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Rapid rise in rough-sleepers in Byron

Aslan Shand

Once again Byron Shire has the highest number of people who sleep rough per capita in NSW outside of Sydney, according to this year's count. The number of rough-sleepers rose by 18 per cent from last year's count, highlighting the need to look further at how the issues of homelessness and mental health are addressed.

'We need adequate services to assist people sleeping rough, who do so for a variety of reasons,' said Ballina MP Tamara Smith.

'We know that limited mental-health services, sparse free drug-and alcohol-support services and lack of public transport all compound the issue. Police tell me that sometimes it is as simple as needing to buy someone a bus ticket so they can return to their permanent home.'

According to Byron Community Centre and Byron Shire Council, both of which assisted in conducting the rough-sleepers survey, permanent housing and outreach services are the key to helping people transition away from homelessness.

'A new hub in Byron Bay would be really valuable,' said a Council spokesperson. 'Most importantly, it would need to provide services that can support people to transition out of rough sleeping and into housing.

'The Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre also provides support for people sleeping

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Promises, promises ... holiday-letting fight goes on

Paul Bibby

February 11 was a big day for the Shire. The then NSW housing minister Anthony Roberts proudly announced that Byron would be given a special exemption from the state's controversial new short-term holiday-letting rules.

We were to be the only local government area in the state with a 90-day cap on holiday letting in homes where the host wasn't present.

But a tick under seven months later, there is still no cap and the release of the government's draft short-term holiday-letting policy has the potential to completely undermine any limit that is introduced.

In an urgency motion passed last week, Byron Council again sought exemption from the new rules, which make no mention of the minister's promise.

The Council also raised a number of concerns with the draft policy, which has the potential to undermine any positive effects from a 90-day cap.

Among the biggest issues is a provision that any cap on holiday letting, whether it be 90 days or 180, would not apply to bookings of 21 days or more because these are not deemed 'short term'.

But Council fears this would render plans for greater regulation in the Shire 'completely inert'.

'This basically opens up the way for the commercial Airbnb operations to subvert any cap or threshold that might be imposed,' deputy

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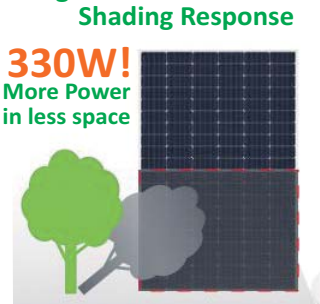

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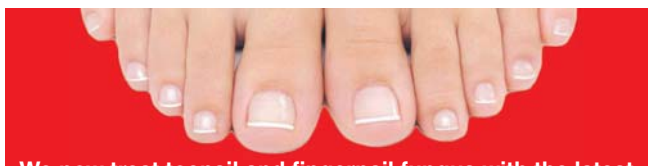

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Join the global School Strike 4 Climate action

Aslan Shand

What are you doing on September 20? If you have any regard for the environment you might well be joining students around the world in striking for the climate.

The global School Strike 4 Climate was was inspired by 16-year-old Swedish student Greta Thunberg, who has just sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Plymouth to the UN headquarters in New York emissions free. She arrived in the US on August 15 to deliver her message on the importance of tackling the climate crisis, saying, 'We need to stand together and take action because otherwise it might be too late,' as reported in *The Guardian*. And local students, like millions around the world, are right behind her.

Students came out in force in March this year at the School Strike 4 Climate demanding action on the climate crisis. Now they are calling you to join them.
Photo Jeff 'Crisis' Dawson

Liveable planet

'Our key concern is whether or not we will have a viable planet to live on by the time we reach adulthood, whether our children and grandchildren will be allowed the joy of living on an Earth properly fit for life with equal or better living standards than our own,' said Mia Thom and Inde Henderson, who are part of the organising group for the local student strike being organised in Byron Bay.

No time to lose

'While our leaders sit around denying the very existence of climate change we are losing precious time to combat the issue. We are scared, scared for ourselves, our future, scared that we won't have a world to grow up in. With the latest IPCC report estimating we have 12 years left, never before did it feel so important to create a platform where our voices could be heard and where we could start to instigate proper change.

'Greta Thunburg's creation of the global School Strike 4 Climate movement felt like the call to action that the world had been waiting for.

Call to everyone

'This strike, we call on all to join us in this movement,' say Mia and Inde.

'We ask that you join us in the biggest global strike yet. Strike from your place of work, close your business and join us in making history. Spread the word, get on board, and protect our future and very existence!'

Kids from Mullum and Byron High Schools, Cape Byron and Shearwater Steiner schools, as well as the primary schools will once again be coming together to make their voices heard on the issue of climate change on September 20. They will gather at the Byron Rec Grounds at 10am then walk to Main Beach where they will hear speeches from local students and musical items from young artists.

'We believe that we are at a ripe point in history; our actions are more important than ever. We need to unite as a society and fight the issue together, because that is the only way we have a chance,' said Mia and Inde.

'This is an issue that humans have created, and we alone can fix. It is our responsibility as citizens of this planet to do all we can to stop, and if possible, reverse, the effects of climate change that have already begun to occur.'

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The large majority of the current committee is stepping aside at the AGM and therefore new people are required on all levels to re-think, redefine and re-launch the Uncle Project into the future.

Governance of the Uncle Project is via a management committee consisting of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and general members who are then blessed with the honour of overseeing the part time operational staff of an Administrator and the Projects Coordinator.

All are welcome to attend the AGM as your input is invited regardless of whether you become involved on an ongoing basis or not.

The Uncle Project AGM

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Orchids galore

Laurie Mills shows off some of the beautiful orchids that he will be displaying at the Byron District Orchid show on Friday and Saturday at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. The society is keen for the public to enter their orchids. Anyone wishing to do so should bring them to the club on Thursday between 4 and 5. For more information contact Penny on 6680 1600. Photo Jeff 'Bloomin' Dawson

Licensed clubs face the challenge of a brave new world

Paul Bibby

Byron's licensed clubs are battling to stay in the black as the region's changing demographics and ever-increasing entertainment options erode their bottom lines.

An examination of annual reports from the Shire's three largest clubs – Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Byron Bay Services Club, and the Ocean Shores Country Club – reveals that all three have operated at a loss for much of the past three years.

However, Byron Bay Services Club appears to have clawed its way back into positive territory in the past 12 months.

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club is arguably doing it toughest among the big three.

It operated at a loss in each of the past five years, recording a deficit of $184,665 in the 2018 financial year.

The club's main revenue streams have all fallen, particularly poker machine revenue, which dropped 12 per cent during the 2018 financial year.

'It's definitely a challenging industry – we're in a leisure industry competing for people's disposable income,' the club's new general manager Andrew Spice said.

'The big challenge for us is to diversify – providing a service or facility away from the traditional areas of food, beverage, and gambling.

'There's been a huge shift and the clubs doing well are those who've looked at other options: movies, bowling, or something that's quite non-traditional for a club.'

The Byron Bay Services Club also recorded losses for the 2017 and 2018 financial years, as did the Ocean Shores Country Club, though the former says it managed to turn the ship around over the past 12 months.

'We've just finished our reporting period and we're going to show a marked turnaround in the fortunes with a good strong profit,' the club's general manager Darren Schipp said.

'We've realised that we have to reconnect back with our community. There are a lot of tourists coming to town and sometimes the locals get a bit lost as everyone chases the tourist dollar.

'We're trying to get back to the roots of the club by encouraging people to join, and to reconnect by taking on the sponsorship of the Byron Rams Rugby League Club.'

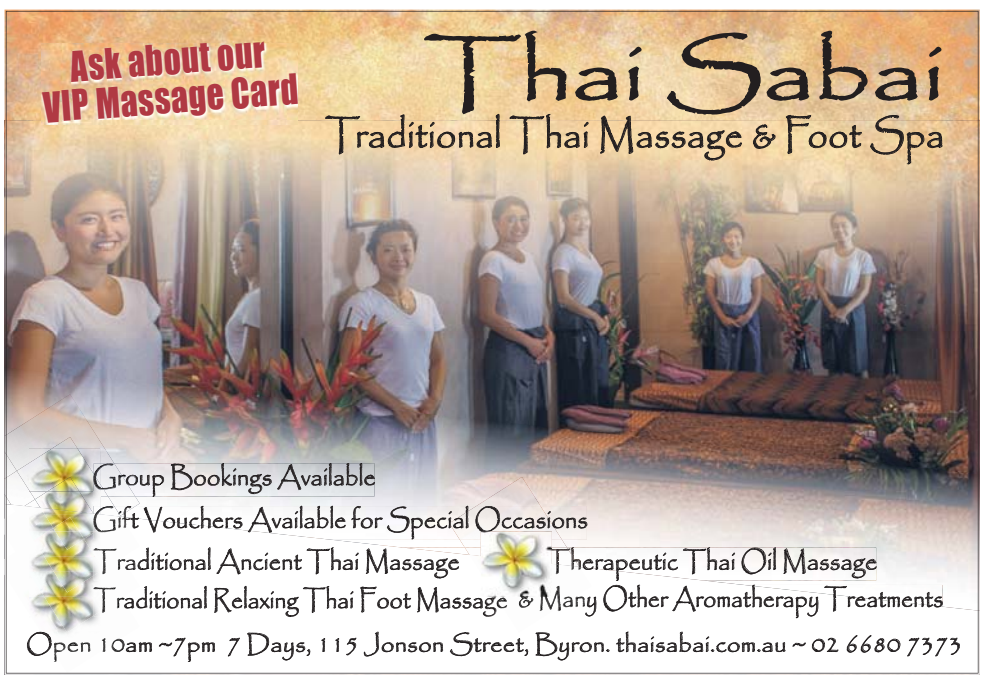
The region's smaller clubs appear to have fared somewhat better.

The Bangalow Bowling Club made a small loss in 2018 (-$5,005) but was comfortably in the black the year before (+$57,228).

Byron Bay Golf Club recorded losses in 2016 and 2017, but its revenue has increased by 26 per cent in the five years to 2018.

These clubs also rely less on poker machine revenue than the larger clubs.

Gaming revenue accounted for more than 50 per cent of revenue for both the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club and the Byron Bay Services Club in 2018.



Circus troupe runs away to the show

Vivienne Pearson

Byron Bay's Circus Arts Performance Troupe added a blast of steam punk vibe to the glitz of the Gold Coast Show on the weekend. In addition to performing three shows a day, showcasing their acrobatic and teeterboard skills, they ran circus skills workshops and delighted show-goers with roving stilt walking and unicycle-riding.

'They've showed real professionalism,' says Belinda Hultgren, director of Circus Arts Australia, of the 18–strong troupe, ranging in age from 11 to 23. 'Having the opportunity to perform nine shows over three days has been a huge boost for the troupe's skills and has really cemented their friendships.'

Most of the younger members attend local schools, including Byron High, Mullumbimby High, Cape Byron Steiner, Brunswick Heads Public, and Byron Public. They train for a minimum of six hours per week under the expert coaching of Simon Adams and Alex Frith.

Circus Arts acrobatic troupe hitting the heights of the Gold Coast Show. Photo Anne Wareing

Celebrating 20 years

On the weekend, the troupe performed alongside Gold Coast's Trix Circus and were supported in their weekend away by Friends of The Circus (Circus Arts' not-for-profit arm), Ashton Entertainment, and Gold Coast radio station Hot Tomato 102.9 FM.

Circus Arts are celebrating their 20th birthday this year and have been launching kids and adults into the thrills of circus in Byron for 13 years. Performance opportunities like the Gold Coast Show, Bluesfest, and Splendour in the Grass allow up-and-coming performers to bridge the gap between classes and the professional circus world.

The weekend's intensive performance schedule allowed the troupe to perfect skills ahead of competing in the Australian Circus Festival, to be held in Brisbane in late November.

If you'd like to see the troupe in action, you can see the thrilling acrobatics and comedic human-seesaw teeterboard act at Circus Arts' Showcase on Friday 27 September, the last day of the school term.

Rough sleepers increase

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rough but could really benefit from more funded services.'

Tip of the iceberg

'The visible homeless are only the tip of the iceberg and the growing demographic for homelessness are women and people over 55,' said Laili Corrigan from the Byron Community Centre.

'Stereotypes and ignorance can hinder the development of services such as a drop-in centre. Homelessness is complex and is experienced by people from all walks of life.

'The rising rates of homelessness nationwide reflect the lowering rates of affordable housing and secure, long-term employment as well as massive funding cuts to the community services sector,' she said.

Projects like the Severe Weather Shelter Project are important steps but there are significant gaps that need to be filled to help people transition out of homelessness. Drop-in centres, like the one that closed in Byron Bay in 2015, are needed, said Ms Corrigan.

'Drop-in centres are also known as access centres because they provide access to crucial services that support pathways out of homelessness. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation, housing assistance, employment assistance, counselling, and health are just some of the services a drop-in centre can connect people with that can make a huge impact to their lives.'

Ms Smith said there are numerous programs that have been leading the way in tackling homelessness.

'A social support team on the ground like they have in San Francisco and sanctuary cities in the United States, and like the recent program trial around Central Station in Sydney, is what we require to really make a difference,' she said.

Byron Council says 'no cover-up' of pollution in Belongil Creek

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Environment Protection Agency (EPA) have dismissed claims by residents that the pumping of water from a Council water pump excavation in Byron Bay resulted in a large-scale pollution and fish kill event in the Belongil Creek in late February 2019.

In March, *The Echo* reported that 'mystery surrounds a large fish-kill event following unknown pollution entering Belongil Creek.'

Staff at the time believed it could be a 'natural phenomenon associated with Council's recent opening of the estuary to the ocean which was necessary because of high water levels associated with ex-tropical cyclone Oma and king tides'.

Staff say that after an internal investigation they 'believe there has been no misconduct and certainly no cover-up.'

But an analysis of the Milton Street gutter by Southern Cross University's Environmental Analysis Laboratory shows iron, aluminium, manganese, and sulfur deposits. Resident Matthew Hartely, who paid for the tests, said it indicates acid sulfate.

Mr Hartely told *The Echo* the pollution was like nothing he had seen in over 20 years living near the creek.

Local cyber-investigator Dan Halpin also believes there is much more to the story, telling *The Echo* that the water pumped from Council's excavations on Milton Street may have been highly contaminated acidic water out of acid-sulfate soils, which then entered the creek and caused discoloration and the fish kill.

Halpin says, 'After there was a fish kill, the creek was mysteriously opened up to discharge the water'.

'There could have been a cover up,' he says, 'whereby the authority that provides development consent is also the investigator into the alleged pollution'.

EPA won't investigate

The response from the EPA when he approached them was underwhelming, he said.

An EPA spokesperson told Halpin via email there were no plans to investigate as the alleged polluting occurred too long ago to be investigated. They said, 'We require proof beyond reasonable doubt to progress a matter'.

'It would not be an efficient use of public funds to allocate significant resources to the investigation given the low probability of success'.

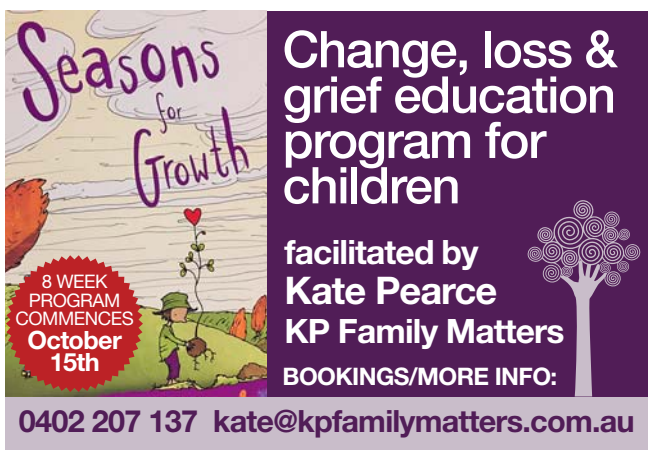
Regarding the discoloration of the creek, the EPA replied to Halpin, 'Although aluminium and manganese and iron were detected, the lack of other metals typically associated with acid-sulfate soil runoff were not present… Iron bacteria are naturally occurring micro-organisms appearing as a slimy reddish-brown stain or substance in your local waterway. Iron bacteria live in streams, lakes, canals, and rivers and generally grow in slow-moving water with high amounts of iron. They are commonly found in streams fed by groundwater and around stormwater outlets'.

Halpin adds, 'Water testing undertaken by the EPA appears to have been after the Belongil was opened to the sea, flooding and diluting the estuary; as such the data cannot be conclusive. Experts advise that iron bacteria contamination of the waterway would be highly unlikely in winter particularly of the scale witnessed. Has the EPA requisitioned data from the excavation works alleged to have been the cause of the pollution event?'

Council's director infrastructure services Phil Holloway said that works on the Milton Street upgrade 'were conducted in accordance with the REF and management plans'.

'For this reason, and to again demonstrate Council's commitment to complete openness and transparency, Council will refer this matter to the EPA, including all the allegations made on social media, for their consideration.

'We have nothing to hide and welcome an independent investigation into this matter,' Mr Holloway said.



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Imaginations running wild

Mia, Willow, Sam, Eve, and Lachine made the best of the big day at the Festival of the Imagination. Held annually at Ocean Shores Public School in conjunction with the Ocean Shores Art Expo, it features artisan market stalls, creative workshops, live performance, and wetland tours. This year's festival was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
Photo Jeff Dawson

Short-term holiday letting not letting up

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mayor Michael Lyon said.

'They would be able to set up a 'middle-man' company that would book the property for 60 days and then simply turn around and rent it out for short-term letting without anyone being any wiser,' he said.

'That provision smacks of being run by the industry.'

Another issue of concern is the government's proposal to have the register of short-term-holiday properties – which plays a crucial role in managing and enforcing caps and the proposed Code of Conduct – led and regulated by the industry itself.

'There are some situations where self-regulation works but this isn't one of them,' Cr Lyon said.

'This is a case where people generally won't behave. They won't register, they won't declare their days; it's destined to be gotten around.'

In a bid to ensure that any 90-day cap isn't rendered redundant by these and other provisions, Byron Council is preparing its own draft policy specific to the Shire.

While the details of this provision won't be known until Council staff complete the policy later this year, Cr Lyon said it would include Council's having the power to slap a ban on holiday letting for new developments at the approval stage.

'I believe Council should have the authority when approving new developments to impose a zero-day cap,' Cr Lyon said.

'That will be in our proposal.'

He said that while the 90-day cap wasn't his preferred option, it could be implemented effectively.

'I would be having zero-day caps in certain areas where there's no host present.

'But if you are strict in having 90 days – and that means it's only made available for 90 days – then it's potentially capable of shifting properties from holiday letting to the long-term rental market.'

The Council is hoping that, after finalising its proposal, it will be wholly or at least partly accepted by the government.

'The government has shown that when you make a case with research they will listen,' Cr Lyon said.

'So that's what we're going to do.'

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Claims that Adani will not cost tax payers debunked

Paul Bibby

Adani's claim that it did not need 'a cent of Australian taxpayer dollars' to fund the Carmichael coal mine has been undermined by a new report showing that it will receive billions in public money.

$4.4b of your money

The briefing note from the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) estimates that the multinational will receive $4.4 billion in tax exemptions, deferrals, and capital subsidies over the next three decades.

The subsidies are required because Adani has been unable to secure capital for the project from anywhere in the world.

The author of the report IEEFA's Tim Buckley said the money could instead have been be used to assist the transition from coal into sustainable-energy alternatives by helping workers in regional communities secure long-term employment.

'The federal and Queensland governments have repeatedly stated the Adani mine is commercially viable and able to stand on its own two feet – while at the same time providing Adani with billions of taxpayer dollars in subsidies,' Mr Buckley said.

Adani not viable

'IEEFA has concluded the Adani coal mine would not open or survive without billions of dollars in ongoing subsidies being provided by the Queensland and Australian governments over the coming three decades.

'Our government's massive subsidies should instead be funnelled into projects that help prepare and transition Australia's regional communities, and those that are likely to generate corporate taxes for Australia.'

'The briefing note reviews a number of subsidies and exemptions being awarded to Adani, including a 900 million dollar, seven-year low-interest royalty capital subsidy provided by the Queensland government.

'The deal, which has been subject to repeated extensions, would ensure no royalty return from the Carmichael mine into the Queensland community for a decade.

'The review also included the fuel tax credit scheme, 22 billion litres of water annually, a 90km private road (Adani claims we are wrong on this one), final void rehabilitation exemptions, and corporate tax shields.

Fifty years of subsidies long enough

'That Australian taxpayers have to shoulder high and increasing personal taxes at a time when the predominantly foreign-owned coal industry is continuing to access a billion-dollar annual diesel fuel subsidy is simply wrong,' Mr Buckley said.

'IEEFA would contend the coal industry should be weaned off this diesel rebate. Fifty years of subsidies should be long enough for this sector to get to viability absent taxpayer support.'

BOOK LAUNCH – THE GAP

Benjamin Gilmour in conversation with Mick O'Regan

Hosted by Friends of the Libraries Byron Shire, Mick O'Regan and Ben Gilmour will discuss Ben's latest memoir, which recounts the paramedic's call-outs in the summer of 2008. Based in the eastern suburbs of Sydney in close proximity to the renowned suicide spot known as The Gap Ben's book sheds light on what happens after a call is made to triple-zero: the drugs, nightclubs, brothels, drunks, domestic disputes, the elderly, emergency births, and the downright ridiculous. Beautifully written and sharply observed, it is a book that gives the reader an unfiltered look at the daily grind and trauma experienced by paramedics.

Ben is a paramedic with 20 years' experience but has also found time to produce movies (his last film, *Jirga,* was Australia's submission for Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, 2019), write books, *Paramedic – Around the World by Ambulance, Warrior Poets* and *Cameras and Kalashnikovs* and also produce a children's book called *The Travel Bug.*

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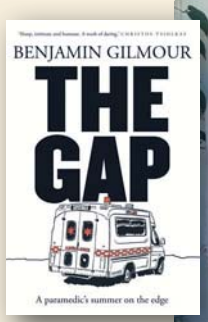

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Council takes another look at habitat destruction for bypass

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire Council has confirmed it will now refer itself to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) over the presence of the critically endangered Mitchell's rainforest snail and the potential destruction of its primary habitat to build the Byron bypass.

Under the Act the council was required to self-refer the Byron bypass project to the Commonwealth for consideration prior to seeking approval from the state government if 'the action they are proposing to take will have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance' according to the DoEE. However, council's original environmental study didn't identify the Mitchell's rainforest snail or its primary habitat.

