Model community meetings set up by New Democracy in partnership with Byron Shire Council. My concerns included homelessness, youth empowerment, economic prosperity, Indigenous rights, and environmental integrity.

Letters to the Editor

Send to Letters Editor Eve Jeffery, fax: 6684 1719 email: editor@echo.net.au Deadline: Noon, Friday. **Letters longer than 200 words may be cut.** Letters already published in other papers will not be considered. Please include your full name, address and phone number for verification purposes.

Consultation prior to new development application

To view new draft plans for 137 and 139 Jonson Street and 3 Browning Street please visit www.139jonson.com.au

The draft application is for a mixed use development comprising two buildings set back from the street with an open heavily landscaped courtyard between. The ground level would be home to a café or restaurant as well as commercial space. Shop top permanent residential housing would be on two upper levels. Two basements would provide parking. There is no longer a fourth storey proposed and there is no longer any short term accommodation proposed.

After September 6th we will finalise our application and lodge with Byron Shire Council. They will then hold a public exhibition period during which time you can provide further feedback.



We are holding information sessions for those who would like to explore and discuss the application further. enquiries@139jonson.com.au 02 9055 4641

I want to congratulate both NewDem and Council staff for their professionalism and enthusiasm about creating a new way for democratic decisions to be made in the Shire.

On Tuesday there was a reconvening of the remaining participants. We had the rare chance to sit face to face with GM Mark Arnold and Vanessa Adams as they described how Council

would be addressing the community expectations set during the initial Byron Model meetings.

Some of the new measures Council are committing to are positive; submitting new projects to a pro forma to indicate what level of community engagement should be sought by Council in decision making for said project, opening avenues

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HEY BYRON BAY, DAT'S GOT DA GREENS AS COUNCIL, INNIT?

WHY SO MUCH DEVELOPMENT OVER DA LAST FEW YEARS DEN? AREN'T DEY GREEN?

WE'RE NOT SO SURE ANYMORE.

BLUEISH YELLOW AT BEST...



► **Continued from page 15** for petitioning, and adopting new measures to curb homelessness and engage marginalised people.

However, I have some concerns about the culture within Council, particularly the idea voiced during the meeting that Council should be in control of this newspaper. Another concerning moment during Tuesday's meeting was when I was apologised to personally by a Council staff member in reference to the completion of the bypass, as if to bring up its completion was personally offensive.

Despite Mark Arnold's reasoning that 'the culture of Byron Shire' belongs to the people who do business here, I will take to my grave the resolve that the culture of this place belongs to the land and the people who take care of it.

Marley Berry-Pearce
Suffolk Park

Climate change looming

In the looming face of climate-change-induced food shortages and the reality of our current 98 per cent drought-declared state of New South Wales, it beggars belief that any governing body, particularly one led by

the Greens, would seriously consider developing state-significant farmland – be it contiguous or not.

R Whelan
Myocum

Transparent council

Re: Simon Richardson's response to the concerns raised by Tamara Smith MP (*Echo* page 1, August 14) that Council's map clearly shows a critically endangered rainforest that would support animal species at risk by the bypass.

Simon Richardson's response was if the project is delayed it will cost ratepayers more money. Maybe if Simon Richardson ensured all environmental investigations needed had been completed by Council staff before charging ahead he would not have put the ratepayers in this position.

Simon Richardson seems to have forgotten the platform he ran on to be elected as a councillor – that of a Green, a person concerned about our environment.

I was approached by Simon Richardson to join the Waste Water Advisory Committee (WWAC) in 2016 to be part of a team to make recommendations to the elected council. I quickly realised Simon Richardson

would not allow management on the committee to be questioned on some issues that could have environmental ramifications. I was also surprised by the lack of questions on issues that could have an adverse environmental impact by Richardson, Lyon, Ndiaye, and Corey.

The closure of the Ocean Shores Sewerage Treatment plant and the cost of infrastructure needed to pump the raw sewage across to Valances Road STP plus the possible environmental impact this pipeline potentially represented seemed of no concern to our three Greens councillors.

The Council-owned laboratory in the Byron industrial estate, on which a lot of ratepayer money had been spent getting a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation, should have been a significant asset to Council, presenting the opportunity for people and industries to identify environmental risks before they became a problem. They just closed it.

Simon Richardson promised transparency previously but information from staff is impossible to get. I as a member of the committee was told I could not contact staff for information; the information I wanted was not of a confidential nature but committee members cannot talk to staff. I did not find this in line with Simon Richardson's statement promising an open and transparent council.

A Dickens
Brunswick Heads

I do not approve

Dear Mayor Richardson and councillors: STILL don't approve of bypass, but thank you for your update. It appears that 'strict' environmental controls failed to protect existing native vegetation and the wildlife that depends on habitat. Several native trees and apparently one large beautiful gum has been cut down.

We can not afford to be allowing ANY native trees to be logged; bio credits is madness as you can't plant mature, high-conservation native forests/or wetlands. Koalas can't wait 10 or 20 years for their home trees (forests) to grow and wildlife can't wait 100 years (minimum average) for tree hollows.

Additionally, many locals do care deeply about the endangered Mitchell's rainforest snail and other threatened wildlife. Where will they go?

Alternatives were possible, like a free bus terminal at the Cavanbah Centre, which could link people to the solar train, keeping the traffic from tourists' cars out of town. A free bike service also could have been implemented seeing as many visitors are under 35 I believe.

I only recently moved to the area (under 2 years) because of a Greens council. However, as much as Council has done some good 'green' things, it would appear that this beautiful region is being trashed and commercialised by developers. I have seen it change over the decades and if not for many intelligent/well-informed locals much more would have been lost.

If this magnificent area becomes anything like the Gold Coast, I would move in a heartbeat and so would a conga line of other like-minded locals. It appears that our once vibrant, bright green Council has become very much more 'light' green – sadly. Additionally, I read that those protesting the bypass construction (located at a campsite on Butler St) have been 'removed'. I would like to know if they have been arrested or fined for merely attempting to highlight their objections via a peaceful protest.

Our democracy is certainly under attack these days from all bureaucratic/govt agencies. Koala blessings,
Lindy Stacker & family
Binna Burra

Barrio noise

Noise is set to escalate at Barrio in Sunrise if a new DA to double their licensed area is approved.

Nearby residents are disappointed this comes so soon after a year-long process to control excessive noise at the venue.

In early 2018 Council imposed a Noise Prevention Order and a comprehensive Noise Management Plan on Barrio, which brought intrusive sound from machinery and patrons under control. The matter was only finalised in December 2018.

Locals are now concerned the new DA proposes Barrio expand its liquor-licensed area to include the outdoor quadrangle resulting in a 700m2 bar and restaurant with a capacity for 216 patrons, which is a far cry from the low-key 'canteen' that was approved by Council in 2015.

We are owners of a townhouse complex directly opposite Barrio and believe that crowds of over 200

people at a licensed venue less than 50m from our front fence will be loud and that the proposed noise-management measures will be unable to contain the new level of sound. Acoustic modelling by the developer that says otherwise should be examined sceptically by Council and we hope that common sense prevails.

The expansion will also enable Barrio to host wedding receptions, parties, and other large events near homes. These are hardly renowned for being quiet affairs!

The DA also seeks to push back a Council restriction on noise from delivery trucks near homes from 8am to 6.30am even though there are loading zones on the Habitat site that are out of earshot and could be used instead.

Barrio knowingly moved next door to a pre-existing residential area and their operations should respect that.

We call on Council to reject the DA and uphold their own Liquor Licensing and Approval Policy, which states that licensed premises should not be located within 100m of a residential area.

Gael Nash
Secretary, Strata Committee,
Bayshore Apartments
Body Corporate

Dear Cr Lyon

Bentley's gasfields development was legal, and stopped by direct action protests. As was the Patterson Hill housing development, now an incorporated part of the National Park (stopped by direct action protest, including by Greens Richard Staples, Jan Barham, and Ian Cohen), stopped because of an endangered orchid, and where protesters were arrested (with all charges dismissed after a 10-year legal battle). Is Ian Cohen now just a bloody tree hugger in your view, who blocked construction of Tasmanian dams, blocked a US warship with his surfboard, climbed down mountains to get in and block lawful forest destruction?

There appears broad support from the people of Queensland for the Adani coal mines. Why have you then voted to ban any Council engagement with any associated Adani contractors? Are you now opposed to protests against Adani?

You and the elected Greens councillors, re the Bypass, are on the wrong side of the extinction crisis, the wrong side of the climate crisis, the wrong side of your own Greens party polices on wetlands, and the wrong side of history on this 'bypass' development.

You and the other Greens councillors are sabotaging your own party.

The 'bypass' area may be only a small section of wetland/rainforest, but we only have remnants left, and this development is not by an 'our greenhouse pollution doesn't matter' federal government, or a 'rivers of dead fish/give the farmers more rights to demolish forest' state government, or by a developer utilising some of the legal rights that we should not have given away; it is by you and the other councillors who voted for it. Council is the dominant authority that speaks for the environment in this Shire.

This development that destroys critically endangered and endangered species habitat is 100 per cent under your auspices. Why would anyone who supports action on our climate emergency, and who believes in protecting habitat for a critically endangered species, habitat that is now largely only found on the margins of the wetlands between Bangalow Rd and town, not think that you and the other councillors are culpable in engaging in a dereliction of duty?

It is not too late to change your minds and to vote to cease this bypass. The whole world is watching.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

A different view

After reading Karen's letter 'Living in Paris' 7/8/19 I have to say that in passing the dong my 4-year-old grandson piped up from the back saying, 'Ooohhh, Nana, That is sooooooo beautiful, it's like treasure!' Maybe we have lost our innocence.

Jay Pearce
Byron Bay

Tibetan prophecy

First impression on approaching in a metal box, entwined shark skeletons. How apt for the near-recent West Byron mega-suburb. Is it site specific? What's the Tibetan prophecy about metal birds? How many people have parked at Ozigo and walked closer to the scary object?

What impressions will truly enter you if you receive the artwork with an open mind and what's beneath our reactions?

James McCready
Main Arm

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World Champion Magnus Carlsen once commented, 'Without the element of enjoyment, it is not worth trying to excel at anything' – a sentiment to which Fred Litchfield could certainly attest.

Litchfield has just won the Bundaberg Open with a level of performance above any in Australia this year. He took on the top four seeds in the final four rounds – two ex-Olympians and all International Masters – and scored three wins and a draw to win the tournament outright.

Litchfield has enjoyed plenty of previous successes – twice ACT Junior Champion, 2017 ANU winner – but this result was in another league.

Before going to Bundaberg, the 22-year-old Canberra public servant had shown glimpses of good form last month when going close to a second ANU Open title and he built on that in Bundaberg.

Litchfield explained, 'Recently I have changed my playing style to be less intense, less complicated and less risky. I have taken a step back and am enjoying my chess, not taking it too seriously, and it seems to be working!'

Litchfield is unusual among the younger generation of Australian players in never having had a coach, nor using the ubiquitous ChessBase. 'I use Stockfish [a powerful chess engine] quite a bit,' said Litchfield. 'I like to read chess history, will play through the occasional master game online and occasionally will watch a video on openings.'

Litchfield had one nervous moment in Bundaberg, barely hanging on to draw a long game against endgame oracle Stephen Solomon, but he looked particularly good against Solomon's biggest rival in Queensland, Brodie McClymont.

Bundaberg Open 2019
White: B McClymont
Black: F Litchfield
Opening: Sicilian Defence
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 The Chinese Dragon, trendy back in the 1980s and never refuted. 'I have been working on the Chinese dragon for a while now but rarely get to use it,' said Litchfield. **11.Bb3 Na5 12.Bh6 Bxb6 13.Qxh6 b5 14.h4 e5 15.Nde2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxb3+ 17.axb3 Nxd5 18.Rxd5 Be6 19.Rd3?!** Until this game, 19.Rd3 was considered White's best try, since 19.h5 Qc7! 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Rxd6 Rfc8! 22.Rc6! Qxc6 23.Qxh7+ leads to perpetual check. **19...Qc7 20.h5 Rfc8 21.Qd2 Rb6 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.c4?** Panic. 23.Kb1 Ra6 24.c4 was still playable. **23...bxc3 24.Rxc3 Qb7 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8+ 26.Kb1 Bxb3 27.Nc1 Bc4 28.g3 Qb7 29.Qc3 Rc6 30.Qe3 a5 31.f4 Rb6 32.Rh2 a4 33.fxe5 dxe5 34.Rc2 Rb4 35.Qc5 a3! 36.Qxe5 Rxb2+ 37.Rxb2 axb2 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ Kf7 40.Qxb2 Qxe4+ 41.Ka1 h5** The rest of the game saw Litchfield carefully pushing his extra pawn, winning 25 moves later. 0-1

Justine Elliot MP

Federal Labor Member
for Richmond



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I am pleased to announce that Round Five of the Richmond Stronger Communities Programme is now open.

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Local community groups, incorporated not-for-profits, incorporated trustees and local governments are all invited to apply via an Expression of Interest form, available from my office.

Applicants will be able to apply for funding from \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$20,000, but will need to provide matching or in-kind funding to be eligible.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Programme Guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions, available on the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science's website - <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme>

Expressions of Interest close Thursday, 19th September 2019, and must be submitted via my office.

I look forward to working with local community groups, sporting clubs, and organisations to ensure we secure important funding for our community and I encourage organisations interested in applying for funding to contact my office on (07) 5523 4371 to discuss projects.

Justine Elliot MP
Federal Member for Richmond

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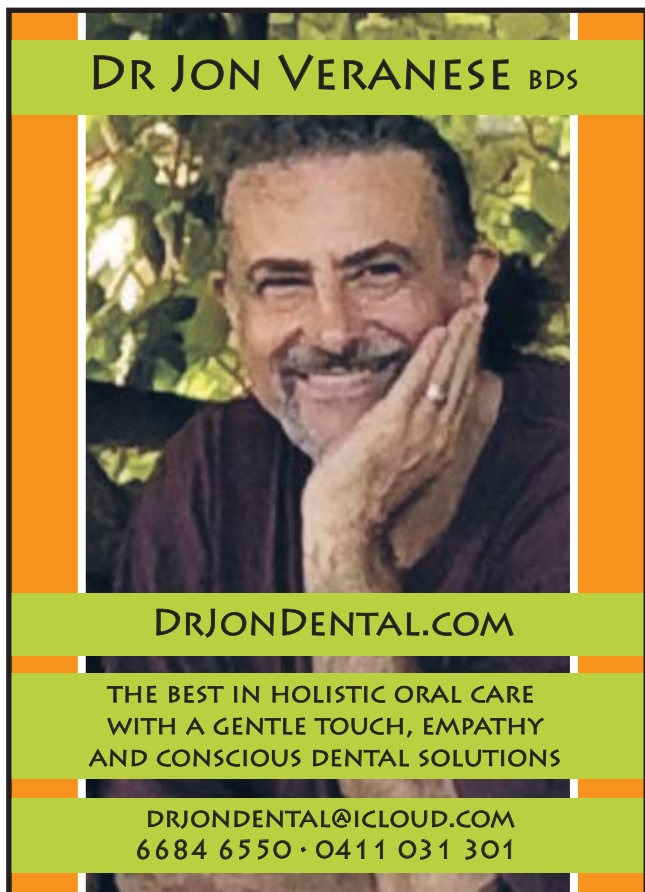


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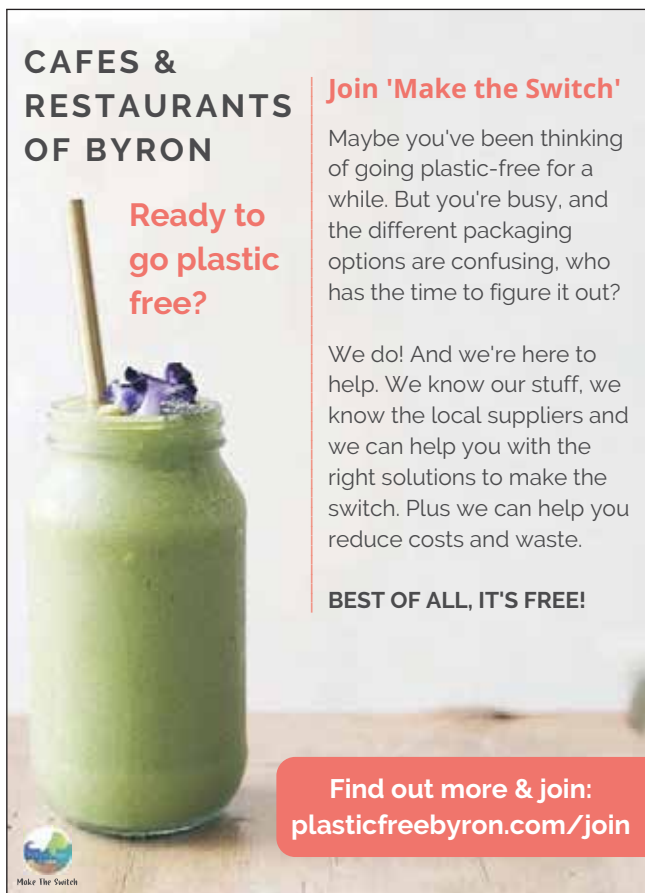


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Tribute to Norma

One more beautiful page of this world story is turned. Norma McCabe has died!

While fighting desperately the difficulties of a newcomer in this country, I was moved to hear her talks about the courageous life of the light keepers.

They had families, and one could understand through her touching admiration for her husband how much devotion, seriousness, and courage this profession demanded of those who were ‘serving the light’.

Then as a foreigner who was discovering the sea world with its nature, culture, and people, elegant Norma’s words describing the daily activities of these men with the support of their wives living on isolated rocks, facing storms as well as sunrises, with their impressive sense of duty, made me full of respect for light keepers and those who serve the sea world at large.

