

Byron rises to demand climate action



Why we are striking?

'Because the science tells us that in fact emissions are rising,' called out organiser Mia Thom to the unprecedented crowd at the Byron Bay Student Strike 4 Climate last Friday morning.

'That the ice caps are melting at an alarming rate. That the acidification of the oceans is going to cause a collapse of coral reefs around the world.

'That 50 per cent of the Great Barrier Reef has been bleached. That the Amazon, our Earth's lungs, are burning, and have been for a month. That one million species are on the verge of extinction. That our planet, that is currently the home to seven billion people, may only be able to support one billion if we cannot stop the temperature from rising.

'And that is why we are striking! Because we are frightened, we are terrified out of our minds because our world is literally on fire.

'The international report on climate change estimated that we have now 11 years to limit global warming before change is irreversible. Before we reach the tipping point of complete ecosystem collapse.'

Largest rally Byron has seen

This is the largest rally that has ever taken place in Byron Bay with estimates between 6,000 and 10,000 people, with police estimates at around 7,000 protesters.

As the rally grew in size at the Byron Rec Grounds during the morning, police quickly realised that owing to the large numbers the march could not be contained on the

Locals turned out in their thousands, filling Jonson Street from the beachfront all the way back to The Rails, to support the Student Strike 4 Climate last Friday.

Photos Anais Stewart-Long, Deb Pearce, Ruby Jeffery, Aslan Shand

footpath. As they chanted their way to the beachfront, the marchers filled half of Jonson Street, extending from Marvel Street to the beach as they called for immediate action on the climate crisis.

Speaking to the crowd, Mia Thom made it abundantly clear why people were there.

'At school I have heard 12-year-old children debate what is the point in even planning for a future. My 13-year-old sister asked me if it would be possible for her to even have kids.

'It is in moments like these when the despair can become blinding. All-consuming.

'Yet look around us today, at the thousands gathered. Feel the very power that reverberates within the air. We are a force to be reckoned with, a force that our own government is scared of.

'Movements of civil disobedience can topple systems. Can instigate lasting, enduring change. We have witnessed it across history, and we will witness it again.'

It is estimated that 300,000 to 350,000 people rallied around Australia, and around four million worldwide as the grassroots movement to respond to climate change accelerates.



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Call for development pause: is more strategic infrastructure planning needed?

Aslan Shand

A call for a one- to two-year pause on development in Byron Shire by MP Tamara Smith has been supported in part by councillors Cate Coorey, Basil Cameron and CABS (Community Alliance Byron Shire). They have said a slowdown in development would provide the time for the council to catch up on infrastructure.

'It would be good to have a slow down in development because there are concerns around both sewage treatment plants [STP] and roads,' said CABS president Matthew O'Reilly.

Water scarcity and flood management have also been raised in relation to sustainable growth capacity and climate change impacts. It is understood that conditions of consent for both the Byron and Brunswick Valley STPs are not presently being met, particularly in relation to water re-use.

'On Thursday's council agenda they are looking to commit \$1.5m to put the flow from the Byron STP through the Arts and Industry Estate, and out to the ocean instead of actually facilitating re-use,' said Mr O'Reilly. 'We are in one of the worst droughts in Australian history and we are pumping our water out to the ocean.'

'Last year we called for a proper audit of Byron Shire's infrastructure both in relation to existing and future needs of residents and visitors. As far as we are aware

this has not been done.'

Targets exceeded

According to councillors Cameron and Coorey, Byron Shire has been exceeding its required state targets for dwellings.

'There is definitely scope to reduce the pace of housing growth to allow for some infrastructure catchup,' said Cr Cameron.

'The pressure on infrastructure in Byron Shire is not just coming from housing development. Our local and regional infrastructure continues to strain under enormous pressure from tourism visitation.

'This situation is likely to get worse as the state plan aggressively promotes tourist development without any substantial investment in regional transport links.'

Planning done

However, Mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo*, 'The development of Council's current suite of strategic plans, including residential, rural land use and business and industrial lands, have all been done with regard to current infrastructure capacity and capital works planning needed to provide for varying growth scenarios and environmental conditions... These plans include ongoing consideration of water and sewer capacity (30 year Strategic Business Plan).'

Former councillor and current member of the Water, Waste and Sewer

Advisory Committee Duncan Dey told *The Echo* that 'there may be a business plan but where is the environment plan? Many believe the Belongil catchment is already overloaded with water from Rocky Creek Dam, including sewage from the Byron town and its suburbs, like Suffolk Park and the A&I Estate. To assume that that load can double is bad science or no science.

'Based on table A4.13 in Appendix 4 (water and sewer infrastructure analysis) the forward planning on the sewer capacity is based on ABS residential information. That is inherently flawed for two reasons.

'Firstly, it doesn't include tourists, and the ratio of tourists to residents in Byron town is huge. It also ignores business, commercial and industrial contributions to the system.

'Secondly, for sewer works planning, the guidelines say if you have existing data then use that, and only use ABS data if you don't have anything else.'

Good news: LRMD

Mayor Simon Richardson has announced that 'a further deferral was granted yesterday by the Minister for Planning to Byron Shire from the application of the Low Rise Medium Density Housing (LRMD) Code until July 2020. This is the code that allows development in approved areas for manor-house style development under complying development rules. Concerns had been raised with the minister by MP Tamara Smith, especially in relation to the impact of amenity and infrastructure.

An 'independent review identified strong support for an increase in housing supply and diversity,' said Mayor Richardson. However, 'it also found that enhancing local character is important to the success of the Code. The temporary deferral of the Code will allow Council time to complete our Local Strategic Planning Statement, Local Residential Strategy, and update the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).'

Northern Rivers plane crash

Police say two men believed to be a father and son died in a plane crash west of Coffs Harbour on the weekend.

They took off from Murwillumbah about 6.30 am Friday and when they failed to arrive at Taree on schedule, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) launched a search.

Wreckage of the Mooney

20 aircraft was found in dense bushland 27 kilometres west of Coffs Harbour about 6.30am Saturday.

They say they believe the men were from the Gold Coast and one of them was in his fifties, the other in his twenties.

Their identities have not so far been publicly revealed.

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Mullumbimby 'bomb' scare fizzles

From 7.30am last Thursday Mullumbimby ground to a halt as the alert went out that there was a suspicious device found not far from the Byron Council Chambers in Bridgland Lane between the back of the Commonwealth Bank and Mullum Hire.

The town was swamped by police and fire brigade personnel as they responded to the potential threat. The bomb squad from Lismore was brought over and a 200m exclusion zone was put in place and traffic diverted away from the east end of town near the Council Chambers.

Found by local businessman

Mark Thomas from Mullum Hire has told *The Echo* that he found the device in the morning at about 7.15am outside his business.

'I thought it was a practical joke and was about to pick it up when someone came over and told me they had called the police.

'It looked like a classic cliché bomb out of a cartoon. There was a little bit of metal pipe with wire and some circuitry board and a couple



of switches on it,' he said.

Flown from Sydney

Detective Inspector Matthew Kehoe, who was in charge of the operational response said that there were no known 'threats to any organisations, any building, any individual, or anything of that nature'.

Specialist resources, in the form of a little black box,

The Lismore bomb squad was called in to assess the possible improvised explosive device located in Mullumbimby last Thursday. Left, the little black box flown up from Sydney. Photos Tree Faerie

were called to the scene from Sydney. The box arrived in the late afternoon and the device which police said 'appeared to be an improvised explosive device (IED)' was made safe between 5 and 5.15pm.

Following an examination by officers from the Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit, the device was deemed safe. Their inquiries revealed the device did not have the capacity to detonate.

Can you assist?

Anyone with information that may assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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Housing law skews DA plans, say residents

Aslan Shand

Byron Bay residents have slammed the use of NSW affordable-housing legislation for development applications that could overwhelm local amenity.

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The law allows for an increase in the amount of housing that can be placed onto a site, and a reduction in parking allocation. The Kollektive has put in a development application (DA) for eight dwellings on a single house block at Julian Rocks Drive in Sunrise Estate. It is understood that they have purchased two other properties on the same street for possible future development. Under the affordable housing SEPP (State Environmental Planning Policy) developers are allowed, among other things, to increase the density of housing on the site in exchange for supplying 20 per cent of the housing (in this case two one-bedroom units) for rent at 20 per cent below market value for ten years. After that the affordable housing component is no longer required and the rent or sale of the property reverts to free-market prices.

Local residents say that the DA doesn't meet the zoning requirements, will create problems with parking and be detrimental to the amenity and character of the area.

'A similar Kollektive development around the corner on Sunrise Boulevard

has created real problems with parking,' said Mr Casey Speed, whose property borders the proposed Kollektive development site.

'That is because the legislation for this medium-density development was based on the idea that it would be happening in metropolitan Sydney within easy access to regular light rail, rail and buses.

'There isn't good public transport here and everyone owns a car, but the DA doesn't allow enough car spaces for the number of cars that will result from the DA. This means that you will have cars parking all over the verges like you do in Sunrise Boulevard around The Kollektive development there.

'Sunrise Boulevard is 11.1m wide while, Julian Rocks Drive is only 7.6m wide, so the problem will be even worse here.'

Cars everywhere

The impact of the cars on Sunrise Boulevard has been confirmed by other local residents.

'That area around The Kollektive gets very congested,' said one resident who asked not to be named.

'There are so many cars parked on the side of the street, and in that area - like Julian Rocks Drive - it doesn't have a footpath, so it doesn't make it the safest place to walk after dark. Also it seems that a lot of the residents use their cars as part of their jobs so it is unlikely that they would use

public transport even if it were available.'

Zoning questioned

While Sunrise Estate does have areas that are zoned R3 for medium density, according to Mr Speed's submission to Council, The Kollektive's DA identifies the current zoning as R2 - Medium Density Zone, when it is in fact a R2 - Low Density Residential Zone.

Residents say that owing to the design of the DA, the two-storey dwellings will look directly into their gardens as well as blocking their light. As a result, they believe the development is significantly out of character for the area, which is family homes of one storey.

Not right for Byron

MP Tamara Smith has said that this DA highlights how inappropriate the use of statewide planning laws are for Byron Shire.

'For twenty years, Byron Shire has had a commitment to Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) and the use of state-wide planning policies for Byron Shire is repeatedly at odds with this. The Sydney cookie-cutter model of one-size-fits-all puts our infrastructure and community amenity at risk,' she told *The Echo*.

'The allowed reduction in car parking spaces is a metropolitan situation, where residents have access to public transport. In Byron Shire that's not the case, and what reduced car parking

requirements would deliver is higher density developments that will deliver more street parking.'

A spokesperson from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment told *The Echo* that, 'Byron Shire Council is responsible for assessing development applications, including the level of parking provision provided for the development.

'Council's assessment is required to consider traffic in the local area, including safety issues.'

The Kollektive respond

According to The Kollektive director Duncan Band, while they are not a social housing provider they are committed to affordable housing. Mr Band said that they locate their developments centrally 'within walking distance to essential services, close to employment hubs and serviced by public transport.

'The proposed development at 6 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay, is another example of The Kollektive's "Build to Rent" strategy which aims to deliver long-term, affordable, alternate housing choice for singles and couples wanting to live close to retail, commercial, medical and educational facilities.'

Mr Band said there are currently no DA plans available for 7 and 9 Julian Rocks Drive.