The critically endangered Mitchell's rainforest snail has triggered an investigation by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy into the Byron bypass route.

Mayor briefs MP

Multiple issues around the construction of the bypass have been raised repeatedly by local Ballina MP Tamara Smith, who last Friday attended another briefing on the project with Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson.

'I took the opportunity to meet with the mayor and general manager to specifically discuss the environmental concerns that I have and that have been raised with me by many people in the community as well as those concerns raised by highly respected ecologists, including a formal letter from the NSW Ecological Association,' Ms Smith told *The Echo*.

Crucial mistakes

'Local ecologist David Milledge accompanied me to the meeting and gave a detailed presentation to the mayor about what he [Mr Milledge] has identified as crucial mistakes in the original environmental mapping conducted by Council's planner.'

It is understood that the council's environmental consultants only conducted two days of fieldwork during their assessment and didn't identify the Mitchell's rainforest snail in the proposed bypass route. However, respected local ecologist David Milledge, who has since conducted an independent survey of the bypass route, has identified both the Mitchell's rainforest snail and its primary habitat.

'Had the critically endangered snail and the primary habitat been correctly identified, it is highly likely that this section of the bypass route would have been impossible under both state and federal legislation,' Ms Smith said.

Offsetting commitment sought

If the bypass is to go ahead, Ms Smith said she has requested the mayor 'to guarantee that primary Mitchell's rainforest snail habitat is purchased by Council to offset the impact'.

Speaking to *The Echo*, Mayor Richardson said, 'It was great meeting with Tamara and we had an open and solution-focused meeting. Though of course it would show a lack of respect to those present to share all of the details, in general, the meeting mainly focused around ensuring that vegetation that is to be enhanced and restored is of the same type to that which will be removed, especially in regards to the Mitchell's snail habitat.'

The mayor also invited Mr Milledge attend the upcoming biodiversity panel that will recommend 'the best and most appropriate land to go above and beyond the state government offset requirements'.

While the council has belatedly self-referred to the DoEE it is not certain what, if any action, the department will be willing to take over the breach.

When asked about possible responses from the DoEE a spokesperson said, 'The EPBC Act provides for a range of enforcement tools to deal with identified non-compliance. These include enforceable undertakings, remediation determinations, and injunctions through to seeking prosecution and/or civil penalties.'

Money or species?

'As a consequence of what highly regarded ecologists are presenting to me as the state member for Ballina I am of the view that we have missed legally protecting a critically endangered species and its primary habitat,' said MP Tamara Smith.

'People in authority that I respect have made comments like, "It's only a few snails", "It's not that much land" and insinuated that my raising these issues will cost council money.

'In a biodiversity hotspot such as we are blessed to be the guardians of in Byron Shire, and in a time of daily extinction of species, the ends do not justify the means.'

Stage 2 on hold

As a result of the referral to the DoEE the council will continue with stage one of the bypass but will not start stage 2, which is scheduled to begin in November, 'until further advice is received from the Commonwealth'.

A Council spokesperson confirmed with *The Echo* that, 'Council's decision to refer works to the Australian Government's Department Environment and Energy for approval under the Environmental Protection and Conservation [Act] was for those [works] in stage two, as well as a small section of vegetation in stage one.

'Work on stage one is continuing with the section of vegetation quarantined while DOEE considers the referral.'

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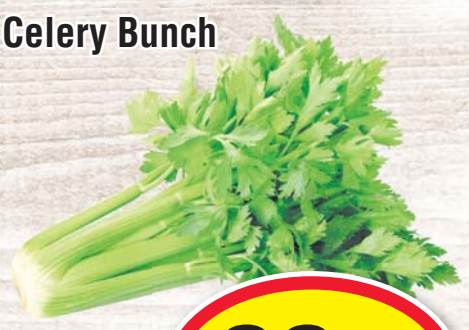

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Break-and-enters in Sufflok Park

Paul Bibby

Suffolk Park and Byron Bay have experienced a spate of break-and-enter incidents in the past fortnight, a significant number of which took place while residents were at home in bed.

While Byron Police said there had been just two incidents reported to them in the past 10 days, locals have reported at least six to *The Echo* and via community Facebook pages such as Crime Watch Byron Bay.

The incidents typically involved two or more youths attempting to break into homes late at night, or banging on windows and doors in an apparent attempt to scare those inside.

'Most houses invaded, or where entry is attempted, have had children sleeping,' said Dave from Beech Drive Suffolk Park, who asked to be known by his first name only.

'People are terrified. It's got every parent in town sleeping with a cricket bat. My wife can't sleep. Extra police are needed here.'

Phil Shayer, the administrator of the Crime Watch Byron Bay Facebook group, said he had seen a spike in incidents being reported in the past two to three weeks.

'The incidents we're seeing are youths going around to people's houses,' he said.

'In some cases they're scaring people and not taking anything, and in other cases one person will distract [the resident] round the front while someone else comes through the back and steals the car keys. They seem to be targeting the homes based on the car parked out the front.'

'None of the reports are coming from the Sunrise and Lilly-Pilly areas. It seems to be specifically off the Beech Dr area of Suffolk Park.'

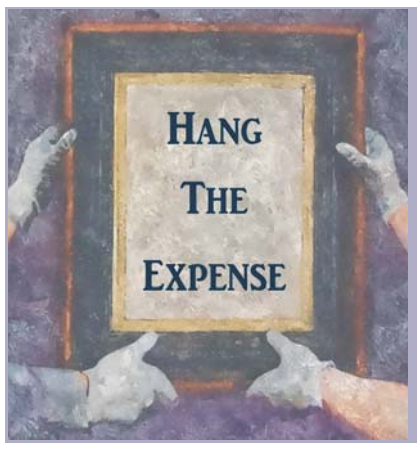
Detective Inspector Matt Kehoe of Byron Police said there had only been two break-and-enter incidents reported to police in the past 10 days.

He said two teenagers had been arrested in relation to the second incident, which occurred on August 23 in Byron Bay.

'We've charged a 15-year-old with aggravated break and enter with intent to steal and drug offences,' Inspector Kehoe said.

'A second 15-year-old was also charged with aggravated break and enter with intent to steal.

'My message to people would be that if they have been a victim of a break and enter to report that matter to Byron Bay police, or, if they have found persons in their home, that they call triple zero', Inspector Kehoe said.



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Steiner celebrates 100 years

This year marks the centenary of Steiner education and more than 1,000 schools around the globe are marking the occasion.

As part of the Waldorf 100 celebrations, 12 students from Shearwater, Mullumbimby's Steiner school, will be unravelling the big questions of our times at a national youth conference hosted by Brisbane's Samford Valley Steiner School this week.

The conference will bring together senior students from Steiner schools around Australia, to explore social renewal, with a focus on racism and prejudice; divisions and world conflict; indigenous perspectives; minority groups; Australian and world wide responses to refugees; the environment and sustainability; education and imagining the future; and the role of the arts, money, and ethical business.

The students will spend three days immersed in workshops as diverse as moral technologies, living with bees, pliable ethical urbanism, refugees and art, indigenous perspectives, mural painting, and songwriting.

It's time to expolore possibilities at the Steiner youth conference. Photo Jeff Dawson

Year 10 students Hanini Schembri and Elzie Bambach, who have just returned from a two-week camp to Vanuatu, said they were all about expanding their horizons.

'My intention for this year is to take every opportunity that's given to me,' said Elzie.

Hanini, who plans to become a Steiner teacher said Steiner education may have its roots in the past but its focus is strongly on the future. 'I would have to say the camps are a highlight – getting out of your comfort zone and having these amazing experiences with your class.'

The first Steiner school opened in 1919 in the German city of Stuttgart. It was built at the Waldorf-Astoria cigarette factory, and its students were the children of the factory workers seeking a new approach to education following the devastation of World War I.

With its emphasis on social renewal, it's no surprise that Mullumbimby is home to one of Australia's biggest Steiner schools.

Shearwater will be celebrating 100 years of Steiner education at its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, 10am till 3pm, with live music and entertainment, delicious food stalls, and crafts and activities for the whole family. One of the event's highlights, the Spring Fair Busking Competition, will again bring some of the most exciting emerging musical talent to the stage.

Echo

A timely touch-up

Symbolic of the area both past and present the sign at the Bangalow A&I Hall has received a facelift 18 months after the rest of the hall had a makeover inside and out.

Originally painted by Guy Hastings late last century (1982), Louise Macaulay of Cloud 9 Lettering & Design added vibrant new colours and features to the original illustrations, representing the varied produce grown in the region.

'Hiring a traditional signwriter reduces our plastic footprint, avoids curling fading letters, and reinforces the heritage of Bangalow,' said Louise.

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Bees pollinate 70 per cent of the crop species that feed 90 per cent of the planet. People across a wide range of areas are scrambling for solutions and one private company that is tackling this problem head on is a local north coast organisation called 'Gather By'.

The Ballina-based company has food security as its core activity. Gather By is achieving this by planting over 6.25 million highly active Australian native *Leptospermum* (Tea Tree) plants over the next five years.

These plants will deliver around 690 tonnes of high-value, rare and potent Australian Manuka honey produced in partnership with the local community.

Gather By is hosting a free community event, which will include presentations on topics such as the value of nutrient-dense foods and how they impact on our well-being and also how you can optimise your own family's health and healing.

Gather By director Dr Allan Ellis says the event is a special evening to learn about how to save bees, and also to learn about the environment and food security.

There will be free honey tasting as well as one jar of 1080+ biomedical-grade honey being given away worth over $250.

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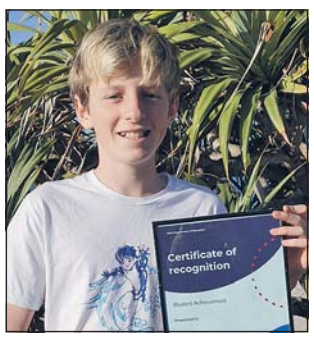
Award recognises work of 'Plastic Free Boy'

The kids are rising up and making it clear that they want action on how humans are treating the planet and thirteen-year-old Arlian is one of them.

Arlian, known as Plastic Free Boy, and his mother, filmmaker Karin Ecker, have created the film *Plastic Alarm* that tells the story of a sea turtle that was rescued by Seabird Rescue in Ballina after being damaged by plastic in the oceans.

Arlian has been taking the film to schools to encourage young people to do something to help the environment.



Arlian, known as Plastic Free Boy, has received a 'certificate of recognition for his environemntal action.

Recognising the success of his project the NSW Department of Education has awarded Arlian a Certificate of recognition for his ongoing commitment to the environment.

Arlian is planning his new film with his mother Karin that will highlight the effects of plastic pollution on the Great Barrier Reef. The film will look at what can be done and talk the audience through how everyone will benefit from getting involved, explained Karin.

'As parents, educators, and community leaders we strive to inspire and support the next generation to do great things and be the change they want to see in the world,' says Karin.

Build sustainable communities

Are you part of a community group that wants to get a project going to help build a more sustainable community? Applications are now open for grants up to $15,000 to help strengthen and enhance sustainable communities from the SUEZ community grants program.

Applications are now open until 20 September at 5pm AEST, with grant recipients notified of the outcome by mid October 2019.

To find out more information about the program, including the SDGs, please visit www.suez.com.au/communitygrants.

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CAR makers are calling on every Australian to tap someone they know on the shoulder - family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues - and urge them to check if their vehicles are affected by the Takata airbag recall.

The faulty airbags have the potential to kill vehicle drivers and passengers. There have been 26 reported deaths and more than 300 reported injuries globally attributed to the airbags.

The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries chief executive Tony Weber said the status of more than 7.8 million vehicles have been checked on the industry's airbag recall website ismyairbagsafe.com.au.

This had helped identify more than 1.2 million vehicles that were affected by the recall. But there are still more than 530,000 vehicles to be rectified.

QUICK CHECK FOR SAFETY

"We are pleading with owners to check the status of their vehicles. It's time everyone joined this campaign by urging family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to check if their vehicles are affected," Mr Weber said.

"A quick tap on the shoulder could be the personal reminder that saves a life or prevents a serious injury.

"This personal approach is particularly important for the elderly and people with limited English language skills."

"We offer a simple and free checking process - visit ismyairbagsafe.com.au and enter your vehicle's registration plate number and state or territory. You can also check by texting TAKATA to 0487AIRBAG (247 224)."

PRIVATE SALES

It is important that people buying used vehicles privately check the recall status of a vehicle.

"The ACCC has placed requirements on licensed dealers to ensure vehicles are identified and rectified prior to sale. However, these requirements do not apply to private sales of vehicles," he said.

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Little things mean a lot in Nepal

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Ocean Shores nurse Simone Stroet says she feels lucky to have attended school and lived in the Byron Shire and surrounding towns her whole life. That is about to change as Simone plans tovolunteer her nursing skills in Nepal for three weeks in March 2020.

Simone will be heading to a medical facility about seven hours' bus ride out of Katmandu as part of Nurses in Actions, which is part of World Youth International.

Simone, who has been a registered nurse for almost three years, is currently working at Tweed Hospital and now that her daughter is of school age, she wants to venture out into the wider world to enhance her nursing experience.

Simone says she feels very privileged to have grown up in such a wealthy place and in her world travels has only touched on places where people are not as materially well off as people in the Northern Rivers. 'I'm not doing this for Instagram hits; it's purely the healthcare experience that I am going for. When I did my interview I told them that I only want to do this if I can actually make a difference, then I asked them straight out if I would. The interviewer told me that without a doubt each nurse who goes makes a difference.'

Though Simone pays for her own airfares and accommodation, each nurse is required to raise $1,700, which goes toward World Youth International and their global projects, to ensure they can continue working with communities around the world.

Simone has a fundraising page on the group's website and hopes that the Byron community can help her reach her goal.

Simone is also hoping there are local businesses who might be able to help out with in-kind support for her three-week stay as spring in Nepal is like winter in Byron and it gets chilly at night and there'll be no central heating.

Simone says she will do a hospital placement for a week and will also help out at a women's health centre for young sex workers and orphans. She says they will also spend time on educational projects in schools.

'We are out of Katmandu and I have heard that the poverty is profound,' says Simone. 'But I don't see them as disadvantaged. Sure, they lack the standard of healthcare we enjoy, but their spirits and their attitude are very rich.'

Simone hopes her contribution will help the people of Nepal even in a small way. 'It's the little things that make a difference,' she says. 'Living in Byron my whole life – this is such a bubble.'

'This is not going to be a holiday. I am not really sure what I am in for but I think that is good. I know it's going to be tough and I am going to miss my daughter and husband, but I think it will be good to get out of my comfort zone.'

Help Simone raise $1,700 for the Nurses in Action project, visit: https://worldyouth.org.au/volunteers/simone-stroet.

The *Fossil Fool* Bulletin goes live

Keeping up with Adani, AGL, Santos, and all the other fossil fuel-hungry companies is akin to juggling jelly, but for the last 18 months Northern Rivers journalist Eve Sinton has put her passion for protecting the environment from damaging fossil-fuel mining into a weekly email that has now gone live on the net.

The *Fossil Fool Bulletin* was launched in November 2017 as a newsletter for people working to end Australia's fossil-fuel era and has now emailed 86 editions.

Now the project has grown from its beginnings as a weekly newsletter and has joined forces with kindred spirit Johanna Evans to construct a new website where people can access up-to-date info on the fossil-fool industry.

Evans, of Green Pigeon Graphics, has been closely associated with the Knitting Nannas and the Bentley Blockade, which ousted coal seam gas development from the Northern Rivers.

'It's been great working with Jo,' says Ms Sinton. 'She has excellent web skills and understands where I'm coming from.'

Ms Evans says the *Fossil Fool Bulletin* is the perfect resource for busy people who need to keep up to date with what's going on Australiawide in regards to multiple top-line issues in the fossil-fool disaster space.

'You can read about weekly happenings in the gas, coal, hydrogen, nuclear, renewables, and fossilised politics spaces – all in one place.

'With the addition of a website it's an online library dedicated to the documenting of a topic that concerns every single one of us.'

No fake news

The Knitting Nannas Against Gas (KNAG) have been huge supporters of the *Fossil Fool Bulletin* and will continue to give a small monthly sponsorship and continue to host the publication along with its subscription and mail-out services, on their website knitting-nannas.org.

Sinton is careful to only use authoritative sources – no fake news or internet myths to be seen here.

Researching and compiling the newsletter is a full-time, unpaid job. Subscriptions to FFB are free;however, donations to Focus Publications to help cover costs are appreciated.

She hopes the venture can expand with more newsletters on other topics, and involve more journalists in this new type of publishing.

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NOTIFICATION OF ROAD NAMING PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 163 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Part 2 of the *Roads Regulation 2008* of the proposal of the following road name:

Proposed name: LYLE COURT

Location: OCEAN SHORES

Description: A new cul-de-sac extending in a northerly direction off an extension of Player Parade (approximately 65m west of Palmer Avenue) which is to be dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 164 DP 1206177, Player Parade, Ocean Shores.

Name origin: The names of adjacent streets, Player Parade and Palmer Avenue have been named after golfing professionals Garry Player and Arnold Palmer respectively. In keeping with the golfing theme, the name Lyle Court is named after Australian professional golfer Jarrod Lyle.

Proposed name: THOMPSON COURT

Location: OCEAN SHORES

Description: A new cul-de-sac extending in a easterly direction off the proposed Lyle Court which is a extension off Player Parade (approximately 65m west of Palmer Avenue) which is to be dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 164 DP1206177, Player Parade, Ocean Shores.

Name origin: The names of adjacent streets, Player Parade and Palmer Avenue have been named after golfing professionals Garry Player and Arnold Palmer respectively. In keeping with the golfing theme, the name Thompson Court is named after Australian professional golfer Peter Thompson.

Submissions Close: 18 September 2019

Enquiries: Gray Blunden 02 6626 7050

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SECTION 4.31 EP&A ACT 1979 AND CLAUSE 137 EP&A REGULATIONS 2000

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NOTICE OF DECLARED ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN THE BYRON SHIRE

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with s644B of the Local Government Act, that Byron Shire Council has declared alcohol zones in a number of locations in the Shire.

Plans of the declared alcohol free zones are available from www.byron.nsw.gov.au/home or at Council's Administration Building 70 Station Street Mullumbimby.

THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE DECLARED AS ALCOHOL FREE ZONES FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS COMMENCING 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

BYRON BAY

- Jonson Street from Bay Street to Browning Street including Main Beach car park.
- Browning Street from Jonson Street to Tennyson Street.
- Bangalow Road from the intersection of Browning Street and Tennyson Street to the southern property boundary of Byron Tourist Park on Bangalow Road.
- Kingsley Street and Carlyle Street from Jonson Street to Cowper Street.
- Marvell Street from Jonson to Massinger Street.
- Byron Street and Bay Lane from Jonson Street to Middleton Street.
- Middleton Street from Bay Street to Kingsley Street.
- Bay Street from First Sun Caravan Park boundary fence to Middleton Street.
- Fletcher Street from Bay Street to Kingsley Street.
- Lawson Street from Butler Street to Massinger Street.
- Lighthouse Road from Massinger Street to Captain Cook Lookout eastern boundary.
- Jonson Street north carpark between Bay Street and Lawson Street.
- Jonson Street south carpark between Lawson Street and Railway Park.
- Tennyson Street between the Sandhills Estate and Browning Street.
- Cowper Street between Carlyle Street and the Sandhills Estate.
- Butler Street from Shirley Street to cover whole of new Bypass area through to Browning Street.
- Somerset Street from Butler Street to Wordsworth Street.
- Burns Street from Butler Street to Wordsworth Street.
- Wordsworth Street from Somerset Street to Gordon Street.
- Gordon Street from Wordsworth Street to Milton Street.
- Milton Street from Gordon Street to Wentworth Street.
- Wentworth Street from Milton Street to Skinners Shoot Road.
- Shirley Street from Butler Street to Kendall Street.
- Ewingsdale Road from Kendall Street to Banksia Drive at the Byron Bay Industrial Estate.
- Kendall Street from Shirley Street to Border Street.
- Border Street from Kendall Street to Childe Street.
- Childe Street from Border Street to Manfred Street.
- Manfred Street from Childe Street to the frontal dune at Belongil Beach.
- Giaour Street from Childe Street to Belongil Creek.
- Don Street from Border Street to the frontal dune at Belongil Beach.

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- Station Street from the unnamed lane (Lane 9) opposite the Council Chambers to Tincogan Street.
- McGougans Lane from the unnamed lane (Lane 9) behind the southern property boundary of the commercial premises on Burringbar Street to the intersection of Tincogan Street.
- Stuart Street from Whian Street intersection to Tincogan Street intersection.
- Stuart Lane from Whian Street intersection to Tincogan Street intersection.
- Dalley Street from Whian Street intersection to Tincogan Street intersection.
- Gordon Street from Burringbar Street intersection to Tincogan Street intersection.
- Burringbar Street from Gordon Street intersection to Station Street intersection.
- River Terrace from Burringbar Street intersection to Whian Street intersection.
- Tincogan Street from Gordon Street intersection to Station Street intersection.
- Whian Street from River Terrace intersection to Stuart Street intersection.
- Brunswick Terrace from Burringbar Street to Mill Street, and Mill Street from Gordon Street to Station Street.

BRUNSWICK HEADS

- Fawcett Street from Tweed Street to Park Street.
- Park Street from Fawcett Street to Fingal Street.
- Mullumbimbi Street from Tweed Street to the Terrace.
- The Terrace from Mullumbimbi Street to Fingal Street.
- Fingal Street from the Terrace to Tweed Street.
- Tweed Street from Fingal Street to Fawcett Street.
- South Beach Road (including the traffic bridge) between The Terrace and the end of South Beach Road including the Surf Club area.

OCEAN SHORES AND NEW BRIGHTON

- Rajah Road between northern boundary of Lot 1 DP 626518 (approx 50 metres south of Bindaree Way intersection) and southern boundary of Lot 1114 DP241074 No 43 Rajah Road (approx 60 metres north east from Durroon Court).
- Ocean Shores Community Centre carpark (Lots 1154 and 1156 DP 116000).
- The Esplanade south from the intersection with The Strand to the southern boundary of Lot 5 Sec 3 DP 5318 (approx 200 metres south from the intersection).
- 'North Head Road Carpark' located on unnamed road New Brighton.