I humbly thank you, Norma, for having been such an harmonious and dynamic human light at their sides, and having enthusiastically diffused around you the light of knowledge. May your soul in its smooth trip to eternity reach that of your husband, which has certainly been waiting for you under the sublime light with, in the background, the choir of some angels.

Francoise Tecleriam
Suffolk Park

Pump track

The Suffolk Park community and the Suffolk Park Progress Association are encouraging families to support our children by lobbying the state government to allocate grant money to finance the building of a pump track on their new community field of Beech Drive.

These grant funds are to be allocated on a first-past-the-post voting system to community projects within the Ballina electorate, which includes Suffolk Park. Problem is that you have to be over 16 to vote and have a Medicare card number. So if we want our kids to get this facility, we the adults have to vote for Suffolk Park Pump Track.

To do so go to <https://mycommunity.project.service.nsw.gov.au/project>, select Ballina electorate, follow the prompts, and using your Medicare number, register to vote 1, Suffolk Park Pump Track.

Each person can only vote once for 3–5 projects.

However you can encourage your adult partner, friend, grandparents, and neighbours to vote as well.

This pump track is only part of the overall Masterplan structures that the Suffolk community have developed for our new parkland. This draft Masterplan can be viewed by visiting <http://suffolkparkprogressassociation.org>.

Donald Maughan
President SPPA

Genuinely green?

I have just written to Tamara Smith MP regarding the concerns outlined by Jan Barham in the 7 Aug 7 *Byron Echo* re the question of whether subtropical rainforest lies in the path of the planned bypass destruction.

I hope that my voice and others will help these concerns get heard and heeded. To be clear, I am opposed to any project that would destroy protected wetland and the habitat of an endangered species (thanks to the broken Orwellian policy of ‘biobanking’), whether there is rainforest there or not.

As a bit of an ill-informed bystander from Lismore LGA, I’m confused by the situation in Byron. Surely there is some way to run the bypass that does not involve this level of ecological destruction?

Isn’t this one of those situations when a genuinely green council would be doing the tough work of prioritising the protection of precious ecology and biodiversity, and actively listening to and working collaboratively with long-respected ecological ‘elders’ of our community such as David Milledge, Jan Barham, Dailan Pugh, and others?

Byron Shire, and our broader area, has a larger role to play here in terms of leadership. We can’t underestimate the role we play as examples of hope and inspiration for the rest of the country, if not the world, with regard to ecological respect and environmental protection. This isn’t just an Instagram image; it’s a meaningful history and an important role we play as a community. If we can’t do it here, then what does that say to the rest of our country and world?

I hope that the spirit of peace and inner work that Byron is genuinely known for will prevail and provide a means for people who are serious about protecting our local ecology to be heard and respected and worked with meaningfully

and successfully for the sake of the non-humans we share this wondrous place with, and without whom it would not be a wondrous place at all.

Sally Newham
Nimbin

Bypass secrecy

Recently I have become aware of a document called a ‘Construction Environment Management Plan’ (CEMP). This plan is meant to set out the bypass contractors’ proposals for dealing with various potential threats that might arise during the construction process such as flooding, sedimentation, acid sulphate soils, leaching, traffic etc.

One of the conditions imposed by the Land and Environment Court clearly states that this document must be publicly accessible and a copy kept at all times at the site office. This must be done ‘prior to the commencement of construction’ and it must be ‘approved by Council’.

So last week I went to the contractor’s site office in Somerset Street, Byron Bay seeking access. Yes, they did have a copy dated March 2019, which they then waved before my eyes. Unfortunately to actually look inside it I would have to go to Council’s site office. While searching for it I ran into Council’s bypass liaison officer Joshua Winter. Without argument he offered to run me a copy that I could collect at Council’s front desk the next morning.

‘Could it really be that easy?’ Thinks I.

Of course not. I get to the front desk at Council next morning and instead of a CEMP there’s an email from Mr Winter instructing staff to inform me that there’s a problem because Council is currently in ‘discussion’ with the (federal) Environment and Energy Department over ‘representations’ made to it by ‘members of the public’.

These discussions no doubt concern the endangered wetland snail as raised by Jan Barham. But if those discussions potentially negate some unspecified aspect of the CEMP, doesn’t that mean that construction must stop until it’s sorted out?

I then asked for a hard copy of the email sent by Mr Winter. After feverish backroom activity I was told to fill in an FOI form! Later I was asked to fill in a similar form for the CEMP by Ralph James, which I refused to do; why would I consign my hopes to the arcane bowels of FOI

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Pottsville koalas

I’m a huge supporter of the men’s sheds movement. It’s an excellent, community-nurturing movement and there should be more of them. Those wanting the koalas and other biodiversity in Pottsville to thrive might note the men’s shed movement is helping us living things to thrive. That said, the men’s shed could be anywhere but the koalas and other biodiversity only has ‘there’. Surely, with goodwill on both sides, these universally nurturing people could find a more appropriate location for the shed, and many more besides.

Combine the forces of the men’s shed movement and ‘save the koalas’ for mutual benefit. Who knows what old blokes in sheds might come up with to help. The more the merrier. Human health and wellbeing are as important as that of koalas and biodiversity generally. That is, massively important.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

Surf club a big boost

I lend my support to the proposal that will be discussed at a meeting of Council on Thursday 22 August.

For many years our current surf life saving club at Brunswick Heads has been failing to adequately service the needs of its members. The building itself needs a complete overhaul as it is 52 years old, hence the plan for the \$3 million redevelopment of the site. This will include state-of-the-art building design and first-class amenities, which are sadly lacking in the current past-its-use-by-date facility.

It is in the best interests of the entire Brunswick Heads community for this proposal to go ahead. It will bring much-needed tourism to the area, as well as an influx of dollars into the town’s coffers and provide employment opportunities for locals. At a previous meeting it was suggested the proposal would entail doing away with the established dog-walking track to the beach. This was never part of the proposal and will certainly not be something that will be considered in the redevelopment.

I’ve been a resident of this Shire since 1972 and I believe this proposal shows real progress for the area. I do hope each councillor will look at the proposal in its entirety and give it the seal of approval.

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Ticking the boxes for *Ixodes holocyclus*



Eve Jeffery

If you live anywhere in the Northern Rivers, chances are you've been bitten by a tick.

There's also a good chance that you've found them on your pets and have even had to race one to a vet on occasion for treatment.

Ixodes holocyclus, commonly known as the Australian paralysis tick, is one of about 75 species of Australian tick fauna and is considered the most medically important.

It can cause paralysis by injecting neurotoxic venom into its host. It is usually, but not always, found in a 20-kilometre-wide band following the eastern coastline of Australia. This area also contains the majority of Australia's most densely populated regions – doesn't that give you the ticks?

The natural hosts for the paralysis tick include koalas, bandicoots, possums, and kangaroos, but other earthlings have to deal with this tiny little succubus – within this range *Ixodes holocyclus* is the tick most frequently encountered by humans and their pets.

Prevention is best

According to Dr Russell Grigg, senior veterinarian at MyVet Byron Bay, as a rough guide July to February is the main 'season' that he sees tick paralysis patients. 'However, I have seen cases of tick paralysis outside of these months every year for the past 20,' says Dr Grigg.

The most important information is that prevention is much better, and cheaper, than the cure.

Dr Grigg says paralysis tick control was hit and miss until the last couple of years.

'Now we have effective control methods. For dogs there are now two easy-to-administer products that are very effective at tick control – they are flavoured oral tablets; one is a once-a-month chewable tablet and the other is once-every-three-months chewable tablet. I recommend that every dog be on either one of these products.'

Dr Grigg says that for cats there is a once-every-three-months on the back-of-the-neck liquid.

Ticks like it warm

Dr Lauren Archer from North Coast Veterinary Services agrees that paralysis ticks typically start becoming more prevalent as the winter weather winds up. 'This late winter period is also when we see young livestock being affected by paralysis ticks.'

Dr Archer says she prefers an oral preventative. 'Many dogs swim in this area and collars or top spots can wash off with frequent swimming. We also have much easier-to-use preventatives for cats now – previously preventing tick paralysis in cats was very labour and chemical intensive; with new-generation products the frequency of chemical usage is decreased and, more cats can be protected.'

And the cure?

Why is prevention better than the cure? Apart from the obvious reason being the stress caused to your pet, the cost of tick treatment is a bomb. Dr Archer says that tick paralysis necessitates the use of an anti-venom specifically made for ticks. 'This can be an expensive part of the process of treatment. Add to that intensive supportive care and monitoring. With tick paralysis cases most people would be looking at \$1,000–1,500 minimum; however, severely affected patients can require 24-hour care,' she said.

'These patients have been known to cost \$5,000–10,000 or more at the emergency veterinary clinics to pull them through,' she said.

Dr Grigg says tick-paralysis treatment costs can vary widely as the disease is complex and life threatening and usually involves varied time in hospital on intravenous fluids and at times nasal oxygen supply. 'The cost can vary from up to \$1,000 for treatment without complications to anywhere up to \$30,000. This has happened at the Gold Coast emergency clinics.'

'Even with tick-paralysis treatment animals are often in a critical condition and can die during treatment. I tell my clients that the best thing to do is give the preventive chewy tablets and often advocate all-year-round management.'

Both vets say that cats and dogs are the most common patients they see

affected by tick paralysis, but Lauren has treated a peacock, goats, sheep, a calf, and several miniature horses as well. 'Native wildlife are much more resistant to the tick toxin because they co-evolved, but even these guys occasionally get overwhelmed by paralysis ticks.'

Russell says that he sees a handful of animals a year that are in quite advanced stages of tick paralysis. 'Their body life-support systems are in very serious trouble. Saving these animals' lives is very difficult and mortality rates are often high. These animals are always not on any prevention medication or have just lapsed with the treatments.'

'Since the introduction of the preventive tablets we are seeing probably 80 per cent fewer dogs needing medical treatment. So, in numbers we saw about 30 cases last tick season as compared to 150 cases in previously.'

No prevention for us

Animals aren't the only earthlings who can be affected by old mate ixodes.

While the jury is still out on the occurrence of Lyme disease in Australia, there are certainly instances of tick typhus in humans during the warmer months.

Allergy is yet another huge problem when it comes to ticks and Associate Professor Sheryl van Nunen from the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) says that humans can suffer life-threatening allergies from tick bites.

'Tick-induced allergies comprise large local reactions at the site of the tick bite; mammalian meat allergy after tick bite (MMA); tick anaphylaxis; mammalian meat allergy limited to gut symptoms; and FCIES (food carbohydrate-induced enterocolitis syndrome).'

Van Nunen says that tick anaphylaxis only occurs when you are bitten by an adult tick. Nymph bites alone, however, can cause MMA.

Van Nunen says 35 per cent of people living in tick hyperendemic regions develop alpha-gal (galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose) specific-IgE. Of those, a little over eight per cent will have MMA. 'Prevalence is highest in the world in Sydney basin (113/100,000),' she says.

Tick anaphylaxis happens in about 1/100,000 people. Worldwide there was only one USA case some years ago, one Frenchman, two Spanish goatherds, and 12 individuals in Japan (with one presumed fatality).

'I've seen more than 300 tick anaphylaxis sufferers,' says van Nunen. 'Gut symptoms are common, especially in children, but FCIES is rare with 1/300 mammalian meat reactors.'

Van Nunen says that there were four fatalities from tick anaphylaxis reported from 1997 till 2013. There have been two deaths from mammalian products that are used in medicine.

Both fatalities were caused by an anaphylactic response to murine, a (mouse)-derived cancer

medicine in Australia. Alpha-gal is the precise allergen in the mammalian meat people react to in MMA.

'For MMA you don't develop this allergy without being bitten by a tick,' says van Nunen. 'Not everyone develops the allergy when bitten by a tick. If you do develop MMA after a tick bite and you are bitten again by a tick your allergy levels can more than double (our research published last year) and if you don't have another tick bite you can see a great reduction in your allergy levels over 18 months to two years and some can lose their MMA after 3–4 years.'

The tick mantra

Van Nunen says the mantra is: If you live, work, or play in tick-hyperendemic areas then:

- don't scratch anything you can't see
- don't disturb a tick
- treat your backyard
- dress for the occasion
- kill the tick where it is
- dab it, don't grab it for nymph and larval ticks – use permethrin cream
- freeze it, don't squeeze it for adult ticks.

Remember household tweezers are tick squeezers!' (I have removed ticks with household tweezers. It's tricky, but in an emergency, it can be done!)

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Finding peace for Israel and Palestine

■ The Israeli government spends a great deal of time and money on what it calls Hasbara, a 'public-relations effort to disseminate abroad, positive information about the state of Israel and its actions', to quote Wikipedia. In truth, much of that effort is focused on attacking any who dare speak up for the Palestinians. Very little attention is ever given to the substantive issues of Israeli war crimes and violations of international law. Apologists for the Zionist regime are openly contemptuous of the United Nations, even as they attempt to claim legitimacy via Security Council resolutions that do not in fact confer it.

It is not possible to have an honest, civil debate with Zionist zealots and Israel-firsters, who are so devoted to their partisan cause that it impairs their ability to reason. In this regard they are every bit as obdurate and fanatical as the takfiris of the so-called Islamic State. Our own local adherents to the Zionist cause are hardly any better and just as difficult to reason with,

but they are a noisy few and should not be allowed to dominate the public discourse on the issue of Palestinians' right to statehood and self-determination.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

■ With respect to Subhi Awad's letter (7 August), Subhi's claims just can't be taken seriously and most people know it. In a desperate attempt he points at a couple of questionable articles from *The Guardian* and *Der Spiegel* as 'mountains of evidence' to try to show that Palestinians have made or honoured a single concession over the years. The facts speak for themselves that the Palestinians have not.

The problem is not and has never been Jerusalem. The problem is the reluctance of the Arab world to accept Israel as a Jewish state in sea of Muslim countries. Thankfully after many years, the Arab world is growing tired of the antics and games of the Palestinian leadership when it comes to peace talks with Israel and many of those countries

have been developing warm relations with Israel with ever-increasing trade and visiting delegations.

Peace is possible once the militant Palestinian leadership is replaced with peace-loving people.

Give peace a chance, Subhi.
Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

■ Subhi Awad is re-writing history. He makes the extraordinary claim that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. Historical fact, rather than invented narrative, is that David, King of Israel, established the City of David, known as Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, approximately 3,000 years ago. Previously, the Jebusites, who ceased to exist as a people thousands of years ago, captured a small village existing there. It was not Arabian or Palestinian.

Throughout history it was sacked and taken by: The Persian empire, the Greco/Syrian empire, Israel again, the Roman empire, the Byzantine empire; 638CE was the very first Muslim period of conquest, but

not Palestinian (as they did not exist as a people yet), The Crusaders, Ottoman (Turkish), British, shared Jordanian and Israeli.

Finally it was returned to Israeli control in 1967. It was never once the capital of any of the above-mentioned empires, but a fringe city, and certainly never the capital of the Palestinian people/nation.

Jerusalem has been the capital city of the Jewish/Israeli people for 3,500 years and always will be. Israelis are the aboriginal people of Jerusalem and Israel. This cannot be factually disputed by anyone.

However, if you repeat a lie often enough, some people begin to believe it as fact. The problem has not always been Jerusalem; the problem has always been those who repeat and teach their children nothing but lies and murder of Jews.

Marianne McCormack
Billinudgel

■ We are having a rest from this subject while we break in a fill-in letters Ed.

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It's a win-win situation. There are no negatives in a proposal of this scope. It has been thoroughly researched and I believe it will be a massive boost for Brunswick Heads.

**Ray Essery
Mullumbimby**

Why me?

I don't care why Fast Buck\$ has decided to start picking on me. Though I strongly object to his misquoting and misrepresenting me over the bypass and compensatory habitat to justify himself.

Last time he accused me of supporting the bypass and this time he has me saying 'compensatory wetlands should be contiguous', when I never supported either and never said what he says I said.

I do think that Richard Staples's proposal for a mini-bypass over the existing second crossing was a sensible solution.

Most people want to go into town, so giving them an alternative route without destroying wetlands made sense. I was disappointed when after his election Simon Richardson ruled out this option in favour of the long bypass.

I am alarmed when I see that the location of the bus interchange is now in the middle of this crossing, ruling out a needed second route into and from the town centre from ever being used again. This is surely short sighted.

**Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay**

A soul matter

A concept of soul must be pivotal to say 80 per cent of participants in the ethical

debate about abortion. Yet it is studiously avoided in the letters pages of the mass media. If they did not treat 'soul' like a four-letter word, we would read questions like the following: Is the soul created from sperm and egg? When does it enter a foetus? Does it matter if it returns to whence it came, as the result of abortion?

Would the media fear the wrath of religious hierarchies, who would perceive a threat to their narratives and power?

Whom else might they fear to rub the wrong way, if the 'soul' concept is brought into other ethical debates? We are effectively censored through the media.

**Hayo van der Woude
Mullumbimby**

Dear humanity

I've just finished reading *The Sydney Wars*, the true story from historical records of the very beginning of whitefella Australia.

It was a rort from the very beginning.

Until we as a culture acknowledge our past patterns there is Buckley's chance of our changing and adapting to what is coming down the line.

We all live in bubbles, and sadly most of them are going to burst at once.

The truth is simple: if we aren't living in a way that supports our ecological matrix then we are damaging it - irrevocably.

If you aren't part of the reality-based solutions then you are still a post-industrial parasite, sucking away life on Earth.

But do not fret - you CAN change, and you CAN learn; trust me. Your inner nature

is arguably one of the most exquisitely majestic creations in this dimension of existence.