Raise funds to fight 5G

The local anti-5G force is gathering momentum and are putting on a fundraiser and information event at Durrumbul Hall, Main Arm, on Saturday October 5 from 4.30pm.

An NBN tower is in the process of being built on the hill behind the hall against both significant community backlash and education department policy that seeks to limit towers to further than 500m from schools. Durrumbul Primary School falls within that range and the Durrumbul Pre-School is right on the edge of the minimum recommended distance.

Local DJs Short Circuit, Spliffin' and Fago, just to name a few, will be bringing on the beats from 6.30pm.

Is it time to explore your art side?



The Byron School of Art (BSA) opened their studio doors in Mullumbimby on Saturday for their annual Open Day. Applications are now open for their one, two and three year Visual Arts courses. From left to right: Directors and teachers James Guppy, Christine Willcocks, Emma Walker, teacher Kat Shapiro Wood and students Zen Staff, Justin Telfer, and Rebecca Cook. Visit byrongschoolofart.com for more information.

Photo Tree Faerie

From Mullum to the mountain



The junior runners were the first off the blocks for the Chiny Charge last Saturday in Mullumbimby with around 30 kids joining the run. The 500 spaces for the over 12's run and walk up the mountain were gone before the big day. Seventeen-year-old Nathan Powell from Samford in Queensland was the winner of the mountain charge in a time of 31 minutes and twenty-one seconds. Photo Tree Faerie

Public hearing into Splendour teen strip-search

The NSW police watchdog has announced a public hearing into the strip search of a sixteen-year-old girl at the 2018 Splendour in the Grass festival near Byron Bay.

The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC), an independent body, says the hearing will also examine strip search practices more generally as

part of Operation Brugge.

LECC investigators are due to work out whether state police engaged in serious misconduct when officers working at last year's festival detained and strip-searched the minor.

They will also try to determine if police at the festival behaved illegally or unreasonably when they carried out searches,

especially strip-searches.

The public hearing is expected to run for three days and is due to start at 10am on Tuesday 22 October at the Commission's hearing room: level 3, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

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'Poor fellow my country' – devastating fires in your backyard

Ron Priestly

Spare a thought for the Amazon – but do you know that some 2,102 square kilometres of bush has been burnt this month in your backyard? From Coffs Harbour to Drake priceless bush, much of it irreplaceable bush rainforest, has been catastrophically destroyed with little publicity about the environmental disaster. It seems even less likely that there will be anything done to stop a recurrence. Two of the last three years have had significant fires in the Shire .

Increased risk

Global warming is clearly changing the Northern Rivers weather pattern to very dry

early springs with increased fire risk as the weather warms and strong westerly winds blow. There is also a change in demographics with increasing numbers of visitors and city dwellers moving to the bush. Many of these people are ignorant of the necessary fire precautions, are unaware of fire bans and the need for permits.

The 2017 Main Arm fire was started by a visiting camper. This bright spark lit a fire on a day when flights were cancelled from Coolangatta Airport because the wind was so strong. Just last week we had three fires in the local camp ground while there were strong winds and a total fire ban was in place.

Environmental damage by bushfire

Just imagine what happens to most of the creatures in the fire front. Most insects, small reptiles and mammals are not going to escape. All the plant food stocks will be burnt. The complete food chain will go and the remains will be an uninhabitable desert which will not be able to support much life for years to come. Birds will fly away and not return to eat for a very long time. For a while the water will be polluted with ash and wood cinders. There are many endangered plants and animals in our area and the fire could well push the remaining endangered populations out of existence.

If creatures escaped from the 400 km long fire-front of the Bees Nest (Ebor) fire, they will have to find food in adjoining areas for several years, even decades, before the burnt-out forest even starts to recover. In nature creatures multiply up to the limit of resources available. As a result of the fires the pressure of the significant increase of wildlife on nearby undamaged ecosystems results in there not being enough food to go around. So, not only are animals in the fire area affected, but those in large adjoining areas become starved. Imagine an area with say four kookaburra pairs living and eating in their territories and then another eight pairs turn up. Will they all thrive?

Long term environmental loss

Burnt areas can take up to 50 years to recover and there are problems affecting proper recovery particularly from invasive weeds. These plants will not supply the



Mandy Nolan took this photo of fire devastation between Drake and Tenterfield. 'Girard National Park is usually spectacular – but this morning it was something else – kilometre after kilometre of burnt out forest and plumes of smoke still emanating from the forest floor. The drive through devastated habitat took over an hour and it seemed unending'

necessary food nor be part of the original food chain. If we are going to continue to allow our forests to burn, then in time, they will be completely degraded. To preserve our wonderful bush environment we must increase our efforts in the face of the threats of climate change.

Resource the source

Australia is blessed with a wonderful system of volunteer bush-fire brigades. Without these tireless, valiant firefighters the fire threat, fairly unique to Australia, would cause much loss of life and extensive destruction of property. But with the best will in the world the bush fire brigades cannot extinguish a massive 950 square km forest fire like Ebor, or Drake, where there is little access and few fire breaks to allow control lines to be established.

Fire fighting in bush mainly involves burning back from threatened properties, establishing control lines and aerial assistance from helicopters and planes. Once a fire has grown to any

reasonable size, it is rare for the brigades to do anything to extinguish it except wait for rain. It therefore seems that the way to tackle bush fires must be to restrain them when they are small and have just started. This is not possible with existing resources. There are far too few helicopters available to contain a fire, even while it is still small.

At one stage, the now 950 square kilometre Bees Nest (Ebor) fire was only a 10 hectare fire. If only it had been extinguished then. The Nightcap fire above Huonbrook last week was quickly contained, by helicopters using water from Doon Doon dam, while it was still small and therefore it did not become a major environmental disaster.

Governments have ignored the effects of global warming causing prolonged drought and warmer temperatures and this will prove costly. Government is now confronted with the cost of properly reinforcing brigades with expensive aerial assistance if we are not going

to repeat major bush fires every spring and summer. The slogan is 'resource the source' to put fires out before they grow.

Review needed

Government needs to completely review its fire fighting policies and funding in view of changing weather patterns or it, and Austalians in general need to be prepared to cope with the consequences of a degrading environment. The whole issue of resources, fire education, penalties for arson, advising people at risk, hazard reduction, fire breaks, escape routes, teaching fire awareness to kids etc needs serious review and change. It will not be cheap. However, none of this will happen if we, the voters, are not concerned about this issue. There is a big protest if 20 trees are cut down for the Byron Bay bypass, but not much happening when over 2,000 square kms have just gone up in smoke.

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Need help to prepare your emergency plans?

Mia Armitage

Australia's famous feast and famine weather cycle is more extreme than either recent or paleo-climatology studies can show it was in the past, so it's not like we can say we aren't warned.

Bushfire season getting earlier

The bushfire season started earlier this year in New South Wales and experts say it lasts most of

the year now. Basically, the longer the drought, the more dry and more flammable vegetation and soil is. Even rainforests have suffered from recent fires near the QLD-NSW border, something QLD fire fighters say they aren't used to seeing.

Time to get ready for changing climate

This week is Emergency Preparedness Week and there are plenty of chances to get help making your climate emergency plans.

Activities are planned all week, including SES market stalls, free workshops at the Byron Community Centre and Billinudgel Hotel and a screening of Damon Gameau's film 2040.

Organisers at the Byron Community Centre (BCC) say to look out for their new-in-town superhero Get Ready Girl with her super-emergency-pillowcase and the Red Cross has created a ready-to-go shopping list to help figure out what to put in your emergency kit.

Workshops

Wednesday 25: SES Know Your Risk BCC 12.30pm, Red Cross Red-Plan Billinudgel Hotel 5pm. **Thursday 26:** SES info at Byron Farmers Market, Red Cross Recovery Basics BCC 10.30am, Red Cross Red-Plan BCC 4pm, film screening 2040 Byron Theatre 7pm. **Friday 27:** SES stall Mullum Farmers Market.

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Dangerous roads lead to safety driver campaign

Paul Bibby

Byron Council is considering a Shire-wide road safety campaign in a bid to reduce dangerous driving and promote the message that all users have equal rights to access our highways and byways.

In a motion to come before the full meeting on Thursday September 26, councillor Basil Cameron has proposed a two-pronged strategy of awareness-raising combined with increased enforcement.

Roads for all

'Our roads are used by pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, freight transport, private vehicles as well as recreational users such

as horse riders,' Cr Cameron said in the agenda item for the motion.

'Many of our rural roads in particular do not have wide enough formations or shoulders to safely accommodate all road users.

'Taken together these factors have seen an increasing number of serious safety issues facing road users. In particular pedestrians, cyclists and bus passengers are daily being put at serious risk of injury and death when using our road network.'

There have been a number of tragic road accidents in the Shire this year, including the recent death of an elderly couple in a head-on collision near Mullumbimby, and the hit-and-run death of local youth

Tim Watkins while riding a bike in Wilsons Creek.

Cr Cameron proposed that council develop and install signage across the Shire that transmitted safety messages to both locals and visitors.

The signs would remind road users of the need to safely share the road network and highlight the routes and times for bus services.

Poor driving

Commenting on the report, council staff said traffic and poor driver behaviour was a 'regular source of grievance and concern raised by Shire residents'.

Examples include

speeding through built up areas and dangerous driving during school pick up and drop off.

Behavioural change

'While staff are frequently able to address these symptoms through patrolling and compliance monitoring, the long term solution is best addressed through an educational type campaign complemented with coherent and clear signage,' staff said.

They also raised the possibility of Council appointing a road-safety officer position that could be co-funded with Roads and Maritime Services through the Local Government Safer Roads Program.

Next step for Mullum hospital site

Remediation of the Mullumbimby Hospital site from asbestos contamination is scheduled for completion at the end of September. Providing a mix of housing to address local community needs, community areas and green space will guide the planning consultants as they develop a design for the 13-acre site.

'The recommendations of the Mullumbimby Hospital Site Project Reference Group (MHSPRG), which spent 12 months deliberating on what the future of the hospital site might look like, are at the core of this project,' said Rob Van Lersel, Council's Major Projects Planner.

'Central to the MHSPRG recommendations is turning the hospital site into a place that offers innovative housing options to the community, as well as community services and meeting places that reflect the spirit and character of the Mullumbimby community.'

The council has said that there will be opportunity for the community to provide feedback regarding the project development.

'By the end of this year we will have a much clearer idea of what the hospital site might look like, and the development,' said Mr Van Lersel.

Byron council completes carpark solar project

Byron Shire Council's \$380,000 solar carpark roof has officially opened in Mullumbimby. The 99-kilowatt installation sits on a roof that covers 40 car parking spaces and will provide a saving of around \$30,000 a year for council's electricity costs.

Surplus power generated on weekends will be fed back to the grid.

Council is looking at the development of solar projects on Dingo Lane, near the Resource and Recovery Centre, and the three sewerage treatment plants in the Byron Shire.

Middle Earth gardens fundraiser

The local Middle Earth garden located at 40 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale will be open over the weekend of October 5-7 from 1 till 4pm daily.

A gold coin donation will raise money for Bangalow Koalas.

'It is a large garden, complete with chickens,

a huge vege patch, and a swimming pool converted into a freshwater billabong. Truly inspirational for anyone interested in gardening and living a more sustainable life,' said Maree Curran from Eden at Byron Garden Centre.

As well as a chance to see the gardens, there will be quality raffles and stalls.