SUFFOLK PARK

- Clifford Street between Broken Head Road and Alcorn Street.
- Armstrong Street between Clifford Street and Wareham Street.
- Brandon Street between Clifford Street and Wareham Street.
- Alcorn Street between Clifford Street and southern boundary of the community titled property at No. 2 Alcorn Street.
- Broken Head Road from Clifford Street to the northern boundary of the Servicemen's Home property.
- Beech Drive (south) from Broken Head Road to the northern property boundary of Lot 60 DP 817888 being the Council Reserve on Beech Drive.

ARAKWAL COURT TURN AROUND RENEWAL (BYRON BAY HIGH SCHOOL)

REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: T2019-0052

Byron Shire Council (Council) invites tenders for a contract to undertake road renewal and upgrade works to Arakwal Court Byron Bay. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/byron. If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

For further details please contact Daniel Strzina at dstrzina@byron.nsw.gov.au.

A mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday the 10 September 2019 at Byron Bay High School (2 Arakwal Court, Byron Bay).

Tenders close: 2.00pm on 24 September 2019

Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the proposed contract to submit a tender to Council by the deadline specified in this advertisement and in accordance with the Tender Documents referred to above.

The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will disqualify tenders from the tender process.

SPS 2000 AND SPS 1003 REFURBISHMENT WORKS

REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: 2019-0049

Byron Shire Council (Council) invites tenders for a contract to refurbish two existing sewer pump stations, one in Bangalow and one in Brunswick Heads. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/byron. If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

For further details please contact Michael Chamberlain at mchamberlain@byron.nsw.gov.au.

A mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on 5 September 2019 at 10.30am located at SPS 1003 approximately 100m west of property 29 Lismore Rd, Bangalow. The briefing will then move to SPS 2000 located to the South of the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club adjacent the Sporting fields.

Tenders close: 2.00pm on Thursday 19 September 2019

Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the proposed contract to submit a tender to Council by the deadline specified in this advertisement and in accordance with the Tender Documents referred to above.

The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will disqualify tenders from the tender process.

Byron Shire Council Notices

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 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

10.2017.547.3 – Myocum, 11 Muli Court (Lot 4 DP 830652) Mrs E Douglas, S4.55 to Modify Design of Cabins and Delete Condition 45 Prohibiting Laundries in Cabins

EXHIBITION CLOSES 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

10.2019.431.1 – Byron Bay, 39-41 Lawson Street (Lot 0 SP 48462) Ardill Payne & Partners, Alteration and Additions to existing Residential Flat Building

Heritage Council of New South Wales

LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES GRANTS NOW OPEN 2019/20

Owners of heritage properties in the Byron Shire can apply now for grants to help restore their pride and joy. The Local Heritage Places Grant program aims to raise awareness of heritage conservation, with a funding contribution from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Byron Shire Council has grants between approximately $1,000 and $3,000, depending on applications, for projects that will enhance individual places, buildings and historic streetscapes and will promote appreciation of Byron Shire's history.

The focus for the 2019-2020 Local Heritage Places Grants is conservation works that enhance individual places, buildings and historic streetscapes including buildings in conservation areas that will in turn promote and foster the community's and visitor's appreciation of the Shire.

Successful applicants will need to contribute one dollar for every dollar provided by the grant, and the restoration work must be **completed by 30 March 2020**.

To find out more about the Local Places Heritage Grants program go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au/local-places-heritage-grants.

Applications close on 23 September, 2019 at 4pm.

General Enquiries: Noreen Scott 02 6626 7062 or Nancy Tarlao on 02 6626 7000

HAVE YOUR SAY DRAFT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

Council has created a draft Community Participation Plan (CPP) which is a document that explains how and when the community can be involved in planning matters.

The plan is a new requirement under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The plan explains how Council will engage with the community for matters such as development applications, proposals to rezone land and masterplans.

We want to know what is working well and what could be improved when we engage with community on planning and development as outlined in the CPP. A workshop will be held in September, details will be posted on Council's website.

The Draft Community Participation Plan is on exhibition for a period of 6 weeks from 28 August until 11 October 2019 and is available on Council's website – search CPP.

Submissions close: 11 October 2019

Enquiries: Sam Tarrant on 02 6626 7216 or starrant@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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

10.2019.28.1 – BANGALOW, 119 Lawlers Lane New Dwelling House to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached) and Swimming Pool

10.2019.313.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 21 Wirree Drive Demolition of existing house and construction of new dwelling house and secondary dwelling and tree removal seventeen (17) palms

10.2019.423.1 – FEDERAL, 728 Binna Burra Road Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.7.1 – EWINGSDALE, 12 Plantation Drive Use of Secondary Dwelling and Use of a Shed as an Expanded Dwelling Module

10.2019.290.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 111A Orana Road Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.338.1 – BANGALOW, 1 Paddys Court Relocated Dwelling House

10.2019.387.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 66 Brandon Street Additions and Alterations to Existing Dwelling House to Create a Garage and Storeroom

10.2019.308.1 – FEDERAL, 90 Risleys Hill Road Swimming Pool

10.2019.20.1 – BYRON BAY, Bangalow Road Multi Dwelling Housing comprising Five (5) Two (2) Bedroom Dwellings, with Plunge Pools, associated Landscaping and Civil Works

10.2019.394.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 16B Coomburra Crescent Alteration & Additions to existing Dwelling House, Carport

10.2019.353.1 – BYRON BAY, 91 Jonson Street Change of Use to Body Piercing Studio

10.2019.129.1 – COORABELL, 480 Coolamon Scenic Drive Boundary Adjustment Two (2) Lots Subdivision Two (2) Lots

10.2019.328.1 – BYRON BAY, 9/130 Jonson Street Office Fit-Out

10.2019.369.1 – BANGALOW, 6 Rosewood Avenue New Secondary Dwelling, Swimming Pool and Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2018.79.2 – MULLUMBIMBY, 12 Laurel Avenue S4.55 to Modify Internal Layout and Relocate Water Tank

10.2006.322.3 – POSSUM CREEK, 471 Friday Hut Road S4.55 to Modify Trading Hours and Seating Numbers

10.2018.615.2 – SUFFOLK PARK, 8 Redgum Place S4.55 To Modify Approved Plans

10.2018.245.2 – BYRON BAY, 10 Oakland Court S4.55 to Modify Strata Plan and Delete Condition 4

10.2016.722.6 – BROKEN HEAD, 657B Broken Head Road S4.55 to Amend Layout, Floor Level, Window Sizes, Plant Room and Storage Areas

10.2018.529.3 – BROKEN HEAD, 657B Broken Head Road S4.55 to Amend Layout, Floor Level, Window Sizes, Plant Room and Storage Areas

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

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

10.2018.483.1 – WILSONS CREEK, 58 Montecollum Road Rural Tourist Accommodation: Eight (8) Cabins, Swimming Pool and Associated Works

PROPOSED LICENCE

PART LOT 321 DP 755692

Council is proposing to license part Lot 321 DP 755692, 2 Riverside Terrace Mullumbimby, known as the Mullumbimby Scout Hall, for a period of four years to Scouts Australia for the purpose of a scout hall.

In accordance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993* interested parties are invited to make submissions about this proposal within 28 days.

Submissions should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Emailed submissions to this address only will be acknowledged.

Submissions Open: 4 September 2019

Submissions Close: 2 October 2019

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300

All submissions will be made public in accordance with schedule 1 clause 4(i) of the *GIPA 2009 Regulations* as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For further assistance contact the Records Team on 02 6626 7113.

Local News

Have your say on new residential strategy

Aslan Shand

The 20-year Byron Shire Draft Residential Strategy is on display until October 11 and this is your chance to take a look at how your towns will be shaped into the future.

At a brief glance, the strategy is seeking to increase the populations of Byron Bay/Sunrise and Mullumbimby by about a third; the towns of Bangalow, Brunswick Heads, and Ocean Shores are looking to be increased by around ten per cent while in Suffolk Park Council is seeking a five per cent increase in population.

The key town to see significant new land released for residential building is Mullumbimby. Close to 2,000 people could move in if the strategy goes ahead.

The land identified for release is to the south of Ann Street, sweeping to the west to behind the Mullumbimby co-op site. It is likely to include a potential Mullumbimby bypass – hopefully no snails will be harmed in its making!

A key concern that has already been raised in relation to building in this area, particularly Lot 22, is flooding and the future impact of climate change that will cause an increase in inundation in parts of the identified areas.

Infill is a significant factor identified in the strategy to accommodate the increasing population in all the towns. Apparently backyards are expected to be passé and, owing to the increased cost of rentals, we would all prefer to build more housing in our backyards. The advantage of this approach is that it is supposed to reduce the pressure on the edges of towns encroaching on surrounding farmland and ecologically sensitive areas.

The 36 per cent increase in population proposed for Byron Bay and Sunrise is primarily predicted to be accommodated at the West Byron site and by infill. There is 1.8ha on the west side of Kendall Street for land release for new development.

Bangalow also has two key areas of land release proposed – one along the west side of Ballina Road and the other between Granuaille Crescent and the old railway line.

Brunswick Heads' new residential development is primarily provided by the 37.9ha already approved for residential development at the Bayside housing estate.

Key issues that need consideration are how these towns are currently managing under the current levels of traffic and parking from both a local and tourist perspective. The supply of essential infrastructure including sewage treatment and water supply needs careful consideration as the current services were not necessarily developed with this level of anticipated growth.

Find out what the strategy is proposing online at https://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/draft-res-strategy. Policy 3 is a good spot to start to come to grips with some of the proposed changes.

Second Hand Saturday

What better way to get your spring clean going than to get rid of your unwanted treasures at a garage sale!

Choose to reuse this September and declare war on the waste in your home for Second Hand Saturday on September 28.

The free community event, coordinated by North East Waste and Council, promotes re-use over landfill with hundreds of garage sales, street sales and community group sales, held consecutively across Tweed, Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, and the Clarence Valley.

There will also be a second-chance event on Saturday 5 October.

Register at www.secondhandsaturday.com.au before 4pm, Wednesday 18 September. If you are planning a group sale or have something extra special to sell, let the Second Hand Saturday crew know at info@secondhandsaturday.com.au or by posting on the @mysecondhandsaturday Facebook page.

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The Byron Shire Echo

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Peak IQ?

BBC Future journalist David Robson suggested in a recent article that we have hit peak intelligence. The material in the article comes from his book *The Intelligence Trap: Why Smart People Make Dumb Mistakes*.

Robson's argument that people are smarter now than when the IQ test was invented more than 100 years ago is based on the notion that people are better at doing IQ tests, which are chiefly designed to gauge a particular kind of reasoning ability. He cites as evidence the Flynn Effect, named after the NZ intelligence researcher James R Flynn.

I have some familiarity with the intelligence quotient. My father was a vocational guidance counsellor for the NSW education department and administered hundreds of the tests.

His conclusion was that being good at an IQ test meant you were good at doing IQ tests. It didn't mean you were a genius or an outstanding human being.

Robson does allow that a change in culture (and nutrition) rather than an increase in average human intelligence might result in better IQ-test results: 'Just think about a computer and all the symbols you have to recognise and manipulate to do even the simplest task. Growing up immersed in this kind of thinking should allow everyone to cultivate the skills needed to perform well in an IQ test.'

The author then suggests that peak IQ has been reached and is stalling and 'even reversing'. While earlier pointing out that intelligence might have increased because of the removal of lead from petrol, he does not move on to one bogey that might be precipitating a decline: the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

A paper by Phil Bierwith of the Australian National University asserted in November last year that 'an increasing number of recent studies have produced strong evidence that breathing moderate levels of carbon dioxide reduces human cognitive abilities'. The unfortunate consequence is that the lessened ability to think reduces our chances of solving the climate-crisis conundrum.

People who stream porn could be one group that helps turn this impasse around. According to the French think-tank The Shift Project, the watching of online porn globally generates as much CO_2 per year as does the nation of Belgium, a comparison the good citizens of Belgium must have welcomed.

While one of the report's authors puts the onus on digital-service providers to mend their ways, it would seem there is a great opportunity for porn watchers themselves to switch to black-and-white still photos of the gender of their choice, thereby lessening emissions (of CO_2 at least) and increasing the ability of their own imaginations, perhaps leading to higher intelligence. A win-win.

Michael McDonald
***Echo* editor, 1995–2010**
News tips are welcome: editor@echo.net.au

Never mention politics, religion or women

In the good old days, when officers were gentlemen and sometimes vice versa, most barracks observed an iron rule: no mention of politics, religion, or women in the mess.

Such subjects were considered not only indelicate but divisive – a distraction from the unity of purpose needed for the core business of killing off the actual enemies. And also the taboo conversations got in the way of serious drinking and healthy hijinks, the morale-building exercises so necessary to sustaining an army intent on preserving and extending the empire.

So it is painful to have to report that this wholesome tradition has been completely abandoned within the mess that is the modern Liberal Party of Australia. Not only do they regard a ban on politics, religion, and women as unnecessary – they seem to talk of little else.

Politics, of course, is the staple, the bread and butter topped with the garnish of the day. Politics is not to be confused with policy, an awkward and perplexing puzzle best left to the boffins or preferably ignored altogether.

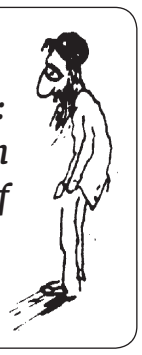
But politics is all the go: tactics, spin, deception, conspiracy, smoke-filled rooms filled with factions and would-be warlords scrabbling to mount the dung heap from which they can crow with meaningless triumph until displaced by the next rooster on the make. Neither unifying nor edifying, but an addiction they have no interest in shaking.

And women? Well, the mere fact that the Libs spend so much time assuring each other that they do not have a woman problem suggests something close to an obsession. The women involved either put up with it or occasionally complain, or even resign, after which they cease to be a problem. But they are talked about anyway, especially by those who consider themselves the big swinging dicks who are really in charge, just as God intended.

And so we get to God, or at least religion. And this is where the mess turns into a real dog's breakfast, requiring tongs and rubber gloves to handle, and flamethrowers and fire hoses to clean out if things go awry. As they do, and have.

Our attorney-general Christian Porter has finally unveiled his package designed to mollify the disaffected rump rolled on same-sex marriage. This, of course, is not what either he or they call it: the crusaders see it as a gallant and desperate rearguard action to stop Australia sliding into the secularism guaranteed by the Australian constitution, a subversive document whose heathen overtones have only recently become apparent.

> *In the name of less discrimination, he is in fact planning to deliver more: further exemptions for those who claim to be godbotherers to break the laws of the land the rest of us must observe.*
>
> **Mungo MacCallum**



One of the more hyperbolic, Greg Sheridan, began his sermon with the absurd assertion: 'Religious freedom is under genuine threat in Australia'. It isn't, of course: not even the conservative Phillip Ruddock, who produced the review to bring the faithful succour and solace, said there was any need for alarm. But for the Sheridans of this world, alarm and panic are the default position.

So, against all their previously held conservative beliefs, they now want to rely on international law and convention to buttress their privileged positions against the marauding pagans at home. Porter, despite his first name, is clearly a heretic, a candidate for the stake once the holy war ends, as it must, in a theocratic victory, an Armageddon in which the unbelievers will be thrown into the fiery pit where they belong.

The mild-mannered sandgroper has ducked the apocalyptic struggle, offering only a few extra titbits for the already groaning trough. In the name of less discrimination, he is in fact planning to deliver more: further exemptions for those who claim to be godbotherers to break the laws of the land the rest of us must observe.

But they will still not be allowed to run free; there will still be limitations on hate speech, although it is not entirely clear where the line will be drawn. And employers who demand the right to hire and fire those who defy their contractual obligations, by claiming evangelism as an excuse, are to be offered a lifeline. Incomprehensibly, it will be a defence for wealthy employers to claim that as long as it is an essential part of retaining their profits, the sackings can be justified. So even if the new legislation goes through, Israel Folau would still probably have ended up in court.

As, inevitably, will a lot of other people, because the Porter model abounds in ambiguity: an important clause relies on what is regarded as 'reasonable', a highly subjective idea that will have any worthwhile lawyer slavering. And in any case the zealots are not remotely interested in reason: faith is what they affirm, and they have lost it in Porter.

Not that their opponents are any happier: the LGBTIQ mob have correctly noted that this is basically all about them: without the same-sex marriage debate it would never have happened. So Porter's announcement is just another battle to be fought, and, like all those in the past and all those still to come, it is essentially a zero-sum conflict: every millimetre the Christians win is a millimetre they lose. They are worried that religious anti-discrimination may override gender anti-discrimination; they are not sure to what extent the impending federal legislation will upend the various state laws on which they depend.

And of course Porter has only provided a draft – they know that the Christian lobbyists, already furious that they were not allowed to write the bills themselves, will be breaking down parliamentarians' doors with threats of the hideous electoral vengeance to be wreaked if they do not get their way…

Morrison has now celebrated a full year as prime minister and a full 100 days after his miraculous election win. But in spite of the boosters, he has little substantial to show for it apart from tax cuts that have proved ineffective to date and have even less prospect of success in the future. The rest of it has been all froth and bubble, the bubble he regularly derides.

We are constantly told that his party is united and in good heart – but as we have seen, the tensions have not gone away, they have merely been suppressed. And the showdown over religion could well provoke a serious schism. Trouble is brewing in the mess.

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Echo

Thanks hospital

Many thanks to the staff at Byron Hospital, thanks to Dr Suzanne for your care and compassion, thanks for fixing my eye. And please, if you're using power tools, use appropriate eye protection!

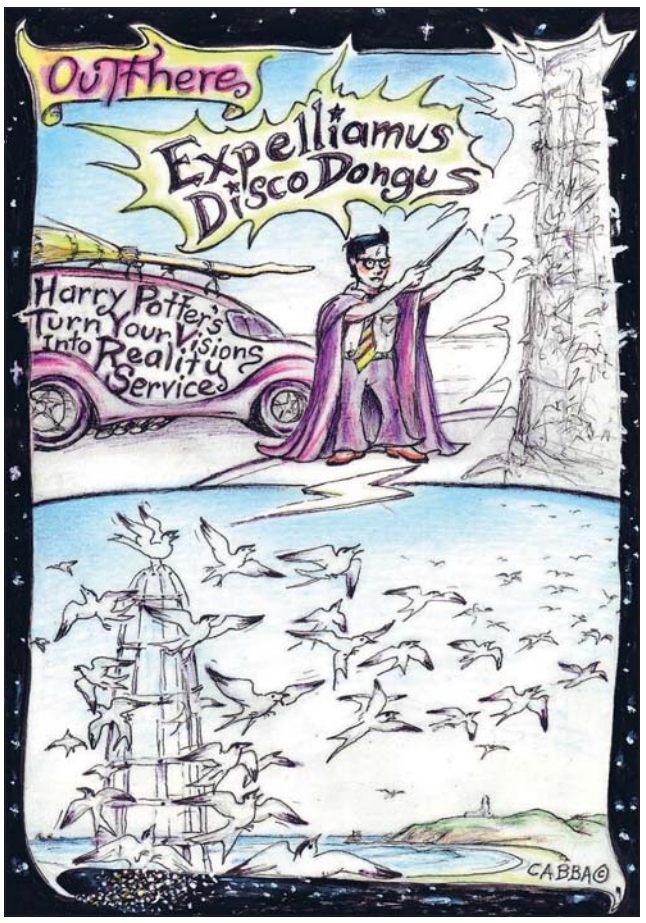
David Julian
Suffolk Park

Bankrupted by Adani

Adrian Burragubba, a traditional owner of Wangan and Jagalangou people, made himself bankrupt by the actions of Adani for protecting his country.

It made me sick to hear that's what happened to a First-nation Australian by an overseas Indian company. $600,000 for Adani's legal costs is a shame and the regimes in Brisbane and Canberra should hang their heads in shame for giving Adani the go-ahead with this crime against our natural environment.

Not only against flora and fauna and traditional lands but to allow more fossil fuel to be generated into the atmosphere when we should be stopping it and using renewable energy sources. How the hell is Australia going to meet its submission targets if this mine goes ahead? It won't.



Cartoon Gary Cavanagh – Instagram: @gary–cavanagh

It's a joke and the jokers in Brisbane and Canberra should be voted out ASAP next elections. We need to change from the current form of running this country, eg becoming a sovereign nation sooner rather than later.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

The elephant in the Greens' room

Will the Neo-Greens governing Byron Council be adhering to the relevant federal and state safety regulations when generating the clouds of 'radioactive' dust by digging up and transporting the 30,000m³ of fill?

These laws, regulations, and protocols are designed to protect workers and the public from the toxic side-effects of sand mining activities. Will they be obeyed by the contractors? Enforced by the consent authority and site safety managers? Who will monitor these elements?

According to records held by the DPI this area was the rail head where thorium ore was loaded on to trains and sent to Brisbane from 1937 till 1961.

Afterwards the waste and tailings around the railyards and stockpiles were dozed and capped with scrub, rocks, and clay to form the basis of Butler St and now destination Byron Bay.

Just borrow a Geiger counter and walk the area yourself; it's there alright.

Will there be signs erected to warn visitors of these carcinogenic, naturally occurring biohazards?

Will residents and visitors be given biohazard dust suits and masks while this nanoparticle, airborne, toxic hazard wafts around?

Unfortunately the glowing forest of Fern Gully stands in way of profit and progress. Who will save us from the tourists? Council? Extinction Rebellion? The mayoral bypass, of cour$e!

Darren Smith
Mullumbimby

Letters to the Editor

Send to Letters Editor Eve Jeffery, email: editor@echo.net.au, fax: 6684 1719. 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.

MEYRICK'S MESSAGE

My name is Meyrick Gilchrist and I am 80 years old.

I am dying.

But I am not complaining.

I have something important to say:
I want all Australians to recognise and celebrate the 60,000 years of our true history and respond joyfully to the "Uluru Statement from the Heart" by having a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

I grew up with a sense of Aboriginal ownership of the land. My great-grandmother and grandmother were settlers who lived with Aboriginal people on their land. They respected them and I felt I was lucky to grow up in a family that had a positive attitude towards Indigenous people.

I have lived family life for many years with close Aboriginal friends. I have worked with Ted Kennedy, and with Kaye and Bob Bellear in Redfern. Bob Bellear later became the first Aboriginal judge in Australia and was associated with the development of the Aboriginal Legal and Medical Services.

In my working life teaching at West Sydney Tech, in TAFE and in Vocational Education and Training, my colleagues and I introduced programs to increase participation of Aboriginal students, teachers and consultants.

But now the time has come to do more. As Australians, we need to take on this issue of recognition – Voice, Treaty and Truth.

I want to see Australia shining in the world as having recognised the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander culture that has lasted longer than any other.