Throw away attachment to who you think you are; embrace your profoundly creative and collaborative spirit and join those who have already stepped away from older paradigms.

The time is upon us to choose life, or sudden cataclysmic change.

The current cultural norm of single-bottom-line corporocracy is the rort writ large - and let us all acknowledge our part as we are the engine and the fuel!

Stop taking as though it is your right. Stop wasting lives of animals and ecosystems because you like milk, cheese, flake... whatever.

We as a species need to drop into the mess we have inherited and colluded with.

What to do?

Plant trees, talk to strangers, sing your heart out, express your horror and terror, share your love - wake up to the miracle of your life. Give up the old story of who you think you are.

Whitefella dreaming is a nightmare for almost every single human being and the whole earth.

Let's join hands with the custodians of love and connectivity; let's become the one mob known as humanity.

Let's lead ourselves, and all of our lost cultures back to the garden.

We don't need nuclear here. We don't need NSW gasfields. We can't sell our artesian basins to anyone.

Let's stand up and demand that the boys step away from the trough of entitlement.

For our own hearts and our children's children's children.

Before we can adapt we need to acknowledge the cause.

We are still in time. Let's use it as best we know how - and if we don't know how, let's ask for help.

Go, humanity. Unleash our self-imposed chains of servitude to those heartless creatures that rule from on high.

Go local, be real - turn up here and now. What an adventure!

Here's active hoping.
**Caspar Brace
Mullumbimby**

We're a disgrace

Australia's performance on climate crisis at the Pacific Islands Forum was a disgraceful exhibition of denialism and intransigence. The Morrison government sent confirmed climate denier Alex Hawke to start the dirty work, bullying Pacific Islanders who face an existential threat from rising sea levels. He told them Australia would not stop using coal-fired energy or opening new coal mines. It was a 'red line issue'. And there was to be no acknowledgement of 'climate crisis' in the forum's Tuvalu Declaration.

Scott Morrison flew in, walked past protesting children, and completed the dismal picture during a discussion so distressing that Tonga's prime minister shed tears. Then we had shock jock Alan Jones's misogynist rant about New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern, who advocated for meaningful climate action at the forum. Jones screamed that Ardern was a

joke, an absolute and utter lightweight, a swallower of the climate-change hoax. And then he called for PM Scott Morrison to 'shove a sock down her throat'.

It could not be more obvious that Australia's government, including both major parties, rules on behalf of the fossil-fuel industry. The level of bullying, vitriol, and violent threats amounts to outright thuggery. Utterly shameful. The *Courier-Mail* added to the mood with a vicious attack on Extinction Rebellion activists and called for more repressive legislation and penalties to protect the fossil industry.

Adani enjoyed some head kicking by bankrupting Wangan and Jagalingou traditional owner Adrian Burragubba in an act of revenge for his opposition to their Carmichael mine.

People standing up to coal can expect escalating abuse, persecution, and violence.

Fossil fools run the country, and they are rushing to destroy the place with coal mines and gas wells wherever they can shove them.

**Eve Sinton
Upper Main Arm**

Corporate collapse?

On 24 July, Professor Sandra van der Laan of the the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) declared that Adani Mining, '...looks like a corporate collapse waiting to happen' and, 'is in a very fragile, even perilous, financial position.'

Surely our government wouldn't dare to plunge billions of hard-earned, taxpayer dollars into such a lemon?

**Sandy Loyall
Bangalow**

The good Samaritan

A wonderful thing happened to me in Brunswick Heads.

After filling my car at the service station pump I discovered that my wallet was no longer in my pocket. The attendant girl was pleasant and understandably required me to leave an item of value if I wished to drive away. I returned to my vehicle to see if it was in the car.

A chap walked up to me and said. 'I am going to give you eighty dollars. Here is my business card. Phone me when you have the money and I will tell you how to send it to me'. He then handed me eighty dollars.

He had not asked my name, my phone number, where I live. Nothing! A complete stranger had just given me eighty dollars!

Luckily, within a minute, I located my own wallet, which had fallen from my pocket down the side of the seat.

I managed to return the money to the chap before he drove away. I kept the business card, though, and emailed my gratitude. Neale Wilkinson replied that a lady was also about to hand me money but he got to me first.

I subsequently learned that Neale is the courtesy bus driver for Friday Hut Dining. If the food is anywhere near as good as the personnel the meals must be delicious.

The kindness of Neale, and of the lady who also had good intentions, is fantastic. My gratitude goes to them both. There are truly wonderful people out there and it was my pleasure to be involved briefly with them.

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Planning to win arguments and influence outcomes

Aslan Shand

Keeping up with the development applications (DA) being submitted to Council is hard enough for councillors. Unless you trawl through the newspaper or Council's website daily how can you find out what might be happening in your neighbourhood?

PlanningAlerts (www.planningalerts.org.au) is one of several sites that have been developed by the OpenAustralia Foundation charity to help the everyday person engage with the increasingly complicated and disenfranchising system that governs our lives.

'All of our projects are

designed to help people create the change they want to see in the world. They're supposed to get people involved in the political and democratic system even when they don't necessarily think of themselves as being political,' said founder Matthew Landauer.

'With PlanningAlerts, people can find out what's being built and knocked down in their area. It also makes it super easy to make comments that get sent to Council as official submissions.

'It's designed around how normal people live their lives. For instance, who religiously goes to their council website each

week and reads all the development applications to find ones that might affect them? Some people do but I certainly don't. With PlanningAlerts you get an email whenever there's something new near you. It comes to you. You don't have to go searching for it.'

Working towards empowering people

OpenAustralia Foundation is all about working towards empowering normal people says Matthew. They do take on commercial work to help fund the charity but it has to be aligned with the principles of benefitting 'normal people' first and foremost.

'To give you an example, over a number of years we worked with (were paid by) the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure to help design and implement a data standard for the electronic publishing of development applications across NSW. We only took on that work because it would make it easier for us to get development application

data from local councils into PlanningAlerts, which would directly benefit citizens by giving more people access to the benefit of finding out easily about their local planning applications.

'Everything we do is to benefit citizens, normal people. There's obviously a huge power difference between governments and ordinary citizens. However, collectively citizens have huge power. We make and break governments and the careers of politicians but we all too easily forget that or don't really believe it. That's what happens at election time but what about between elections?'

How does your MP vote?

Do you remember that old cliché 'it's not what you say it is what you do'? Well now you can easily check out what your federal representatives are doing on your behalf. The 'They Vote For You' website 'takes the unintelligible public record of what's said and voted on in federal parliament and

makes it straightforward to understand,' said Matthew.

'Forget what politicians say. What truly matters is what they do. And what they do is vote, to write our laws, which affect us all,' he explains.

'Before we made They Vote For You (theyvoteforyou.org.au) there was no way for a normal person to see how their [federal] MP (member of parliament) voted in parliament on their behalf. Worse than that, voting is largely ignored by the mainstream political media because they're mostly interested in the horse race of which party is beating which party.'

Freedom of information

To help you to get information easily and hold your government bodies to account they have also developed the site called RightToKnow (www.righttoknow.org.au). Through this site you can ask for information from any federal, state, or local government in Australia.

Currently around ten per

cent of non-personal federal FOIs go through the RightToKnow site and it allows people to view not only the past FOI requests but the tactics some government departments use to delay providing information to the public.

'When government authorities work hard to keep stuff out of public view, which they do unfortunately all too often, the tactics they employ are visible for everyone to see on RightToKnow,' says Matthew.

Matthew was also clear that any details that you submit will not be sold to or shared with anyone.

'In fact we try to collect as little information as possible about you,' he says.

'For instance with PlanningAlerts, all we have is an email address being interested in a particular street address. We don't have a name or any other information.'

If you are interested in getting involved or helping out with the work they do, OpenAustralia are keen to hear from you, email: contact@oaf.org.au.



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Recycling your thingies with KNAG

Eve Jeffery

The Lismore Knitting Nannas Against Gas (KNAG) are on a mission to recycle every bit of tiny plastic they can, to help save the land, air, and water for the kiddies.

The Nannas are supporting two great recycling projects at the moment, one for plastic bottle caps and one for those little tiny bread-bag closure thingies – two items that cannot be put in your council recycling bins.

TerraCycle recycler, and Kwik Lok, who make bread-bag closures, have partnered to create a free recycling program and the Nannas are collecting the tiny thingies.

Bread closures are cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be

remoulded to make new recycled products. As a 'thanks' for diverting waste from landfills, for every kilo of closures a \$1 donation will be made to Keep Australia Beautiful.

Another group called Envision, amongst a myriad of programs, is currently creating 100 bespoke disability-aid 'hands' made with 3D printers, which they donate to children in need. They use plastic caps from bottles, thus also benefiting the environment.

The Envision website says that bottle caps are fully reusable. Unfortunately they can't be recycled in council bins and they get sent to landfill.

Envision say this overlooked waste product is



Knitting Nannas Frances and Den with a haul of thingies. Photo Tree Faerie

almost entirely made from HDPE 2 (High Density Poly-Ethylene). After considerable experimentation they have successfully taken this plastic and extruded it to create functioning filament for 3D printers. Once they have the filament they can 3D print all the components that make up the disability hand.

KNAG don't want you to put either item in the recycling or the rubbish bin – they want you to save them up and hand them over to a Nanna.

Knitting Nanna Clare Twomey says the Nannas are excited to be involved in the project.

'With the current

problems Australia is experiencing with recycling, it is great to be able to deal with items that are outside the mainstream in such a positive way,' she said. 'You can drop off your items at the Lismore produce markets. We're in Magellen Street every second week. Pop in for a Nanna hug and to drop off your lids and bread-closure thingies. It's a really feelgood thing to do. We'll be there next on Thursday August 29.'

You can see what Envision do at: envision.org.au, and find what TerraCycle are up to at www.terracycle.com. You can follow the KNAG Nannas on Facebook.

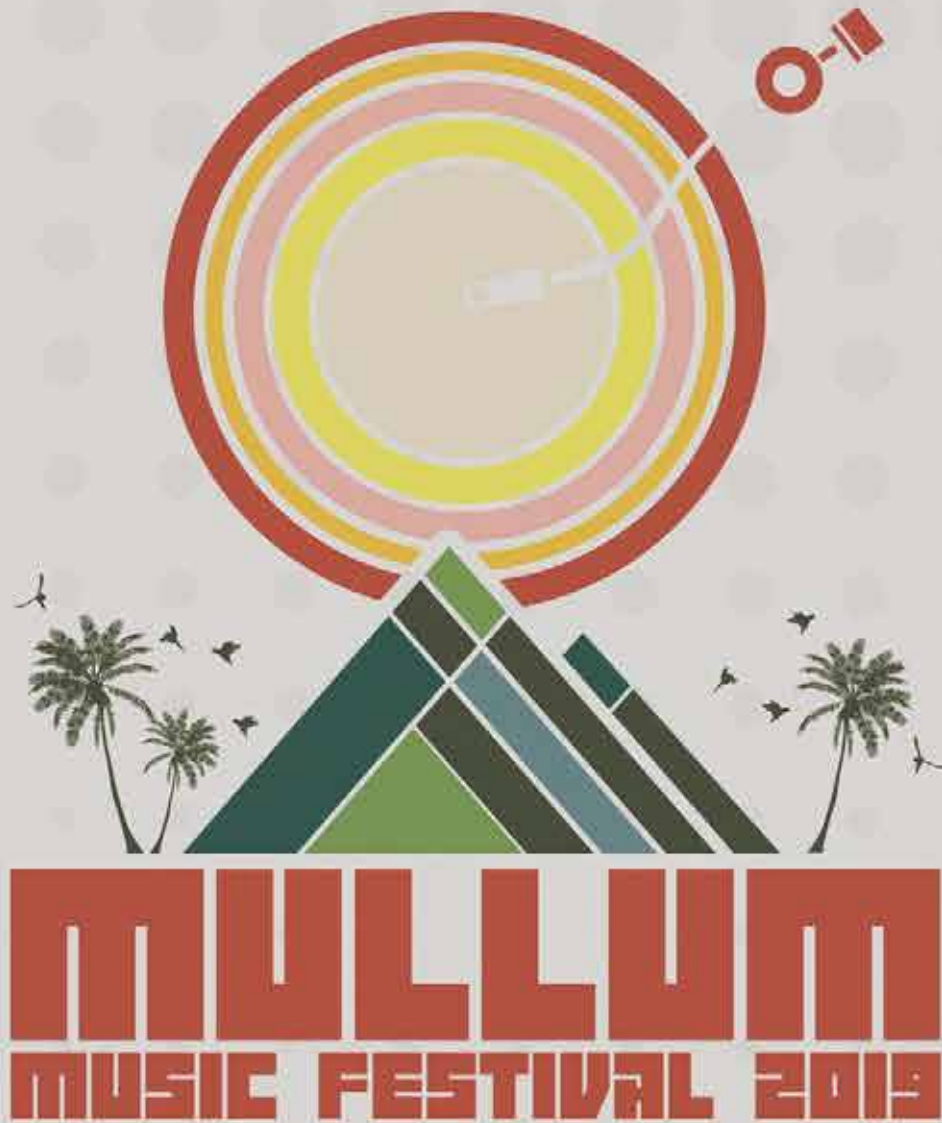


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From Lismore to Camp Binbee fighting Adani every step of the way

People from all walks of life are standing up against the government and what Adani have planned in Queensland

Mick Daley

I left Lismore in company with Hannah, a student on study break. At Chinderah we picked up Nadia, an organic-food marketer with boxes of supplies for the camp. In Brisbane we detoured to add Sam, a musician with whom I'd shared a stage a week or so ago, during the volatile Extinction Rebellion rally in the CBD, where 72 people were arrested, including 17 from the Northern Rivers.

We drove through the day to Yepoon, where we stayed at a house rented by Stop Adani activists. Next morning I jumped aboard with Johnno, an old blockading comrade. His vehicle was heavily loaded with a generator, climbing gear, and other blockading paraphernalia.

Johnno has a distinguished activism CV, having been at the Franklin with his friend Bob Brown. He yarns about blockading throughout the decades – Mt Etna, Pine Gap, Fraser Island, and the Daintree, then at Washpool, Chaelundi, Wild Cattle Creek, and other iconic North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) blockades during the Nineties.

We arrived at Camp Binbee in the late afternoon. On the final stretch from Bowen we passed three police cars – they've been regularly surveilling the camp. The police and Adani security often send drones over the property to glean information and the local council launches them from an unfriendly neighbouring property in so-far fruitless attempts to close the camp down for allegedly flouting council regulations.

In the highly functional camp I saw a number of familiar faces and a whole lot of new ones – it's a regularly changing demographic that's doubled this week and expected to surge as more people arrive in response to the Red Alert sent out over Facebook.

Hayley Sestokas, a Frontline Action on Coal (FLAC) coordinator sent out that alert.

'Just to be clear, this is not a FLAC camp,' she explains. 'It's a home base to a bunch of different organisations of which FLAC is just one. Extinction Rebellion is another, Reef Defenders, and others.'

Sestokas sees the camp as an organic template for social change.

'We offer a bunch of different workshops. This morning there was a renewable-tech chat, one on making kombucha, another on composting. It's not all radical direct action stuff, we're actually trying to make the world a better place.'

'People contribute to making decisions about what we're making here and I guess the way we do things are representative of how we would like to see a shift within our greater society. So everybody's valued and we'd have a lot fewer of the problems we're facing today if



Left: Climate activist Heather Simpson locks on to an Adani drill rig. Above: Police arrive at the protest and lock on last Friday. Images from Frontline Action of Coal

Hayley Sestokas is optimistic. *'I don't believe this Adani project will go ahead.'*

the world were more like that.'

Sestokas has seen years of action have an incremental effect.

'A friend in Bowen showed me a newspaper article where Adani said they were going to start construction in 2013. That's six years that we've stopped them. It's not just us doing direct action; it's the various legal challenges, combined with stripping away Adani's social licence and being a hindrance every step of the way.'

After a terrific meal and broken sleep I woke at 7am for breakfast. The familiar schedule of meetings began at 8am – with strict regulations to leave phones behind. The oppressive electronic surveillance by police and Adani's punitive security make this a necessity.

The endless meetings, process, and protocols are all designed to keep the camp running, keep it sanitary, centred, and sane. People are arriving constantly; European backpackers, grandmothers from the Gold Coast, teachers, nurses, students. These are people with strong opinions and high ideals who have decided it's time for immediate, sustained action against the climate emergency.

There's a strong conviction that the odds are stacked against them. That despite the warnings of climate scientists that the Galilee Basin is a carbon bomb that could tip the balance of catastrophic climate change, the courts, the police, local council, state and federal governments are hellbent on outlawing every conceivable avenue of resistance. Their ever-increasing powers of intimidation haven't stopped a steady stream of 'bunnies' offering themselves up as

'arrestables' on various actions.

Clancey Spice, a young woman from Canberra, is facing punitive damages from Adani contractors Aurizon, a company 49 per cent owned by the Queensland Government, after occupying a tripod blockade on their Newlands railway line last year. Spice already faced fines of \$2,200.

But in November 2017 Aurizon took out a \$750,000 strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP) case against FLAC Inc, to stop them from trespassing on the railway line but also in their words, inciting, encouraging, or procuring anybody else to take action against Aurizon. A few months ago Aurizon amended their statement of claim to include Spice and four other bunnies.

'They're seeking \$75,000 in damages against me, plus the costs of court proceedings if we lose, which is likely \$30–50,000 each,' Spice said.

'It's a classic SLAPP suit. If they get away with this it only becomes easier for the ruling class to erode the foundational rights we have to protest.'

'Sometimes it feels like we're in a war. The climate movement, like so many social-justice movements, is pushing back against the ever-encroaching presence of the monstrous right. It's funny when people say they aren't political, or that as a group or movement they try to be "a-political".'