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- OVERALL WINNER:** Ghost Ship (pictured above) - Mark Seiffert
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BOM: too hot to handle

The Bureau of Meteorology has released a special climate statement almost too hot to handle (metaphorically) in response to bushfires in NSW and QLD.

The drought, in parts of northeast New South Wales and southeast Queensland, is officially the worst on record since 1900, while other areas have had total rainfall figures since January that are half the average.

The problem is even worse to the west of the Border Ranges, where rainfall since January 2017 – all 32 months combined – is the lowest on record. Below average rainfall has increased fire risk and the bureau says the prolonged drought means dry soil and vegetation have become excellent bushfire fuel.

A little diversity holds us all together



Just about everybody loves the musical *Hairspray* and last weekend a packed Byron Theatre saw the Bright Lights Performance School perform *Hairspray Jr* a show that celebrates diversity and delivers a positive message with a sense of humour. The show has a great cast who perform this family-friendly show piled high with laughter, friendship, tuneful songs and dance numbers. On this weekend at the Byron Theatre. Photo Tree Faerie

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Annual NCRF fundraiser to help 'Shape the Future'

The Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) that supports programs which address social inequality and disadvantage as well as environment conservation in the Northern Rivers are about to host their annual fundraiser in Brunswick Heads.

This year's theme is Shape

the Future and will host an inspiring panel of community leaders to facilitate a discussion on what our future in the Northern Rivers could look like. The event will be MC'd by Pete Castaldi.

Damon Gameau, director of the recently released documentary *2040* will be a

special guest. Gameau will be joined by Bundjalung woman and multi-disciplinary artist Dr Bronwyn Bancroft.

Cheeky Cabaret

The Brunswick Picture House will present an exclusive pre-show performance

of their new September Cheeky Cabaret for the fundraiser.

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Digby Hildreth

With the Great Disco Dong Debacle of '18-19 behind us (raised eyebrows, bruised egos, rapped knuckles and all), we can refocus on the things the Byron Shire community is famous for, like getting behind unmatched home-grown cultural marvels such as the annual Film Festival, the most respected event of its kind in regional Australia.

BBFF, now in its thirteenth year, is one of the Shire's great unifying forces, like the iconic Blues and Writers festivals. It was established and run by locals (with a solid base of volunteers stepping up), for locals (who continue to make up the bulk of its audiences), and in support of local filmmakers (many of whom get their first break at the festival).

As much as possible, Northern Rivers filmmakers are included in the BBFF programme, invited to talk about their work, share screenings with their friends and family, and welcomed to the rich and fertile networking events that occur over the 10 days.

Locals – such as Blake Northfield and Tom Byrnes of Bronte Pictures – may be responsible for making possible bigger budget, foreign-made films such as *Around the World*; a fun and inspiring documentary that's likely to ignite a craze for freestyle football.

Or, like Festival perennial Susie Forster, they may be finding, and filming, uplifting events in their own backyard: events such as the Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk which connects artists and the community through



sculpture in a much-loved environment. Susie's 10-minute film *A Different Gallery* perfectly captures the joy of that community connection.

And it is the environment that drew most Byron Shire residents to the region in the first place – or kept those lucky enough to have been born here from leaving. The ocean, in particular, nourishes us all, and it is the ocean – and specifically surfing – that inspired Byron Bay residents Christian Gibson and Chris Gooley to embark on a two-year journey through Latin America.

When they set off they never intended to make a film, Christian says. 'It was just something we had to do.'



1. A scene from *A Different Gallery*, Jacqui Doran's sculpture *Wanderlust* in Brunswick Heads. Photo Sam Collyer
2. Chris Gooley and Christian Gibson in *Pacifico*.
3. *Nordurland*.
4. A scene from the documentary *Around the World*.

The result is *Pacifico*, which evolved from a road trip into a conversation on friendship, alternative lifestyles, and how long-term travel broadens the mind and can change the trajectory of a person's life.

Byron Bay's slogan 'Slow down and chill out' could also be the motto of this happy, mellow, candid film, which opens with a monologue from Buddhist philosopher Alan Watts and follows roads-less-travelled to show the benefits of taking time to observe the world mindfully.

Christian is a passionate photographer and filmmaker, and founder of Gobe – a conscientious photography accessories brand. Some of his still and time-lapse photos are at the quiet heart of the film, showing the magnificent Andes mountain ranges, volcanoes and deserts in all their monumental glory.

The surf that rumbles through *Pacifico* was rough and cold at times, but nothing compared with the harsh bone-chilling waters of the North Atlantic explored in *Nordurland*, made by born-and-bred local Ishka Folkwell.

Like *Pacifico*, *Nordurland* is the story of friends travelling to remote places in search of waves, this time Northern Rivers locals Torren Martyn and Laurie Towner, as well as needESSENTIALS founder and designer Ryan Scanlon.

The isolated, snow-covered coastlines they seek out and surf at are beautifully captured by Ishka, while Torren's narration offers a personal reflection on the trip.

Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out

Byron Bay landscape artist Jack Bailey has a similar need for the 'raw, rugged, elemental' regions of the world, and seeking them out has become something of a mission for him, summed up in a favourite quote of his, from the acid pioneer Timothy Leary.

The motivation behind Jack's 30-minute film *Continuum 01 South in Self Exile* is to provide a cinematic meditation, a chance, he says, to 'disconnect from the demented devices' that distract us constantly. 'Lift

your head beyond your lap and witness the unfiltered wonder of the natural world. The more time we spend removed from the mediocrity of society, the less we depend upon it. Turn on, tune in, drop out.'

It is a manifesto that will resonate with many in the Bay, including those who are growing tired of its being over-loved.

Jack takes that fatigue a few steps further: 'I find solace in empty landscapes, void of human interference. I find the company of the wild far more affable than that of modern man,' he says.

Recorded during a six-week journey in South America, *South in Self Exile* traces clouds crossing the sky, or flowing around rugged mountainscapes, accompanied by entrancing electronic music. It is a film to gaze at, rapt, like watching the ocean.

Audiences will lose themselves too in *'Black Moon'* Trent Mitchell, a visually stunning and emotive short film by Northern Rivers-born Robert Sherwood that focuses on the passionate Australian photographer Trent Mitchell and his experimental pursuits with his camera. It expresses both men's creative efforts to capture the essence of nature – and bodysurfing.

Meanwhile, Bangalow's Poppy Walker zeroes in on remoteness in the desert, in *Dust Devil*, a short film with a big heart, about the life of a former Broadway dancer, and how she brought her dream of freedom to life in a Death Valley ghost town.

The Byron Bay Film Festival is an international event: filmmakers come from all over the world to attend. But it is proud to highlight the work of local people, including those who journey beyond our shores and return enriched. They share their experience of the big wide world, and remind us that there's no place like home.

BBFF flexi-passes and gift vouchers make it easy for you to join us in celebrating our home-grown talent and share your pride in being local with family and friends.

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Meeting the lunchbox challenge

The Mullum Farmers Market held their fifth annual Grow Your Own Lunchbox Challenge last Friday. Students from six local schools including The Pocket, Wilsons Creek, Ocean Shores, Shearwater, Brunswick Heads and Crabbes Creek, all competed for a share in \$3,000 in prize money for great lunch boxes.



Pictured are students Lola and Olivia from Shearwater Steiner School who won the Best Lunch prize for their Madagascar

Bean Salad, and another prize for Most Self Sufficient Garden. See more info about the Challenge at: www.mullumfarmersmarket.org.au.

Garden action

All the schools were showing off some of the amazing things they've been doing in their gardens this year and how they were using the their home-grown produce to create wonderful lunches.

Women Matter Too is a winner



The My Community Project recently held a ballot to decide which not-for-profit programs would receive funding and the Byron Community Centre was one of the winners receiving \$33,530 for the Women Matter Too project. The project aims to support women in Byron Bay by providing access to essential amenities and services for health and well-being, with services developed by project coordinator Elyssa Purdie, the Community Programs Manager Cherie Bromley, and Laili Corrigan. Photo Tree Faerie

A citizens' lottery and towards zero waste: September's Byron Council meeting

Mia Armitage

A citizens lottery; how to manage the shire's rubbish, recycling and estuaries (fish kill, anyone?); water sensitive urban design; and bike plans.

It's a progressive sounding list and just a small selection of some of the topics Byron Shire councillors will discuss at this month's ordinary meeting.

But progressive may or may not be the right term.

Get your citizens' lottery tickets!

Last year, councillors voted to endorse The Byron Model, a way to bring together views from councillors, council staff, citizens and other stakeholders.

Consultants hired from newDemocracy Foundation said overall, community feedback shows the council has been 'on the right

track' but there is 'room for improvement'.

One of the staff recommendations is for the council to set up a 'citizens' lottery'.

They say the council would use names of people who have already expressed an interest in The Byron Model panels so far, and seek further expressions of interest for more names to go into the lottery.

The council would then use that pool of names

for the next two years as a way to invite community feedback on various projects and plans.

Aspiration v budget

Speaking of pools, anyone concerned about flooding in the Shire may be interested to read and hear about staff recommendations for more than \$1.2 million to be spent on using parts of the Byron Arts and Industry Estate to help.

Other items on the agenda include a Towards Zero waste management policy, with an accompanying report called 'Business As Usual'.

The name may lack aspiration but it reflects the limited options the Council has in terms of waste management thanks to the Shire being small and the state government's apparent disinterest in funding a more ambitious circular economy.

Bike paths, wouldn't that be nice!

Similarly, ideas for bike paths throughout the Shire are so far without dedicated funding and councillors are being asked to include them for 'consideration' when making planning and financial decisions over the next decade.

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

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Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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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

10.2019.370.1 – MAIN ARM, 8/46 Durrumbul Road Dwelling House

10.2019.292.1 – BYRON BAY, 10 Border Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House Including Treehouse Outbuilding

10.2019.91.1 – BANGALOW, 12 Thomas Street Driveway and associated Earthworks

10.2019.397.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 26 Corella Crescent Dwelling House

10.2019.225.1 – NASHUA, 567 Lismore Road New dwelling house to create dual occupancy (detached) and swimming pool

10.2019.421.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 34 Gordon Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Community Building

10.2019.408.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 9 Torakina Road Dwelling House

10.2019.342.1 – MYOCUM, 224 The Manse Road Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and Construction of New Dwelling House

10.2019.242.1 – COORABELL, 44 Friday Hut Road New Dwelling to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached), Swimming Pool, Tool Shed and Carport

10.2016.472.3 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 2 Short Street \$4.55 for Addition of Window

10.2014.361.2 – BYRON BAY, 35 Lawson Street \$4.55 to Include Staging of Development and alterations and additions to development

9.2019.40.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 1 Booyong Court Tree Removal Four (4) Trees

DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

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

10.2019.267.1 – BYRON BAY, 18 Scott Street Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling and New Secondary Dwelling

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

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

Exhibition / Submissions close: 4.30pm Friday 18 October 2019

DA / Parcel No: 10.2019.444.1 / PN215660

Applicant: Ms K Radmacher

Property Description (amended): Lot 3 DP 869207

Proposal: Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

The abovementioned development application has been lodged with Byron Shire Council. The proposed development is designated development and integrated development. The development application and the documents accompanying the application including the Environmental Impact Statement are to be exhibited from 19 September 2019 to 18 October 2019 and may be inspected at:

- Via the online Kiosk located within Byron Shire Council offices, Station St, Mullumbimby between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded) or on Council's website (www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition) and
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Any person during the abovementioned submission period may make written submissions to Council concerning the development application. If a submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of objection must be specified in the submission.