Sure, over the years we have made progress. Multiculturalism flourishes, we increasingly accept diversity but we have failed to accept the true history of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander culture. Widespread activism and advocacy for Indigenous rights have become part of our social, legal and political lives. We do have laws for the education and care of Indigenous people and we do fight for reconciliation, but do we have equality? The current gaps in life expectancy, educational and employment opportunity, living and health standards would suggest "no". Callousness is still there, manifest in the disproportionate incarceration of Indigenous citizens; the remaining toxic effects of institutional racism; the mockery and insults of extremists and of the politicians looking for their support.

Now is the time to act by supporting the positive outcome of a referendum.

Now is not the time for negative views about recognition that suggest the VOICE involves a Third Chamber of Parliament or opens the floodgates for other groups to seek similar recognition.

We have to repair an historic injustice by seizing this moment in history.

Will you join me? If so, spread the word?

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Pal Benko, the Hungarian-US Grandmaster who died last week aged 91, was one of the top post-war players, and excelled both at competitive chess and as a composer of chess problems.

Benko's life was the stuff of legend including a failed attempt to cross from East Berlin to West Berlin in 1952 leading to indefinite detention in a Hungarian prison camp, where only the youngest and strongest survived. Stalin's death in 1953 led to a general amnesty and Benko's release.

When permitted to play again, Benko, one of the best players in Hungary, again planned an escape. He led a Hungarian team to the Student Olympiad in Iceland in 1957 and asked for political asylum at the US Embassy. Within a fortnight he was with his father in New York.

Forced to compete in open tournaments to survive in the US, Benko developed a new way of playing for a win with black, an opening now known as the Benko Gambit.

He earned a place in the Candidates tournament – the last eight World Championship qualifiers – in 1959 and 1962, and was in part responsible for Fischer eventually winning the world title, as he stood down from his position in the 1970 Interzonal in favour of Fischer, who had skipped the qualifier.

Later Benko travelled the world, competing at the 1984/5 Australian Open in Ballarat, where he showed glimpses of his class, as in the game below.

Ballarat AUS Open 1984/5
White: P Benko
Black: K Harrison
Opening: Sicilian Defence
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4!? Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Rhe1 0-0 11.Kb1 Qa5 12.Qd2 Kh8?! Avoiding 13.Nd5, but at a cost. **13.Nd4 Rac8 14.f4 h6 15.h4! Nxe4?** 15...hxg5 16.hxg5 Nxe4 17.Qd3!! is also bad. 15...Qb6 was necessary. **16.Rxe4! hxg5 17.Nxc6! Rxc6 18.hxg5 Qf5 19.g4 Qg6 20.Rh1+ Kg8 21.Qh2 f5** 21...f6 22.Rxe6 was equally hopeless. **22.Rxe6! Qxe6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.gxf5! 1-0**

10,000 soldiers

Ten thousand Roman soldiers marching to war. Shiny spears, swords, and shields carrying the mafia's propaganda. Animals chained in a cage of military discipline. War is suffering death and destruction.

People working the land, harvesting food, hoping the mafia, its thugs and terrorists armed to the teeth, don't come near them. They know war can be prevented. Intelligent people don't harm others.

Centuries later – Quack quack... left right, Hee haw... yes sir, Bang bang... kill kill.

The bloodbath, called the invasion of Australia. The Frankenstein British terrorist law.

Had Australia been settled by peaceful, tolerant people, a place over there for a hospital, school, shop , houses, place to grow crops, animals. Humanity, sharing and caring.

British terrorist law is six thugs surrounding a boy and five accesssories. One clubbing the boy 16-plus times. Vicious assault, grevious bodily harm. Delay of trial, interpreted, obstruction of justice.

British terrorist law caught on camera. British terrorist law howling, the pixels lied. Missing backpacker? Plausible.

Since the Roman era, the mafia, its thugs and armed terrorists haven't changed.

Forget about the mafia's religion. The mythical cash cow, Jesus, won't intervene. The real Jesus was crucified and Saint Julian Assange for displaying the truth about the mafia.

Eyes open, peaceful people.

Les Shotton
Byron Bay

Press rewind

When a development is worth over $20M, it is deemed to be of 'State Significance'. It is then a regional panel (NRPP) that determines the outcome, not the local council.

During the hearing for that large commercial development outside Bangalow a couple of years ago, a council staff member explained that the $20M criterion refers to actual construction costs, and does not include planning, architects' or consultants' costs etc.

Press the rewind button and readers will recall that when the bypass was first costed about five or six years ago, a figure of $10.5M was put about. Later that figure grew to $20.5, on the face of it enough to qualify it for the NRPP subsequently we've heard figures of $22.5M and $25M, so I have asked the mayor for an update and a breakdown – much to his annoyance; he hates questions.

My point is that it has recently emerged that the bypass contractor Hazell Bros is being paid around $14M to do the entire job. In other words the total construction costs are well under $20M, meaning that the matter should have been resolved by council, not the JRPP. The mayor may have an explanation.

I note that one benefit of going via the NRPPis that elected councillors tend to wash their hands of the matter and therefore remain ignorant of the nitty-gritty.

I challenged them last week with the proposition that not a single one of them had looked at the bypass consent conditions, which was met with silence. I also challenged them with the proposition that they weren't elected to leave the big decisions to others. More silence.

Fast Buck$
Coorabell

Peak bypass

The present council did what many in our community have wanted for the past 30 years. It may cause a slight environmental thinning of bush but the benefits far outweigh the loss.

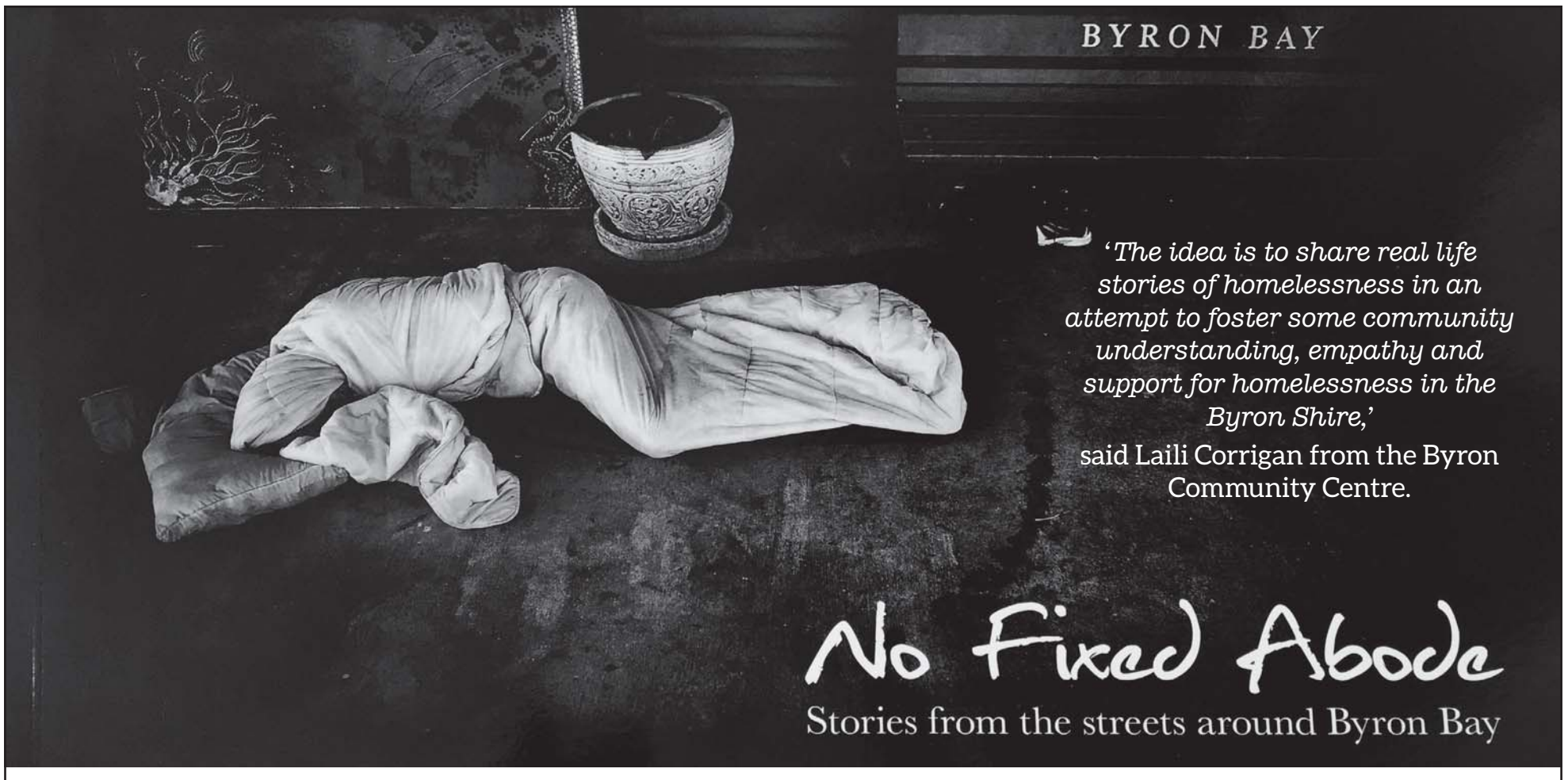
1. Emergency services' secondary access across the railway corridor.
2. Savings in time and money for local businesses and workers.
3. Alleviate peak work-hour traffic jams.
4. Give Butler St a new and quiet road service.
5. Allow for a railway freight depot to be serviced directly without requiring the container trucks going down Jonson St.

In short it will be very busy during peak hours but quiet outside these hours and our emergency services will breathe a sigh of relief during those summer months when Jonson and Lawson streets are totally jammed.

Geoff Bensley
Lennox Head

The good oil

Now that medicinal cannabis is finally legal you would think that it would be freely available. But doctors who have tried to access it on behalf of needy patients have found themselves forced through so many legal hoops and obstacles ▶



Launched last year at the Byron Writers Festival the sales of *No Fixed Abode* raises money for various homelessness projects.

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Echo

Ostrich politics in the Byron Shire

Byron Shire is changing and we need to change with the times.

Looking back to a golden age of activism and saying 'No' to any development is just engaging in 'ostrich politics'. The day of the 'ism' is dead.

Much better we wake up to this before we hand over the family jewels to snake-oil salesmen and north coast grifters.

Stopping tourism developments may have saved a snail but it delivered a town of holiday lets on steroids increasingly devouring a community.

Refusing to adequately plan for community infrastructure created a culture that tolerates crappy roads not out of place in the backwaters of a third-world country.

Focusing on the 'big picture' delivered us a big, shiny ding-a-ling.

Arguing about bringing back a mythical train line has forced a bypass to be built through a wetland.

Rather than once again gathering at the 'Barricades of Dissent' maybe it's time to change tactics.

What about backing in the elected council so it can effectively negotiate with other levels of government and developers from a position of strength and unity?

Not exactly the 'Byron Way' but definitely preferable to the squabbling, rambling mess that the 'Byron Bubble' has recently descended into.

As Pablo Casals observed on his 80th birthday, 'The situation is hopeless. We must take the next step.'

Cr Paul Spooner
Byron Shire Council

▶ that it becomes almost impossible. And then, if it is actually obtained, the (imported) product is prohibitively expensive.

Why should this be?

Put simply, it is to protect the thriving opium poppy industry in Tasmania, which produces about half of the world's legal opium. Our lords and masters are afraid that (harmless) cannabis will displace (potentially lethal) opiates in many pain relief medicines and thus threaten this worldwide multi-million-dollar death-dealing industry.

In fact Dr John Skerritt, the head of the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), was quoted in 2018 as saying quite clearly, 'I am not going to destroy the poppy industry in Tasmania for medicinal cannabis.' (*SMH Good Weekend* August 24).

The number of Australians dying from accidental drug overdoses has climbed by almost 40 per cent in the last decade, and now exceeds the national road toll by several hundred people each year. Of this number, 53 per cent were because of opioids. (*ABC News* August 27)

The Australian TGA was once recognised as the world leader for integrity in the medical field. Sadly this is no longer so.

Colin Thornton
Federal

The meeting place

As Byron Bay was originally known as Cavvanbah, which means meeting place in Minjungbal (a dialect of Bundjalung), I used to wonder about the Indigenous stories being told here. One story I heard was that the people came from all around the land and this was where the lore (law) was made.

Today we make law in Canberra.

Anyway, imagine all the elders come together from the different indigenous nations from around Australia. With all that's going on in this country it would be very interesting for the nation to hear the voice of the first Australians, and to see what outcomes developed. Lots of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation are needed, but we desperately need direction, and to take care and love people and country! Love and care are most important of all. Without love and care of people and country there is nothing.

Peter Duke
Cumbalum

Oh, Mr Trump

The financial world is teetering. Gold is rising fast in price, and the Dow stock exchange magic number has just dropped severely, partly as a response to Trump's ludicrous China trade war.

Whereas Trump was

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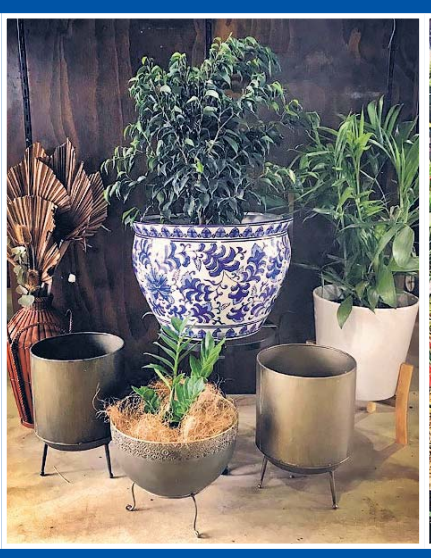

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The roundabout sculpture formally known as The Lighthouse

The Disco Dong

It appears the fate of the colloquially and unfortunately known sculpture, 'Disco Dong,' is sealed. It is to lie flaccid in the council tip.

Like Oliver Dunn (*Echo* Aug 28) this is not a letter of total support for the sculpture but I feel it was never given a chance to find an appropriate 'plinth' of land to sit on. Most probably it was a great idea on paper but didn't translate to the third dimension let alone be an appropriate welcoming embodiment of Byron straddling the industrial estate roundabout. It appears failure to recognise these criteria lies with both the artist and the council.

Construction should not have started on this basis.

Social media I also think played a part in sealing its fate as criticism on that front is easy to confect and exaggerate.

Faux outrage can take on a disproportionate degree of reasoned argument.

In one aspect the sculpture is not alone in history. Michelangelo's *David*, Rodin's *Balzac* and even Ron Robertson-Swan's *Vault*, (*Yellow Peril*) in Melbourne received their share of public outrage.

These are a mere few examples of the angst of producing public sculpture. But each one of these has gone on to become, in their own way, icons of their field and location.

Why? Partly because they were given time to grow in the public mind as to their merit and worthiness to be loved or at least accepted without ridicule.

Not all sculpture, if given time, will rise above public disdain and outrage. History is littered with sculptures that will share a kindred spirit with the Byron sculpture… discarded and forgotten and never knowing what might have been. The vetting process for public sculpture in the Byron Shire is obviously in serious need of an overhaul and having done that the committee should not be swayed by initial public reactionary behaviour.

They need to stand by their decision and let time mould the public to the sculpture.

Neil Matterson
Byron Bay

How could you?

How could the council possibly think of cutting up someone's artwork? What a disgrace.

I do not like the piece as I think it is far too fussy specially for where it was placed But to sell it it off piece by piece, at the dump, is not only to destroy the work but, to destroy and insult the artist.

It needs space around it and could glisten in the front park with the background of the ocean.

Wendy and Ross Taylor
Suffolk Park

Homework not done

Just read Cr Ndiaye's excuses and have now lost my last little bit of faith in this council.

She says they had no time to think it through – what was the rush? Forgot to instruct the artist?! Had to learn the hard way! You just did not do your homework – or did the dog eat it?

Now you want to keep the report secret so we can't know the depths of the committee's stupidity. You need not worry about that. We all know what is wrong with it and I will list a few reasons for anyone who still thinks it was a good job and want to keep it.

You didn't have the common sense or intelligence to ask anyone in the whole Shire working with metal (eg welders, panel beaters, etc) for their opinion.

They would have told you that with metal fatigue there would one day be strings of sharp metal flying around in the wind in the traffic. And the birds held on by only a wing tip wouldn't be there long – here comes one now, duck! Run away!

They would tell you how crappy it would look after only a couple of years when what now looks like shiny alfoil vanishes in the salty air.

Where were Council's engineers, on their fat salaries, when this was proposed? We should get better ones! It's too late to get an engineer's report after the event. Was Roads and Maritime asked if it was a good idea to put something like that in the middle of the roundabout? And, oh dear, the poor artist. He should be tarred and feathered.

Take a look at the last effort, to make that laneway beautiful by painting THE ROAD with stripes and 'murals' that are very boring. It looks so crappy now as the road stripes wear out and accentuate the poor state of the road surface's patched potholes.

And what will happen to the sculpture planned for Railway Park? Future use as an anchor for a boat? Please don't waste any more of our dough on this rubbish. Sack that committee – now.

Which brings me to the 'Bypass that won't work' and the transport hub that should have been put in the railway station, accessed from Butler Street: cover the lines in the marshalling area with gravel for the buses and the station could once again be a transport hub. It's got everything you need already there.

We can't afford to learn everything the hard way (also known as trial and error); we have to fix road services EVERYWHERE.

Sewer pipes in Mullum etc, all big-tickets items. But what do we do? See above!

If we're not laughing stock yet, we soon will be when the 'bypass' fails to deliver.

Oh dear, oh dear, oh deary me.

PS: Oliver Dunne likes it (The Dong). He was a mayor too?

Lester Prowse
Huonbrook

Outstanding work

Dear Oliver, what an outstanding article on page 19 of *The Echo* (Aug 28). With all the great things we have in our area it's hard to believe that a supposed art-loving, creative, and tolerant town has a dark side as you say. The toxic treatment of this artist is indeed shameful. Looks a bit like art censorship to me.

I for one hope it stays.

Keep up the good work.

Jeff Rake
Byron Bay

Sensible dialogue

It would be wonderful if Oliver Dunne's article on the shameful fiasco that is the roundabout sculpture opened up some sensible dialogue on the role of public art in our community but, as he has pointed out, all this episode has done is flush out the philistines, the knee-jerk reactors, and the outright nastiness is are directed against creativity in this Shire.

As a professional artist of nearly 40 years, I find this episode is depressing on many levels. It shows a basic misunderstanding by a council committee as to how to handle public arts commissions (there are plenty of guidelines and qualified advice even within this community); it has allowed a faceless mob reaction to a work of art (where does it stop?); it has even deprived the community of another proposed art piece from a development that will sorely need some lightening in Railway Park.

In the 1980s this area was truly alive with culture and arts activities – a fraction of it exists now and it struggles on in the face of indifference and it would appear thinly veiled hostility.

The vibrant culture that once existed in Byron Bay itself is being killed off by ever-more-escalating rents and clumsy attempts to create atmosphere by importing outside talents and ideas.

Karena Wynn-Moylan
Bangalow

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elected on a platform of repairing international relations, he is now playing the warmonger card. One wonders if Mueller's semi-exoneration of Trump at the end of Mueller's investigation resulted in Trump's peaceful intentions being brought to heel. A nasty deal.

The warmongers in Washington seem hellbent on strangling any country formerly listed as a target. Remember the list? Libya, Iraq, Syria, Venezuela, Iran, Russia… all countries that had independent banking policies and oil. Oil, the addiction, and money, the power tool. In particular, the USA wields its SWIFT interbank transfer system to sanction and penalise countries that don't agree with the USA world domination aim.

Trump called President Xi his enemy last week, and is now sending warships to Iran's ports. All the better to cause a false-flag disaster and thus start spending more on arms, which might just help stave off the recession the IMF says is inevitable.

A war with Iran would be a nuclear war, with Russia and China backing up Iran.

It is astonishing to me, that most of the world goes along with the US's warlike behaviour and endless propaganda.

Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and Libya lie bleeding and impoverished by US wars that were based on false claims.

Yet the world seems to accept a new round of false claims, vicious sanctions, and war posturing, a populace more abjectly docile than ever. So sad.

Dr Liz Elliott
Billinudgel

Good job us!

Congratulations to *The Echo* for the climate crisis updates; I hope these are to be a regular weekly fixture. The mainstream media ignore most of these issues and when they cannot be ignored, like the current fires in the Amazon, they often get it wrong.

For the last couple of weeks we have been bombarded with stories of the Amazon being 'the lungs of the earth', 'producing 20 per cent of our oxygen', and 'absorbing huge quantities of carbon dioxide'. None of these is true; they are myths that have been circulated so often that they have come to be accepted as facts despite the complete lack of evidence or logic to support them.

A mature, undisturbed forest, such as the Amazon was until a few decades ago, does not absorb any significant amount of CO_2 or produce oxygen. To do that, it would have to increase the biomass of the forest, which by definition it does not do. Only a forest recovering from major disturbance or a newly established forest or plantation is absorbing CO_2, keeping the carbon to increase its biomass and releasing oxygen to the atmosphere.

The important and climate-relevant thing any forest does is to store carbon, and if it is disturbed, for example by burning, that carbon is released to the atmosphere as CO_2.

Oxygen is a non-issue; there is more than enough in the atmosphere for anything we can do, so take a few deep breaths and get organised to hit the streets at the next Global Climate Strike on September 20.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

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The small fry in a world of baleen giants

Mary Gardner

Like others that day at the Cape Byron lighthouse, David Bryant saw this small whale ride a wave. Skilled photographer that he is, he had his camera to the ready and took this photo that has flashed its way through media around the world.

Some specialists identify this as a dwarf minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* subspecies. Or a Bryde's *Balaenoptera brydei.* Or even an Omura's whale *Balaenoptera omurai*.

In the foreground of the wave are small fish bursting through the water. Likely, this surf rider was also interested in a feed.

Any of the dwarf minkes, Bryde's or Omura's whales are some of the smallest of the group of baleen whales. These include the blue, humpback, fin, sei, and several others. The smaller species are not clearly distinguished or well understood.

The Omura's was only identified as recently as 2003. All these whales have mouths full of stiff baleen plates. Such plates are made of keratin, the same protein that makles hair, fingernails, and hooves.

Baleen whales all feed by lunging into schools of small fish and krill. They gulp, taking up great quantities of seawater. Strings of nerves in the pleats of their throats coordinate the large expansion of their mouths. As the mouths close, seawater is forced through the plates. The fish remain trapped behind the baleen.