'I guess that's what privilege is. Knowing you won't suffer as much as other people. Climate change is already affecting poorer people,

but eventually the fires, food shortages, malaria, and violent conflict will come for them too.'

Last Friday I joined an action planned to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Terania Creek blockades, the long-running protests that created the World Heritage-listed Nightcap National Park. It's also the 30th anniversary of NEFA's rolling blockades and, as a celebration was planned during the action, Johnno volunteered his vehicle as a people mover. Three other vehicles and twenty-five people travelled through the night to arrive at a drilling site planned by Adani contractors.

A single bunny locked on to the drill rig while protesters bantered with contractors over cups of tea and chocolate.

When the police arrived at 8.45 they defected Johnno's vehicle for a broken indicator cover, though the indicator was working. They gave a move-on order, requiring everybody to vacate the area to a seemingly arbitrary 30km radius or be arrested – despite the fact we were on a public road.

The story went to mainstream media, covered by Queensland's 9 News and regional Queensland newspapers. The bunny was released that day on bail. Her bail conditions decreed she join a long list of people who can no longer return to Camp Binbee for specified periods.

Not all actions are so amiable. At previous actions I've attended at the Point Abbot coal terminal near Bowen I've seen mass arrests amid ferocious police tactics. Protesters of all ages in this campaign are often highly emotionally charged. Many of them believe that the only option left is to break unjust laws.

Greg Rolles, geography teacher and former soldier, is also facing a \$9,000 fine and enormous SLAPP suit for blockading Aurizon's rail line.

'I identify as a Quaker, part of a group called Christians for Climate

Action Australia. With the impending ecological crisis, my motivation is to get people of faith everywhere to be more engaged with the destruction of our creation.

'I'm representing myself on a climate-change defence, saying I'm trying to protect all our homes – and here's the evidence. Convict me if you want, but please take this into account.'

SLAPP suits, draconian police powers, Labor and LNP politicians drafting new legislation to further outlaw protest, the bankrupting of Wangan and Jagalingou spokesman Adrian Burragubba by Adani's lawyers – all these factors do make this seem a fight against stacked odds. But the mood in the camp is ebullient. Training for non-violent direct actions (NVDA) are in full swing and the majority of new arrivals seem intent on pursuing arrestable actions.

Hayley Sestokas is optimistic. 'I don't believe this Adani project will go ahead. When I go home for a break in rural Victoria and I drive through an underpass in a small town and there's Stop Adani spray-painted over it I feel so heartened, because the truth is, 97 per cent of Australia doesn't want this to go ahead.'

'But the reason it hasn't happened yet is we've fought it every step of the way. I believe we have to keep fighting right to the end of this and beyond, because there are more projects around the corner. Rinehart has plans, and Palmer, and outside of the Galilee Basin there are plans to frack the Northern Territory, the Kimberley, and the Pilliga and if we beat coal to just herald a new age of gas, I'll feel like we've lost.'

■ Mick Daley is embedded at Camp Binbee, the Stop Adani protest camp in northern Queensland where hundreds are expected to travel in response to a Red Alert, as Adani begins land-clearing operations on its propose mine site.

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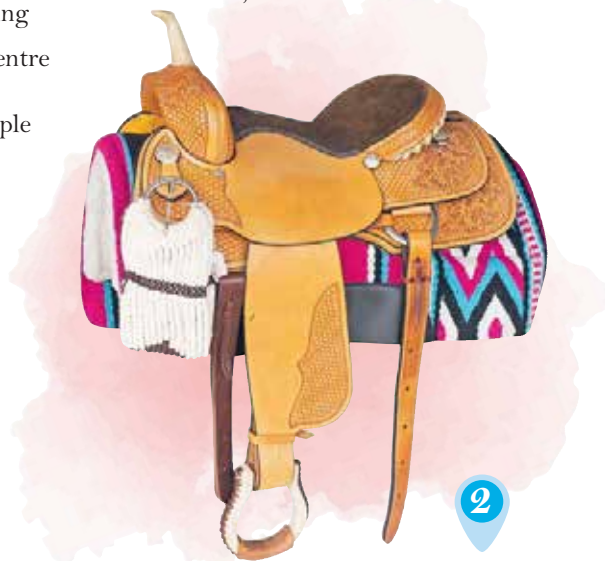
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- Caribu, CEN, Jenquine, Uvex, Rocking R Saddlery, Ord River, Weaver, Professionals Choice.

Equinity also supports the Centre for Real, who provide Equine Experiential Therapy for people with PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Equinity donates 10 per cent of all HorseOm shirt sales to subsidise sessions for those in need.

Visit Equinity Horse and Rider Emporium on Facebook @equinityhorseandrideremporium and instore at 29 Prospero St, Murwillumbah 6672 9486.

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Magic Murwillumbah



The legendary Pam



BEVERLEYS' ON MAIN STREET

Beverleys' offers a wide range of women's casual, quality clothing.

New stock is now arriving weekly from some favourite brands: Yarra Trail, Goondiwindi Cotton, Orientique, Philosophy, Corfu, and Ping Pong. Lovely linens and cottons for our spring-summer climate are here, and new season shoes are arriving, including beautiful Spanish leather Zeta shoes – like pillows under your feet.

The Piccadilly range, designed for troublesome feet, in particular bunions, are also in stock.

Pam, featured in the photo, has been at Beverleys' for 25 years. Pam does their window display each week to feature their range. She is wearing one of their lovely jackets from Philosophy.

Please drop in and see Mel, Libby, and Pam at
114 Main Street, Warina Walk Arcade, Murwillumbah | 6675 1224

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HAYES TOYOTA

The management and staff of Hayes Toyota would like to thank all their clients for supporting their business for more than one hundred years. They could not have done it without you. They have witnessed a lot of changes in the area throughout those years. They've had some good times together and some hard times together but they have always made it through.

They are looking forward to many more fantastic years of providing outstanding service in sales, service, parts, and finance.

Drop in and say hi to the friendly staff at Hayes Toyota Murwillumbah.

They are always ready to help you with all your motoring needs.

32-42 Prospero Street, South Murwillumbah | 6672 1666
www.hayestoyota.com.au



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BEAUTIFULLY ALTERNATIVE COLLECTIVE

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Victorian Goddess sells locally handmade and other ethically sourced products.

Shelly, also a talented henna artist, opened this little old-world yet alternative shop to encourage the beautiful talented people of this region to create.

Each item is made or painted with LOVE, and only the best quality materials are used.

They stock art, knitted items, handmade clothing, homewares, magical items, jewellery, cards, books, quilted items, accessories, fairy houses, hats, candles and wax melts, didgeridoos, pottery items, small furniture items, aromatherapy products, crystals, and some oracle cards.

It's right in the heart of magical Murwillumbah, a town well known for its amazing artists. Drop in to buy unique gifts for your loved ones, or yourself.

29 Wharf Street, Murwillumbah | www.victoriangoddess.com | 0447 610 222

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Southside Murwillumbah
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FATHERS DAY AT MAVIS'S KITCHEN

Get your cricket team together to play the Mavis Fathers Day Cup. There will be a family holiday up for grabs to the winning family. Come as a spectator, enter the comp, or just play for fun and treat dad to breakfast and cricket. There will be plenty of seating, or bring a blanket or order a family picnic.

Register your team to play for the Mavis Cup and play the knockout games. You need a team of six to play or they can team you up with another group.

For more information or to book, email whatson@maviseskitchen.com.au, call Ursula on 6679 5664, or register on Eventbrite.

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TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

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Pack a blanket, a picnic basket, and bring the whole family along for an annual community gathering in the grounds of the Tweed Regional Gallery. Take in the stunning view that has inspired so many artists in the gallery's

collection while you enjoy live music, free art activities for the kids, and observe artists at work outdoors. Watch as the sun sets from the best spot in Murwillumbah, and don't forget to tag the gallery in your Instagram pics!

The Community Picnic & Artist Paint Out will be held at Tweed Regional Gallery, 2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah on Sunday 15 September, 2–5pm.

P: 6670 2790 | E: tweedart@tweed.nsw.gov.au | W: artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au
 Facebook and Instagram: @tweedregionalgallery #tweedregionalgallery

SUSHI MUR-BAH

Experience authentic Japanese taste and culture at Sushi Mur'bah. After nine years in business they have recently renovated for a brand-new, even more authentic look! Not only do they have a large variety of healthy, fresh sushi; they also have delicious dishes – including many gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian-friendly options, with fish-free stock, and gluten-free soy sauce and mayo. Of course, they have many excellent meat and fish dishes too! All are welcome. Check out their special menus for delicious seasonal dishes.

Enjoy a slice of Japan in Mur'bah!

Shop 2,
 Murwillumbah Centre,
 10 Brisbane St,
 Murwillumbah
 6672 8807
 Facebook:
 Murbah Sushi

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DISCOVER MURWILLUMBAH

1. Gelato & Co, 115 Murwillumbah St
2. Equinity Horse Emporium, 29 Prospero St
3. Beverley's on Main Street, 114 Main St, Warina Walk Arcade
4. Loved Again Clothing Exchange 21 Prospero St, South Murwillumbah
5. Australian Law Group, 15 Prince St
6. Makers And Finders Market, Knox Park & M-Arts Precinct
7. Pulp Fiction, 309 Tweed Valley Way
8. Mavis's Kitchen, 64 Mt Warning Road, Mt Warning
9. Sushi Mur-bah, Shop 2, Murwillumbah Centre, 10 Brisbane St
10. The Foundry, 90 Murwillumbah St
11. Hayes Toyota, 32–42 Prospero St, South Murwillumbah
12. Tweed Regional Gallery, 2 Mistral Road (cnr Tweed Valley Way)
13. Victorian Goddess, 29 Wharf St
14. Mayberry Meldrum Anderson, 315 Tweed Valley Way
15. Murwillumbah Cycles, 27 Wollumbin St



Magic Murwillumbah



THE FOUNDRY MURWILLUMBAH ~ news, lifestyle, and gift emporium

It's that time of year when we indulge and spoil the favourite man in our lives. If you need inspiration to find that perfect gift, then pay a visit to The Foundry Murwillumbah.

Select from a wide range of interest magazines, games, chocolates, handkerchief sets, beer holders and glasses, bamboo socks, soap (for that smelly man in your life), pen sets, barbecue utensils, shoehorns, insulated drink bottles and ecoffee cups, plus so much more. This store will provide you with a retail experience to inspire – gifts, cards, and wrap all in the one location.

Experience this historic 1908 building in the heart of town that has been restored to its former glory. Its exposed industrial features provide a unique space and atmosphere that will make you want to take the time to explore.

90 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah
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MURWILLUMBAH CYCLES

Jeff Harris of Cabarita Beach Cycles is proud to announce newly opened Murwillumbah Cycles. Jeff has over 30 years of cycling experience and is happy to share that experience with you.

At Murwillumbah Cycles their passion is to provide exceptional customer service and, because they love cycling, they are there to help you enjoy your cycling regardless of your ability or experience. You can test ride so you can choose the right type of bike for your style of riding. Head instore soon; they'd love to see you. Murwillumbah Cycles for sales, repairs, service, and hire needs.

27 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah
murwillumbahcycles.com.au
0410 237 005



AUSTRALIAN LAW GROUP

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Murwillumbah law firm Australian Law Group (ALG) / Egan Simpson is expanding its business base and has purchased longstanding Byron Bay firm Heydons Lawyers, as the company continues to strengthen its legal services and presence in the Northern Rivers. Brad Heydon has stayed on as a consultant solicitor, and both the Murwillumbah and Byron offices are working together to assist clients from the Queensland border to beyond Byron and inland.

Owner and managing director Justin Peters said the merger has enabled the company to develop the scope of areas they practise in, so they now have even more experience and skill to solve all your legal needs and obtain the best result possible, with experienced lawyers in family law, wills and estates, property and commercial transactions and disputes, litigation, trusts and leasing.

Their offices are located in Byron, Brisbane, Murwillumbah, and Sydney.

15 Prince St | 6685 6188

Email: justinp@alglawyers.com.au or brad.heydon@heydons.com

If you wish to discuss a matter directly with one of their special counsels, contact 0408 959 961.

PULP FICTION

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Pulp Fiction is a little gem of a shop that has a wonderful, eclectic mix of offerings. Their unique secondhand store is home to an abundance of funky clothes and fiction, perfect for the unique individual! Whether you're a complete bookworm or a fearful fashionista, you're bound to find something to enjoy at Pulp Fiction & Fashion.

You can get lost for hours in this treasure trove of a shop. The entry room is lined with Australian and local authors; the sitting room is filled from floor to ceiling with general fiction. A fan of literature? You can meander into the world of music and art, philosophy, history, autobiographies, crime, science, and a host of other genres.

Fossick further to explore rooms full of eclectic fashion items – nostalgic fabrics and styles from bygone eras in Pulp Fiction & Fashion's extensive collection of vintage and secondhand clothing and accessories.

Visit them for extreme literary fiction, non-fiction, and eclectic funky fashions.

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Backspace Living – backyard transformation

How does a bloke with a stellar international football career behind him end up in Byron Bay building fabulous solutions for people to capitalise on extra space in their backyard?

‘Well, I had a mate who wanted a granny flat built and I said, “I know just the bloke to do that,”’ says Josh Perry, former Novocastrian and former international and state rugby league star who played first for the Newcastle Knights and then the Manly Sea Eagles and English club St Helens before hanging up his boots. ‘I have been friends with Trent (Robinson) since we were kids. We did our shopfitting apprenticeships together. He went on to become a builder and built the granny flat for

my other mate. From that, the idea of Backspace Living Byron Bay was born.’ Josh thinks it’s great that he is still working with his mate again and that their business is going from strength to strength.

There is no doubt that adding an extra living space onto your block can be a wise investment. It may cost a little more on your loan repayments each week but you will benefit from the increased value of your property and should you be in a position to rent out the granny flat

you’ll get a solid return, particularly in this area where affordable rentals are in high demand.

Offering a one-stop service the Backspace Living team sit with the client and develop the design that is going to best serve their situation. Then they take on the task of getting the necessary compliance and development approvals in the most cost- and time-effective way. From there comes the build and fit-out, followed closely by the very happy customers. Trent and Josh explain that at the end of the build there’s not more than a wheelbarrow-load of waste for them to clear. ‘We’ve constantly refined the way we work, which means a more cost-effective build. The great thing about that is



that means we can include extra features into the build that otherwise may be beyond some budgets.’ If you head to the backspaceliving.com website you can read about their design and service philosophy

and you’ll find testimonials from very satisfied clients, but if getting up-close and personal is more your thing you might want to head to the grand opening on Saturday between 11am and 2pm at 20 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay.



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Open: Inspect by appointment
Contact: Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122
Katrina Beohm Real Estate

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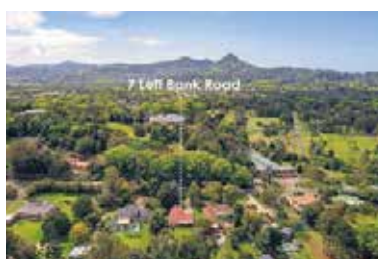
7 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby

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\$935,000



This is a rare chance to grab a beautiful creekside acre in Mullumbimby. It's with a heavy heart that the owners have decided to downsize from what has been the perfect place to bring up their children. The home is family sized and suited with privacy from the street, and recent renovations have updated the kitchen and bathrooms so there's nothing to do. Fully landscaped grounds are adorned with mature plantings including an abundance of healthy fruit trees. Established garden beds and paths wind through the property down to a shaded frontage to the permanent creek.



The town centre, schools and sporting fields are all a short walk away. A fully serviced 40 square metre steel framed shed at the back of the house is perfect for storing and tinkering and 2.1kW of solar power will make keep the bills down. A great property that gives you both convenience and space.

Inspect: Saturday 24 August, 10.00am – 10.30am
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0408 966 421
Byron Shire Real Estate



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Ample room for a secondary dwelling, pending council approval.



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NEW



23 Palmer Avenue, **Ocean Shores**

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Intelligently designed home in prime ridgetop location with uninterrupted ocean views. Generous layout featuring two distinct living areas + a media room. Huge master suite. Entertainer's kitchen with high end finishing. Light filled spaces, high ceilings and timber floors throughout.

Inspect
Saturday 24th August 12-12.30pm
Price
\$1,400,000

Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN SAT 11am



NEW PRICE



15 Warrambool Road, **Ocean Shores**

5 3 2

This elevated home offers the best of both worlds. Open plan living, dining & kitchen area, 4 bedrooms and a large wrap around veranda with sweeping views. It also includes a separate accom. area for family or guests. Finally, the big 1853 sqm block has development potential. (STCA)

Inspect
Saturday 24th August 11-11.30am
Price
\$770,000 to \$820,000
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271 Goonengerry Mill Rd, **Goonengerry**

3 1 2

'Mirambeena' is just 300m from the stunning Goonengerry National Park. The original weatherboard farmhouse is perfectly private, elevated over 370m above sea level and enjoys views over the property down to the two spring fed dams.

Inspect
By Appointment
Price
\$1,100,000 to \$1,200,000
Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237

Contemporary Coastal Living

14 Casons Lane, New Brighton

4 1 1

\$1.295 million



Set opposite Marshalls Creek is this recently renovated beach house with natural light & timber floorboards throughout. Kitchen equipped with Smeg appliances & a breakfast bar. Open plan lounge area with A/C. The third bedroom is ideal as a study with peaceful water views. The contemporary bathroom has a deep bath, twin vanity & a separate toilet. Outside is the rustic, yet modern & recently constructed studio with a living room, bedroom & a storage room plus there is a deck overlooking the landscaped & level yard that backs onto a nature filled reserve. It is just a short walk to the shops, farmers markets, cafe & the beach. There is a school bus service to Byron Bay, Mullumbimby & Tweed Heads. It's convenient to major airports & is approx. 10 minutes to Brunswick Heads.