The integrated development approvals that are required and the relevant approval bodies for those approvals are:

- Approval is requested under the Water Management Act 2000 from NSW Office of Water

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

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

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

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

Enquiries: Rob Van Iersal 02 6626 7054

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE NORTH BYRON PARKLANDS REGULATORY WORKING GROUP

North Byron Parklands Regulatory Working Group (RWG) has been operating for many years to review environmental management and community relations. Members include the NSW Police, Byron Shire Council staff, Tweed Shire Council, Roads and Maritime Services, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Office of Environment and Heritage and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

A community representative from the Byron local government area is being sought to sit on the RWG for a term of two (2) years. Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons that are interested in being nominated and appointed as the Byron community representative on the RWG.

The RWG operates under an agreed Terms of Reference and typically meets twice a year with members invited on a tour of large events when they occur.

A copy of the RWG Terms of Reference is available on Council's website, along with the Expression of Interest nomination form. Any person interested in nominating should download and complete this form and the respond to the selection criteria.

Nominations should be lodged with Council and clearly marked '2019 Nomination for Community Representative North Byron Parklands RWP'.

All expressions of interest will be reported to Council at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 24 October, 2019.

Expressions of Interest close: Monday 7 October 2019

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 2 OCTOBER 2019

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 9 OCTOBER 2019

10.2019.450.1 – Byron Bay, 4/11 Banksia Drive (Lot 4 SP 89597) Planners North, Change of Use to Recreation Facility (Indoor) Pilates Studio

10.2019.445.1 – New Brighton, 58 New Brighton Road (Lot 1 DP 542514) Town Planning Studio Pty Ltd, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and Carport

10.2018.483.1 – Wilsons Creek, 58 Montecollum Road (Lot 4 DP 621548) Frank Stewart Architect, S8.2 Review for Rural Tourist Accommodation Reduced to Six (6) Cabins, Swimming Pool and Associated Works

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING CONTROLS

BYRON BAY TOWN CENTRE

Council is considering a number of changes to the planning controls that relate to new buildings in the Byron Bay town centre. The changes apply to the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 and a new Development Control Plan (DCP) chapter specific to the town centre is proposed.

The changes are a result of the Byron Bay Town Centre masterplan, and aim to facilitate building design that promotes people over vehicles in the town centre. Proposed amendments relate to:

- The introduction of a new zone
- Floor space ratio controls
- Building height
- Ensuring design excellence
- Maximum carpark provisions

The planning proposal and draft DCP chapter E9 Byron Bay Town Centre, is on exhibition for a period of 4 weeks from 25 September and is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-notice.

In this instance Council has been issued delegation from the State government as the plan making authority.

Submissions close: Friday 25 October 2019

Enquiries: Sam Tarrant 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.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY BLUESFEST REGULATORY WORKING GROUP

In 2016, Byron Shire Council approved the use of the Bluesfest site for a mixture of small, medium and large events at Tyagarah. A condition of the consent requires Bluesfest to form a Regulatory Working Group (RWG) to oversee the environmental and operational performance of events. The RWG currently has a vacancy for a Community Representative.

The RWG meetings occur 6 monthly for approximately 2 hours during business hours.

Council therefore is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons that are interested in being nominated and appointed as a Community Representative on the RWG.

A copy of the RWG Terms of Reference is available on Council's Web Site, along with the Expression of Interest Nomination form. Any person interested in nominating should download and complete this form and the response to the position criteria.

Nominations should be lodged with Council and clearly marked '2019 Nomination for Community Representative Bluesfest RWG'.

All expressions of interests will be reported to Council at an Ordinary meeting to be held on the 28 November 2018.

Expressions of Interest close: 4pm Thursday 31 October 2019

Enquiries: Chris Larkin on 02 66 267 136



PROPOSED LICENCE

PART LOT 321 DP 755692

Council is proposing to licence 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY EVENTS SMALL GRANTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

To support Australia Day community events and activities in 2020, Council is inviting applications for a small grants program of up to \$600 per organisation. Community organisations are invited to apply by completing the Australia Day Community Events Application Form available from Council's website. Applications will be assessed against the application criteria and the funds awarded in October 2019.

An application form can be downloaded from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Supporting-communities/Funding-opportunities.

Applications close: 4.00pm Friday 4 October 2019

Enquiries: Cynthia McDermott 02 6626 7283 or Joanne McMurtry 02 6626 7316. Applications should be submitted to council@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this funding program will automatically result in disqualification of offending applicants.

Did Council use pesticides?

Byron Shire Council's use of pesticides on rural roadsides was under the spotlight at last Thursday's planning meeting. Councillor Basil Cameron highlighted that following apparent use of pesticides on rural roadsides Council staff were unable to explain how this may have occurred. Up for approval was Council's draft Integrated Pest Management Strategy (IPMS) that states that, 'no Council rural roadside crews currently use pesticide'.

No answer provided

Councillor Cameron put forward a motion to delay the release of the IPMS due to the lack of clarity on the source of the pesticide use and that staff. This motion was not backed by Mr Richardson who, with obvious frustration at the delay, foreshadowed a motion that sought to accept the draft and seek a 12 month review.

'All residents are entitled to be assured as to their risk of contact with pesticides,' Cr Cameron said.

'The lack of concern from the Mayor is deafening.'

The Mayor's motion won and the IPMS was approved.

The Brunswick Simple Pleasures Photo Comp – a pleasure to experience



Under 16 winner Taj Taylor from Brunswick Heads with his entry, Tree a photo that one judge said any adult would be proud to call their own. Photo Tree Faerie

Eve Jeffery

Twenty-six awesome photos were recognised in an award ceremony on Sunday as photographers in the annual Simple Pleasures Photo Competition waited to see who was the big winner.

With six divisions to judge, it wasn't an easy task to work out which of the 175 entries across the Junior, Open, Human Icon, Man-made Icon, Natural Icon and

Instagram categories were the absolute best.

The overall winner for 2019 was Ghost Ship by Mark Seiffert and the People's Choice award went to Isabella Rankin's The River.

All of the judges agreed the standard was very high and every year it gets harder to decide.

Winners

Winners of the other sections were: Youth Tree by Taj

Taylor; Open The Oyster Shed by Jonathon Miller; Human Icon Dom by Paul Begg; Man-made Icon Boat Harbour Bliss by Casey Eveleigh; Natural Icon Between Meals by Tiffany Lee; and, Instagram The Bridge Jump by Mark Seiffert @m_m2483.

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Strange Influences

Way back in 1957, American journalist Vance Packard published a book called *The Hidden Persuaders*, about subliminal marketing tactics and other tools used by advertisers and marketers. We had it as a text in high school.

It's got worse since then. Now hidden persuasion is not needed. The marketers tell us what to buy quite blatantly from every street corner and from several apps on our phones.

Even our PM is a former marketing boss, and often uses marketing techniques to score points and win votes. The simpler the message the more impact it seems to have. I mean, how good is Queensland?!

While I was quietly relaxing in a Facebook backwater with a bunch of friends in 2010, Instagram happened and social media took over the pointy end of marketing. Three years later it had 100 million active users. It now has more than one billion active users. A third of those are aged between 18 and 24. If stats are your thing, you can find out more at omnicoreagency.com/instagram-statistics.

Obviously Instagram is a marketer's wet dream, so a new way to sell product had to be developed. Enter the Influencer, usually a person who looks good holding a bottle of shampoo under a waterfall at a tropical resort.

Influencers? As Paul Newman playing Butch Cassidy would say, 'Who are those guys?'

According to Australian marketing agency Marketing Eye (marketingeye.com.au), 'social media has completely changed the game... We choose to follow people because we value their opinion, or we like what they wear, how they do their makeup, what food they eat or simply because they upload interesting content. Because we trust these people, they have power.'

Companies now include Influencers in their advertising campaigns. You might learn more about the Influencer than the product itself, but because you like, trust or idolise the Influencer, you want to use the products they use, right?

It's insidious, and a temporary beauty can be worth more than an actual talent. For example, tennis legend Roger Federer can sell the Nike Zoom Vapor 9.5 Flyknit (it's a shoe, by the way) because of his remarkable skill, but an Influencer might sell a shoe just upon his/her smile.

Sports stars do number among the Influencers – not too many astrophysicists there, not even Brian Cox – but Kylie Jenner, 'celebrity', can charge \$1.2 million for a single post to Instagram – victor-mochere.com/highest-paid-instagram-influencers-in-the-world.

While Instagram is probably a great toy to use with friends, it is also a new marketing opiate for the masses. When 'brand awareness' becomes more important than 'living ethically' you know something is seriously out of whack.

Who are those guys?

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

Climate destruction and war on the menu...

And so back to Mark Latham's conga line of suckholes – Scott Morrison goes to Washington. The regular obeisance is hardly unexpected, but it is no less embarrassing for that.

Morrison has made it clear that the main purpose of his visit is to schmooze. He will continually tell The Donald how grateful and obedient Australia has always been to its great and powerful friend.

We have been in every war America has instigated for more than 60 years – probably longer, but living memory will be sufficient for the moment.

We share the same values – well, perhaps not guns, but we like trade, at least when we are winning. We are worried about the Pacific, we are good at racist dog-whistling about the horrors of asylum seekers and we are at one in denying climate change.

Actually, we won't even mention it – after all, it would be tactless to do so when millions of children and adults around the world are demonstrating about it, and just down the road the United Nations is running an emergency session on the subject, a session neither of the recalcitrant leaders will attend.

So back on with the slobber: Morrison fawned that Trump's approach to his trade war was entirely justified and within the rules – Trump's rules, at least. And anyway, Americans know they have no better friend than Australia – 100 years of mateship.

We cringed back in 1966, when Harold Holt declared on our behalf: 'We will be all the way with LBJ.' In 2019 we await a similar promise: 'We will go up the rump of Donald Trump.'

Trump responded by dubbing Morrison a man of titanium; as trivia buffs would know, the principal use of titanium is in the manufacture of white paint, make of that what you may. No expense was spared: a rent-a-crowd was enlisted with free flags handed out for the customers to wave, and there was a 19 gun salute. All of which unfortunately missed.

The jean-creamers of our obsequious leader's cheer squad in *The Australian* could barely contain themselves, and indeed are making no attempt to do so. Why, there was a state dinner – yes, Potus actually invited ScoMo and his eager hangers on (but not, sadly, his

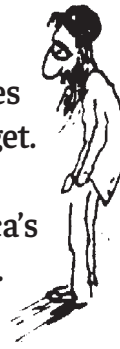
favourite happy-clapper; he ordered pastor, not pasta – perhaps the Americans misheard) to sit down and eat with him, instead, presumably, of sending them out for some take away.

And we were breathlessly told that the menu included ravioli, fish and apple pie – a trifle bland, one would have thought, but at least there was little danger of anyone throwing up during the gush that followed.

And it has been 13 long years since our last state dinner, when George W Bush was duchessing John Howard.

Trump needs all the friends (read sycophants and yes men) that he can get. He has alienated almost all America's respectable allies.

Mungo MacCallum



Of course, we all know what happened then: our prime minister was anointed the President's deputy sheriff and sent home to enlist Australians into America's wars, with predictably disastrous results. Which are still playing out in the Middle East and beyond. Given Morrison's easy acquiescence to Trump's early sallies against Iran, the prospects are worse than ominous.

The first toast may well have been the preliminary to a poisoned chalice.