What if the photograph is of a dwarf minke? In 1998, this subspecies was identified as distinct from the larger minke group.

Name that species. This small whale was a recent visitor of Cape Byron. Photo David Bryant

Each adult averages ten metres in length and weigh some 9,200 kilograms. In the Southern Hemisphere they appear to migrate each year from Antarctica to the tropics. They are more often travelling the open ocean than the coasts.

As dwarf minkes do not have the blubber reserves of larger whales such as the humpbacks, they feed year round. While they travel to the tropics, they often hunt across the seas for small fish especially lanternfish (family Myctophidae).

Each lanternfish is only about 12–15 centimetres in length. But as part of some two hundred different species, they total 65 per cent of the weight of all fish in the twilight and midnight zones (200 to 3,000 metres).

Under the cover of each night, these fish migrate to the surface. They follow their prey, the great schools of plankton who also migrate in the dark. Individuals of each species signal each other, flashing their own patterns of bio-luminescence. In turn, they are food for tuna, sharks, squids, sea birds, and marine mammals including the dwarf minkes.

Each winter, some dwarf minkes frequent an area in the north of the Great Barrier Reef. Here they socialise with each other and the peculiar snorkelling humans who also gather and gawk. The whales mate, have their babies, and sing songs.

Recently, the dwarf minkes were identified as the sources of mysterious sounds recorded at 1,000 metres depth near the Mariana Trench.

Known as the 'Western Pacific biotwang', each call is 3.5 seconds long, with frequencies ranging from 38 to 8,000 Hertz. The call finishes with a blast similar to a 'Star Wars' sound effect.

If the photograph is of a Bryde's or Omaru whale, the creature belongs to a larger 'Bryde complex'. These are five or six similar but distinct species that are even more poorly known than are dwarf minkes. They tend to live in tropical or temperate waters; the larger ones farther out to sea. They are heard making 'moans', sometimes short, sometimes long.

Commercial and scientific whaling only concentrated on hunting these smaller whales after the larger ones became scarce. Tens of thousands were known to be killed: likely an underestimate. Some are still hunted. Equally problematic, the krill and lanternfish on which they rely are targeted by large industrial fishing vessels.

But I look at the other photographs David took of that lone whale. Joy sparkles on the waves even though sure knowledge is fragmentary. I remember a line from the poem of Joy Harjo, first Native American Poet Laureate of the United States: 'give it back with gratitude... help the next person find their way'.

What little I can say here about this whale might prompt a youngster to become that biologist who may, in time, explain a little more.

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If the earth could speak, what would it say?

Rick Hutton

Earlier this year artist Alex Wisser took on an unusual task. To dig, by hand, a hole into the earth at the Living Classroom in Bingara. The task was a part of the two-year project with the quirky title *An Artist, a Farmer and a Scientist walk into a bar …* (AFS).

The collaborative effort between the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation and the Bingara community sought to apply 'art' as a means to engage and to understand the roles of artists, farmers, and scientists, to learn about and help heal the earth.

This September, from Friday 6 till Sunday 8, the Bingara part of that collaboration will culminate with the Pulse of the Earth Festival and the Groundswell arts program and forum, all at the Living Classroom in Bingara.

This event will support drought relief and focus on Regeneration, the concept of reinvigorating our environment and our community with a special emphasis on passing on a better planet to our children.

The beginnings of a three-metre-deep hole that Alex Wisser will retreat to before will he takes on the role of the 'Earth Oracle' and attempt to answer the questions 'If the earth could speak? Photo supplied

The Earth Oracle

To conclude his project, Alex Wisser will take on the role of the 'Earth Oracle' and attempt to answer the questions 'If the earth could speak? What would it say?'

To prepare himself to answer these and other questions Alex will 'retreat' into the three-metre-deep hole for 48 hours. He will fast throughout that time, drink only water, and sleep under the open sky.

How do we know the earth?

'This project is mostly about how we know the earth,' says Alex. 'That's what scientists do: they attempt to know things. Farmers have to do that as well, to come to understand how the soil, the hydrology, the microbiology, and the plant life function within a particular ecosystem to create life and produce food and fibre.

'But what I have noticed is how little we know or even can hope to know about the earth. If we don't understand something, does that mean we can't have a relationship with it?

'This is what I think spirituality and religion do for us, and so I came up with "earth oracle" as a way of expressing and accepting what we don't know and allowing that to be.'

Alex will commence his forty-eight hours in the hole on Thursday morning, September 5 and not emerge until late Saturday morning.

As part of the Pulse program Alex will welcome visitors to look in on him on Saturday morning and pose questions to the Earth Oracle.

After he emerges from his trial Alex will make a presentation that afternoon as part of the Groundswell program.

What questions would you ask the earth?

Speak with Alex

Please feel free to 'speak' with Alex at the festival and come along with your family to enjoy the two days of presentations, music, stalls, food, and art activities.

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Looking at the birds-eye view of the birds-eye view from a Balloon Aloft. Photo Jeff 'Off-With-The-Birds' Dawson

'I fell in love with ballooning because of the beauty of the surroundings we fly in as well as the sense of community amongst fellow balloonists. It's a bit like a sailing club that attracts quirky and interesting charachters from all walks of life' said Emiliano.

'We wanted to re-create that vibe with Balloon Aloft Byron Bay. We want to be able to be a local business here and a part of the local community. I've been volunteering for Marine Rescue NSW for a few years and now that we run our own operation we can support organisations like that as well as schools and other local charities in the community by supplying vouchers for their raffles, for example.'

Emiliano and Taylor have linked in with the Three Blue Ducks restaurant at The Farm, also run by passionate young locals, and are combining the balloon ride with a delicious breakfast to follow up.

'It is really lovely to be able to work with another local business and bring together a number of experiences that people are wanting to try,' said Taylor.

'A hot-air balloonn flight is on a lot of people's bucket lists, and we strive to create a great experience for locals and visitors alike,' she said.

Absurd and appalling

The absurd, appalling treatment of the family from Biloela who were dumped on Christmas Island and may yet be deported certainly does not reflect the 'Australian values' with which I was brought up and have continued to live my life. It is absolutely outrageous and disgraceful. SHAME!

Lesley Wilkins
Byron Bay

Inconvenient truth

The caption (*It's time to address the climate crisis, stop excessive clearing in Indonesia and save the orangutan*) above the front page photograph in *The Echo* [August 14] unfortunately was a cheap political shot and a deplorable misrepresentation of the good will created during the shared celebration of Indonesian culture.

Your newspaper effectively destroyed the accord that was created on the day and misused the invitation made by the organisers.

For Primary school students who are up and coming readers of their local paper, I fail to understand why the newspaper wanted to demolish hope and optimism of the school and local community who contributed their small part in positivity in the current world climate?

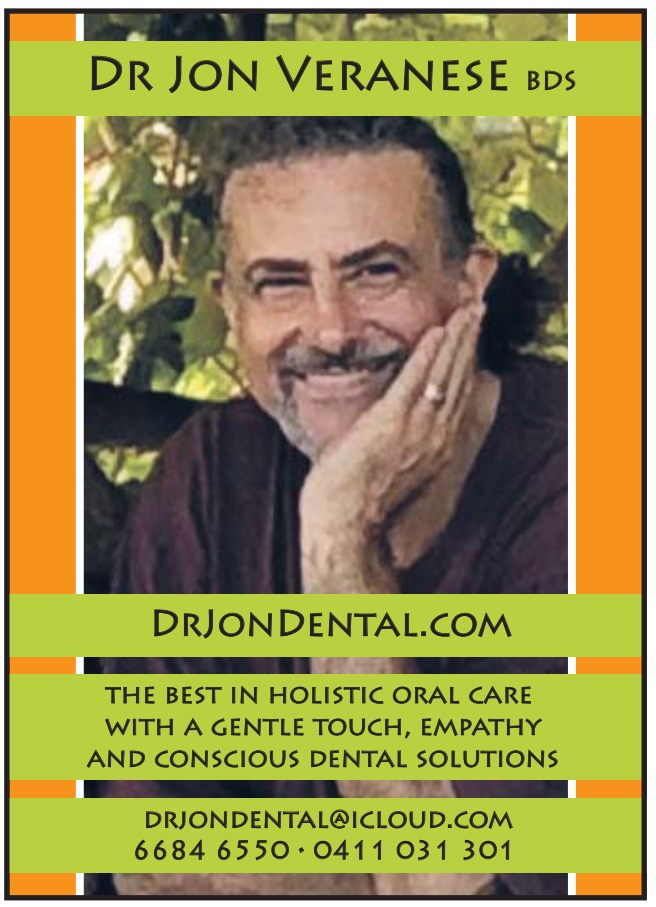
As the coordinator of a two-day Indonesian event that focused on Indonesian Independence Day and World Orangutan Day, I felt fortunate to offer cultural workshops and activities to the students in cooking, weaving and dance. The Consul General presented musical instruments to the school and the Sumatran Orangutan Information Centre representatives spoke on the incredible importance of the Leuser Region, also known as one of the key lung regions in the world.

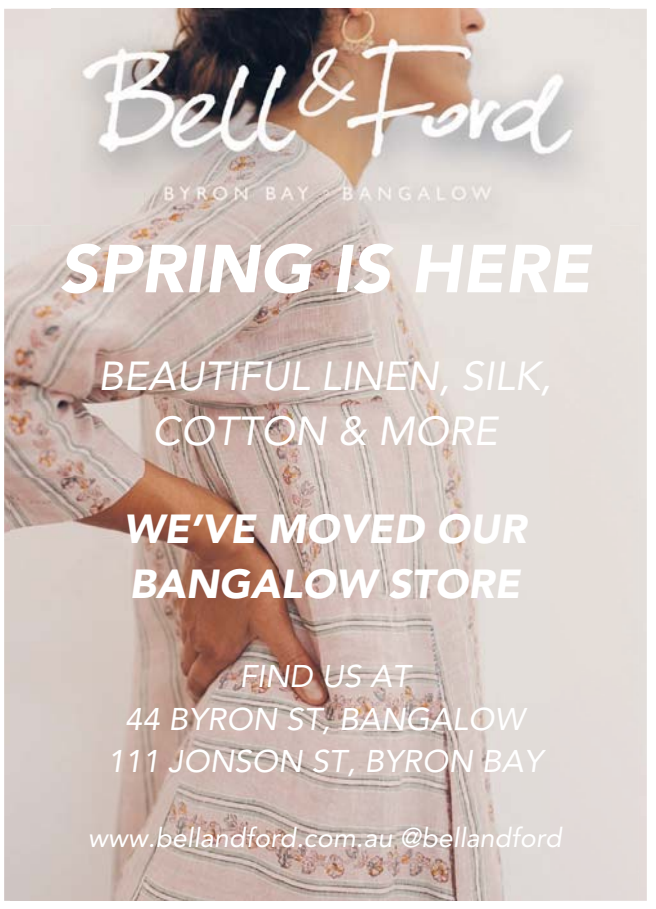
Throughout the day, the overall sentiments of the participants and presenters were of appreciation, growing trust, and enthusiasm, but your spin on the day put any future visits in jeopardy and damaged the true spirit of the cooperation that was evident.

Emily Joy
Shearwater Steiner School, Mullumbimby

■ Hopefully there are many students at the school optimisitic that the free press will still tell any 'inconveneint truths'.

– Ed





SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

10AM - 3PM

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This year, Shearwater, the Mullumbimby Steiner School, is joining more than 1,000 Steiner schools around the world in celebrating the centenary of Steiner education! We invite the whole community to come and share in a magical day out at the school's annual Spring Fair this Saturday September 7. ENTRY IS FREE.

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Satisfy your hunger at one of our delicious food stalls: wood-fired pizza, falafel, sausage sizzle, nacho bowls, curries, coconut ice-cream, coffee, chai, cakes, and more!

THE HALL

10am till 12 – Enjoy student performances from Primary School classes 1 to 7, featuring songs and strings, in Shearwater's beautiful hall.

12 till 12.30 – Rhapsody, our exciting High School strings orchestra, will perform in the covered area in front of the hall.

12.30 till 2pm – Don't miss the Shearwater Spring Fair Busking Competition – one of the fair's highlights, once again bringing some of the region's most exciting emerging musical talent to the stage. Students from local high schools will compete for some amazing prizes from our generous industry sponsors. The winners will be announced on the Village Green stage at 2.30pm.

SIDESHOW ALLEY

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MONSTER RAFFLE

Don't miss an opportunity to win one of 10 abundant hampers in the Shearwater Spring Fair Monster Raffle. Tickets will be on sale all day at the Fair. The hampers will be on display at the Village Green, where the raffle will be drawn at 3pm. Winners present at the draw will have an opportunity to choose their hamper. All other winners will be contacted to collect their prize from the school within seven days.

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12pm	Rhapsody – The Hall
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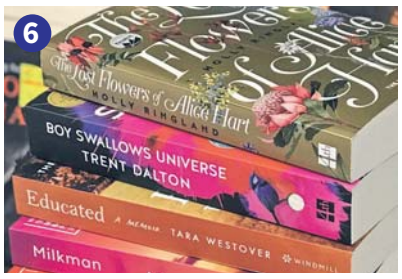

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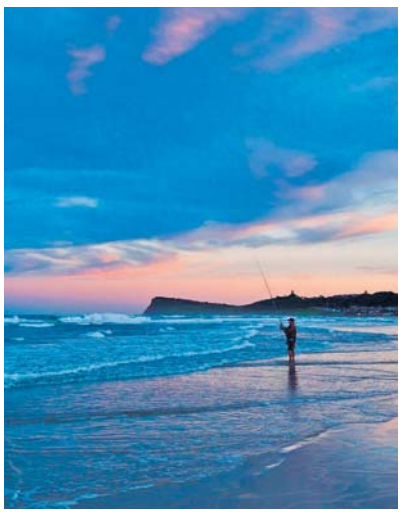

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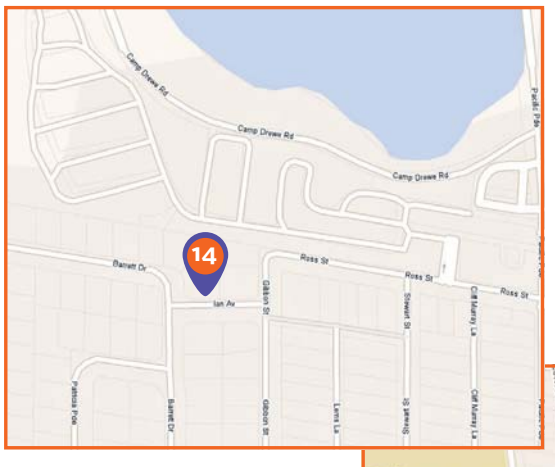

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Catch local winemaker Jared Dixon from Jilly Wines for a Meet the Winemaker to be held at The Cellar marquee at 11.30am and 1pm. Jared will be sampling and discussing his very popular minimum-intervention wines. Spaces are limited and bookings can be made on the day.

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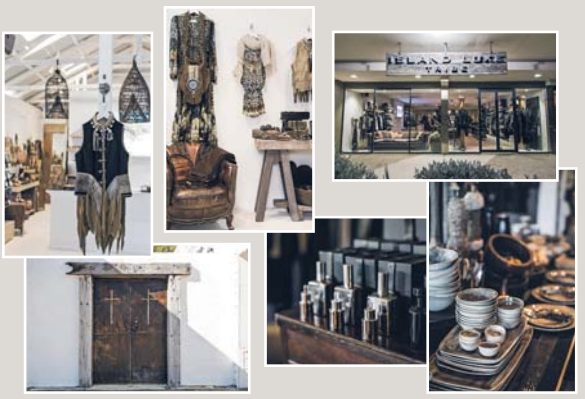

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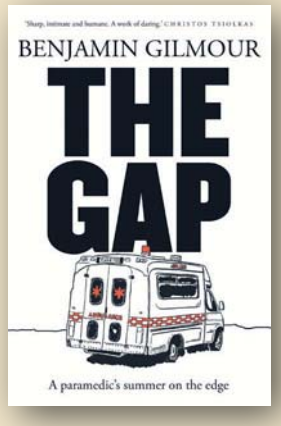

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English shortlisted in Canada

Suffolk Park artist Holly English and occasional *Echo* cartoonist has been drawing cartoons forever, but over the last 18 months has been putting more energy in to it.

Holley's hard work has paid off as her comic *Octopus & Lamb* has been shortlisted as one of six artists from over 200 entries in the Broken Pencil International Zine Awards 2019 (comic section).

Published in 2018, *Octopus & Lamb* is an eight-page, A4 black-and-white comic about animal rights delivered in way that designed to influence, not offend.

Holly English with *Octopus & Lamb*. Photo Tree Faerie

Holly says feedback has been good. 'The response has been hugely positive, but people have also been really confronted by the work,' she said. 'Some some say they didn't know the industry was that bad.

'I feel that comics, as a medium, are a good way to gently expose people to the truth of the meat and dairy industry that is a little less confronting than photos, but still conveys the horror show that the industry really is.

Holly says she didn't want to exclude people by making them feel bad or saying they have to be vegan. 'I wanted to make it accessible for everyone, and I feel I have achieved that. Changing the world, one comic at a time. It's such a great way to share an opinion or idea, in one panel, one drawing, and humour always softens people and breaks down barriers.

Holly originally printed 250 copies but says she has almost sold out and will do another print run.

Holly says she doesn't know the other five nominees but she has checked out their work and is impressed with the standard. 'I've only just found out I am nominated and I am thrilled. Little wins keep me and my art practice going. It is so great to get recognition. With so much work just done for the love of it, its great to get acknowledgment. I'm so grateful.'

The awards will be announced at a ceremony in Toronto, Canada, on September 14.

Visit: www. brokenpencil. com/zine-awards for more information on the awards.

Public art in the Byron Shire

Ron Curran & Liz Friend

The recent 'disco dong' debacle has raised some very significant questions/issues that need looking at. Primarily, how was this allowed to happen?

How could such a massive structure have been approved and signed off on and constructed at such great cost and then, within a few short months, just as quickly the decision is made to pull it down again.

This has been a major stuff-up and questions need to be answered when initially there was serious doubts about its constructability.

This was later apparently confirmed by an onsite engineer's report, so if there were serious doubts, why was it approved in the first place?

Then, during the 22 August council meeting relating to the sculpture scenario, why then were the three confidential attachments, including the most recent engineer's report, all kept confidential?

How can this possibly be described as transparent process?

It seems pretty obvious why.

Whoever made these decisions is culpable. Not only did we, the ratepayers, pay significant cost for its erection and all the associated costs, but we also ended up with a shambolic and monumental eyesore on our front door.

The issue here then is one of process that was fundamentally flawed from the start and ultimately so costly.

It is obvious that there needs to be a radical overhaul and that could start by there being open and proper transparent process of consultation with the community.

This should not be allowed to be just thrown into the 'oh well' basket or swept under the carpet – because the same structural process that produced this fiasco remains in place and, more than likely, will all simply happen again.

Questions need to be answered. Byron is in a cultural limbo. Since the Easter Arts Classic imploded several years ago, Byron has been without any real focus or vision in the area of the arts. It has no real cultural arts policy. Culturally, it is just floundering and throw-away knee-jerk decisions, like those just experienced, will only take us further down into a cultural black hole.

Byron, owing to its high profile, both nationally and internationally, has every opportunity to do something amazing and be on the cutting edge of the international map.

The talent is all around – we could lead the way. But there is no real vision, only an insular and what could only be described as a parochial attitude to the arts by our funding bodies and administrators.

It is such a shame, when so much could be achieved with a little imagination and vision, if the courage and the will were there.

It would be such a boon on every level for the whole community.

Byron could easily become not only the surfing and lifestyle mecca that it is but an events venue equal to the Venice Biennale or the hugely popular MOMA in Tasmania.

Let's dream this very real and possible panorama!

CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

Some titbits of the ongoing climate catastrophe...

Australia is a standout for all the wrong reasons this week!

Outlook for Great Barrier Reef 'very poor'

The Australian Marine Conservation Society says the Great Barrier Reef cannot survive another decade of inaction on the climate crisis. The statement is in response to The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority publishing its latest five-yearly *Outlook Report for the Reef*, which concluded for the first time that the long-term outlook for corals and reefs along the 2300-kilometre-long system was now 'very poor'.

#STOP ADANI

Adani Carmichael coal mine unviable without $4.4bn in subsidies

A new report by the Institute of Energy Economics and Financial Analysis has detailed the $4,400,000,000 in subsidies, favourable deals and tax concessions that Australian governments will give to the Adani Carmichael project over its 30-year lifetime, and that it would otherwise be 'unbankable and unviable'. That's a shit-tonne of cash to spend on a small handful of jobs in order to dig up fossil fuels we badly need to not burn.

Australian gas exports boom sees greenhouse emissions rise again

Greenhouse gas emissions figures for the 2019 March quarter just released by the Morrison government show a rise of 0.6 per cent on the previous 12 months to 538.9 million tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent, making the highest annual total in seven years. The increase comes largely on the back of emissions related to the booming LNG export industry, which jumped 18.8 per cent. The figures highlight how poorly Australia is doing at meeting the Paris climate targets, which involves actually *reducing* emissions.

Time is of the essence. The time to speak up, protest, and act on the climate crisis is now! Echo

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Bruns In the Pink

Like a blossom blooming at the first blush of spring, In the Pink has opened in Brunswick Heads.

The popular gelato shop from Byron Bay has expanded, with its second shop opening last week at The Terrace, Brunswick Heads, the previous home of the Bruns Milk Bar and iconic Splashes.

The new shop, just like the Byron mothership, features homemade gelato made fresh on the premises as well as organic barista coffee and delicious cakes to tempt everyone's tastes.

But there's not much chance that the now vastly expanded corporate empire will have lost any of its personal touch. The In the Pink crew say that looking after locals and repeat customers is important to them, and to show just how important it is In The Pink will offer a regular customer card that has a 'Buy 4 get 1 free' option for both gelato and coffees.

'Looking after the environment is equally important to us,' says Tanya Lawrence from the gelato behemoth. 'Both Byron Bay and Brunswick shops have solar panels fitted. We encourage keep cups and use compostable and recyclable products where we can.'

Tanya and Glen Lawrence, who also own Cape Byron Lighthouse Café, are regulars to Brunswick Heads and have been supplying the Milk Bar since it opened. Tanya's family has been holidaying in Brunswick for 70 years and Glen has been selling gelato through Bruns outlets for 30 years. 'Brunswick Heads is a beautiful spot and we have been looking to open here for many years. When the opportunity came to purchase the building and the business it gave us a chance for our dream to come true,' Tanya said.