Open: Inspect by appointment
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Katrina Beohm Real Estate

The Sanctuary

21 Snows Creek Road, Upper Coopers Creek

3 2 4

From \$1,025,000



Set in a peaceful, secluded corner of the sought-after Byron hinterland, this stunning 32-acre property offers versatile living surrounded by rainforest and wildlife. With a 1930s renovated timber home plus a separate self-contained cottage this property is the perfect antidote to a busy city life. Features include 300 metres of creek frontage with own private swimming hole and walking tracks. Main homestead: 2 bedrooms 1 bathroom, plenty of light, full sun all day, mains power, internet, solar hot water, fireplace, outdoor bath, newly planted fruit orchard with a spring-fed dam. Stunning cliff views overlooking 2 majestic waterfalls in 32 acres approximately 50% cleared. Huge chook shed with laying boxes ready to go and a huge powered machinery shed. The property has a renovated cottage with brick fireplace, outdoor bath, solar power, internet and a third dwelling shack with potential. Approximately 30 mins from Mullumbimby and 45 mins from Byron.



Inspect: Thursday 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Contact: Gary Brazenor – 0423 777 237
Byron Shire Real Estate

Tweed Billabong Holiday Park

Tweed Heads South – Site 86

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\$159,000



A stylish and almost new home seeks its new owner. Nothing to be done, simply move in and enjoy the lifestyle. This immaculately presented 2-bedroom home consists of a covered entrance porch running the width of the home, two bedrooms and an open plan lounge/dining area with adjacent kitchen. The living area features timber effect vinyl flooring and high raked ceilings creating a light and airy home. The practical kitchen has plenty of storage space with Caesar stone bench-tops/work surfaces complemented with a Westinghouse built-in electric fan-forced oven with a gas cook-top. The home has two carpeted bedrooms; master has a built-in robe with mirror doors. The good-sized tiled bathroom comprises of a shower cabinet, vanity, mirrored shaving cabinet and toilet, as well as laundry facilities tastefully hidden behind sliding doors. This stylish home is situated in a very quiet area of the 5 star Trip Advisor award winning park "The Tweed Billabong Holiday Park" situated on the southern end of the Gold Coast at Tweed Heads South, only a few minutes from the Coolangatta / Tweed shopping complexes, restaurants, clubs and sandy Gold Coast beaches. The park is a secure gated complex, and has its own protected saltwater billabong, as well as a swimming pool complex (heated in winter). Sorry, no pets permitted.

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- Breathtaking panoramic mountain views across farmland
- 'Clovedene', historical timber cottage
- Residential sized block 746 sqm, surrounded by picturesque farmland
- Views cannot be built out on current zoning, walk to cafes
- North facing back yard, situated in the popular eastern side of town
- Easy access to the M1 and six minutes to the beautiful beaches of Brunswick Heads

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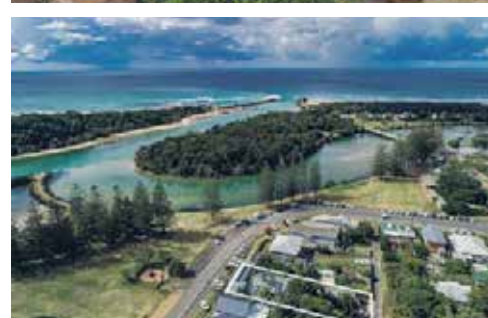
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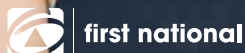
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- 62 New Brighton Road, New Brighton. Sat 11.30am-12pm

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 21 Snows Creek Road, Upper Coopers Creek. Thu 3.30-4pm
- 7 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 8 Gilba Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

Byron Bay First National

- 12 Gardenia Street, Ballina. Thu 12-12.30pm
- 50 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Thu 4-4.30pm
- 8/19 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. Thu 4.30-5pm
- 8/21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Fri 1-1.30pm
- 29 Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 2/42 Gloria Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 9.30-10am
- 11 Ironbark Avenue, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/8 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- House 2/4-6 Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 27 Corella Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 115 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 46 Figtree Hill Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 10-10.30am
- 12 Gardenia Street, Ballina. Sat 10-10.30am
- 42 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 10.30-11am
- Lot 20/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.45-11.15am
- 14 Rush Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 4/17 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6 Alexander Circuit, Lennox Head. Sat 11-11.30am
- 115 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Parakeet Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 27 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 6 Keith Street, Bangalow. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 50 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 62 Nashua Road, Fernleigh. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 8/19 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm

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- 8 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Wed 3.30-4pm
- 4 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Thu 11-11.30am
- 1/40 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Thu 4.30-5pm
- 4 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
- 1/40 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30-10am
- 17/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am
- 8 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11am
- 6 Quail Way, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Quail Way, Mullumbimby. Sat 1-1.30pm

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New Listings

Byron Bay First National

- 255 North Creek Road, Lennox Head. \$1.295m
- 2/42 Gloria Street, South Golden Beach. \$680,000-\$740,000
- 12 Gardenia Street, Ballina. \$569,000-\$619,000
- 1-4/116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. \$2m
- 8/19 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. \$845,000-\$875,000
- 50 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park
- 46 Figtree Hill Drive, Lennox Head. \$1,195,000-\$1,250,000

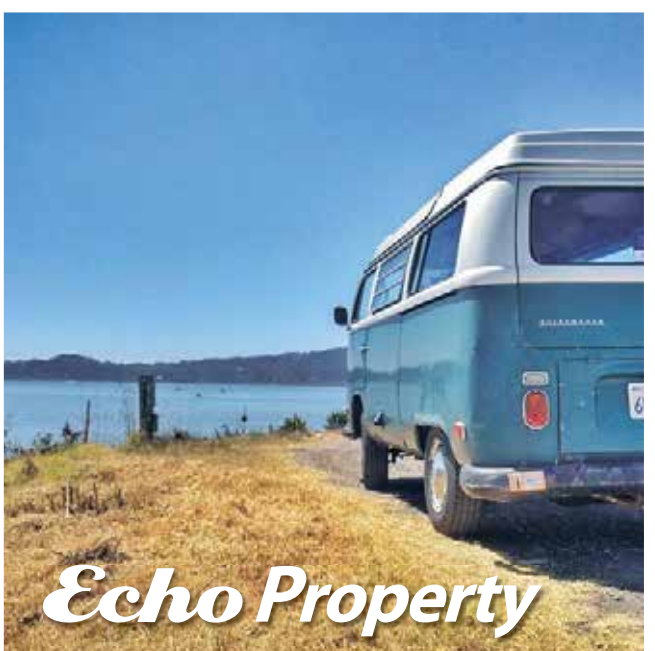
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- Snake Gully Road, Upper Burringbar

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\$10,000 was handed over last week to Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Photographed left to right: Zeke Huish – Westpac Helicopter, Blue McNally – chairman Ballina RSL Club, Mr Les McGuire – past patient, Bill Coulter – CEO Ballina RSL Club.

Cash for community

Ballina Coast High School's hospitality students are the winners after their school became first-time ClubGRANTS recipients.

The students looking to build a career in the food and drink industry, one of the major employers in the region, have more to look forward to, after receiving the news that the Ballina RSL Club's hospitality-management team are looking to further develop their relationship with the school from a work-experience level through to career training and potential employment pathway opportunities as well.

But there were other winners after Ballina RSL Club this week held their annual morning tea for the community groups who received a grant through the organisation's Community ClubGRANTS scheme.

This year there were over thirty recipients from the Ballina Shire community who each submitted an application for items that their community organisation desperately needed financial support for.

'Giving back to the community is a big part of our business,' said Bill Coulter, CEO Ballina RSL Club. 'This year's recipients included Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Biala, Ballina Lions, Cerebral Palsy Centre in Alstonville, and Ballina Scouts just to name a few.'

Since the inception of the ClubGRANTS initiative, Ballina RSL Club has made an enormous difference to thousands of community groups with over four million dollars cash and in kind given out alone to the Ballina Shire community organisations, sporting groups, and charities that make a difference in the local region.

To be eligible to apply for a ClubGRANT, you must be a not-for-profit organisation and provide the following project and/or services: community welfare or social services, community development, community health services, or employment-assistance activities. You are also eligible if you or your organisation is involved in community or professional sport.

Full details on how to apply is on Ballina RSL website www.ballinarsl.com.au.

Four chefs for showpiece fundraiser at Halcyon House

Four great chefs will be teaming up soon for a \$190-a-head showpiece charity 4-course dinner soon, with each chef creating a dish for the event.

Readers of these pages will know of Jason Saxby of Raes at idyllic Wategos Beach, and Alastair Waddell from hinterland restaurant Harvest, who is well known for his wild-foraged menus. They are travelling north to join executive chef Jason Barratt from Paper Daisy, the award-winning restaurant at Halcyon House in Cabarita. Travelling down from Burleigh Heads will be Alex Munoz of Restaurant Labart.

It will all be happening on Wednesday 4 September at 7pm at Halcyon House. Four Chefs One Mission is a four-course showcase dinner created to raise funds for OzHarvest, Australia's leading food-rescue charity, which collects excess quality food and delivers it to more than 1,300 charities for people in need.

With a menu focusing on seafood and sustainability, the Four Chefs One Mission dinner at Paper Daisy aims to assist OzHarvest with their mission of feeding the hungry and diverting food waste from landfill. Barratt, Waddell, Labart, and Saxby will each showcase their creativity to present a dish that utilises ingredients and byproducts that are traditionally discarded in commercial kitchens in order to raise awareness of food wastage.



Executive chefs pictured L-R: Jason Barratt, Paper Daisy; Alastair Waddell, Harvest; Jason Saxby, Raes at Wategos; Alex Munoz Labart, Restaurant Labart.

Paper Daisy's executive chef Jason Barratt said of the evening, 'Guests are in for a treat at this event. Collaborating with Alastair, Alex, and Jason is always fun, but it's not easy getting us all together.'

'We're really excited to join forces on this one as food waste is a cause close to all our hearts and OzHarvest are doing amazing things in this space and we're happy to be in a position to support them,' he continued.

During the Four Chefs One Mission dinner, guests will also have the chance to win a stay at Halcyon House, with the boutique hotel auctioning off a two-night stay at their

property to further raise funds for OzHarvest.

Tickets to Four Chefs One Mission are \$190 per person and include a showpiece 4-course dinner with a selection of wines, beers, and cocktails. With limited places available, book today by visiting halcyonhouse.com.au/upcoming-events/ or call Paper Daisy on 6676 1444.

Shelter Lennox at Barrio

By S Haslam

Lennox Head is just down the road, but some people get a little set in their ways. I've actually heard of people who live in this area who spend years, when they are in the Shire, only shuttling between Byron Bay and Bangalow. Well if you are a Byron resident on the hodophobia spectrum, now is your chance to have a little bit of the best of Lennox Head come to you in Byron!

Last year head chef Dennis Baker and the team from Shelter at Lennox were awarded a hat in the *Good Food Guide*, a great achievement considering the restaurant had only recently opened. Next Tuesday 27 August Dennis Baker will be slinging plates with Francisco Smoje at Barrio Eatery & Bar from 5.30pm.

With the community in mind, Shelter uses ethically sustainable, seasonal products sourced from local producers and suppliers, plus apparently plenty of 'verve'. I don't mind a glass or two of that myself, but part of the deal with the Slings Plates is that there's special deal not only with the food, but also with the wine.

You can enjoy Dennis's award-winning cooking with \$10 /

\$20 plates (meat and vegan-friendly options) alongside a \$10 glass of wine by Ochota Barrels at Addley Clark Fine Wines. Or you can just choose to eat at Barrio from the normal menu, which is very enjoyable even if, like me, you're a vegetarian.

'We are looking forward to experimenting with Barrio's wood-fired oven and charcoal grill while bringing a taste of Shelter Lennox to the Byron Bay community,' said Dennis.

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Image by Kara Rosenlund: Head chef Dennis Baker and co-owner Andrew Love, Shelter Lennox.



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Friendly faces and chilled-out spaces at Our Table – Byron Bay Bowling Club

Story and photos by Carolyn Parker

Helen Culligan-Parkes and helpful hubby Jeffrey Parkes have taken over the reins of Byron Bay Bowling Club's bistro. Launching Our Table three months ago was a natural evolution for the duo, since they'd previously been club members and relished its friendly atmosphere. Plus they were already on the Byron foodie scene with their Cape Byron Platters business.

Helen's food journey has also evolved from years ago when she only used her oven to store her shoes – but Jeff soon changed all that. Coming from a family of restaurateurs, Jeff

schooled Helen in catering skills. Helen has since become a virtuoso of platters and is infatuated with bringing people together over enticing fresh food.

Helen says, 'The bistro menu has classics... with a twist'. They include burgers from \$16, kids' meals for \$8, salads, opulent grazing boards, and desserts. Classic mains under \$20 include chicken parmigiana, schnitzel, and Cooper's beer-battered fish. Plenty of creative dishes are found

on the specials board too, like their satisfying duck schnitzel with beetroot purée and tomato salsa.

My recent dining experience started with Spiced Cauliflower coated with house-made Korean sauce. The same sublime sauce coats their chicken-wings starter, one of the menu's biggest finger-licking hits. Jeff holds this tantalising sauce recipe close to his heart and won't give away his trade secrets to its zesty flavour.

Portobello mushroom and haloumi burger in a soft glazed bun is a deliciously juicy combination and the accompanying chips are dusted with another special seasoning.

In keeping with the Byron vibe, the reclaimed timber décor has an earthy and rustic edge to it. A sprinkling of vases with pretty jonquils and Matt Sansom artwork on the walls signal Helen's personal touches.

Their outdoor space is a hidden nook ideal for sharing a cheese board or chicken grazing boards with friends. The tropical enclave is shaded by umbrellas and palms and party lights give it a magical charm in the evening. The adjacent lawn is blessed with the bowling club's green thumb – not a bindi in sight – and is scattered with beanbags designed for you to chill out in with a burger and beer.

It's not often you see such joyful faces from people stepping out of a busy bistro kitchen. It's clear Helen and Jeff love what they're doing – and we're loving it too. Good quality food at welcoming prices. Bring it on at Our Table.



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A rum lot indeed

By Vivienne Pearson

Lord Byron would be proud. His namesake distillery has rocked the awards scene in their first year of operation.

But first, to avoid your having to pause reading this story in order to fire off an email to the editor, I would like to assure you that the title of this article isn't a spelling mistake. Neither is it

referring to some weird non-alcoholic version of my favourite drink (like 'mylk' for non-dairy versions of milk).

An old Australian law restricts the use of the traditional spelling to rum that has been aged on timber for at least two years. As that's not possible for a distillery that's only been open for one year, the French spelling *rhum* is used.

So, back to the awards. In the London Spirits Competition, Lord Byron Distillery's silver overproof rum came second out of 400 entries, an incredible result for a newcomer, especially as both aged and unaged rums were judged together.

Their other award is the coveted International Rum University award called Rum and the Environment (how considerate of them to combine two of my favourite topics in the one award). This was for the distillery's achievement of being carbon neutral and zero waste, providing a sterling example to others about the value of considering environmental aspects of business right from the start.

Tucked away in the Arts & Industry Estate, the Lord Byron Distillery is open for visits during the afternoons of Tuesday to Saturday. No bookings are needed and there is no cost for a tour. 'We have a full-time cocktail bartender on staff to help you try our multi-award-winning drinks,' says co-owner Brian Restall of his family-owned business (when you visit, you'll likely meet Brian's brother, Chris, who is the head distiller).

For those who to whip up their own cocktails, you can do a cocktail making masterclass, focused around both rum and gin.

Or, how's this for the opportunity to not only try but create a totally unique drink? Gin Blending Classes allow you to select your own choice of botanicals to steep in alcohol and then distil in a micro-still. Add your own label to the bottle and you have a hand-crafted masterpiece to take home (and share with your friends if they are lucky).

'If you live locally and are looking for something to do, or if you want to show visiting friends an example of artisanal methods using local ingredients, please come visit,' says Brian.

I'm sure if he were still around, Lord Byron would join me in lifting a glass of rum to say cheers to that.



Salt and pepper squid with lime mayo



A rum lot of awards



Visit for a free tour of the Lord Byron micro-distillery – Photos by Jess Parkes Photography

Lord Byron Distillery, 7/4 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay. Open 12–5pm, Tuesday–Saturday. www.lordbyrondistillery.com.au. Ph: 8646 4901.

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Higher animal welfare

By S Haslam

Many consumers just want their meat cheaper, and don't really want to know how that's done. Often the only descriptive word applied to meat is 'tender', but how about 'high animal welfare' or 'processed on farm'?

Sending cattle to an abattoir stresses the poor creatures. Some of the stresses are physical, such as lack of food and water, plus the unfamiliar environment involves mixing with unknown cattle, slips and falls that cause bruised meat, loud noises including bellowing that increase stress, as well as prodding by the staff focused on maintaining an adequate speed of slaughter.

The resultant stress to the animals is not only a cause of animal suffering, it also reduces the effectiveness of the whole exercise because it uses up sugars, which in turn negatively affects the quality of the meat. Killing and processing the animals on the farm could reduce these sorts of stresses.

Those consumers who have decided to continue eating meat hold the economic power to change the lives of animals, more so than vegans, and somewhat encouragingly there are a number of meat eaters, a bit over a third, who say that animal welfare would be the main reason they would purchase one red meat over another. And more than a half of meat-eating consumers would actually pay more for that meat if it tasted better and had higher animal welfare, according to research by Provenir, a company that has developed a mobile abattoir on a semi-trailer to slaughter and process cattle on the farm.