But Morrison obviously feels no apprehension – rather, he seems to revel in his submission. As long as there are a few photo-ops, a selfie or two, it will all be worthwhile. So let the kowtow continue.

And look at the famous people he has met: shitloads of the super rich (read: potential donors) and even a real celebrity – Greg Norman, maybe even Nicole Kidman. And he even visited Wapakoneta, Ohio – almost certainly the first Australian politician to do so. The reason? Australia's richest man, Richard Pratt, is setting up a factory there, so the cardboard king is dragging along the cardboard prime minister for window dressing. A fitting end to the grovel-a-thon.

Naturally the visit will be regarded

as an amazing triumph for our prime minister; only one other head of government has been accorded the privilege of a state dinner by the Donald, so ScoMo must be something really, really, special.

The reality is probably rather more mundane. Trump needs all the friends (read sycophants and yes men) that he can get. He has alienated almost all America's respectable allies, and the totalitarian dictators he finds most congenial are regarded as unacceptable, even to his Republican colleagues. Morrison, by contrast, is very comfortable to sit on. What's not to like? And ScoMo is only too happy to provide the beanbag Trump requires.

But it should not be said that Morrison is only interested in sucking up. He is equally happy sucking down, so come in, Pauline Hanson, and walk all over the supine and subservient prime minister.

There is absolutely no point in yet another inquiry into the Family Court; we know the main problem, the lamentable lack of resources offered by Morrison's government. And in any case, of the last two inquiries, one has been ignored altogether, and the other has not even been finalised. No one – not the lawyers, not the experts, not even Morrison's own party room – thinks that starting another one is a good idea.

But one of Hanson's children has complained that he was duded by the court, so apparently that makes it a matter of vital importance. Not only has Morrison acquiesced, he has already anointed Hanson as deputy chair of the bodgie exercise, an almost unique precedent and an entirely unwarranted promotion.

The backlash from everyone who has a real interest in the subject has been intense. But who cares? All that matters is that Hanson can be kept inside in the hope that she can deliver a vote in the senate to help Morrison secure his legislative agenda, which seems to consist exclusively of wedging the Labor Party.

The sight of the nation's prime minister putting himself in thrall to the demented demagogue of the lunatic fringe should be humiliating and pathetic – and indeed it is. But that's our glorious leader in action. He may be short of ideas and bereft of principle, but he has never seen an arsehole he wouldn't kiss.

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Great action

It was great to be at the massive Climate Action Strike in Byron, and especially gratifying that I didn't have to avert my eyes from the disco bling.

Thank you Council for removing it. So now, redeem your enviro cred and plant a tree!

Ri Fraser
Ocean Shores

Community Engagement Officer

Our council has made many attempts with strategies to involve the community in their decision making process. But when it comes to the bottom line very few people actually get involved and often the same committed ones.

The council relies on advertisements in the local papers, some social media posts and their web-site to inform the public of opportunities to 'have their say'.

However, to seriously get the community involved we need a full time Community Engagement Officer to really drum up the community and encourage and help them to become involved. Many councils have such a person.

A Community Engagement Officer can also assist the community with their communication with councillors and council staff, which can be quite daunting.

At present it is the sole responsibility of each separate council department to engage with the community. But staff members have limited time, and may lack the training or skill needed to get the community involved.

Please, would any one of the councillors take this idea on board? We really need someone on our side to encourage as many people as possible to effectively become involved - it's really scary, lonely and really difficult on our side of the fence without any help.

Len Bates
Mullumbimby

Since life began

Warren Kennedy is perfectly correct when he writes that large numbers of species have gone extinct since life began on this planet and that we should always try to minimise our effect on other species.

Scientists have estimated that up to 10 species every year naturally go extinct every year. Almost all of



Cartoon Gary Cavanagh - Instagram: @gary_cavanagh

them are tiny invertebrates, and that most species survive for millions of years. Animals and plants large enough to see generally do not go extinct unless struck by major catastrophic events, both planet-wide and regional.

Periods of time when there were relatively few major extinctions were 75 million years, 113 million years, 37 million years, 148 million years and 66 million years in that order.

It was after these events that evolution speeded up, as surviving species evolved to fill the gaps in the planet's ecological systems and scientists estimate that it took between 15 to 30 million years each time before the health of the Earth's atmospheric, oceanic and terrestrial organs had stabilised.

Regional events have caused some extinctions as sea levels rose or fell, slowly decreasing habitat or allowing immigrants to invade new territories often outcompeting the original residents.

Scientists estimate that humanity is now exterminating 1000 species a year and many of these are key species, essential for the maintenance of the planet's life support systems.

Species most at risk are often the most successful and populous as they depend on the stability and health of the ecosystems in which they are embedded. Which is why I believe that humanity is highly endangered, being a species dependent on enormous

food and energy resources from a collapsing biosphere caused by biodiversity extinctions.

Gary Opit
Brunswick Heads

Heartbroken

I must say Byron Bay, that I'm heartbroken.

Oh, for all your pride on being creative, unique, self expressive, individual and progressive, to see my favourite beautiful sculpture torn down and fed to the dirt, shattered me.

Where is your support for individual creative expression? For alternative tastes? You see something you don't like, bully it into pieces, complain to the people above, and like the shattered spine that was the silver lighthouse - you hide behind your opinions and drama.

Go create something and stop destroying things. Hippy-crites.

Alison Nankivell
Suffolk Park

Tourist value

Much has been written about tourists. Their supposed value, their supposed burden on the local community along with the supposed need for them into the future. The one that bothers me the most is their burden, on the local community.

Their increasing numbers encourage more and more people to transition their properties to AirBnB or similar.

While I have less of a problem with the 'local' who rents out a room for an overnight visitor I have a huge problem with whole houses

becoming de facto motels. I have an even bigger problem when the owners, while running a business, are not subject to commercial rates for running that business.

Why not? Why can't the council collect a fair and reasonable return on what is, for all intents, a business?

This would have at least two outcomes. Some homes would be taken off the tourist accommodation list and hopefully returned to the permanent rental market, or at least the council could collect extra revenue to return to the local community in the form of upgraded facilities.

Tourists don't need to be banned, but they do need to pay their way in a format that all the community benefits from and not just the selected businesses where they have a coffee, or buy a dress.

Neil Matterson
Byron Bay

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- Mahatma Gandhi

North Byron Parklands

INVITATION TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

As part of SSD 8169 consent conditions, North Byron Parklands seeks community feedback on its Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP).

Parklands' SIMP identifies measures used to avoid, mitigate and minimise potential negative impacts in the local community during its large and medium multi-day events, and its commitments to enhance and secure the positive impacts of the development.

Stakeholders are now invited to review the document and provide comments by COB Wednesday 9 October 2019.

The SIMP will be updated as required and resubmitted to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and the Environment for approval.

Commentary received will be included in a summary report. Please contact claire@northbyronparklands.com for a copy of the draft SIMP.

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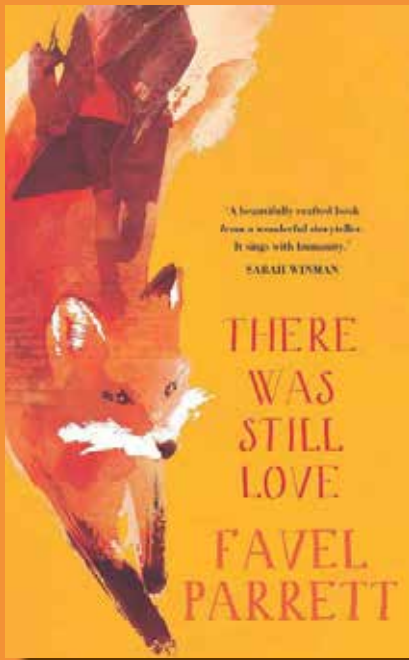
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Bypass angst

The bypass angst shows how poorly supported we are by the NSW Government on transport infrastructure.

State coffers were opened only if it was spent on a bypass despite community advocacy for projects with widespread and more substantial benefits.

Total cost of the multiple studies, adjustments to land holdings, the project itself, court case and environmental dis-benefits would be well over \$20 million.

By comparison, the multi-use rail corridor study has shown that for a similar amount the corridor can be activated with light rail and a walking and cycling track, servicing the length of Ewingsdale Road and the Bangalow Road corridor to Cemetery Road. As well, the rail corridor would be activated from Billinudgel to Bangalow.

This linking of Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores and Bangalow would have a very real impact in reducing demand for bigger roads funnelling more cars into the highly constrained town centre of Byron, and the other towns in the Shire.

The bypass experience shows that we will have to stand together for a sustainable transport network.

Plans already exist for more roundabouts and road building for Ewingsdale costing in excess of \$30 million.

Are we going to allow for this without a similar investment in the rail corridor? Do we want business destroying, and

pedestrian unfriendly roundabouts down Jonson Street as is likely to happen at the Mercato development, if Council gets its way?

Our community has developed a people friendly vision for the town-centre in the Byron Masterplan. We have the people and the skills to make that a reality. Question is, will Council and the NSW Government support our community's vision?

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Bemused

Duncan Dey's statement in the article Cleaning up Mullumbimby (*Echo* September 18) bemuses me.

The conversation on inflow/ infiltration has been going on for twenty-five years.

For Mr Dey to now come out with the statement that gravity mains are the problem is a bit much. And to congratulate Council for endorsing another five-year investigation costing around \$1,250 million, minimum, is astounding. The current investigations by Water and Recycling have been happening since 2002.

Mr Dey is a hydrologist I would like Duncan Dey to explain, after being involved in this issue for so long, how did you finally reach the conclusion that it is a deep infiltration problem?

Mr Dey remained silent when I was a member of the Waste Water Advisory Committee in 2017 and I repeatedly asked for evidence to show this was not a deep infiltration problem, due to the gravity mains being structurally

unsound, and that during rain events the water table would rise above these mains; hence the sewer pumps were trying to lower the water table. Mr Dey remained silent throughout every meeting when this issue was raised.

Now the problem is obvious to Duncan Dey, it is a pity Mr Dey did not take notice of the facts in front of him twenty years ago, as nothing has changed in those twenty years.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Kids today

Last Friday morning I was driving north and passed the Byron Bay off ramp (eastern side) and witnessed cars at a standstill, both lanes, and all the way back to Tyagarah. Most vehicles had only one passenger in them – it was chaos.

I am assuming this was caused by those travelling to the Byron Recreation grounds for the Climate Rally, combining with normal traffic.

I am also informed by a local refuse contractor that as a result of the Rally, over twenty 240 litre 'land fill only' bins were filled with recyclable materials when the 'recyclable' bins nearby were largely devoid of such waste.

The same day, I understand that the Mullumbimby lolly/chocolate shop had an outstanding trading day with many young people (normally at school) enjoying the social occasion and sweet treats available.

In light of the above, I suggest that if you genuinely wish to invoke change in

society, first and foremost, there is an absolute need to be authentic in all that you do.

I accept the climate is changing and that we need to change/adapt/educate and act. I do not accept the hypocrisy of virtue signallers, the constant use of 'crisis' language by activists and others combined with the myopia of our Green political leaders.

These 'selective, catastrophising' view(s), which are regularly published in *The Echo*, nearly always ignore the fact that, as a starting point, it is the increasing population of the world that must be the primary focus in this matter.

All possible remedial and necessary climate actions can/will stem from using such a focus as the platform.

Stephen McIllhatton
Skennars Head

Comendable mayor

While Mayor Richardson's plan to reduce energy is commendable, has he considered the safety aspect of his proposal to turn off streetlights in Byron?