Tanya and Glen have raised six children with one currently living in Bruns. There will be five family members working at the newly opened shop. Another son and his wife will be opening their own gelato business in Fremantle in September.

More info: In the Pink. 6/16 The Terrace Brunswick Heads

'Gelato is not like ice-cream; it's fresher, it's free of emulsifiers, and healthier. Glen from In the Pink regularly visits Italy for ideas, and the local farmers markets for fresh produce in season to ensure the gelato taste the best they can all year round'.

Alex Munoz Labart

Alex Munoz Labart was previously head chef at Sydney's Monopole and Cirrus Dining. He recently opened Restaurant Labart in Burleigh Heads. Renowned for using the best local ingredients to produce a seasonal share-style menu, Alex will soon spend the day foraging around here with Harvest head chef Alastair Waddell and wild-food researcher Peter Hardwick for an evening event at Harvest.

'I'm really looking forward to foraging with Peter Hardwick and experimenting with the native Northern Rivers produce with head chef Alastair Waddell in the kitchen. We have lots of diners make the trip from the Byron Bay region to experience Labart in Burleigh Heads so I'm excited to be saving locals the drive and coming to them instead! I can't wait to share our cooking style with the local community,' said Alex.

More info: Wed 11 September
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Thinking globally, living locally

By Terase Davidson

I feel that we are all global citizens and we need to look farther than our own backyards. Because if we don't look after our neighbours and the planet at large then it doesn't matter how beautifully manicured and green our own backyards are, we are doomed by the state of the planet we share, and along with it the health and wellbeing of our fellow global citizens.

Recently the globally conscious crew at Main Street Burger Bar teamed up with non-for-profit clean-water pioneer Waves4Water (W4W) to host a fundraising night to bring likeminded folks in our community together.

'The Byron Bay community is full of travellers and surfers alike. With such a broad reach as a nomadic community a little goes a long way. That's why we wanted to bring together like-minded humans to help others access a commodity we can sometimes take for granted. Clean Water!' said one of Main Street Burger Bar's owners, Chris. 'Waves For Water was developed with one mission in mind: get clean water to every single person who needs it. In developing countries clean water can be a game changer. Whether it's for drinking, cooking, or basic sanitation, these filters help and you can too!' explains Chris.

> *"... we wanted to bring together like-minded humans to help others access a commodity we can sometimes take for granted. Clean Water"*

The AWA filter device is so simple and effective it can literally be hooked up to a bucket and hose and hey presto – clean and safe drinking water comes out! The team at Main Street Burger Bar and the Byron community raised a staggering $4,000 in just one night of good vibes! Bearing in mind that one small filter pack costs US$15 (the larger one with a hose is US$35) that means a lot of clean water that is now very achievable!

To learn more about W4W head to www.wavesforwater.org.

Okay, now back to burgers and what my faves are on the current menu! In my humble opinion you really can't go past The Chookafella for $19, a stunning combo of Sriracha- and maple-glazed crispy-fried chicken, double-smoked bacon, double cheese, zucchini pickles, aioli, lettuce, and tomato! A glorious collaboration of flavours expertly executed by the head chef Tayla and his crew! Chefs are renowned for putting on a 'special' to test flavour combinations and gather feedback to make tweaks. So we tried the insanely spectacular special of Apple Pulled Pork for $19, glazed Pulled Pork, truffle aioli, beetroot relish. Note to chef Tayla: Dude, no tweaks needed, buddy! You've 100 per cent nailed this one.

Main Street Burger Bar. 18 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Tel 6680 8832.
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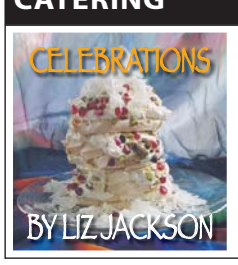

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In the moment

Meeting Janice Maple for a chat recently was delightful. We were discussing her new venture, Janice Maple@realty.

'You know when you realise that all moments have led you to this moment. That you are exactly where you are meant to be, doing exactly what you love doing. That's me right now!' says Janice, with a twinkle in her eyes.

Janice started her real estate career 18 years ago and she understands the industry from all angles. She has been a vendor, a purchaser, a property manager, a sales manager, and has owned an agency in partnership with another agent. Now it is her time to shine as she ventures out on her own under the @realty brand.

Janice Maple of Janice Maple@realty

Janice lives and loves Bangalow, the town she has called home for many years. As well as from real estate, many may know her as a member of the local netball team, soccer-mum (literally), and the founder of The INClub, an inclusive social club for the women of Bangalow. 'It is something I've wanted to do for many years. I have met so many amazing people during my years in Bangalow and have such lovely connections with many in our community. By creating this club, I can now help other women meet and feel connected to our community. It is so rewarding, but most of all it is a lot of fun.'

> *"You know when you realise that all moments have led you to this moment. That you are exactly where you are meant to be, doing exactly what you love doing."*

Bangalow is close to her heart. She has an amazing track record of achieving outstanding results for sales in her town. Many of her vendors appreciate her friendly, honest, straightforward approach. Janice simply tells it as it is and she has a wisdom about people and she knows real estate. It is that combination that makes an agent exceptional in their profession.

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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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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.

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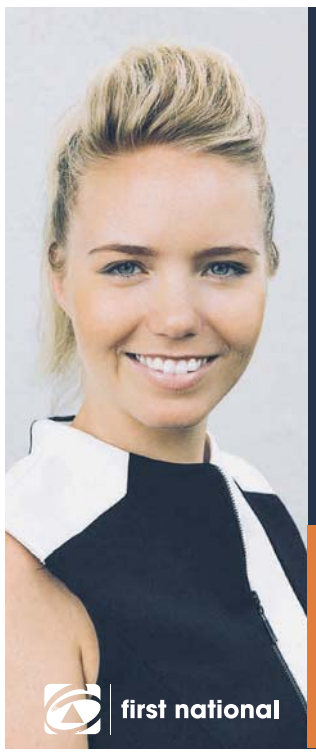

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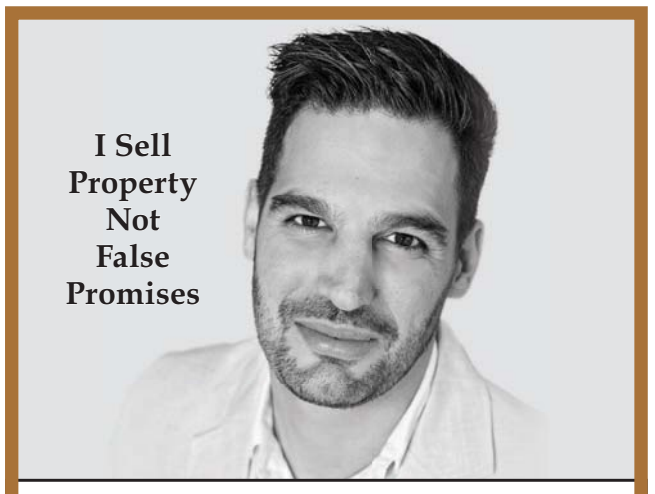

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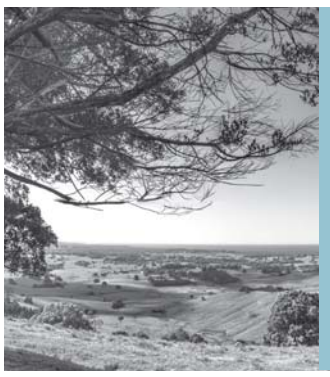

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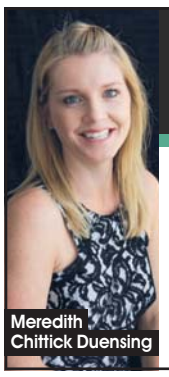

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THE SAINT OF LOST CAUSES COMES TO TOWNES

He's proper cool. Son of Steve Earle, with a middle name honouring Earle's mentor, Townes van Zandt, there was a musical legacy lying in wait. At 10 he went to live with his dad, who'd just got clean, and so the gritty apprenticeship to the human condition began. He dropped out of school. He played in his father's band and eventually developed his own hybrid style mixing folk, blues, and country. He's a formidable singer/songwriter and he's returning to Australia on the back of brilliant new album *The Saint of Lost Causes*.

He's been holding the stage since his teen years, so the live stage is Justin Townes Earle's place. He sets the tone.

'When I started out what I felt in the room made me alter the way that I perform for people and the things I said. But not now – you get the feeling about the crowd how far you can go and if they come to the show and they want to joust with me – I am prepared to. I know how far I will go now, and where I won't go.'

Previous recordings have been more inward dwelling but the arrival of his daughter has changed the way he views the world and what he says. When it comes to the MeToo movement he's reflective, on board, and willing to be part of the change.

'When you have been doing it as long as me there are things that we used to say that we probably shouldn't have said. That's before the MeToo movement. I look back now and say: hey we were wrong.'

Admitting wrong Justin believes is the step forward humanity struggles with but desperately needs to make if it's going to repatriate the harm incurred by generations of privilege.

'It's one of the things that are the problem in the world – that most people are not prepared to admit they are wrong; the smartest people ask questions and admit they are wrong…'

This Nashville-born wunderkind believes America has 'the dumbest president they've ever had', living in a country that has persecuted 'every group that has come there'. Critical thinking has never been more important. 'Although we have to ask the right questions of the right people.'

'We have forgotten the definition of what it means to be liberal. It's not to be on one side. I don't believe that one party has all the best ideas. It doesn't work like that for me. I come from the democratic experiment of America…'

His track *Don't Be Frightened by the Sound* is a reminder of human frailty when standing up for something; it sounds like a climate-change call to arms… which is is, but it's also a song about race, about humanity…

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WHAT I GOT MY DAD FOR FATHERS DAY

As a kid, I had dad envy. I think I still have it. I hear stories about gentle compassionate fathers who taught girls how to ride a bike or change a tyre and I feel a small lump rise in my throat. I never had that. That part of my childhood is a dusty shelf.

My dad was a violent alcoholic who was killed in a car crash when he was 30. I was six. That is the story I tell when people ask. I have told it so many times I am unmoved by it.

Fathers Day is always triggering for me. The ashtray I pushed out at school with my fat little fingers was left uncollected on the pottery table prompting Sister Zita to ask, 'Do you want me to give this to Father?' Father was the Catholic priest. Not my father.

I don't have many good memories of my dad. Trauma develops much sharper images – they don't call it the 'dark room' for nothing. The happy memories of my dad are like shiny stones that I keep in my pocket. I pull them out and count them, wondering if I'll ever find another. The first stone has me on his shoulders. I can see the world from here. I am two. I feel invincible.

The second stone I am practising a performance for a kindergarten graduation. At the end he says 'Bow' and so I bark like a dog. He and my mother laugh. She's usually crying. He's usually yelling. This small moment of harmony is particularly shiny. I love this stone. I realise right then how much I love making people laugh.

The third stone I remember is having eaten beetroot on a summer day. He hasn't been drinking for months. I think the strange feeling I have that I don't easily identify is joy.

The fourth stone is a pony. My father has tied it to the fence on Christmas Day. He is buying my love and I'm totally okay with that.

The fifth stone I am wearing an orange tank top. He has an identical one. My mother sends me to work with him painting houses. I feel really important. I find out years later that my mother sent me along so he wouldn't go to the pub after work.

The last stone it's January 1974 – the year of the big Queensland floods. He turns up at my school to pick me up before the rivers are impassable. My dad has come to rescue me. Just two months later he's dead. No-one came to rescue him. He was washed away by his unaddressed familial dysfunction. Another lost angry dead boy.

Last year when I went home an old man approached me at a show and said 'Mandy? You're Noko's daughter.' He handed me a small black-and-white photo. I could feel my eyes prickling. It's so foreign for me to be addressed as my father's daughter. Noko is what his mates called him. I had forgotten that. His friends loved him. The old men of my hometown mourn their fallen young – they still talk of Noko with great fondness. They tell stories of him and laugh. A local travelling boxer called Bullet tells me how Noko would get drunk and try to fight him in the grass. Male bonding at a travelling sideshow.

They are stories I have never heard. They know him as funny and compassionate and wild. 'He was so funny your dad,' says one man. Another man told me how my father collected injured animals and broken people. It wasn't unusual to wake up to find a one-eyed man sleeping on our couch. To the old men he is not a violent alcoholic. He is Noko, a young lad who died too soon.

I look at the photo. This is my father before me. He's about 19. I see a handsome young man who looks a lot like my son who is that age now. The way he holds his body is so much like Charlie that I am transfixed. I feel this unfamiliar surge of love. I look at him and feel overwhelming sadness. For a second I can see who he was before it all went to hell. Before he went to hell.

My father stands with his friend Darryl and his little brother Neil. Neil has given me the photo. The back of the photo reads, 'the day the boys left to join army in Sydney. Darryl got in. Noko didn't.' I didn't know he tried to join the army.

What I see in this photo of him is hope. He was going to get out of the little town that authored his demise. I wonder what would have happened had he left. Most people fear death in war, but for him, death was more imminent if he stayed.

I exist because he stayed. I came at quite a cost. I look at this photo and feel I have gained an insight into my father. I feel a daughterly kindness for the boy he was before he became the violent alcoholic man.

It's hard to love difficult and complex men. Damaged men. Especially when they belong to who you are. It's even harder to love that part of myself. I held the tiny photo. I traced his body with my little finger. This stranger. This stranger from whom I inherited humour and compassion and a pretty large dose of wildness.

In that moment when an old man handed me a photo I saw something I hadn't seen before and I forgave him. It was profound. And that simple. That was what I gave my father for Fathers Day.

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'We have this idea we can control everything and every aspect of everything especially when you put the human element in it… but we don't.'

So is Justin Townes Earle the Saint of Lost Causes? Is the whole damn thing already lost?

So when talking about environmental change he reflects: 'I don't think it's a lost cause – I think there is a slim chance, a very slim chance, we have gone so far. It is something I am very worried about, I am more focused on let's get the people healthy, and get the people in the right place, and that's the one thing that has to happen first. How can you tell someone who can barely feed their kids – they can barely do anything – how to care about the environment? We have to fix people's place in the world and fast…'

Townes Earle grew up in the heyday of the American Dream – the time when so many were anaesthetised with this belief that you could be whatever you wanted to be, even the president, if you worked hard enough.

'I think I was one of the last – I and my friends – to ever be told anything like that. Where I went to school it was a completely ridiculous notion. We went to a shit school – telling us we could be president? That's why millenials' kids are fucking cynical – a lot were raised by people who realised they were lied to. Saying you work hard and you'll make it – you work hard every single day of your life and maybe you are going to have some sort of good life, but maybe you aren't going to ever make enough to get by. My mother worked hard her whole life, and she always struggled. What does that tell people about their worth?'

This record is for his daughter. 'It's a direct result of this child being in the world and what the world is going to be that is left to her. I have this mixed thing: I want her to grow up in a better place than me, with a nice house and lawn and also a shitty apartment to learn what is coming. Kids from the street are adaptable to making money, but the upper class is not adaptable to living when they lose money.'

Clearly Justin Townes Earle has the resilience and creative insights of someone who's lived in a shitty apartment. In this new album *Saint of Lost Causes* he stands on his soft green lawn and surveys what surrounds. It's a powerful listen.

He plays the Mullum Ex-Services on Wednesday 11 September with special guest Emily Lubitz (Tinpan Orange). Show at 7pm with tix $49.50 at redsquaremusic.com.au.

BYRON BAY BREWERY

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED	OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH HARRY NICHOLS	HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM
THUR	ARTS FACTORY JAM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM
FRI	THE SWAMPS	HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM
SAT	ROUND TOWN PRESENTS GABRIEL MORAES (BRA)	FREE BREWERY TOUR 2PM
SUN	MATT COLLINS (WHARVES)	FREE BREWERY TOUR 2PM

COMING SOON | EMMA LOUISE | ALEX LAHEY | SOLARDO SAMPA THE GREAT | TROPICAL FU#K STORM |

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT WWW.BYRONBAYBREWERY.COM.AU

LIVE MUSIC

S.Y.L.K. AT THE RAILS

Brace yourself, Byron Bay, for the funk and soul phenomenon **S.Y.L.K.** at **The Rails on Sunday** for a night that will have you firmly fixed on the dance floor.

Originally hailing from Chile, frontman Josue's appreciation for classic soul and vintage R&B has seen him considered in the same league as musician greats, such as Allen Stone and PJ Moreton. With an alluring, silky-smooth voice that oozes passion and sex appeal, any performance he gives lingers in the mind for days and transcends all pop convention.

Bringing serious soul, funk, and style to the Rails – go back to a time you won't want to leave! This is a free event. Starts 7pm.

BRAZILIAN DAY AT THE BEACHY

Brazilian Day is an annual festival that takes place in New York City sometime in the beginning of September to celebrate Brazil's independence. It seems as Brazilians and the love of their culture infect the globe, it's something being celebrated worldwide with an event in Byron at the Beach Hotel, with Carnaval's taste, lots of traditional rhythms from different parts of Brazil, and some beats to get you dancing like there's no tomorrow. **Featuring Meninas Da Lua, the Batukanum Drumming School, Salve Jorge** with his ethno beats, and many more.

Beach Hotel Byron Saturday from 7pm. Free.

RAVEL AND BRAHMS

Described by Musica Viva as 'Australia's most internationally successful piano trio', the **Streeton Trio** was formed in 2008, in Geneva, Switzerland, by three young Australian musicians, **Benjamin Kopp** (piano), **Emma Jardine** (violin), and **Meta Weiss (**cello).

Named after the Australian Impressionist painter Sir Arthur Streeton, the trio has received great acclaim for performances in venues such as Wigmore Hall, Het Loo Royal Palace (Holland), Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre, Melbourne Recital Centre, Trondheim Festival, Apeldoorn Festival, and Pablo Casals Festival (Prades).

Winner of the 2011 Music Viva Chamber Music Competition, the Streeton Trio has been laureate of several prestigious international competitions, and has won scholarships from Australia Council for the Arts, Arts Victoria, and Ian Potter Cultural Trust. In 2012, the trio featured as Musica Viva's Rising Stars ensemble.

The trio has given highly acclaimed performances across the United Kingdom, China, Australia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, Holland, Lithuania, Norway, Germany, France, Austria, and Switzerland. The trio performs on Larsen Strings and is currently Fine Music Ensemble in Residence.

Ravel and Brahms Sunday 15 September | 3pm Byron Theatre. Streeton Trio, with Benjamin Kopp (piano), Emma Jardine (violin), and Meta Weiss (cello) plays works including Ravel, Schubert, Ives, Brahms, and Dvorak.

LOVEYS IN THE AIR

Flirting with The Loveys hits **Brunswick Picture House this Sunday**. Spring has sprung and love is in the air… Mullumbimby's very own grownup girl band, **The Loveys**, are coming to the Brunswick Picture House, presenting their first workshop-style concert to share their combined years of experience in the finer art of flirting. The Loveys are a bunch of big old flirts. Their stories and songs track the ups and down of human relationships. For the Loveys flirting is about daring to share who we are with anyone and everyone. Knowing how to flirt successfully can make your life more open, and your relationships more exciting. Learn how to brighten someone's day with a well-crafted compliment, eye contact, or a smile. If the Loveys can't get you flirting, no-one will… A wonderful light-hearted afternoon of connection and laughter, sprinkled with songs about life and love. You will leave with a smile on your face and a spring in your step, and a whole new set of flirting skills. Performing at one of their favourite venues, the Loveys invite the audience to dress for the occasion in their favourite red frocks, socks, bow-ties, and bling. The Picture House kiosk will be serving afternoon tea, and the magical garden will be open… so come early.

If you have yet to experience a Loveys show, do not miss it. Show at 4pm. Tix $22/27 at brunswickpicturehouse.com.

RAINFOREST DAY

Rainforest Revival Day is a festive fundraiser, initiated, sponsored, and hosted by the **Hotel Brunswick**. Supporting the vitally important work of Rainforest Rescue and Big Scrub Landcare, it's a day of information, awesome music, interesting stalls, a dedicated kids' corner, and so much more.

Funds raised on the day will be matched by both the Hotel Brunswick and sensational local brewers Stone & Wood, who'll also feature their famous Karma Keg.

The day kicks off with Welcome to Country led by **Bunyurra Culture Collective**. Following up are inspiring speakers representing Australia's rainforest community, including the co-founder of Rainforest Rescue and president of Big Scrub Landcare, **Dr Tony Parkes**, the recent recipient of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to conservation and the environment through the restoration of subtropical rainforest in northern New South Wales. Joe Gala, Indigenous elder and traditional Indigenous dancer from **K'Gari** (Fraser Island) will also perform.

There'll be many ways to participate and give back to our rainforests: make a pledge and take home a rainforest tree; purchase a book about rainforest restoration or the Big Scrub; grab a rainforest t-shirt, and buy into the giant rainforest raffle with fantastic prizes ranging from local business contributions to Daintree Rainforest adventures.

Kids' Corner will feature face painting, Fauna Fetchers Australian Wildlife show, and screenings of *Fern Gully* 1 and 2.

Music will flow with **Kyle Lionhart, Salt and Steel, and Mojo Jacket** from 7pm.

The very entertaining **Mark Swivel** will MC this special day, in celebration of Australian Rainforests, growing the movement towards a more certain future for all life.

So join us to celebrate, dance, dine, donate, and contribute to the survival and revival of these magnificent, majestic, magical places.

Hotel Brunswick, Saturday 4–10pm. Entry by gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards the revival of Australia's rainforests.

DON'T MISS MERRYN!

Merryn Jeann returns home from Paris to debut her gorgeous self-titled debut album. Merryn Jeann won CSDEM Original Song of the Year in France in 2016 with *Aloha*, a collaboration with French DJ Mome. It was also awarded triple diamond status by SACEM France with around 200,000,000 streams.

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.

Friday at Byron Centre $20/25.
Tix at byroncentre.com.au

LIVE MUSIC

MUCH ADO ABOUT SHAKESPEARE'S ENDURING LEGACY

For 28 years the Bell Shakespeare Company have been presenting dynamic re-imaginings of the old bard's classics, keeping the work vibrant, relevant, and challenging for both Shakespeare lovers and a whole new generation still stepping into the work. The latest Bell Shakespeare Production is *Much Ado About Nothing*, being presented at NORPA's Lismore City Hall 24 & 25 September. *The Echo* spoke with director James Evans.

James, when did your passion for Shakespeare take hold?