While it might be considered a little depressing that only 79 per cent of meat eaters consider animal welfare at all when purchasing red meat, there are obviously a growing number of consumers interested in being what Matthew Evans (*Gourmet Farmer, On Eating Meat*) calls 'ethical omnivores', interested in grass-fed, dry hung meat with a



certain provenance guaranteeing an ethical source with the greatest possible animal welfare.

Provenir only deals in grass-fed cattle, and their mobile abattoir is housed in a truck trailer. Despite the widespread use of the term 'paddock to plate', the correct phrase should be 'paddock to abattoir to plate'; meat slaughtered on the farm can be used for family consumption but cannot be sold – the cattle need to be live transported to an abattoir. Farmers are concerned about the fact that their cattle, which they have cared for for their whole life, need to be sent thousands of kilometres to an abattoir, and then often stay there for days before they are processed. In addition, farmers often don't know where their cattle end up, the hard work they have done ensuring top-quality beef is undone in the abattoir process and there is little feedback to the farmer regarding quality.

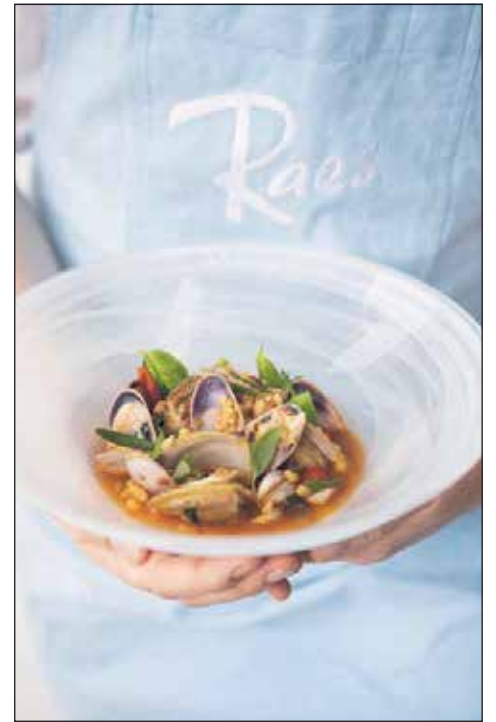
With the backing of Meat & Livestock Australia, Provenir commenced operating in June in southern NSW, although they are available to operate throughout NSW and are also moving into Victoria.

According to general manager Sarah Butler, they supply selected restaurants, some boutique retail outlets and home delivery boxes to certain areas in Australia. 'Each piece of packaged meat sold can be scanned so the consumer can access information on the farm, farmer, land practices and breed etc so that they can see exactly what they are eating and where it came from,' she said.

More info at provenir.com.au.



Executive chef Jason Saxby.



Mouth-watering clams.

Raes: Hottest Regional Restaurant

By S Haslam

Raes gained *The Australian's* approval as Australia's Hottest Regional Restaurant, with its food writer John Lethlean saying, 'NSW chef Jason Saxby's arrival in Byron Bay was bound to produce something special. Raes is laidback – so Byron – but Saxby and his team have turned up the heat to make this an outstanding regional eatery. Quintessentially Australian chic.'

'We're still on cloud nine,' Raes general manager Francesca Webster told *The Echo*. 'This award has been a few years in the making – in fact we've been around for a

quarter-century of serving our guests. For this to round out the 25 years has been fantastic. We were up against some very strong competition from across the country, with some of the stiffest competition actually coming from this region. To be the best within the region would be an accolade, but to be considered the best regional restaurant in the entire country is what dreams are made of,' she said.

Pipit Restaurant in Pottsville, under chef Ben Devlin, has also been included in *The Australian's* Hot 50 Restaurants list.

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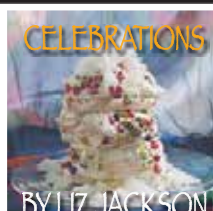


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THE SONGS OF DON WALKER

He's the man behind many of the great Aussie songs. Many know him from Cold Chisel. Some from Tex, Don and Charlie. Others from Don Walker and the Suave Fucks. He has many creative incarnations. In fact Don Walker was just a few days off recording Chisel's latest album when we spoke. It's been four years since the last album. Music is definitely a lifetime career for Walker, who made me promise not to use the word *journey* in this interview. He doesn't like words like that. Or *narrative*.

'Never use the word *journey*. Not just for this interview. Just never use it. Using the terms *narrative* and *journey* are an indication of a self-centred view of life. I'm not even sure of the spelling of *self-centred*.'

It's been a bit of a sad time for the Suave Fucks where country music star and SF guitarist Glen Hannah died suddenly.

'Mortality is stalking the bands,' acknowledges Walker of the high incidence of musician mortality.

In the latest show Don is touring the Songs Show, in conjunction with the release of *Songs*, his latest book that includes autobiographical sketches and anecdotes. Walker is the master of stories, every word carefully curated and placed. He reflected on one of the songs, *Darwin*, that he has written recently, one that he closes the book with and one that will feature in his upcoming show.

'There is a YouTube clip of us doing *Darwin* live with Glenn last April. There is a long preamble in it where I describe the writing of *Darwin* and how it came out of a conversation with Jeff Lang how these are the places that people run to. The whole premise of *Darwin* is that everyone there has a secret history south.'

I couldn't have said it better myself. That's exactly how it feels. I ask Walker if he's hyper-aware of his surroundings. His lyrics always seem to cut through – so is that the habit of a hyper-vigilant man?

'No,' he says this very clearly.

'I am mostly in a dream and less aware of what is going on around me than most people. Nearly all of *Darwin* was written in Singapore.' I'm surprised by this. 'I am walking into doors,' laughs Don. 'It completely undercuts the movie of me watching people. If I am somewhere I can't tell you who is there. When I write a scenario a lot of it is made up. I try to make up a scene to give myself a laugh.'

He really is an intriguing fellow. (Still haven't said *narrative* or *journey*, but now I really want to).

While Walker isn't aware of the macro, he's certainly focused on the micro. Every word is carefully tuned.

'I am a fierce editor,' he says. 'Especially when it comes to prose. In *Songs* I have written a little introduction and I've written a chapter piece to deal with each chapter of *Songs*. I worked on those a lot because I hadn't written prose for publication for a long time. I know *Shots* (his previous release) is good and I wanted this to be a comparative level. It's hard to write something that is interesting without telling people stuff that you don't want to tell.'

Don isn't about giving away personal details. 'I am not interested in people knowing about me. I just want people to get a kick out of what I write in my songs...'

Flame Trees is probably one of Don's most-loved songs – a song about Grafton where he grew up. Walker reflects on how songs like that are sometimes a gift to a musician.

'*Flame Trees* is an example of a song that has musicality. When I received it with no words, I could tell it had a really emotional profile – it gathers up the threads; there's a big key change, if you can fire a cannon ball through the park on the key change you have a winner, you have the key change – but you can't sit down and try to do that, or try to engineer it. You know what is required, you just have to be able to luck out one day, one day you are on the game...' And *Flame Trees* was that song. It was the cannonball through the park on the key change.

I ask Don about his playing. 'In Cold Chisel I try not to play a wrong note. You get into a zombie-like level of concentration. I play wrong notes all the time. That's the beauty of a rock'n'roll band. Everyone is playing wrong notes all the time. It's aircraft volume.'

'So playing in a theatre as Tex, Don, and Charlie was terrifying. I was in my 30s and I was 15 years into playing rock'n'roll in pubs. I had never played in a band where people listened attentively. It was the first time for me and I had to really sharpen my playing.'

The humility of a man with such huge talent is part of his understated charisma. It's the narrative that underpins his artistic journey. See, Don. See what I did there?

Immerse yourself in the Don Walker experience when he plays with the Suave Fucks (Chris Parkinson from the Yearlings is the new guitarist) at Mullum Ex-Services on Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm. Tix at donwalker.com.au/live

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SEE ME IN THE FLESH

I've been taking my clothes off for cash for years. Not stripping. I'm far too un-co for that. Artist modelling. I started when I was 17 in my first year of university. I couldn't believe I could get paid to do nothing. And do nothing in the nude. My two absolute favourite things. And be watched. My third favourite thing. So while my friends were schlepping coffees or washing dishes I was naked, sitting on a chair draped in velvet, being fed biscuits and tea by the oldies in the art group. They didn't like me to move much. And after half a packet of biscuits I generally couldn't.

Some classes like you to change every few minutes but this group liked a 6-hour pose. Generally sitting unnaturally wearing a beret and a scarf and pretending to read a book. Because that's how girls read books. Nude with beret. My arse would go numb after the second hour. By the third hour I couldn't feel my feet. So at break time I'd wander naked through the studio chatting with the artists, trying to get some circulation in my butt.

I used to enjoy looking at the pictures. I loved seeing how weird they made me look. Most of them couldn't paint that well. It was more of a social gathering, and having a young nude girl there meant that the men turned up.

One day when I was perusing the paintings I discovered one of the old blokes had painted a boat. The studio was perched on a river and outside were lots of boats either moored at the jetty or drifting by. I inquired as to his interpretation of me and he said, 'I like looking at you when I paint boats'. That's one of the nicest things anyone's ever said to me.

I also modelled at art schools, and smaller gatherings of artists. It was like naked mindfulness. I would just drift off, have a nap, wake up, get dressed, and then get paid. The bonus was I could work hung over. In fact, I did my best work still a bit drunk from the night before.

Eventually I worked pretty exclusively for about three artists who liked to work one to one. It was always above board, although some of the work I did was rather unusual. Like hanging upside down on a bike from a chain. I'm not sure what that was about, but if you've ever been naked upside down on a bike it's very hard to stay on. I had to clench so hard I ended up sweating, and even the tiniest bit of moisture made it super slippery. It was while I was upside down slipping off the bike seat that I considered getting some other sort of paid work. One where I could wear pants.

One artist liked to dress up identically to me. He was a short man with long hair like mine. So he'd make me dress in stilettos and a tube skirt, with no top (him too) and then wrap us both in cling wrap from head to foot. I went to his studio for two weeks where he'd dress me up and then wrap me in plastic. It was some sort of cross-gender pupa thing he was doing but I felt more like a sandwich. He then photographed us in weird poses and then exhibited the work in leather so that to view you had to unclip it. Like undoing pants. It was really creepy. I kind of liked how kooky things were getting.

I got a lot of work because I'd do weird stuff. It wasn't pornographic. It was more a bit perverted. My strangest job was for a guy I hadn't met, but he was a friend of the cling-wrap guy. I arrive at dusk to a remote location where a fat bald man with a labrador greets me. I think: I am going to die. There are no other houses. He is alone. He leads me to his lounge room where I am instructed to disrobe and stand in front of a screen. He hands me an artificial limb which I am told to put the socket on my boob like I'm breastfeeding. He gives me a skull that goes upside down between my thighs like I'm birthing a skeleton. Then he projects repetitive images of Michelangelo's David's genitalia all over my face and body. Then he gets the camera out.

It occurred to me that it's quite possible he wasn't an artist at all. He was a serial killer and these are the weird shots he sticks to his pinboard after he's murdered me. The photo shoot went for about an hour, well until he ran out of prosthetic limbs. He paid me very well. I left, and I'm pleased to say that the work was exhibited a few months later. I've never been more relieved to see a penis on my face.

Weirdly the thought of my being the subject of his private fetish was creepier than being part of his public one. Somehow seeing the work on the wall legitimised breastfeeding all those limbs. Years of artist modelling made me incredibly comfortable in my skin. It's great body positive therapy.

I'm getting my weird nude fix as part of an installation at Forest Art's Flesh and Bone Experiment on **Friday 13 September...** Let's see how long it takes now for my bum to go numb. If you want directions email forestartshow@gmail.com.

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Morceeba at BluesFest

SNEAK PEEK AT BLUES FEST

Last week **Bluesfest** shared a little of what is going to be in store for the 2020 lineup. And it's impressive! With the return of the lauded **Patti Smith**, **The Dave Matthews Band**, and **Crowded House**, the 31st annual Byron Bluesfest happening **9-13 April** is going to be something special. The lineup also includes two acts making their Bluesfest debut: **George Benson** and **Brandi Carlile**. With the incredible **The War & Treaty** (a must-see from last year), **Buffy Sainte-Marie**, **The Cat Empire**, **Morceeba**, **John Mayall**, and a while lot more! Festival director **Peter Noble** really is on his way to taking this internationally recognised event to the next level! For tix and program info go to bluesfest.com.au.

REBEL YELL!

A century ago, legendary social activist **Emma Goldman** declared, 'If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution!'

It's an attitude shared by the organisers of **Rebel Yell!**, a night of old-fashioned fun and frivolity being held by **Extinction Rebellion Lismore** at **Lismore's Italo Australia Club** this **Saturday** to fundraise for four groups of frontline climate-change activists.

Moneys made will be split between **FLAC** (Frontline Action Camp on Coal), **Wangan and Jagalingou** (traditional owners of the Galilee Basin), **Extinction Rebellion**, and local **Bundjalung elders**.

'Environmentalists are often wrongly portrayed by people who don't know us as being humourless and overly serious, not the type of people who know how to celebrate life while fighting to protect it,' says **Susie Gipton**, one of the event's organisers.

MCed by **Miss North Lismore aka Jenny Jones**, the event features a wide range of acclaimed musical acts from folk to psychobilly, including **Jim Bob**, **Iona Harker**, **The Lost Seamen**, **Jatika**, **Pete Lehner**, **Karen Anderson**, with comedy by **Mark Swivell**.

Rebel Yell even features that old-time delight – a chocolate wheel – being used to draw an eclectic range of raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

The bar and event will be open from 5.30pm, with freshly made vegetarian food also on sale. Merchandise made from recycled materials will also be available. At the Italo Club in Lismore. Entry is \$20 or \$15 concession on the door.



Jim and Bob yell like rebels

WARM UP FOR MULLUM

Local musician gather together to aid the **Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre** with **Warm Up!**, a charity event featuring musical maestros **DJs Stephen Allkins**, **Mr Ha Yes**, **Abel el toro**, **Cinco Cinco Cinco**, **Milk**, and **The Italian Chef**, featuring the soul-inspired singer **Tashmeen**.

Free entry by an item of canned food will be collected and donated to **The Mullum Neighbourhood Centre**. At the previous event over 200 much-needed canned food items were collected and donated to the centre.

Rock & Roll Cafe Mullumbimby from 5pm.

EPIC GOLF CLUB GIG

Epic bring their band full of renowned full-time musicians to the **Byron Golf Club this Saturday**. Members of **EPIC** have performed alongside **Earth Wind and Fire**, **The Doobie Brothers**, **Nik Kershaw**, and **10CC...**

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PINHEADS IN BYRON



Pinheads at the Hotel Great Northern

Born out of friendship, bowling, sci-fi movie marathons, and literal brotherhood, The Pinheads reside within a stylistic purgatory – too weird for punk shows, too freeform for garage rock, too genre-defiant for rock'n'roll, persevering on their own path, which may make pit stops at any given corner of the musical spectrum should it suit their collective mood. They're a band with vision – and they're excited about bringing it to fruition with a gig at the Hotel Great Northern. *The Echo* spoke with Luke Player ahead of their gig!

You guys are from the Wollongong region. What was it like growing up there?

It's a pretty relaxed place, lots of coastline. I think it always had a strain of freaky people who were into art and music from a few generations back so that was always an undertone in the area. We had a few family friends who were artists and activists and things so that was cool.

Did you guys grow up in a musical household; did you learn classical music when you were growing up?

It was musical in the sense that there was always loud music playing through the speakers in the house or in the car, usually from my dad playing The Stones, The Who, or Van Morrison. My mum played a bit of piano but I never really played any instruments until later. I believe Tun (bass guitar) learnt piano from an early age and Al (guitar) learnt some classical nylon stuff.

What are your songs about? Do you have any songs about people less fortunate than yourselves / from different backgrounds etc?

I suppose all of the songs are different. Some are introspective and personal and some are about cultural/societal issues. I don't believe Jez (who sings/writes lyrics) wants to speak for someone else but there're certainly songs that people can take meaning from in a sense.

How would you describe your particular sound? How did it develop?

It mainly comes from a strain of rock'n'roll – all aspects of it though, not just loud noise. Growing up hearing all that groovy stuff from the 60s blaring through our house must've affected us in some way. I don't want to nail it down too much because we believe in trying anything we feel like, but we definitely listen to a lot of older music and sonically we developed it beginning from there.

You're known as a pretty raucous band on stage. What does that entail?

We just go out with open minds knowing anything could happen. Usually how the set goes is 50 per cent feeding off how the crowd feels/responds to the music. We never want our shows to be boring or people to leave and forget about it a week later.

Can you tell us what have been your biggest artistic / musical influences?

That's always a hard one. I mean there's 5-7 of us and we all search for music constantly so there's no real stagnant baseline of influence. I've been listening to a lot of standard and psychedelic folk from the 60s and 70s lately and just searching for people who were really pushing the envelope.

You're coming to play at The Great Northern Hotel. What can fans of yours and people who have never seen you expect from the show?

It's going to be as fun as we can make it! Hopefully we'll be pulling out some songs we've never played live and people can lose themselves in the sound and energy.

The Pinheads play The Hotel Great Northern along with Blistar and The Unknowns on Saturday 31 August from 9pm. Free.



Miss Amber and Stukele

UKE FOR BYRON

They're at it again... **Miss Amber & Stukele** are hosting a **Uke Night in Byron!** So look under your bed or in the cupboard for that ukulele that was given to you a while back... dust it off and get on down to the **Byron Services Club on Thursday 29 August**. Bring your best singing voice, frock, or suit. Songs are projected onto a screen so you can strum and sing along backed by **Rod Coe** on double bass and **Kate Gittins** on flute, clarinet, and accordion. Songbook available though www.ukemullum.com. Adults \$15 and kids under 16 just \$5. 7pm.