In a town with few footpaths and plenty of potholes, residents walking home late at night will be in a precarious position.

Further, women will be especially vulnerable walking through darkened streets.

Surely there are other ways to economise and protect our precious resources (metered beach front showers would be a start) without compromising the safety of residents?

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The World Cup in Khanty Mansiysk reached the halfway stage with nine of the top ten players still alive.

Second seed Anish Giri was the biggest casualty of the opening three knock-out rounds, losing to talented US teenager Jeffrey Xiong in a match which went to a second set of fast tiebreakers.

Giri will now have to hope that the top seed, Chinese world number three Ding Liren, reaches the final of the World Cup as he did in 2017. This will free up a place in the Candidates tournament next year for Giri by rating and thereby keep alive the Dutch Grandmaster's hopes of challenging his fierce rival Carlsen for the world title.

The final 16 of the 128 player World Cup saw Grandmasters from eight countries still in contention following a third round where both Russia and China unexpectedly lost more than half their representatives and the final two Indian Grandmasters were eliminated.

Surprise packet of the tournament has been 22-year-old Russian Kirill Alekseenko who scored a 2-0 third round win over India's best hope Pentala Harikrishna. Despite winning the Chigorin Memorial in his home town of Saint Petersburg three times, Alekseenko has previously been overshadowed by more prodigious compatriots such as Vladimir Artemiev, but he was the only player ranked outside the top 32 remaining in the World Cup after the third round – though with a match-up against Ding next.

The player most relieved to be in the fourth round was probably Lenier Dominguez, the top 10 grandmaster who recently switched allegiance from Cuba to the US. Playing White against Azeri Nijat Abasov in the diagrammed position from the second round playoffs, Dominguez thought that he saw a winning combination and played

25.Ng4? 25.Ng3 was fine. Now after **25... Bxg4 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Rxe7** Abasov had a chance to send the eighth seed packing by playing **27...Ne2+!** **28.Kf1** (**28.Rxe2 Bxe2** is also bad.) **28...Nd4!** which leaves Black a piece ahead. Instead Abasov faltered with **27...Nh5?** Leaving Dominguez to take the full point after **28.hxg4 Qxg4 29.Ne6 Rf6 30.Qe5! 1-0**

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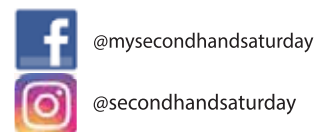
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Tallow Creek changes

As a resident adjoining the Arakwal National Park, I have been able to observe the changes to the Tallows Creek floodplain.

We experienced two, three month floods right up to the permitted 2.200 metre maximum level, in the past year alone. I am told this is a record.

No wonder so many non-paperbark rainforest trees have drowned.

These include mature blueberry ashes, tuckeroos, 50-year-old Bangalow forests and some large Coolamon trees.

In large areas, reeds, carpets of ferns, climbing maidenhair ferns, and 100mm thick vines have rotted away.

Many mangroves near the Tallows bridge have recently died which is a mystery to me.

In the past, floods seldom lasted more than a few weeks at a time.

Before Suffolk Park was extended and landfilled, trickles of freshwater used to flow across the area.

This allowed for a healthy and diverse environment.

The flow is now cut off and the flooding of the forest gets stagnant.

With little wind in the forest and the longer the water sits, the water becomes increasingly anaerobic.

No fish or any water creatures can survive in these dead backwaters.

After a thre month long high flood, when water is suddenly released, massive fish kills occur as they are left floundering in oxygen-depleted water.

Most fish can restock in 3 to 5 years.



Drowned trees on the Tallow Creek floodplain. Photos Leon Norman

50-year-old trees will not grow back in my lifetim. Parts of the paperbark forest are now a sterile sulphurous and birdless environment.

No berries, grasses or ferns remain for the poor swamp wallabies.

The National Parks and Byron Council are allowing an ecological disaster to occur, with their shared phobia of potential fish kills, which leads to total inaction.

Their approach suffocates rational scientific observation and debate.

Changed environmental and climatic conditions with drought and a gradual silting up of the creek has allowed for more frequent and longer floods, as the sand dune dam at the beach is seldom broken open by heavy rain.

The flood policy needs to be urgently redrawn and immediate action taken.

Allowing high floods of

short durations with a gentle and controlled release could prevent forest and fish kills.

Leon Norman
Suffolk Park

Precedents

There's been some local public discussion about 'precedent' mainly in relation to the maximum permitted height of buildings. But also in relation to the number of cabins permitted on certain types of land.

Most of the discussion is based on an erroneous understanding of planning law for example: 'if we allow this proposal to go ahead it will set a precedent.'

In reality what local council votes on, or the independent planning panel votes on, or, a commissioner of the court decides is called a 'merit' decision i.e. the outcome, is based on the particular merits of the particular proposal.

Accordingly the outcome does not set any kind of legal precedent that can be applied to situations, even if they appear to be similar. Developers, of course, will suggest otherwise.

In relation to the former Woollies site in Byron, for example, they will say 'oh well, Council allowed the height limit to be exceeded in the case of Mercato next door, so it must give us the same height' in reality there is no 'must' about it, because each case is different.

The developer's argument might carry moral weight – that they ought, on the basis of fairness, to be allowed a higher limit. But Council is not legally obliged to listen to that moaning – that developer could not appeal on such grounds alone.

All this is perfectly well understood by Council's planners and lawyers, but as far as informing your elected councillors or the public about it you'd be waiting for ever. Public and elected official ignorance is staff bliss.

The concept of the 'legal precedent' properly belongs to decisions made by judges when they have to rule on matters of law; we can't have one judge interpreting a law one way and another judge deciding differently. To ensure consistency, the decision of the first judge called upon to rule on a matter becomes the precedent that binds subsequent judges. (judges in the High Court call them 'authorities' rather than precedents).

Anyway if you want to rattle developers you can play them at their own game by citing the independent planning commission's recent rejection of the Bylong coal project, for the following reasons: 'The project is not in the public interest because it is contrary to the principles of ecologically sustainable development – mainly inter-generational equity because the predicted economic benefits would accrue to the present generation but the long-term environmental, heritage, and agricultural costs will be borne by the future generations.'

Use this quote against developers as a 'precedent' and watch them splutter, fume, and rant! Which reminds me of what my own 13-year-old son said to me recently: 'You're gonna leave it to us to clean up the mess, aren't you?'

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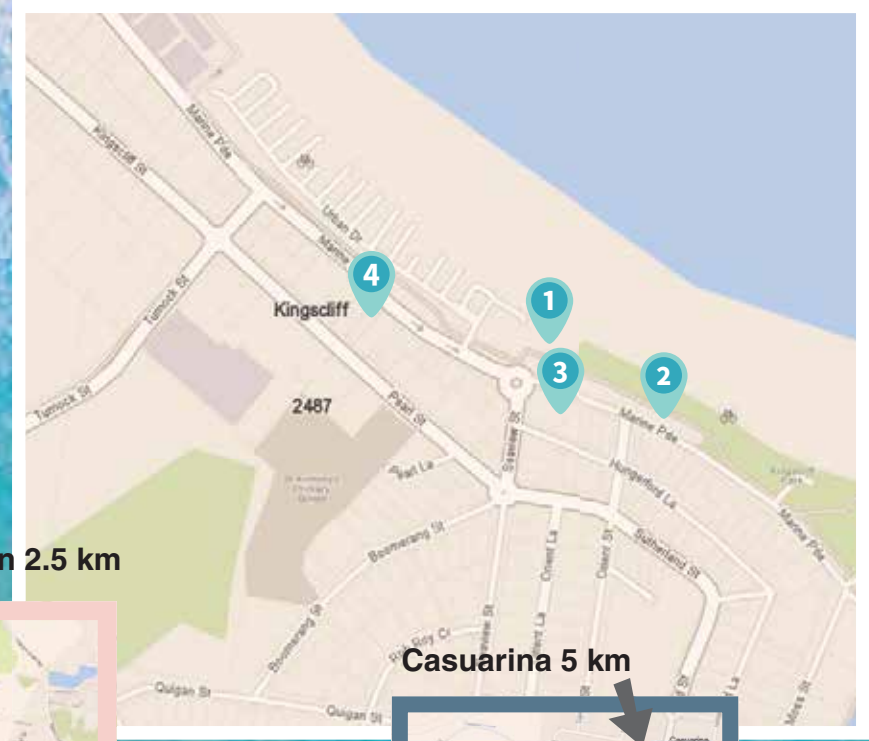
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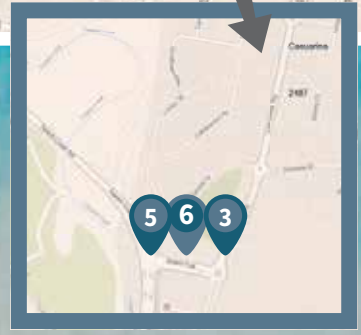
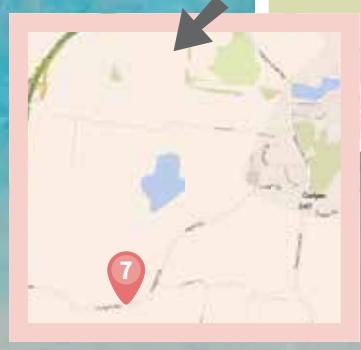
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Drought, fires and habitat

Like many animals, the flying fox is suffering because of the drought, fires and loss of habitat and they are dying of starvation and dehydration.

Wildlife carer groups are reporting a significant number of flying foxes affected by starvation on the NSW north coast.

Flying fox ecologists say that unusually dry conditions have affected flowering and fruiting of their usual feed trees, primarily, the eucalypt blossom and unless significant rain is received in the near future, further food shortages are likely to occur.

This means that bats are currently being found



A young flying fox in care with the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers. Photo supplied

in places where they are usually not; and North Coast Local Land Services are warning pet and stock owners to avoid handling or touching injured or dead flying foxes.

Bat Lyssavirus

Bats in Australia are the natural reservoir for Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV), which is known to affect bats, humans and horses, and research indicates a small percentage of flying foxes carry ABLV.

Phil Kemsley, North Coast Local Land Services District Veterinarian said Lyssaviruses, including ABLV, are usually transmitted via bites or scratches

Sick or injured bats are often found on the ground or low down on trees, making them easy for curious pets to catch. It is common for domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats, to come in direct contact with bats.

'Although there have been no recorded cases of ABLV infection in dogs or cats in Australia, it is possible that domestic pets are

susceptible to the disease,' said Dr Kemsley.

'If you find a sick, injured or abandoned flying-fox, contact a licensed wildlife carer organisation or local veterinarian. Members of the public should not handle live bats. Only trained, vaccinated bat handlers should attempt to handle bats.'

Dr Kemsley recommends that if you know or suspect your pet has been in contact with a bat, clean any apparent wounds by washing under running water for five minutes and apply an iodine-based antiseptic.

'After cleaning any wounds, seek veterinary assistance from your local veterinarian without delay for the safety of pets and owners,' said Dr Kemsley. 'Your veterinarian may send the bat to a government laboratory for testing. Post-exposure vaccination is available for pets.'

What about humans?

Any human contact with a bat should be reported

immediately to NSW Health.

Solé Fálcon from the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers says that because they are starving to death people will notice flying foxes on fruit trees 'guarding' fruit, due to the lack of food. 'Many are literally dying on trees, or are on the ground,' she said.