I was in primary school! Year 6. My teacher read us a passage from *The Merchant of Venice*, the bit where Shylock is appealing to our common humanity: 'If you prick us do we not bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh?' I was struck by the power of the language then and I've been obsessed ever since.

You teach a lot in schools. How do you try to reframe the 'Shakespeare is boring' mindset that most kids approach the work with?

When you talk about the life-and-death stakes in Shakespeare's plays, the plot twists and the extreme drama, kids often forget that it's supposed to be 'boring'. I also remind them that Shakespeare didn't write books, he wrote plays. They were meant to be spoken out loud and acted, not read like a novel. I introduce Shakespeare in bite-size chunks, and never try and get kids to read the whole play from start to finish.

Why has the work of Shakespeare stood the test of time like no other?

More than any other writer, he understood what makes us human – our joy, love, grief, envy, despair… the list goes on. He also understood how to present these emotions and characteristics from every possible perspective. You can never detect Shakespeare's own ideology in his plays, because he doesn't judge his characters. He presents human beings as they are and asks us, the audience, to judge.

Shakespeare explores grand themes in grand settings. How do you bring a point of difference and intimacy to such large and often well-trodden stories?

These stories are reinvented not only with each generation but with each production. Whenever you get a new team of artists in the room, they are going to come up with their own way of telling this story. I never start by plonking an interpretation onto the play and trying to shoehorn the text into my 'vision'. I always start with Shakespeare's text as the foundation, and the interpretation emerges from the language. The grand settings are just background – the real magic of Shakespeare comes from the characters' relationships with each other and the audience. That is designed to be incredibly intimate.

Tell me about how you have chosen to stage *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Our production design is contemporary. The costumes and setting give an air of easy wealth and privilege, out of which much bad behaviour emerges… Also three of the characters who were written for men are played by women in my production. First of all Dogberry and Verges, the police officers, who are the funniest double-act in Shakespeare. We have so many hilarious women performers in this country, it's not fair that they are excluded from these great roles. And then Antonio, whom I have made a matriarchal figure within the household. The character has a lot to say about the behaviour of young men, and it made sense to me in our modern climate to have a woman delivering those searing speeches.

What is it about this production of Shakespeare that appeals to you?

I love the cast. They are ten masterful storytellers who guide us through this emotional rollercoaster. And I love the pace – the show is full of energy and high-stakes moments of comedy and drama, all told through a modern lens.

What contemporary themes does it have to offer?

In its exploration of gender, it feels like *Much Ado* is particularly relevant to us today. The way the men talk about women is truly toxic, and that then translates into the horrible mistreatment of one of the female characters on her wedding day. Benedick and Beatrice, who are the quintessential rom-com couple, also have a serious function in the play. Benedick has to decide whether he will continue with his 'bro' lifestyle, or if he will step up and be an ally to the women. And Beatrice is the one who has to guide him there.

What should we expect from the show at NORPA at the end of the month?

I've edited the text to a tight two hours (plus interval). What emerges is a punchy, emotional, and very funny night in the theatre. Can't wait for you to see it!

***Much Ado About Nothing*, presented by Bell Shakespeare at NORPA at Lismore City Hall, 24 & 25 September.**
Tix $25–59 at norpa.org.au. 1300 066 772

HAT FITZ & CARA FOR NIMBIN ROOTS FESTIVAL

If you are a little bit curious about visiting Nimbin, the **Nimbin Roots Festival**, running **Friday 13 till Sunday 15 September,** is the perfect time to catch **Hat Fitz & Cara!** Their musical style is a unique combination of folk, roots, and gospel blues with old-time flavourings reminiscent of a time once forgotten. Hat Fitz is a veteran wild man of the blues scene in Australia. He has a record 18 straight appearances at Byron's East Coast Blues and Roots Festival, a record that is not likely to ever be broken, and one that bears testimony to his amazing live performances and popularity with festival-goers. Cara draws on her soul background (she's toured Europe and the United States with singers such as Jamiroquai and the hugely popular Corinne Bailey-Rae), and although blessed with a sensational voice she was not content to be labelled as 'just a singer'. She has taken to drumming duties as well as washboards, flute, and tin whistle, sometimes all at once. Together this pair will take you on a musical journey with ample, boisterous highs, and longing, bluesy lows. From the Australian outback to the Canadian shield, Hat Fitz & Cara put on a show that is guaranteed to energise and invigorate. **Tix at nrfest.com.**

CULTURE

COMEDY TRIPLE HEADER!

Mandy Nolan presents a standup comedy triple header of international proportions with UK comic, and star of the touring *Best of British* shows **Dan Willis** as MC, with a double feature of former Triple J morning presenter and award-winning comedian **Matt Okine** and one of the only Aussies to be invited to perform for Conan O'Brien's late-night talk show, and *Comedy Central*, **Nick Cody**. This is an absolute blitzer of a lineup that gives comedy lovers a taste of a Melbourne Comedy Festival-styled gala!

Matt Okine has scooped some major accolades in the past few years including an ARIA for his comedy release *Live at the Enmore Theatre* and the prestigious Director's Choice Awards at the 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival for his very personal show *The Other Guy*. Following the success of his live standup show, Stan announced *The Other Guy* as one of their new original productions for 2017. Okine performs sellout national tours of his live shows every year, with featured performances at Just for Laughs Montreal and Edinburgh Festival Fringe. He has toured London, Singapore, Hong Kong, and India and supported international acts such as Dave Chappelle, Aziz Ansari, and Chelsea Handler.

Nick Cody has racked up rave reviews at every Aussie comedy festival but also at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Soho Theatre in London. He has also performed numerous times at the invitation-only Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and the New York Comedy Festival and Johannesburg Comedy Festival. Nick's popularity rose even further abroad after making his US TV debut on Conan O'Brien's late-night talk show – the fourth Australian at that time to do so. Cody became the face of Carlton Dry after the Carlton United Breweries made the red-bearded wonder their very own ambassador. No stranger to the podcast world, his latest offering *Crushin' it with Nick Cody* is gaining listeners with every episode.

Dan Willis may have started out a computer-science geek but he made the transition to comedy and hasn't looked back! A regular at the Edinburgh Fringe and at comedy festivals around the world as a producer, promoter, and resident MC. *Time Out* in London declared him 'A great comedian and a wonderful performer.'

Friday 4 October at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Tix $25/30 at the door or at mandynolan.com.au.

COMEDY AT THE BEACHY! FEATURING TREVOR NOAH'S SUPPORT ACT!

Standup comedy is bringing locals to the Beach Hotel in droves! Last month Mandy Nolan presented Comedy at the Beachy to hundreds of enthusiastic comedy fans. It was standing room only with punters packed shoulder to shoulder to enjoy an international comedy star at the Beachy – free! This is an awesome offering from the pub, who took out the pokies to put in the laughs! For the second month in a row, the Beach Hotel offers an international headline act… free!

This month Mandy Nolan presents two of her favourite comedians. **Dusty Rich** hails from South Africa where he cut his teeth as the support act for Trevor Noah. A regular at rooms around the country, Dusty is loved for his off-the-wall comedy brain that seems to move at lightning speed. He's highly physical, prowling the stage, playing with audiences, and then in what often appears like a comedy miracle, he turns it all back on himself!

Joining him as the support for the evening is **Matt Ford**, one of the most promising up-and-coming comics on the circuit. Matt often features with the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars (who just smashed Edinburgh Fringe Fest!) and The Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow. Matt Ford's humour brings a contemporary streetsmart to everyday observations.

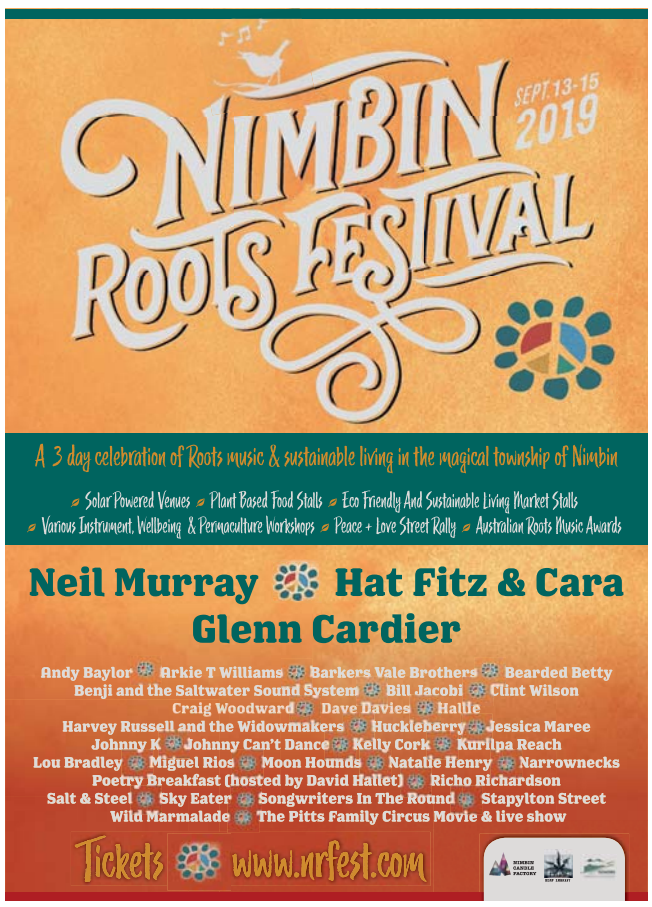
Join us at the Beach Hotel this Tuesday for Comedy at the Beachy hosted by Mandy Nolan… and friends! Free gig from 7pm.

PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL

Playground Festival is a free one-day festival for children and families co-presented by The Quad and Lismore Regional Gallery on Saturday 21 September (10am–4pm). Packed with creative activities, roving performances, and music – kids and families can get involved in everything from building giant bowerbird nests to learning to walk a tightwire to creating their own playground.

Playground Festival highlights include…
Tightwire Playground by SeedArts, Spaghetti Circus workshop and performance of Planet, Poppy Galactic and the Beat, The Walkie Talkies, and Roundabout Theatre's The Slow Show. The festival also includes hands-on kids' do-it-yourself activities like Build Your Own Giant Bowerbird Nest, where kids are encouraged to create a human-sized bower. There's even a Make Your Own Playground!

Saturday 21 September at the QUAD and the Regional Gallery. Free.



7 CULTURE

LOVE LOVE LOVE

There're so many kinds of love. Is love only a matter of the heart, or the brain – or is it a cliché? Curated by gallery director **Susi Muddiman OAM**, Tweed Regional Gallery's new major exhibition *Love* is an exploration of love in its multiple forms. Responding to the theme of love, the exhibition features new and existing work by over 30 contemporary Australian artists, including **Ben Quilty, Danie Mellor, Euan Macleod, Fiona Lowry, Guy Maestri, Joanna Braithwaite, Joshua Yeldham, Lucas Grogan, Maria Kontis, Michael Cook, Michael Zavros, Patricia Piccinini, and Victoria Reichelt**. To celebrate the opening of the exhibition, the gallery is hosting the **Heart on Your Sleeve party on Friday from 5 till 8pm**. Live entertainment and refreshments will be provided. **Bookings essential to https://trybooking.com/BEERK.** Additionally, On **Saturday 2 November 2019 at 6.30pm**, the Friends of the Gallery will host a special screening of Baz Luhrmann's classic film *Strictly Ballroom* at the Regent Cinema at 1 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah. Enjoy refreshments and a glass of champagne on arrival. There will be prizes for best dressed. Tickets available at: **https://trybooking.com/BEIRT.**

MANDY LAUGHS

Mandy Nolan heads up open mic at the Court House this Thursday! See some of the area's aspiring comedians take to the talking stick.

Being funny is a calling for some; an affliction for others. And a career path that most guidance counsellors only offer to kids who spend most of their time in detention. You have to think outside the box. But first of all you need a box!

Catch Mandy and her troupe of truth tellers at the Court House Hotel in Mullumbimby on Thursday at 8pm. Free.

STORY TIME

After two years curating **Stories in the Club** at the Mullumbimby RSL Jenny Cargill-Strong has stepped down from the leadership role and John Allan has picked up the baton. This Sunday's event features tellers of tales both personal and traditional, a singer, and a poem or two.

Diana James headed for the desert in the early 1970s to work at Fregon Art Centre with the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara peoples of central Australia. The desert country became home for twenty-five years, and its people the extended family who have shaped her life since.

Steve Nugent is well known as a percussionist in the Shire. Martial arts led him to another world of physical expression: the rich dance traditions of Africa. Steve will share a traditional African tale with song and music played by him on the illimba, the 'concert grand' cousin of the little thumb piano.

Saadi Allan has spent much of his life flying by the seat of his pants. He is CEO of Syntro Biosystems, an eco-innovation company that is currently launching its first product internationally, the Subpod composting system. He was formerly the head of marketing with BeeInventive (Flow™ Hive), the company that launched the Northern Rivers beehive invention that took the world by storm on crowdfunding platform Indiegogo.

Sunday at Club Mullum from 4pm. Entry by donation.

WOMEN'S ADVENTURE!

Last week I got the booking details wrong for *The Women's Adventure Film* showing at the Palace. So this time I will get it right! Presented by ShelterBox, this is a collection of highly anticipated short films from some of the most extraordinary women in adventure. The evening will be hosted by **ShelterBox** – an international charity that travels around the world to provide emergency shelter and aid to families who have lost everything to natural disaster and conflict. The event begins at **6pm** for guests to enjoy complimentary drinks and canapés. Attendees will also have the chance to win some fantastic prizes, kindly donated by Osprey, Stone & Wood, Atmosea, The Farm, Pukka, Blundstone, Pikt, Braer, and more. Friday at the Palace Cinema. Tickets to the event are $30 and all profits raised will go towards ShelterBox's ongoing responses around the world. Right now ShelterBox is supporting communities in Syria, Paraguay, Cameroon, and Nigeria.

Learn more about ShelterBox here: www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au Learn more about the event here: www.womensadventurefilmtour.com.

COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW IN BYRON

The Sydney Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into town this this Saturday with five knockout standups. Under the spotlight are Jay Leno regular Dwane Perkins from the USA, Dusty Rich from South Africa, l Del Bene from the US, Rebecca De Unamuno, and Canberra's funniest woman, Chris Ryan. We got to know a little more about Chris and yes, she really is freaking funny!

If I had one magic power it would be… to shut people up with my face alone. It's too hard to use words to shut people up and they even get cross when you try to find nice words like: 'My ears are bleeding now, please stop talking'.

When I am driving, I have an urge to… look uncharacteristically tough and serious while intensely singing R&B and rap music that I have no place identifying with, hoping people look over at the lights and think, 'Wow, she seems really complicated and mysterious and cool'.

When I was a kid, I thought babies were made by… Mums and dads somehow, but I was not big on detail. My mum never gave me 'the talk'; she outsourced it to Mrs Patterson from across the street who told me, 'Sex is like a jigsaw puzzle: it's when two people come together like the two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle', and I remember thinking 'two pieces?! What kind of jigsaws are you doing?' It didn't set me up well for uni.

My mother always told me… to stop swearing and pulling faces but I never took that on board. Advice has never really been Mum's thing; she readily admits that she didn't know what she was doing as a mum. She's always been more of an action-not-words person, so through her I learned what a helpful gesture it is to bring a homemade meal to someone who is sick, how a bunch of fresh flowers can lift the spirits, and a foot massage means the world.

In the kitchen I like to… daggy dance with my teenage daughter – we have to keep straight faces while cutting extremely dumb shapes and it's the best fun. Everything is funnier when you're not allowed to laugh, like in Year 7 English. I also love cooking Indian food; I grew up there so it's my favourite food in the world.

My favourite Sunday would be… Cook something extra like an omelet with tomatoes, chili, and coriander served with crunchy Italian bread and drink enough coffees for 12 people, slowly, over several hours, while reading something followed by a walk maybe a visit to the markets and a home-cooked dinner. The focus will always be good food and everything else is secondary.

When I am on stage, I like to… get a big reaction and some good chat with the crowd. Some of my favourite times on stage are those moments you can't see coming when someone's answering a question you put out there and it takes everyone by surprise and is just gold. I like to be in control as much as I like getting a bit out of control.

Catch Chris Ryan on stage with the Sydney Comedy Festival at the Byron Theatre on Saturday – two shows, 5pm and 8pm.

Tix are $36 at byroncentre.com.au

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 5 Sep - Wed 11 Sep

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CAMINO SKIES 80 min (PG) Daily: 10:30AM
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IT: CHAPTER 2 169 min (MA15+) NFT Daily except Sun: 10:15AM, 1:30, 3:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15PM Sun: 10:15AM, 1:30, 3:00, 6:15, 7:15PM
LATE NIGHT 102 min (M) Daily except Sun: 1:20PM
ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD 161 min (MA15+) Daily: 10:15AM, 1:10, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30PM
PALM BEACH 97 min (M) Thu, Fri, Mon: 4:00PM Sat, Tue, Wed: 4:00, 8:40PM Sun: 11:00AM
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THE KITCHEN 103 min (MA15+) NFT Daily except Sun, Mon: 1:30, 8:20PM Sun: 12:20, 7:30PM Mon: 1:30PM
THE LION KING 2019 118 min (PG) Thu, Fri, Mon: 10:50AM Sat, Tue, Wed: 10:50AM, 6:10 Sun: 10:10AM, 5:00PM
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ENTERTAINMENT

CINEMA

IT CHAPTER TWO

IT Chapter Two has already been screened for select critics however there is currently an embargo on formal reviews. Critics, however, have taken to social media to express their immediate thoughts. One editor from *Collider* wrote, '*IT Chapter Two* is big and ambitious and can't quite handle the weight of its aspirations but it's still a fine piece of heartfelt horror. The parts that work work really well and Bill Hader is every bit the scene-stealing standout we all hoped he'd be. *Cinema Blend*'s, Sean O'Connell offers the same kind of praise for Bill Hader as he says, 'So [*IT Chapter Two*], it's very good but not great; I liked it but didn't LOVE it. First movie is a tough act to follow, TWO is gruesome, strange but rarely scary. [It] Nails important aspects from the book, but feels over long. Cast is aces, though, [and] Bill Hader should be in Oscar convo'.

Chapter Two follows the same group of young outcast friends who have returned to their hometown of Derry to once again stop Pennywise, an ancient, shape-shifting entity who most commonly takes the form of a clown. Other cast members include James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Isaiah Mustafa, James Ranone, and of course, Bill Skarsgard returning as Pennywise. Fans will have to wait for the reviews to start rolling in to get a more detailed analysis of the film's strengths and weaknesses but from what we know so far it will be one you won't want to miss.

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (MA 15+) Thurs 5th To Wed 11th 12:20PM 3:15PM 7:45PM
PALM BEACH (M) Thurs 5th To Wed 11th 10:00AM 4:05PM 5:55PM Final 7 Days
THE LION KING (PG) Thurs 5th To Wed 11th 1:55PM 6:10PM *Open Caption Screening Sunday 8th 1:55PM
THE KEEPER (M) Thur Fri Mon Tues Wed 10:10AM *No Weekend Sessions
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STARS BY LILITH

VIRGO-BORN GOETHE BEST DESCRIBES THIS WEEK'S MERCURIAN ENERGY: *WHAT YOU CAN DO, OR DREAM YOU CAN, BEGIN IT; BOLDNESS HAS GENIUS, POWER, AND MAGIC IN IT…*

♈ **ARIES:** It would be easy to drive yourself nuts getting riled up over minor irritations this week, so don't overthink things; focus on the bigger picture and extend your perspective. Beginning the day by listing all the things you're grateful for gives you a head start on moving beyond the small stuff.

♉ **TAURUS:** Mars, Venus, and Mercury: planets of sass, dash, and cash, could well have you feeling amorous and glamorous this week. Stubborn as well though, so in differences of opinion best agree to disagree and keep feedback constructive. Also remember what they say about too much work and not enough play…

♊ **GEMINI:** This week could bring a bubble-bursting, eyes-wide-open reality check. But rather than ask for too many opinions and end up with a confusion of contradictory responses, tune into PIGS: your own Personal Inner Guidance System. If you have reservations or need more time to make a decision, say so.

♋ **CANCER:** Feeling optimistic? Okay, but sometimes talk isn't cheap: can actually be costly. This week's discreet and particular energy cautions against oversharing opinions, plans or feelings, which might prove too much information for others and have the opposite effect of what you want. Think carefully too before making big commitments.

♌ **LEO:** Sure, you're full of enthusiasm and chutzpah, but this practical, common-sense week responds best to restraint. So dial down your flamboyant inner diva, amp up your best-mannered self, and if something seems just too good to be true make a point of thoroughly checking its credentials.

♍ **VIRGO:** With the potent planetary quartet of vocal Mercury, go-getter Mars, sweet-talking Venus and energetic sun in your sign, there's absolutely no need to work at it: you're already flavour of the week. Feeling flirty? Enjoy it. Or like taking a chance? Do it. Others failing to measure up? Cut them some slack.

♎ **LIBRA:** This week's astral juice boost is artistic, imaginative, and healing. A quartet of planets, including Venus, are holding up a mirror reflecting back a part of yourself needing attention. Instead of focusing on flaws and imperfections, treat them kindly. Trust your insights, instincts, and intuition even if they don't immediately make sense.

♏ **SCORPIO:** This week could have cutting-edge, innovative information ricocheting off the Richter. But most people aren't mind readers, so let others know what's going on and how you're feeling. Dismiss any idea of going it alone: the hive mind and extended tribe demonstrate the amplified strength and creativity in numbers.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Money definitely matters this week, which suggests checking your fiscal fitness levels. And while you're one for cutting through fluff, it always pays to be tactful and diplomatic: you never know when you're going to need someone's help. Approach ideas with profit potential step by methodical step rather than jumping in boots and all.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Most people consider Capricorns traditionalists, and leading with quiet authority is one of your signature traits. This week your visionary side's firing with adventurous ideas you'll want to share. Go for your life, but also be advised by sensible Saturn to give any criticism you may be offering a positive spin.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** This could be an intense week, with talk morphing from cheap to deep as buried emotions surface for expression. Advice? Slow down, step back, take stock, don't rush. Hunches are likely to be spot on, but back them with facts, figures and reputable references. If you want information, zip the lip and be an active listener.

♓ **PISCES:** With assertive Mars, expressive Mercury, and affectionate Venus all in your interactive sector, this week's most enjoyable moments will be either out and about in the social swim or bonding with nearest and dearest. Either way, be advised that too much indecision, mind-changing, and lack of clarity is pretty much guaranteed to get others offside.