MERRYN'S MASTERPIECE

Last year I had the pleasure of seeing local girl **Merryn Jeann** play a gig in Paris. I know I am biased, but she literally blew away everyone else on the bill. Our one-time Steiner girl and Mullum Music Festival mentorship winner had come a long way. She clearly has something special. Something recognised overseas with *Ltzig* magazine in France saying of her latest album, 'We are in the presence of a masterpiece – dare to say it – a masterpiece of finesse and refinement. Merryn Jeann offers us a precious fit that must be kept beside all that is important.' Merryn won the CSDM Original Song of the Year in France in 2016 with *Aloha*, a collaboration with French DJ Mome. She was also awarded triple-diamond status by SACEM France with around 200,000,000 streams.



Merryn Jeann

Her solo debut, a 'self-exploratory adventure', already coined a 'masterpiece' in reviews, was produced in Byron at Museagency Studios and features some of her old bandmates from Parcels and Tora.

The Byron launch is a big thankyou for strong local support on Kickstarter that helped make the self-titled album.

There will also be the film premiere of **Merryn Jeann visualised by Merryn Jeann**, the film she made for her eponymous vinyl album.

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Fewer than 9,000 koalas survive on the north coast



Mana Aloha Hula Troupe



Melissa Lucashenko

TOO MUCH LIP

Writer and 2019 Miles Franklin Award winner **Melissa Lucashenko** will be in conversation in Lismore on **Thursday** in a special literary event presented by **Southern Cross University**. *Too Much Lip* is her latest novel that won the Miles Franklin prize.

She will be in conversation with one of Australia's leading researchers in the area of Indigenous literature and culture, **Professor Adam Shoemaker**, vice-chancellor of Southern Cross University.

Lucashenko describes *Too Much Lip* as 'a foray into the harder edges of Aboriginal life in country NSW... inspired by the black and queer women I know who've done jail time, or who've only barely escaped that fate by the skin of their teeth.'

At the Enterprise Lab at SCU 5.30pm.
Bookings scu.edu.au/lucashenko.

Tickets to the event include a copy of *Too Much Lip*.

COMEDY FOR KOALAS!

Funny people unite to save our koalas! Irish comedian **Jimeoin** is on board as the headline. He's the loveable Irishman who makes brilliantly funny observations about the absurdities of everyday life – mostly just using his eyebrows. You might not know that he came to Australia at the age of 22 and started work as a gardener.

Jimeoin's green thumbs have been back in action recently when he and more than 50 volunteers planted 2,000 koala-habitat trees on his Coolamon Scenic Drive property. His property is now part of the koala wildlife corridor being created by **Bangalow Koalas**; 13,500 trees have been planted in 18 months on 16 properties and two council areas. By year's end 27,000 trees will have been planted.

The plight of the Byron Shire's population of koalas is anything but funny. Recent studies suggest that fewer than 9,000 koalas survive on the north coast, a 50 per cent decline in the past 20 years.

Habitat loss is widely acknowledged as the main driver of the decline but chlamydia and cars are also taking their toll.

With his new saplings safely planted and the volunteers happily tucking into a snag sanga (courtesy of the Lions Club) Jimeoin raised his eyebrows. He'd had an idea. What about doing a comedy fundraiser? After all, more money means more trees in the ground. Each tree costs \$15 to plant and maintain for three years.

On **11 September** Jimeoin and fellow comedian **Dan Willis**, both recently returned from the Edinburgh Fringe festival, will take to the stage at the A&I Hall, Bangalow. They'll be joined by **MC Mandy Nolan**, whose rapid-fire observations about the human condition and exotic life forms around Byron make her an instant hit. Jimeoin, Dan, and Mandy have all volunteered their time to help Bangalow Koalas give our furry friends a home.

Tickets are \$40 (plus booking fee), beer/wine, and paella
bangalowkoalas.eventbrite.com.au

DANGEROUSLY POETIC AT ART EXPO

This Sunday Dangerously Poetic Press present a cultural afternoon of song, dance, and poetry from **1.30 till 3pm** at the **Ocean Shores Primary School Hall**.

Poets and poetry lovers are invited bring an ode celebrating a moment (one you wrote or one you treasure by someone else) to share in the open reading.

These will be the final hours to see the talented visual arts on display at the Ocean Shores Art Expo.

Byron's own **Mana Aloha Hula Troupe** will enchant with their poetry of movement. **The Bowlo Choir** from Brunswick Heads led by **Janet Swain** will add a musical touch.

The performances on Sunday are free. \$2 donation entry for Ocean Shores Art Expo. A coffee-and-snacks wagon will be onsite.



Here's looking at you

CASABLANCA MULLUM

Drill Hall Film Society at the **Mullumbimby Drill Hall** are screening the classic film *Casablanca* on **Sunday at 2pm** with doors open 1.30pm. Refreshments available and post-screen discussion.

Phone Sonia on 6684 2112 to book, or just turn up if you are not a member, with a friend or two! Tix at the door!

SEEING STARS IN CORNDALE!

Help raise funds for Corndale Hall's annual \$8k insurance bill by seeing stars with a spectacular solar viewing inside the inflatable planetarium inside the hall!

David Reneke from ABC radio is the guest speaker who will be delivering a lecture titled **Apollo 11 – The Untold Story**. He will also be doing a laser sky tour later in the evening. At least ten telescopes will be aimed at various planets and deep-space objects!

The raffle features a six-inch Skywatcher Dobsonian telescope, drawn by David Reneke at 7pm. Solar viewing starts on Saturday from 2.30pm. Bring a cushion! Entry is free! Rug up, Look up, eat up, drink up!



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BY LILITH STARS

AS THIS WEEK'S SUN AND VENUS JOIN MARS IN THE SIGN OF NATURAL HEALING, ORGANIC ORDER, AND ELEGANT EFFICIENCY, WE WISH THE SHIRE'S VIRGOS HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

♈ ARIES: If this week's finicky fussy budgets start driving you wild – in your case often not a long trip – Venus and Mars in your sector of self-care are suggesting it might be a good idea to start every day by saying: *I love myself, and so I'm going to...* and check out the changes.

♉ TAURUS: Venus and Mars boogieing together in earthy Virgo, sign of sensible sensualists, suits you down to the ground, amping up your attraction factor on personal, public, and professional levels. This only happens every second year, so like the song says: *Go ahead and taste it, you don't wanna waste it...*

♊ GEMINI: With home and family matters ascendant, this week calls for patience and tolerance. If a confusing profusion of options and people talking at cross-purposes has you unable to see the forest for the trees, step away. This is a time when meditation comes into its own, or at the very least a few deep breaths.

♋ CANCER: Been losing that loving feeling? This week could return it in force, doing wonders for your confidence and general friskiness. Just don't lock into tunnel vision as you brainstorm and network a cross-pollination of people and ideas, or get so enthusiastic you finish other people's sentences for them.

♌ LEO: Ardent Mars buffing up your sector self-worth after two years elsewhere on the astral circuit might have you in the mood for making some powerhouse business moves or romantic initiatives – especially when Venus rubs up against the red planet, August draws winter to a close, and it's time for a bit of deluxe bingeing...

♍ VIRGO: The sun and Venus joining attention-grabbing Mars in Virgo for a loving birthday romp only happens every second year, so ditch the devices, glam up, and make some special memories this week. And if your inner perfectionista sees a glass half full, then go right ahead and fill it up.

♎ LIBRA: Coupled-up Librans will benefit from varying their usual romantic routine this week, while a trio of planets in Virgo (including your celestial mentor Venus) could have Librans on the loose feeling inwardly focused, soul searching, and self-evaluating, resulting in some sensible, tough-love decisions.

♏ SCORPIO: Getting bogged down in a quagmire of details? Then keep it simple. A rare romantic pairing of love planets Mars and Venus suggest doing love differently this week, as in swapping habitual patterns for more novelty and adventure. Intense Mars promises some lively collusions – and possible collisions – in your friendship vector.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: With Mars heating up your professional sector for the next month and a half, and Venus joining the mighty motivator, this week's most interesting possibilities could be at conferences or work-related events. When the impulse to home in on problems and what's wrong arises, try instead to expand the situation's positive qualities.

♑ CAPRICORN: This expansive love week is in the market for stimulating ideas and experiences, new people and places, so don't hold back. Keep your options, your heart, and that other sexy organ, your mind, open to the unexpected, unusual, and out of the ordinary. Surprise yourself by doing the opposite of what you usually do.

♒ AQUARIUS: Expect an emotional heatwave, hot and hotter as Mars and Venus turn up the thermostat and sizzle on your interpersonal affairs. A joint venture could finally pay off, and friendships ramp up the ante as well: in some ways welcome, others possibly not so. Exciting? Absolutely. Stressful? That's up to you.

♓ PISCES: With rogue rover Mars shaking and mixing, whirring and stirring them up for the first time in two years, this week's about relationships, relationships, relationships. Which include the odd surprise, like unexpected competitiveness in people you thought were friends. Mars in this position also overworks, so take regular breaks.



KIRSTY, KIRBY, & NOLAN

Melbourne-based standup comedian **Kirsty Webeck** is the feature at the next **Big Gig at the Ballina RSL**, happening this month on a Wednesday! Kirsty debuted at Melbourne International Comedy Festival (MICF) with a twelve-show run of *Hoping For the Best* back in 2015; the show was a huge success and was met with critical acclaim. She's performed a brand-new show at MICF every year since her debut.

She's winning hearts around Australia with her hilarious humour, gift for storytelling, and her capacity to have everyone walk out of her shows feeling great.

As seen on the ABC's *Tonightly with Tom Ballard*, The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, Audible's Comedy Up Late, The Upfront Gala, The Moosehead Benefit, and as heard and as a regular guest on ABC Radio.

Kirsty was recently the opening act for Tommy Little at Hamer Hall during the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and for Joel Creasey at The Enmore Theatre for Sydney Comedy Festival and The Astor Theatre in Perth.

She is supported by **Andrew 'Buster' Kirby**, the plumber with a penchant for storytelling, and MC, the Northern Rivers Number 8 most influential woman, **Mandy Nolan**.

Wednesday at the Big Gig at the Ballina RSL – 8pm and free.

GOING CUCKOO

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest has been regarded as one of the greatest American films and was deemed 'culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant' by the United States Library of Congress. **Ballina Players** will produce the play of the same name over the next two weekends.

Scenes in the play are linked with short soliloquies by Chief Bromden (played by Dane Bodley), a deaf-and-dumb patent at the mental institution where the action takes place. The Chief talks to his papa and his elders about a machine called the Combine, a metaphor for society in general, which takes people in, turns them around and spits them out, ruining their lives.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest opens at Ballina Players Theatre, 24 Swift St, Ballina, this Friday evening for seven performances, finishing on 1 September. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$15/child (16 & under), and are available at Just Funkin Music shop at 124 River St, Ballina, 6686 2440 (a \$2 booking fee applies) or online at www.ballinaplayers.com.au (no booking fee). All shows are at 8pm except for Sundays, which are at 2pm.

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ANGEL HAS FALLEN (CTC) NFT Daily except Sun: 10:50AM, 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50PM Sun: 10:00AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00PM	MYSTIFY MICHAEL HUTCHENCE (M) Daily except Thu, Sun: 1:00PM	THE FAREWELL (PG) Special Event Wed: 7:00PM
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DOGMAN (MA15+) Special Event Sun: 3:15PM	PALM BEACH (M) Daily except Sun: 11:00AM, 3:45, 6:00PM Sun: 10:20AM, 3:00, 7:30PM	TOY STORY 4 (G) Daily: 10:30AM
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Most of the scenes follow failing movie star Rick Dalton (DiCaprio) and his loyal stunt double Cliff Booth (Pitt). Rick and Cliff's bromance is really the heart of the film, as the two out-of-touch white men make their way through late-60s Hollywood.

This film is two hours and 41 minutes of great dialogue, incredible costumes, and lots of real-life and pop-culture references. You may find the movie a slow burn if these references pass you by but the outstanding performances of DiCaprio and Pitt are enough to go and see it. Also starring Al Pacino, Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning, and Margot Robbie, it's an all-star cast in classic Tarantino style.

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THURSDAY 22

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **WALKER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **FRIENDLY JORDIES**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **IZZY DAY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **THURSDAY TAKEOVER WITH DJ REFLEX + FRIENDS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- ENTERPRISE LAB - SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, LISMORE, 5.30PM **MELISSA LUCASHENKO IN CONVERSATION**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **ACID BLEED**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 23

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **EAGLE EYE JONES + SUNROSE & THE OOGARS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MANOA BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOCK BARNES, 9PM BLUESFEST BUSKING COMPETITION SHOWCASE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **BRAZILIAN NIGHT**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL 2019**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**

SATURDAY 24

- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **WARREN EARL BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **BRIAN WATT BAND**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **ANNI M FABLES**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB, 7.30PM **CHECK 2, QUEEN FOREVER - WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS TOUR**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **KATIE BROOKE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **SALT AND STEEL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BENNO & KESH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **SYDNEY HOTSHOTS - THE MAGIC MIKE XXL TOUR**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, **BOB EVANS**

SATURDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **LITTLE GEORGIA. JACK TULLY & THE SEERS, HANDFUL OF HELMET**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SILK & OAK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME, 9PM DJ EASY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 2PM **FESTIVAL FOR THE SEAS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL 2019, 4.30PM THE MENDOZA TANGO QUARTET - NUEVO TANGO: INFLUENCE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC ON ASTOR PIAZZOLLA**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 11AM **STU MURPHY**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ACOUSTIC GYPSY JAZZ WITH BEN JULIAN**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 7PM **EPIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **RUNAWAY MORNINGS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BONES RIVERS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, **KARL S WILLIAMS**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION**
- CORNDALE HALL 2.30PM **ASTRONOMY NIGHT 2019**
- THE ITALO AUSTRALIA CLUB, LISMORE, 5.30PM **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **ASH & SARA**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB, 7.30PM **THE RAIDERS**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE, 8PM **THUNDERGOD OF THE MULTIVERSE, H_D_M_ & MASOCHIST**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 8PM **LOOSE CHANGE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **LET THERE BE AC/DC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **MICK ALBECK & HAMISH DUTTON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **HERMAN'S HERMITS**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, **FIONA O'LOUGHLIN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **CACTUS, MACHINE MACHINE, KURILPA REACH, VICTOR BRAVO**

SUNDAY 25

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **WHEN HARRY MET SWANNY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MERCY MERCY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S,**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **BYRON BAY TANGO FESTIVAL 2019**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 2PM **SUN DAZE LIVE DJ MUSIC ON THE DECK**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **HARRY NICHOLLS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **SUB TRIBE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **GUY KACHEL**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 1.30PM **DANGEROUSLY POETIC**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 2PM **CASABLANCA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **THE SWAMP CATS JAM**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 4PM **QUACKERS LIVE DJ**
- SEVEN MILE, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **DAN CLARK**
- EVANS HEAD SLSC 3PM **ADAM BROWN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **PHIL LEVY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2PM **THE BUGGY BROTHERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **KILLER QUEEN EXPERIENCE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS - JOCK BARNES**

MONDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO, DAN CLARK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- CITY HALL, LISMORE, 6PM **HERMAN'S HERMITS**

TUESDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BENNY WHISKEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **HIP-HOP HOORAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **FOUR DIVAS**

WEDNESDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS AND JAMIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6.30PM **GET QUIZZED**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **JEFF LANG**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE ANDREWS SISTERS TRIBUTE SHOW**

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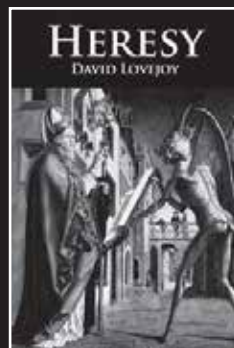
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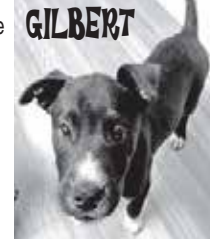
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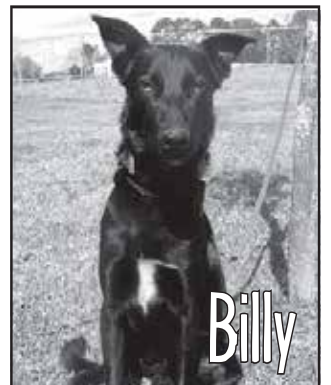
Dearly loved Wife of Luciano Torresi (dec'd). Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Gino & Julie, David & Petria, and Elsa. Cherished Grandmother of Zachary, Sarah, Lucas, Jason, Jonathon, Nicholas, Sophy, Gemma, Laura, Daniel and Alana. Loving Great-Grandmother of Vienna.

Family and Friends are warmly invited to attend Maria's Requiem Mass to be held at the St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby, on Thursday 22nd August 2019, at 10.00 am.

After the service, the cortege will leave for the Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery.



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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are hosting Ben Gilmour author, filmmaker well known for his film *Jirga*/2018 and paramedic in conversation with Mick O'Regan. Ben will discuss his book *The Gap*, which is a history of his experiences as a paramedic in western Sydney. To be held at the newly renovated Heritage House on 11 September 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Tickets are \$10. Join Friends of Libraries Byron Shire for an evening of discussion and enjoy cheese and a glass of wine. Tickets can be purchased at www.byronbayfol.com or Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396. Limited seats are available. This is an event not to be missed.

Ocean Shores Art Expo

Awards Night Friday 23 August 7pm, OS Primary School Hall, \$15 entry. Interactive light show, plus entertainment by Del & Raven. Expo open Friday 23 till Sun 25 August, 10am-4pm. All art for sale. Newrybar Hall

Permaculture meetup

Byron Shire Permaculture Group meets the first Wednesday of every month as part of the growing movement to reduce our harmful ecological footprint, access fresh food and water, and build resilience through proactive community networks. Meetings are at 7pm at Marvell Hall, Marvell St, Byron Bay. Contact info@permaculture.org.au.