'If we lose our flying foxes, the ecosystem will also suffer and collapse. Many other beloved Australian native animals depend on the bat's role for their survival.

'If you find a bat, please call any of the two wildlife groups. Do not attempt to remove them from barb wire or netting. Only an experienced and vaccinated flying fox handler can do so.'

Wildlife carers

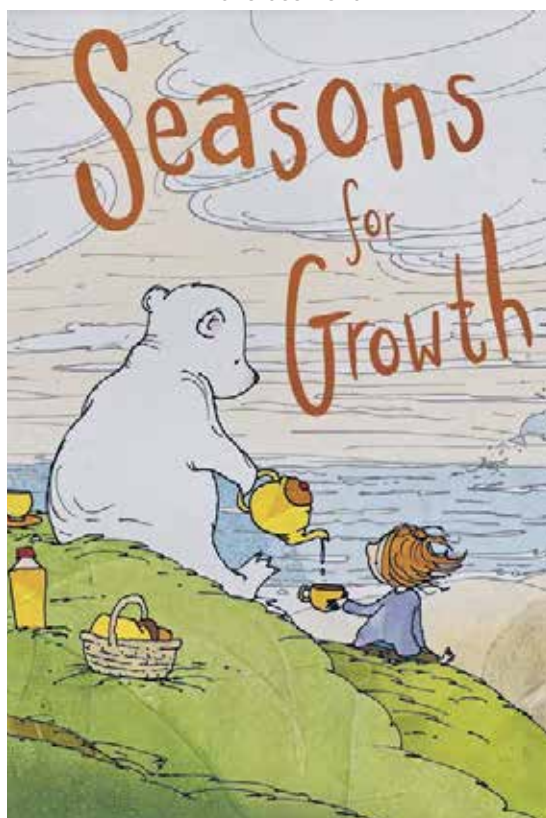
Local wildlife carers want to encourage people to report any flying foxes they see stuck on barb wire, stuck in fruit netting, hit by cars, or attacked by dogs or cats.

Call the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers on 6628 1866 or WIRES 6628 1898 and they will advise you what to do next.

For more information on ABLV or managing bat interactions, visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/animal/humans/bat-health-risks.

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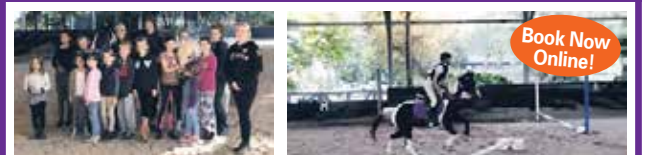
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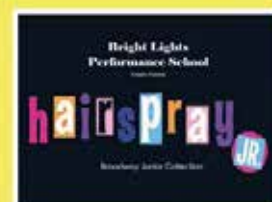
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Will Donald Trump lose the next election?

Phillip Frazer has five reasons why the result is hard to predict

1. We don't know who his opponent will be

Leading Democrats lining up to take on Trump (age 73) next year are: former VP Joe Biden (76), Senator Elizabeth Warren (70) and Senator Bernie Sanders (78). All have poll percentages in the twenties, while the next tier in the race – Senator Kamala Harris (54) Pete Buttigieg (37) and Senator Cory Booker (50) – all have less than 5% support in polls.

There are too many variables to predict who'll get the nomination, but I see Warren as the one with most appeal to a wide range of demographics and the least likelihood of screwing up. That's not to say I think she'd make the best candidate or the best President – just looking at who's most likely to get the gig.

2. Republicans have taken gerrymandering to new levels...

Gerrymandering is the fine art of drawing the boundaries of electoral districts. If your county has, say, five districts, you herd most voters for the party you DON'T want to win into one district, and spread your own voters so they have a small majority in the other four districts.

The total vote for each party might be 50% each, but the gerrymandering party gets four seats and the suckers get one. How's this possible?

Voting in America is managed by local politicians, not by any national agency, and Republican backers spent big, back in 2010, to win local power so they could control the once-in-10-years redrawing of district boundaries.

The courts are now



Elizabeth Herring (before she became Warren) second from left front row in her 1967 university photo. She was a conservative then. Studying stories of how people went bankrupt changed her politics in 1996.

considering multiple challenges to this, but Trump has funnelled a swarm of Republican judges into courtrooms across the country, and the crooked maps will skew the upcoming vote in their favour.

Winning local power next year is what former President Obama has been focused on

since he left office, so that the next decade's electoral maps are more friendly to Democrats.

3. ...and purged millions more Democratic voters from the rolls

Like I said, the US federal government doesn't control the voting process, but the Civil Rights movement led the Supreme Court to require states to get permission to change voting rules, in order to curb voter-purging based on racial and class discrimination. Then, in 2013, the Court balance of power shifted to the right and those controls were abandoned, and since that happened 1,173 polling places have been eliminated, all in areas with Democratic majorities. 'Closing polling places has a cascading effect,' says a report just out from The Education Fund, 'leading to long lines at other polling places, transportation hurdles, denial of language assistance and other forms of in-person help, and mass confusion about where eligible voters may cast their ballot.'

For Trump and the Republicans, that's mission accomplished.

Democratic voters also face bullying outside polling places, or intimidation by poll officials who, for example, tell them they can vote 'provisional' if their data is questioned, knowing that provisional votes often don't get counted. And then

there's plain old-fashioned cheating – rigging the vote-count, hacking computers, issuing fake instructions – all endemic in America today.

4. People's priorities have changed since he got elected

A top-dog pollster Stan Greenberg just published a book predicting a wipe-out for Republicans in 2020.

He's all about the numbers, such as; that 50% of voters said in 2016 that immigration is good for America, that's now up to 65%; more than 60% want more government involvement in the economy, with less reliance on individuals and businesses; levels of 'engagement and mobilisation' have increased 10% since the 2018 mid-term voting.

Greenberg notes that all the Democratic contenders are promising to fix the climate disaster, and wealth and income inequality, and America's healthcare imbroglio – policies that have given their party control of California.

Greenberg predicts that 2020 will mark 'the death of the GOP' nationally, especially since Republican policies are focused on resisting gender equality more than on economics.

He may be over-hopeful. But about 156 million people will be able to vote in 2020 compared to 139 million in 2016. Many are Latinx (gender neutral for Latinos and Latinas), who don't like 'Beautiful Wall' Trump.

5. WTF could happen between now and then?

Trump might be indicted for 'high crimes' which can trigger impeachment – or just embroiled in criminal charges for financial fraud and tax dodging, or lying under oath, or both, or telling the Ukrainian president he can have \$250 million in 'aid' but only if he slanders Joe Biden.

Crimes are hard to stick on a President, especially a bullshitting mud-slinger like this guy. Or he might have a heart attack (overweight, crap diet).


One new trend is that he's rapidly losing supporters in high places in other countries – even Japan says his Iran-blaming is bogus – and if Scott Morrison is the best bootlicker he can find, he's in big trouble.

And then there's always War. US Presidents repeatedly launch wars to boost their chances of being elected. Trump has done all the usual Presidential things to fire up America's monstrous war-machine, except he doesn't seem to relish actual invasions.

But elections are competitions, and Trump's incoherent belligerence gets coherent around just one matter of principle – winning.

Postscript: Next year's voting day (November 3) will also elect a new Congress, which will determine how much the new President can do about anything and everything. All the above unpredictables also apply to those elections.

Time is of the essence...



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

■ Phillip Frazer plays America's numbers at coorabellridge.com

Being Vegan: Let me tell ya 'bout the birds and the bees (Part 1)

Omnivores are always looking for loopholes to undo the reasons to be vegan

Eve Jeffery

Chickens are birds

One of the questions I get asked a lot is: Why don't vegans use eggs and honey?

The answer is not complicated, but it does take a bit of explaining, and usually the short answer draws 'yes, but what about?' questions.

My personal reason for being a vegan is because I believe all the creatures of this planet are earthlings and as such we all deserve equal rights. A lot of humans can't deal with that. We have spent many millennia thinking we are much smarter and more advanced than our furred, featured, finned and scaled brethren that we don't see them as equals. I believe one day we will all see that for the huge mistake it is.

In the meantime...

When it comes to consuming anything that belongs to another earthling, I ask myself: what was this 'food' item intended for? What was it created for?

In the case of chickens, their eggs are their offspring. It's that simple.

But what about unfertilised eggs?

Yes. That's usually the first question.

Female chickens are a lot like female earthlings. Their bodies make eggs to reproduce their species, but with chickens, it takes a lot more energy. Also like human female earthlings, those eggs don't always get fertilised. Although with human females, on the whole, we have a lot more say over whether our eggs get fertilised or not – sadly hens don't get the same option. The vast proportion of eggs produced in the world are by hens who are kept apart from males of their species.

But what about how many they lay that they don't sit on?

Chickens are birds – a good thing to remember – birds tend to brood once, rarely



Shell-less egg. Photo Biswarup Ganguly [CC BY 3.0]

but occasionally, twice a year. They lay a clutch of fertilised eggs then they sit on those eggs, and eventually hatch their offspring. Chickens, like all birds left to their own devices, will lay only during their breeding season and only enough eggs to assure the survival of their genes.

The difference with commercially bred laying hens is that we have been abusing them by breeding them to lay constantly for so long, even our backyard free-range chooks, that it's what they do now. They lay eggs, we steal the eggs, they lay more eggs, we steal the eggs and we continue to deny them their natural instincts. The hens don't ever get the chance to sit on their own eggs in a natural state, that is, laying, then brooding and hatching chicks.

Even when chickens do get the chance to lay fertilised eggs, in commercial production, those eggs are stolen and hatched in incubators.

Modern egg hens have been intensively bred to lay between 250 to 300 eggs a year.

A chicken left to its own devices would lay 4-10 eggs, sit on those eggs and raise the hatchlings. They might lay these 4-10 eggs one to two times a year. Wild hens lay only 10 to 15 eggs per year. They certainly do not lay eggs for months on end until their vents bleed and prolapse and then are destroyed because of lack of productivity.

Can't have too many roosters

The other truth about the egg industry is that when chickens are bred for laying, within days of hatching, the males are killed.

In case you didn't know, there are meat chickens and there are laying chickens. Meat chickens have large breasts and legs – all the better to eat. Laying hens are bred for their ability to produce wonderful eggs for months on end until they die.

Male chicks are earthlings too!

So when male 'laying' chickens are born, they are useless to the industry and are often thrown live, by the bucketload, into mincers to be used as food and fertiliser.

But what about free-range eggs?

Commercial free-range chickens and your back-yard variety free-range chickens are two entirely different things (the battery hen is a whole other story).

Nurtured and coddled free-range house chooks STILL end up laying more because their eggs, fertilised or not, are still stolen and consumed by other earthlings – that's not the hen's intention so their chicken rights are being abused.

If we stole and murdered human babies at the same rate...?

■ Part 2 of Let me tell ya 'bout the bird and the bees will look at why vegans don't eat honey. This article first appeared on *Echonetdaily* and was made possible by the support of Veets Vegan Cooking School. www.veets.com.au



Even the most coddled and cared-for chooks have their eggs stolen and their bodies worn out early by forced over-production of eggs, and their male babies are murdered.

Photo Tree Faerie.

Not all eggs are crated equal.

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CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

Some fitbits of the ongoing climate catastrophe...