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ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY 5

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SKY EATER**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **RAISING HUMANITY – BOOK LAUNCH PRESENTED BY ERFAN DALIRI**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ALISHA TODD**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MOVIE – DEFEND, CONSERVE, PROTECT FOLLOWED BY Q&A WITH SEA SHEPHERD**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **THURSDAY TAKEOVER WITH DJ REFLEX + FRIENDS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SHIRE CHOIR FIRST BIRTHDAY**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **CAS ELEVEN**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **MANDY NOLAN COMEDY OPEN MIC**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 4PM **ONE TIME AROUND THE SUN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **IRISH MUSIC JAM**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB PLATINUM LOUNGE 6.30PM **LISMORE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 6

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **RAFFLES & JACKPOT JOKER, BEN CAMDEN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JON J BRADLEY**, 9PM **ELECTRIK LEMONADE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **THE SWAMPS**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **MERRYN JEANN**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 4PM **STEVE TYSON**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 6PM **NIKKY MORGAN-SMITH – EXHIBITION OPENING – 'THE DARKER GARDEN'**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **GREG KEW**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **TIMBUKTU**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 8PM **FELIX**, 9PM **PRAXIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **OOZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 7PM **OCCA ROCK**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ CORNELIUS**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 4PM **ONE TIME AROUND THE SUN**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **BONDI CIGARS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 10PM **BUNDJALUNG CONNECTIONS PRESENTS RNB PARTY!**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **JASON AYALA SPARE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **HAPPY RAYZ**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **FOLLOW THE FOX**
- TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY 5PM **'HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE' PARTY**
- TYALGUM HALL TYALGUM **MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **PUSH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JASON DELPHINE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **GEMINI DUO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **REMEDY**, 6PM **HOT BLEND**, 8PM **SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE 2019**

SATURDAY 7

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **PRIVATE FUNCTION, DICKLORD, BOING BOING**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **Z STAR TRINITY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ REFLEX**, 7PM **CARNAVALE FEELINGS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **MORAES**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM AND 8PM **SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE 2019**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **DELI FEAT. MERRYN JEANN**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LOCAL DJS**, 10PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **DR BAZ & FRIENDS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **RAINFOREST REVIVAL DAY – FUNDRAISER FOR BIG SCRUB LANDCARE AND RAINFOREST RESCUE**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **ANNA & JORDAN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **NATHAN MELVIN TONG**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **DON WALKER**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **CURIOUS**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 10AM **ONE TIME AROUND THE SUN**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MICROPHONE BLONDE**
- TYALGUM HALL **TYALGUM MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **ESPRESSIVO DUO**, 4.15PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **DAN BARNETT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **AMBER ROSE**, 7PM **SOFIELLA & THE HANDSOME HUSBANDS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **WE ALL DRIVE SINGLE LAUNCH, COASTAL LIGHTS, HURRICANES & ECHOES, VERUM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **ROUTE 66**, 8PM **JOHN PAUL YOUNG AND THE ALLSTAR BAND**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8PM **BONDI CIGARS**

SUNDAY 8

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HONEY STONE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, APRIL PERRY, 4.30PM **THE GYPSY CLOVERS**, 8PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**, 10PM **APRIL PERRY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 10AM **LORD OF THE RINGS MARATHON**, 3PM **MATT COLLINS**
- BYRON THEATRE 3.30PM **THE PEARL OF HAPPINESS PRESENTED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS PERFORMANCE SCHOOL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **WILD MARMALADE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **FLIRTING WITH THE LOVEYS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **WORD PLAY DUO**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **STORIES IN THE CLUB**
- SEVEN MILE, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **COMEDY COMMUNE UPSTAIRS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 4PM **QUACKERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5.30PM **BEN PURNELL**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 3PM **DANNY DOON**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 1.30PM **YOLAN**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM **SCOTTY MARRIOTT**
- TYALGUM HALL **TYALGUM MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **ROCKKS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **ROCKIN BODGIES**, 6PM **MADE IN AUSTRALIA**

MONDAY 9

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **OLE FALCOR**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **WALKER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 10

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **COMEDY NIGHT**, 8PM **DAN CLARK**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM AND 6PM **DRAMA WORKS 2019 PRESENTED BY THE NORTH COAST DRAMA COLLEGIATE**
- 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**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **JOSH SETTERFIELD**

WEDNESDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SETH LOWE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- TEMPLE BYRON 6PM **SHRINE RIVER KIRTAN WITH ALICE MIYAGAWA**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LEMAIRE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **HELP THE HOMELESS KOALA COMEDY FUNDRAISER – JIMEOIN, MANDY NOLAN, DAN WILLIS**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 6.30PM **WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – BOOK INTO THE FUTURE**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **DUSTY DIE LAUGHING ~ OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1.30PM **LONG GO**

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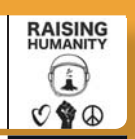

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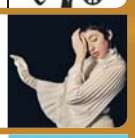

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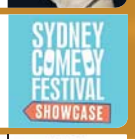

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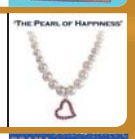

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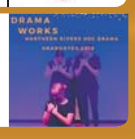

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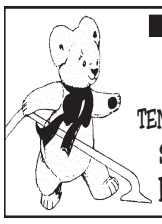

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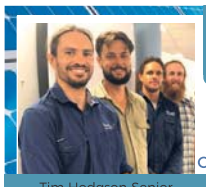

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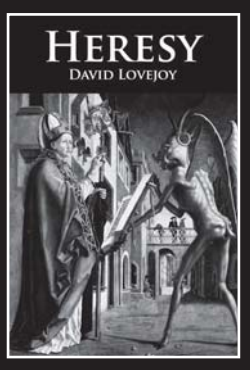

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PERSONAL

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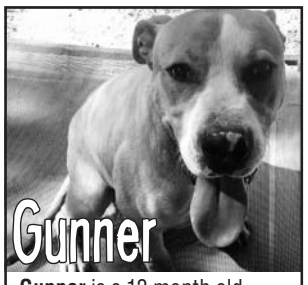

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On The Horizon

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Global Climate Strike

Join the students in the fight for their lives. On September 20, take the day off work. Close your businesses, at least between 10am and midday, and meet at the Byron Rec Grounds in Carlyle Street to march to Main Beach. Stand up for our future before it's too late. Meet at 14 Kingsley Street Byron Bay.

Make a sign

Make a change! Bring some cardboard and textas or just yourself, and prepare for Friday September 20 Climate Strike in Byron Bay by making a sign, or even a banner! Sunday 15 Sept 10am at the Soundshell, The Terrace, Brunswick Heads. All welcome. Enq and offers of materials Louisa 0420 853 947.

Bruns Valley VIEW

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold their next luncheon meeting on Thursday 12 September at 10.30am at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Guest speaker is Tweed Heads Senior Constable Brad Foster on scams. Apologies to Maureen on 0408 294 973 or email on mlightfoot@internode.on.net no later than Monday.

Byron Bay Library

Wally Franklin of The Oceania Project will be presenting a fascinating talk: *The Whaling Question*. As the Humpback whales complete their Southern migration past the Bay, Wally will discuss the history of human interaction with whales and dolphins, the development and impact of commercial whaling in all major oceans, and how society is responding to the environmental impacts. This is a free event on Wednesday Sept 11 but bookings are essential. Call the Library on 6685 8540.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) meets Wednesday 11 September at 10am at the CWA Rooms. Bring a plate for a light lunch. New members always welcome. As this week is CWA Awareness Week in NSW, check out our display in Stewart's shop window showcasing the many facets of CWA. Info: Jenny Barlow 0427 847 282.

Baby Café Mullumbimby

Chat meeting for mums with babies or awaiting a newborn. This is a sharing and learning opportunity, morning tea, quiet space. Help with breastfeeding or bottle feeding. Australian Breastfeeding Association trained counsellors. Thursday 12 September from 9.30am St John's School resource centre, 15 Murwillumbah Road. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Finance seminar

Understanding your pension, presented by the Department of Human Services. This one-hour seminar looks at making the most of your pension, choices and consequences, Centrelink assessment issues and rights and obligations. Friday 13 September at 10.30am. Byron Bay Library. Free, but bookings essential. Phone 6685 8540.

SBP 2019 U.Lab Hub

Are you are a business owner, organisational leader, community organiser?
Do you/your team/your organisation have an intention, a project, or a vision that you would like to realise?
Then U.Lab is for you. Come join the Business Pathways U.Lab Host Hub, running over 23 September till 2 December. For more info and to register visit https://sourdough-ulab-hubs.eventbrite.com.au.

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 20 September, Ballina 24 September, and Casino 27 September. All training is free and includes morning tea and lunch. Ph Edith on 6621 7397 text 133 or email training@nrcg.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.

Friends of Libraries

Byron Shire are hosting Ben Gilmour, author, filmmaker, well-known paramedic and for his film *Jirga*, in conversation with Mick O'Regan discussiong his book *The Gap*, which is a history of his experiences as a paramedic. To be held at the newly renovated Heritage House on 11 September 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Tickets are $10. Tickets can be purchased at www.byronbayfol.com or Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396.

Chemical Free Landcare

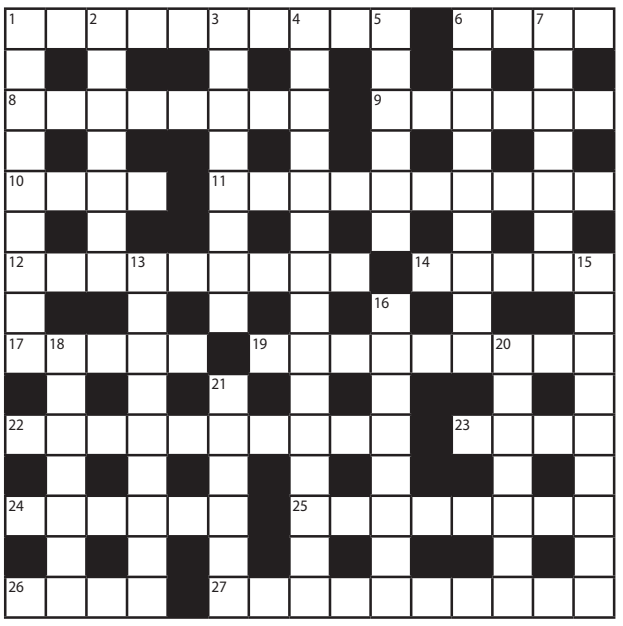
Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday 7 September 9am–1pm, at the Brunswick Crown Land site Lot 428. Meet at the end of South Beach Road, behind the surf club.
If you are late, walk up the beach until you get to the 'no dogs past this point' sign and head over the frontal dune. We will be removing bitou bush seedlings. 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.

AGM

The Bangalow Progress Association AGM will be held at 6pm, Tues 17 September at Heritage House, Deacon St, Bangalow. Formal AGM business will include a report on Bangalow community planning and project activities for 2018/2019. To be followed by a discussion on the implementation phase of the Bangalow Village Plan. All BPA members and Bangalow residents are encouraged to attend.

Mungo's Crossword

N301



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Water hemp – a problem for a chart predicting sun, wind and rain (7,3)
6. Blimey, new bad jokes (4)
8. Boy and girl friend capture unknown beetle (8)
9. Eastern meditator returns, to continue after a break (6)
10. Head spread (4)
11. Unusual ship's trial will make fine distinctions (5,5)
12. Curves around Labor, ASAP! (9)
14. Moves cautiously to boundaries (5)
17. Tears about territories (5)
19. Reminders, or man-made constructions (9)
22. Lose papacy carelessly – the ultimate disaster (10)
23 Bet over a mountain (4)
24. Duplicate again about parrot, perhaps (6)
25. Big dog finds untidy hole covering potassium – start of underground operation! (8)
26. Passage reported for small land mass (4)
27. Emperor, perhaps, one who has a snooze after clarets! (3,7)

DOWN

1. Fats to include gruel – and it covers the interior! (9)
2. Accountant – they say she listens! (7)
3. Throwing out English embassy (8)
4. G – fat in the forties! (6-3,6)
5. Steal at transcendental speed (6)
6. Seer. Mama and God (9)
7. Regret about code (7)
13. They say it's Big Thistle – unfortunately I hate rock! (9)
15. Swindle – and the queen found in the river of Troy! (9)
16. Spy's family – tough material (8)
18. Small measure of iron for Victoria, maybe (7)
20. Not bottom – good bid! (5,2)
21. Actor Gary (6)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Graph predicting tomorrow's climate (7,3)
6. Maize (4)
8. Small colourful insect (8)
9. Continue, go back to work (6)
10. Liverwurst, for one (4)
11. Be pedantic, nitpick (5,5)
12. Conic sections describing trajectories (9)
14. Rims (5)
17. Tenants' payments (5)
19. Reminders, notes (9)
22. Armageddon (10)
23. Volcano in Sicily
24. Duplicate again (6)
25. Large hunting dog (8)
26. Small island (4)
27. Fine eating fish (3,7)

DOWN

1. Decorative interior covering for houses (9)
2. One who assesses (7)
3. What is ejected (8)
4. Corpulence in the forties and fifties (6-3,6)
5. Buccaneer (6)
6. Trojan prophetess, cursed never to be believed (9)
7. Regret (7)
13. Vegetable, girasole or Jerusalem (9)
15. River of Troy (9)
16. Tough working fabric (8)
18. Female ruler (7)
20. Bid in bridge (2,5)
21. Actor, participant (6)

Last week's solution N300

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Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10–12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

ACA

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

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meeting held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

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.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367.

Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday 10am till 3pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 1st Monday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow 6687 2183.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or mishaele@si.org.au. **Dzogchen meditation** and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Byron Mindfulness-Insight meditation** Mindfulness-Insight Meditation Sangha and Pairoj Brahma, and Maggie Clark from 6.45 till 8.45pm. Tuesdays @ theYurt, Temple Byron www.templebyron.com Contact: Maggie 0409 611 845, Pairoj 0423 241 916.
Buddhist meditation and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 6pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Community Yoga Nidra** class free, Wednesdays 1–1.30pm at the Bamboo Yoga School, behind The Health Lodge, 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Matt 0430 008 293. **Meditation Collective** Mondays 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: www.byronbaymeditationcollective.com.au or call Geo 0431 747 764. **Meditation** at St Paul's Spirituality Centre Tuesdays 4– 5pm 14 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay (200 metres off Jonson Street). John Power: 0403 905 543. Free Community **Yoga Nidra** every Wednesday 1pm at the Bamboo Yoga School behind The Health Lodge 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Call Matt 0430 008 293. **Integral Zen meditation** Tuesdays 6–7.30pm at the Pura Vida Wellness Centre, 14a Park St. Brunswick Heads. By donation. Contact Erik 0418 337 508. **Free guided meditation Mullumbimby** every Friday from 12-1pm at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Paul: 0401 926 090 or email: paulebibby@gmail.com.
Group Mediation: Tuesdays 11.30am at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell st, Byron Bay. Everybody welcome. Donations appreciated. Gnostic Soceiety Byron. 0412 020 234.

Byron Magpies dominate AFL finals and win two premierships

The Byron Women's AFL team held out Tweed Heads to take out their first premiership last Saturday. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

The Byron Magpies collected two well-earned premierships and almost had a third on grandfinal day for regional AFL held at Oakes Oval in Lismore last Saturday.

The senior men collected their fourth premiership flag on the trot when they beat Ballina Bombers 12.10.82–8.5.53.

The seniors were not beaten all year across 16 regular games and two finals.

The women's side also capped of great season, just their second in the competition, with a tight three-point win over Tweed Coast 2.6.18–2.3.15.

The women also dominated the league, dropping just three games across the season

But the club couldn't make it three from three with the men's reserve going down to Ballina 7.12.54–11.6.72.

It was a good win for the Bombers, who were soundly beaten by the Byron side just two weeks ago in the first semifinal 11.12.78–6.6.42.

Better goal accuracy gave them the win on the day.

NSW wins Dragon Boat State of Origin

2019 SOS dragon boat winners and sponsor Brendan Byrne, Shaws Bay Hotel. Photo supplied

Monica Wilcox

After five years it was a sweet victory for NSW team when they won the 2019 State of Origin race at the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club's weekend regatta held at Shaws Bay, Ballina.

Paddlers entered a draw for a seat in one of the two boats per state so it was brand-new crews racing together for the first time and paddlers from NSW clubs were able to hold the trophy high.

General racing was contested by 14 dragon boat and six community teams over the two days.

Jetts Dragons, Kyogle Hillbillies, Bravehearts, Bucket-eers, Ragnar's Rowers, and Black Cats raced in the Ultimate Community Team Challenge.

The winning team, Kyogle Hillbillies, received a $250 prize (sponsored by Just for Pets) for their charity of choice as well as taking out regatta glory with the fastest time of the day.

Results

1km Turn Race: Ballina, Rainbow Region, KIN/Mt Warning.

Round Robin 100m: Ballina, Camden Haven, KIN/Mt Warning

Women's 20s 200m: Bucca Rats, KIN/Mt Warning, Ballina.

Men's 10s 200m: Gold Coast, Ballina, KIN/Mt Warning.

Mixed 20s 200m: Redcliffe Reds, Ballina, Gold Coast.

Moonshiners make rugby grandfinal

The Moonshiners (green) have booked a place in the second grade FRCRU grandfinal. Photo Vicki N Mick Kerry

The Mullumbimby Moonshiners have a chance to win their second premiership in four years after beating Wollongbar Alstonville in the second-grade rugby semifinal 17–5 last Saturday.

The Moonshiners were minor premiers despite losing to WAR 33–12 in the last game of the regular season.

To win the rematch on the weekend after travelling away and with a grandfinal berth on the line was a big effort, Mullumbimby's Teale Pyne said.

'We had a better preparation than last time and turned up with the right mindset,' he said.

The Moonshiners had their nose in front at half-time 7–5, but managed a second try after the break to seal the win. Troy McArthur and Luke Caldwell were the try scorers while Andrew Jordan-Brown converted both and Byron Flynn kicked a penalty goal.

Andrew Ross scored WAR's only try.

This week Ballina take on WAR for the other grandfinal spot.

'Both are tough teams; either way we are up for a good grandfinal,' Teale said. 'We have a few blokes coming back from injury and while we will enjoy the rest this weekend we are training hard.'

The side will stick to its winning formula of using its large pack to set up the backs to score the tries.

The side is hoping for a vocal Mullumbimby crowd when they play the grandfinal at Crozier Park, Lismore, on Saturday September 14.

U/18 Red Devils settle for third place

Malik Kelly-Torrens drives at Cudgen's defence last weekend. Photo Deb Milgate

The Byron Bay Red Devil U/18s lost their preliminary final, and a shot at next week's grandfinal, when they lost to Cudgen 24–4 last Sunday.

Cudgen capitalised on their first-half lead of 12–0 at and finished with four tries to one.

The Devils came third in the comp after playing plenty of good football through the year.

Cudgen takes on the Ballina seagulls for the premiership this Sunday at Kingsford Smith Park, Ballina.

It's all Wright in Tahiti

It was an emotional win for Wright at Teahupo'o, his first since 2017. Photo Dunbar/WSL

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Owen Wright has won the Hurley Tahiti Pro in 1.5–2-metre waves at the world-famous Teahupo'o reef pass.

The rematch of the 2018 Tahiti final with Gabriel Medina was one for the books with some of the best conditions since 2014.

With eight minutes left Wright scored a near-perfect 9.17 to steal the title from Medina.

This is Wright's first CT victory since the 2017 Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast when the Australian inspired the world with his incredible comeback from a traumatic brain injury he suffered at Pipeline in 2015.

'I can't be happier,' said Wright. 'Gabby (Medina) was always going to be the toughest match up and I had no priority and I snuck into those few on the inside. I tried to get as deep as possible and still make it. I teared up out there when the hooter went. I've been working hard and I am stoked to win.

'I've tried to win this event a lot of times and it is amazing to finally get that today,' he said.

Byron Bay's Soli Bailey started the event with a bang, out-scoring Gabriel Medina to win his seeding-round heat but was later defeated by Wright in a close battle in the man-on-man round and finished in equal 17th place.

Visitors win on the Tweed

The Jones family enjoyed the blustery winds and won three races on the day. Photo supplied

Bill Fenelon

A fleet of nine boats competed in the final day of the Winter Series at the Tweed Valley Sailing Club and faced blustery and unpredictable winds making life difficult for the sailors.

Joining the Tweed River fleet for the first time were locals Steve and Tai Grimes, sailing an International 420. These guys had an enjoyable first afternoon and easily beat the Corsair fleet.

The top boat of the day was a visitor to the Tweed, the single-hander Impulse *Sapphire* sailed by Oxley Sailing Club commodore Keith Briers.

Keith was fastest in two of the three races and only dropped to second by seven seconds to Laser *Siesta* sailed by Gary McCrohan from Tyalgum.

Also sailing a Laser, Maurie Meyer was only a few seconds back and took third place.

Four boats competed in the three-handed, one-design Corsair division.

Fastest on the day was *Nimbus* (Scott, Debbie, and Sahara Jones), winning all three races, and second was *Keenas* sailed by Mark Reynolds, Marg Walgers and Garry Bargh.

Byron's potholes – you gotta laugh or you're gonna cry.
Photo Jeff 'Pot' Dawson

Japanese women have had enough of being groped in crowded spaces and a new 'anti-groping stamp' in invisible ink has sold out in minutes. The new device aims to combat sexual harassment on crowded trains and public transport. It allows victims to mark their assailants with ink that is invisible until revealed under ultraviolet light.

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The next student 4 climate strike is on September 20 starting at the Byron Bay Rec ground from 10am. Want to know a little more about the climate crisis? Check out https://iview.abc.net.au/show/climate-change-the-facts.

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Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's chief executive, has told a private meeting of business leaders that the new law allowing extradition of 'fugitives' to mainland China was all her own idea, and not at all suggested by the central government. The legislation has been the cause of months-long protests in Hong Kong and brought the Red Army to the border of the Chinese city. Lam says she cannot retract the legislation according to Beijing's rules, and that she would resign if she could, but that is also not permitted.

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A local solar company will give away a fully installed solar system to one local family to help ease the burden of soaring power prices. Northern Rivers families who own their home are invited to take part in the Econnect Solar challenge by sharing their stories about struggling with soaring electricity prices, and to describe why they want to make the switch to solar. Entries close on September 30 with the winner to receive a 6.6kW system which is capable of providing enough electricity for a four-person home.

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Speaking of renewable energy, Mercato in Byron will soon be supplying free electricity for their electric-vehicle customers with eight electric-vehicle charging bays soon to come online. These will be partially powered by solar panels installed by WINconnect.

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