Mullum Auxiliary

The Return and Earn recycling machine in Mullumbimby will provide you with the option to donate your recycling dollars to the Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary between 26 August and 24 November. After you've put your empty bottles and cans into the recycling machine take the option to donate to not-for-profits and select Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary. The Mullum Auxiliary raises funds to support the Byron Central Hospital and purchase of equipment.

Newrybar Hall

The Newrybar Hall is having its annual fundraiser on 24 August. It is a long-bar-inspired cocktail party with food by Friday Hut Dining and cocktails by Brookies Gin with Sinatra-style music by local musician Sebastiaan. Tickets are available via EVENTBRITE or at Luther & Co in the village. Fathers Day lunch on 1 September to raise money for the Australian Seabird Rescue and Cape Byron Marine Rescue equally. RSVP to info@newrybarhall.com.

Daffodil Day

Far north coast and Northern Rivers residents get involved and show your support for those affected by cancer this Daffodil Day Appeal by donating to wear a daffodil pin or to receive fresh daffodils. BB Cancer Support

Drill Hall Film Society

The Drill Hall Film Society, Mullumbimby Drill Hall, screening classic film *Casablanca* on Sunday 25 August at 2pm with doors open 1.30pm. Refreshments available and post-screen discussion. Phone Sonia 6684 2112 to book, or just turn up if you are not a member. Tix at door.

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare

The next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday 24 August, from 9am till 1pm, at the Brunswick Crown Land site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road, behind the surf club. If you come late walk up the beach until you get to the 'no dogs past this point' sign and head over the frontal dune. We will be removing Bitou bush seedlings. Young filmmaker Caitlin O'Connor will be onsite collection footage for a short film about our project. Please come and show all faces behind this amazing achievement. Please wear boots, long-sleeve shirt, and long pants, a hat, gloves, and bring water and some morning tea. Tools and first aid kit will be provided. Please call on 0478 272 300 if you can't find us.

Mullum SEED AGM

Mullumbimby's Sustainability Education & Enterprise Development Hub Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 31 August at 1pm at Mullum Civic Hall. All Mullum SEED members and community members interested in steering the organisation forward are welcome to make a nomination to join the board by 5pm Tuesday 20 August. For more information contact the Mullum SEED coordinator at admin@mullumseed.org.au.

AWL Stall

The Animal Welfare League has a street stall on Friday 30 August from 8.30am till 1.30pm at the taxi rank, corner of Burringbar & Stuart streets, Mullumbimby. Items include cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, and more. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

BVU3A

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 27 August 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Fiona Spencer from Barefoot Law explains the low-cost practical advice this service offers to individuals, families, community organisations, and small businesses. Visitors and potential new members most welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Warm up fundraiser

Warm up at the Rock & Roll Saturday 31 August. 5-11pm. DJs Stephen Allkins, Mr Ha Yes, Abel el' toro, Cinco Cinco Cinco, Milk, The Italian Chef. Free entry by an item of canned food that will be collected and donated to The Mullum Neighbourhood Centre.

Are you tech savvy?

Do you know how to use a tablet/mobile phone/internet? If so, would you like to be a digital mentor for seniors? Northern Rivers Community Gateway is offering free training to allow you to support seniors in your community to get online. Training will be done in Lismore, Ballina, and Casino. Training days are coming up soon: Lismore: Northern Rivers Community Gateway, 76 Carrington Street, Lismore 20 September 9am till 4pm Ballina: North Coast Community College, Tamar Village, Tamar Street, Ballina 24 September 9am till 4pm Casino: Casino Neighbourhood Centre, 138 Canterbury Street, Casino 27 September 9am till 4pm All training is free and includes morning tea and lunch. Please contact Edith on 02 6621 7397 ext 133 or email training@nrcg.org.au if you are interested in this opportunity.

Harry Potter in Coorabell

Harry Potter returns to Coorabell Public School for a Hogwarts-themed fete on Sunday 25 August. Immerse yourself in bubble mayhem with Shorty Brown, be entertained by Circus Arts, the fiery Energy Entertainments, and outta-this-world Poppy Galactica and the Beat. Fun sideshow games include quidditch training, bouncy castles, bungy run game, and an amazing gigantic Zorb Ball. It's all happening at Coorabell School, Mango Lane, 11am-4pm.

Bush Dance

The Ewingsdale Community Annual Bush Dance is taking place on Saturday 24 August from 5 till 9pm at Ewingsdale Hall. Music is by Thrillbilly Stomp and pizza by Ill Carretto Pizza.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Anomalous psi experiences where science is at. Highlights from a recent US science conference about anomalies, about our multi-dimensional nature, and human consciousness beyond the brain. Presented by Dianne Trussell, author and lecturer. Thursday 22 August 2019, 1.30-3.30pm, at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St, Byron Bay - Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Breastfeeding Support Group

Ocean Shores Hub Baptist Rajah Road next to Target. Monday August 26 from 9.30am. Morning tea. All welcome. Talking about health for mums. Australian Breastfeeding Association. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for four years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive, and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect with other people with cancer. For more information please contact Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025, or email david@davidyoung.com.au or kennconnell46@gmail.com.

End-of-life choices

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

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.

Pottsville Fun Croquet

Come and join for a social game, beginners and visitors welcome. Games starts 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday. \$5 per game Black Rocks Sportsfield Enquires 0413 335 941

Play and Sing Playgroup

For families with children 0-5 years old During school term meeting at The HUB Baptist Church in Ocean Shores, Rajah Road (next to Target). Fridays 9.30-11.30am For more information please contact us on our Facebook page or Katie 0438 531 011.

Language exchange

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

Free Tax Help

Free Tax Help returns to Byron Community Centre Earn under \$60,000 and don't get income from an ABN? You may be eligible for assistance with preparing your tax return. Drop in or call the Byron Community Centre, leave your name and number, and our Tax Help volunteer Phil will give you a call back to check your eligibility and make you an appointment on a Monday afternoon. 6685 6807

Breast Cancer Support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay meets at the RSL Services Club in Jonson St, Byron Bay, 12-2pm, every third Wednesday of the month. For information about support for partners and families please call 0431 207 453. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay or call 0431 207 453.

Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. Tuesdays: 10.30am. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. Wednesdays: Choir with Kim Banffy, 10-11am; Ukulele 11.30-12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommuntycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

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.

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

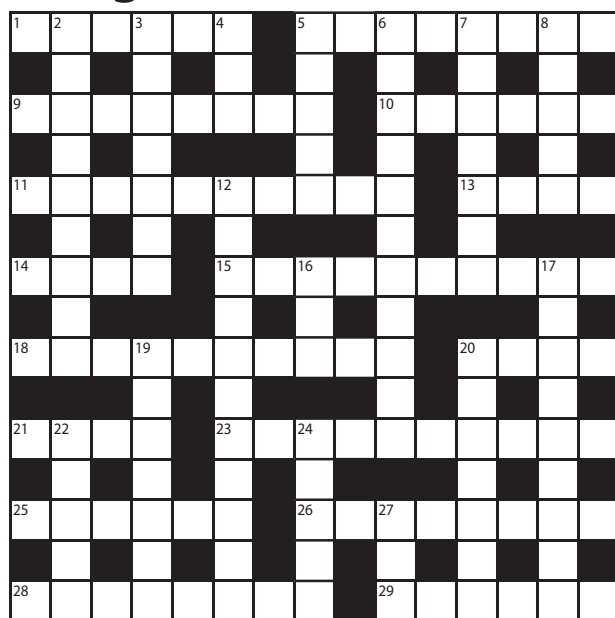
Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5-6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8-16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Labyrinth Walk

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

Mungo's Crossword

N299



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Unknown line in total - a safe place? (6)
5. Cook taco - improvise for Major Mitchell! (8)
9. Find a place for the toy - the roof? (8)
10. Clean the cat - it's a dear little girl (6)
11. Generously donate fees to Steinbeck classic (4,2,4)
13. Got up Midler, song (4)
14. Return strange English type of taro (4)
15. Woman steal banana, okra or a biscuit (4,6)
18. Exploitative female miner (4-6)
20. Pigs on motorcycles (4)
21. Gorgon, not working, goes back to the booze (4)
23. He offered a welcome, and held rag fluttering (10)
25. Party after balls - carry it to excess! (6)
26. One politician to toil badly before the East - it's a bit rude! (8)
28. Claims before cares (8)
29. Want to take away the father (6)

DOWN

2. Adopt song carelessly and sporadically (4,3,2)
3. Drunk in nasty hole -- it's a small country (7)
4. Mother, time for something to wipe your feet (3)
5. Love god with sore back? (5)
6. Emerging, but reportedly missing out on a medal (6,5)
7. Hoping to lose a thousand; it can relieve pain (7)
8. Roves around lots of balls (5)
12. Raining feathers - failing! (7,4)
16. Keep track of the setter, perhaps (3)
17. A tool to urge on the hunter's assistant (3-6)
19. Wrong deity returns on a gentle run (3-4)
20. Names worker on Murray (7)
22. About six, right around Amazon, perhaps (5)
24. Goodbye - lift one in a soft drink! (5)
27. A place to live - protection for the cricketer (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Place of refuge (6)
 5. Australian parrot (8)
 9. Summit of residence (8)
 10. Affectionate term for a child (6)
 11. Novel by John Steinbeck (4,2,4)
 13. Flower of England (4)
 14. Type of taro (4)
 15. Type of banana (4,6)
 18. Ambitious and avaricious woman (4-6)
 20. Male pigs (4)
 21. Alcohol, specifically rum (4)
 23. Ebullient greeter (10)
 25. Take to excess (6)
 26. Discourteous (8)
 28. Claims, feigns (8)
 29. Want, lust (6)
- ##### DOWN
2. Episodic, unreliable (4,3,2)
 3. Landlocked country in Africa (7)
 4. Small rough carpet (3)
 5. Roman name for Eros (5)
 6. Emerging, revealing oneself (6,5)
 7. Acetylalicyc acid (7)
 8. Sets of six deliveries (5)
 12. Collapsing (7,4)
 16. Canine (3)
 17. Kitchen utensil (3-6)
 19. Gentle run (3-4)
 20. Manipulates, manages (7)
 22. Large stream (5)
 24. Farewell (Spanish) (5)
 27. Soften, insulate (3)

Last week's solution N298

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Plenty of quality basketball for Beez U/16 girls



The black and red Byron Beez girls basketballers with coaches Matt Ogle (L) and Bret Madden. Photo Karissa Ball

Jenny Ogle

The Byron Beez girls black team went into the 2019 Waratah Northern Junior League as defending champions after winning back-to-back titles, first in 2017 as the U/14s and last year as U/16s.

With a target on their back and a new look team the Beez did their club proud by playing every game this season as hard as they could and with a good,

competitive nature. Improving throughout the season the Beez finished third and qualified for the finals in Port Macquarie.

Up against Tamworth in the elimination final the Beez let their opponents get away to an early 16-2 lead.

Showing true Beez spirit, the girls fought back to level at halftime with strong defence and high-intensity team basketball. The game was close until the final

buzzer, and despite a very deep three-pointer by Isy Crawford in the final seconds the Beez went down 65-61.

Next season will see the first-ever Byron Bay U/18 girls' NJL team.

Another example of the growing popularity of junior basketball was Byron Bay being able to field two teams in the U/16 girls' NJL.

The Byron Beez girls' red (younger) team had a great season against some very

tough teams.

The Beez' league-dominant point guard Alfa Hagen had to return to Denmark just prior to the final round and despite holding at least fourth place all season, they slipped at the very end and missed the finals in Port Macquarie.

Isabella Hagen and Christie Howarth continue to lead the team as they begin the regional North Coast Shield competition this summer.

Local juniors win chance to play on NRL stage



Brad Izzard's Byron Bay Lennox Head U/10s have won their competition and will play in Sydney. Photo Deb Milgate

Nicky Sheridan

Byron Bay Lennox Head Junior Rugby league Club have finished off the season with four teams advancing into the finals over the next few weeks.

Their courageous U/10s team took the winning

honours in their age group.

Coached by former NRL player Brad Izzard, the team will go on to play a curtain raiser at CBUS Stadium before the NRL Titans v Dragons game on September 7.

Congratulations to all of the players and the support staff for an amazing season.

Byron Bay wins Challenge Cup again



The Byron Bay A-side team won the Tweed Ballina District Bowling Association Challenge Cup on their home green last Sunday with five wins out of six matches. This is the second year in a row the Byron team has won the Carlsberg Cup. All clubs in the district participated in the event that was played in perfect conditions. Photo Syl Reid

Malibu Club celebrates end-of-season awards



The Byron Bay Malibu Club had their 2018/2019 season presentation at Wategos Beach last Sunday. Winners included Matt Hall who was crowned Men's Club Champion followed hot on his heels by his father Peter. Club Captain Louise Tiernan won the Women's Division and Tess Brown was runner up. Eden Smith won the Junior Division and John Tyson came in second. The hotly contested 'Old Mal' division was taken out by Nigel Canterbury. Gary Lovell was crowned 'One Heat Wonder' champion. Photo supplied

Indigenous surfing rips at Fingal Head



Part of the opening ceremony and Welcome to Country at the AirAsia Juraki Surf Invitational 2019. Photo Glenn Pell

Leihani Zoric from Byron Bay came second in the 12-and-under category at the Juraki Surf Invitational held at Fingal Head earlier this month.

Leihani finished behind Indy

Slattery from the Gold Coast.

Each year since its inception in 2015 around 60-70 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander surfers come together to share surf and culture at the three-day event

Red Devils U/18s win first final

On paper it was a fifth-place Byron Bay Red Devils taking on the fourth-placed Murwillumbah Mustangs in the first elimination round for the U/18s on Saturday at Cudgen in the NRRRL.

Byron Bay's Max Ruskin scored first and the Bay went to halftime with a solid 16-0 lead.

Murwillumbah fought back in the second half but it wasn't enough against a determined Byron outfit.

With two tries each from Max Ruskin and Kuyan Laurie, and conversions from Malik Kelly-Torrens and Clay Buckley, the Devils finished the match with a 22-14 win.

Coach Mitchell Krause was very pleased with the commitment of the team, which has now secured a semifinal berth against Marist Brothers at Casino on Saturday. The Brothers lost their qualifying final to Cudgen 24-10.

Rams buck Hornets



Yusmel Mustelier (white) harried the Hornets midfield.

Story & pics by dogwhistle

The Byron Bay Rams consolidate their 'top-of-the-table' spot heading into the final rounds when they beat Goonellabah 2-0 last Friday.

With the Hornets desperate to secure a finals berth and the Services Club Rams determined to bring home the points.

The match began a little scrappy, with Byron pressing hard and Goonellabah reponding with equal ferocity. With striker Diego Vazquez unavailable, Lisandro Luaces and Yusmel Mustelier harried the Hornets' flanks while the inexhaustible Jono Pierce ran amok up front.

Despite plenty of shots at the Goonellabah goal, the Rams managed to sky a few and have the rest scooped up by the Hornet's very busy keeper.

As the first half progressed, the Byron boys

settled into their quick and slick passing game, knocking the ball around and beginning to dominate.

In the final minute of the opening set, a short corner found Luaces unmarked 30 metres out. He snapped it cleanly to Jono Pierce in the box whose cheeky back heel left the Goonellabah keeper despondent in the dirt.

The second half mirrored the first, with both sides battling for the upper hand but the Rams looking stronger and more composed.

James Tomlinson once again marshalled his back line to repel all boarders and Ben Ahern and Rick Muir dominated the midfield. Luaces and Mustelier ramped up the pressure with frequent drives down the Hornets' flanks while Jono Pierce relentlessly pressed the home team's goal.

Four minutes before the final whistle, Lisandro Luaces broke through the line and blasted home the Rams' second goal of the night.

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A proposal from Home Affairs secretary Mike Pezzullo and another MP have suggested that 'journalists should "reconnect" with the government' by having government media staff vet journalists' work if they are about to report on a government 'leak' related to national security. As reported by Crikey's Bernard Keane, this was put forward during the current media-freedom enquiry following on from the raids on journalist Annika Smethurst and the ABC. 'While draconian, the prospect is also highly amusing for anyone who has dealt with the media affairs areas of departments like Home Affairs or Defence, where requests for responses from the media are frequently not even given the courtesy of a reply declining comment,' Keane notes.

Food waste is being tackled in a novel way by Oz Harvest, who have opened the first Australian rescued-food supermarket in Kensington. The store stocks food that is past its sell-by and use-by dates along with produce that would otherwise have ended up in the bin. Four great local chefs are having a fundraiser for the charity see page 37.

It's time for lights out according to Mayor Richardson. At Thursday's Council meeting he is proposing to switch off the lights at night in



With a voice like Grace Slick Sara McCafferty should have been performing but she, Mick Stacey, and Lisa McCafferty were at the Burns Picture House to see the Woodstock Reimagined concert last Saturday night. Photo Jeff 'The Ungrateful Dead' Dawson

residential streets. He says that not only are we leaving the lights on when no-one is out and about but that it is also 'impairing our view of the universe'. Apparently there is a study that supports the idea that car accidents and crime don't increase when the lights are out - though perhaps hospital bills for tripping on the kerb might.

We've been hit by an early spring that has not only seen an early start to the Bush Fire Danger Period but has seen plenty of baby chicks getting themselves into difficulties. The Northern Rivers wildlife rescue service (WIRES) is bracing for a busy few months and says if you do find a chick that has fallen from its nest contact them on 6628 1898 for advice.

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