'How dare you?' – Thunberg rips into world leaders at UN summit

In what may be a defining moment of our times, Greta Thunberg, the teenager who began the School Strike 4 Climate movement just over a year ago, addressed the United Nations Climate Action Summit and gave world leaders a serious dressing down for their failure to act on the climate crisis.

Climate change, sea rise accelerating: WMO

A World Meteorological Organisation report says sea levels have been rising on average 5mm a year over the last five years, with much of the rise caused by melting ice. Global temperatures have risen by 1.1°C since 1850 and have gone up 0.2°C between 2011 and 2015, the report says. Carbon emissions have risen 20 per cent between 2015 and 2019 compared to the previous five years.

Climate protests trashed by fake photo

A social media post showing rubbish allegedly left after the climate strike rally in Sydney has been deleted after it was revealed to be a fake. The post by Australian Youth Coal Coalition was shared over 36,000 times according to SBS News.

Somo trashes Aus enviro cred, again

Environmentalists are accusing Scott Morrison of 'trashing' Australia's international reputation, as official documents reveal the broad scale of his government's efforts to significantly increase coal exports at a time of mass protests calling for action on climate change. – *Sydney Morning Herald*

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

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3. The Cactus Hill Project ~ 82 Burringbar St
4. Mullumbimby Civic Hall ~ 55 Dalley St
5. The Water Shop ~ 105 Stuart St
6. Byron Bay Pork ~ 70 Dalley St
7. Mullumbimby Farmers Market ~ Mullumbimby Showgrounds, 62 Main Arm Rd
8. Chincogan Store ~ 33 Burringbar St
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11. Soul Pattinson Chemist ~ 60 Burringbar St
12. Mullumbimby Engineering ~ 17 Towers Drive, Industrial Estate
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Shelley Davidow's novel looks at betrayed women in Byron

Queensland author and academic, Shelley Davidow's latest novel *High Infidelity*, tracks the fortunes and re-emergence of Lara, runaway English wife, as she rediscovers herself in Byron Bay.

High Infidelity is Davidow's forty-fifth publication. She says she has been writing and publishing for a very long time. 'It feels normal, but good, in the sense that the momentum is unceasing,' she says. 'I was hoping to keep up with my age – a book for every year I've lived – but I'm starting to lose ground!'

Davidow's previous two books were memoirs – this one is a long way from that. Davidow says she wrote *High Infidelity* for her own enjoyment after seven years of turning her life and her family's lives into art through writing her memoirs. 'That is intense in an ethical, literary and emotional way – and demands fidelity to an emotional truth,' she says. '*High Infidelity*, also, is actually full of true stories. After being stopped at the airport one winter on my way to England with my family, and told I couldn't fly because visa regulations for



South Africans had changed, and after having rented out both my house and car, I had to call a friend and ask for a place to stay.'

Davidow says she spent that summer in the friend's expansive mansion with a group of lost souls. 'They were three betrayed middle-aged women and a gorgeous twenty-something year old, raw-food eating, glowing young man who thought he was the answer to everyone's prayers, and who also thought he had the world figured out,' she said. 'In that month *High Infidelity*'s characters, Ruby, Mario and Lara

were born. I guess I turned that disaster into art – and that tragedy of a lost holiday with my family (who did go off to England, being British citizens) into a comedy.'

Lara is the heroine who arrived at the same time as the story. 'A recently heart-broken Lara had to go somewhere and do something. I was staying in Byron Bay, so Lara had to be there with me. While perusing *The Echo*, I saw some intriguing ads by tantric sex-workers, and I thought, that's something Lara would never have imagined doing – calling one of those numbers.'

'She does though, because she's on a new adventure of her own, and she's making the rules.'

There is a happy and satisfying end for Lara but she has to work for it.

Davidow says that readers will take whatever message has meaning for them from that.

'The theme is one of self-discovery. The trauma of betrayal lives beneath the skins of so many people, and I wanted to explore that – using humour and pathos and allowing the characters to be real and honest. It is normal to experience envy, rage, self-hatred, world-hatred, but these can be transformed and Lara does that. Also, because this is a romantic comedy – a happy ending was always what I wanted for Lara.'

'I'm exploring deep issues of love and sex and death and relationships, and what really matters, regardless of our genders and sexual orientations – and I've enjoyed allowing my characters to rant about love and sex and death because that's pretty much what we're all dealing with much of the time anyway.'

Kids love the EMU bus



Indigo, Lucie, Leila and Dylan loved the EMU Bus.

Last week students at Byron Bay Public School had a visit from the RSPCA's mobile education unit, the EMU bus.

The bus was in town to work with students on a wide range of activities promoting responsible pet ownership, and teaching them about threats to wildlife and animal welfare.

Shannon Burt, Council's Director for Sustainable Environment and Economy, said the aim of the program is to provide children with information and skills that they will be able to use, both now and in the future.

'The Byron Shire has high rates of pet ownership and

we are also lucky to have incredible native wildlife, including koalas, wallabies, frogs and lizards,' said Ms Burt.

'If Council, and the RSPCA, can work with children to teach them about how important it is to look after their pets, and to make sure they are well-trained, and not allowed to roam uncontrolled, then hopefully this message will be taken home and put into practice.'

'The EMU bus makes learning about how to be a better pet owner really fun through activities, computer displays, campaign information, toys and games.'



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The Good Life



Barrio – Miguel Escalante

Award-winning Argentinian chef Miguel Escalante from Republica Restaurant (previously Otto & Icebergs in Sydney) will be joining Head Chef Francisco Smoje for a one-off dinner at Barrio Eatery & Bar.

'After cooking in all the continents, and the last 10 years working as a successful chef in my homeland of Argentina, I am looking forward to returning to Australia (my second home) where I spent many years as a chef, and sharing my new South American techniques and cooking style, while using the best produce of the Northern Rivers. I have heard wonderful things about Barrio's co-owner Francisco Smoje from local Byron Bay friends and this is a great opportunity for us to join forces and create an incredible dining experience together', said Miguel.

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You're the Celeb at the Green Room!

By Mandy Nolan. Photos by Donatella Parisini

As a performer I've spent a lot of time in the Green Room. There's a certain mystique in what happens backstage... and the Green Room at the iconic Byron Bay Beach Hotel has been created with that same feeling. You certainly feel like you're experiencing something very special and uniquely Byron.

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palm trees, dining nooks and cosy couches. But the Green in the Green Room also means something else. The deeper value of what it actually means to be environmentally and socially conscious with everything on the menu sourced locally. The menu shows a true commitment to Byron's producers and growers and it's clear that the chef loves fishing! There's a wonderful selection of locally caught seafood on the menu including line caught Red Emperor with spring vegetables, cauliflower puree and pil pil sauce. I absolutely loved the roasted scallop and the Albacore tuna carpaccio with wasabi custard, and the avocado mousse was to die for! It's not just the food that is sourced locally - it's the alcohol as well; there's tasting palettes available from Stone and Wood and the Green Room has Jilly's Natural wines on tap. I'd never heard of them - but they supply kegs of wine - each keg saving 48 glass bottles! And they're from Clunes. I had their shiraz, it was delicious!

The bar staff are sensational. You get premium service in the Green Room and those boys certainly know their way around a cocktail. I had a Macspresso Martini made from Brookie's newest release, Mac's Macadamia Liqueur. We also had a Byron Bay Bramble, made with Brookie's Dry Gin, Honey'd Chai, Blueberry soda and fresh lemon.

"It's also a great place to enjoy the music without actually being in the middle of the action"

The Green Room is open Tuesday to Sunday from 4pm and it's absolutely perfect if you want to go off-the-grid with share plates and fabulous cocktails! The Green Room is also available for functions; hosting 80 seated-diners and up to 120 standing. It's great for cocktail parties or business presentations. Having access to the rest of the pub offers something no other venue in town has, and it certainly contributes to the electric vibe. It's also a great place to enjoy the music without actually being in the middle of the action.

This year the Green Room are offering a Melbourne Cup Luncheon with a glass of champagne and grazing feast for just \$54! The buffet will include roast thyme chicken, poached ocean trout, salmon rye-bites, asparagus parmesan

custard truffle, new season potato salad, butter lettuce and seasonal spring vegetable salad, olives and woodfired vegetable dips... tempted yet? There's a screen in there as well, so you get a very exclusive viewing in a gorgeous setting.

I love the Green Room. It's the perfect re-imagining of the space - it's family friendly, it feels exclusive, yet it's warm and inviting and very inclusive. Everyone is so wonderfully friendly, and as an eco-warrior I just can't say how much I loved eating and drinking local produce. I even tried my first ever kangaroo, via a kangaroo-tail bourguignon pie and it was... amazing. I'm still hopping.

You can just wander in, but it's limited seating, so if you've got your heart set on going, then you should book ahead. For events email events@beachhotel.com.au

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Fresh, passionate, local Murwillumbah

Adam and Kasey have a lot of experience, as well as a shared passion for food and service, so they were excited when, in December 2018, they opened their modern Australian cuisine restaurant Johnny Franco's in Murwillumbah.

After living and working in cafés and restaurants in the Tweed for over a decade, it was great to take the next step on the journey and bring fresh, new and tasty ingredients to Murwillumbah for their own restaurant.

The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner. The lunch menu includes salads, pasta and burgers – including the ever-popular Bison burger. Fully licensed indoor lounge and dining areas create casual, elegant all-day dining that is affordable and delicious.

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They have a commitment to shopping local, and providing



Adam of Johnny Francos, Murwillumbah.

the freshest food, so shopping at the local farmers market and sourcing local ingredients is high priority for Adam. With seating for up to 80 people, group bookings are welcome; they have already started taking bookings for staff Christmas parties, with a sit down set-menu, or cocktail style functions.

Hosting quarterly charity events has proven a hit, and the next evening is locked in for 10 October in aid of the Story Dogs organisation. Contact Kasey to reserve your table.

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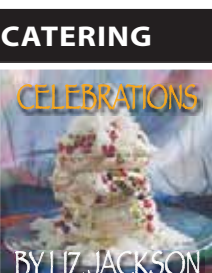
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Rental affordability up, but Byron bucks trend

REIA President Adrian Kelly said the June quarter 2019 edition of the REIA Housing Affordability Report found the proportion of income required to meet rent payments decreased to 23.8 per cent, a fall of 1.2 percentage points over the quarter and a decrease of 0.3 percentage points compared to the same quarter 2018.

This means that across the country rental affordability improved during the June 2019 quarter to the lowest proportion of income required to meet rent payments since June 2008, according to research from the Real Estate Institute of Australia.

However in a recent study by Compass Housing, a non government, not for profit social housing group, rental affordability in Byron Bay was rated least affordable, when the average rents were measured against the median weekly incomes of renting households. The average rent in Byron Bay was \$590 per week – 48% per of the average household income for renters of \$1218 per week.

Mr Kelly said housing affordability declined marginally across the country in the June

quarter 2019.

'This is due to the rise in the average loan amounts after the lower levels of the March quarter – which appears to be an annual pattern,' Mr Kelly said.

'With the exception of Western Australia, housing affordability declined in all states and territories. Although average loan amounts increased in all states and territories between 0.2 per cent and 6.2 per cent, only Western Australia's average family income surpassed the increase in the loan amount.'

Mr Kelly said the total number of loans increased over the June quarter by 6.6 per cent.

'The number of loans to owner-occupier first home buyers has recorded increases in five of the six months of 2019. However, compared to the previous twelve months there was 16,521 fewer new housing loans – a decrease of 15.1 per cent.

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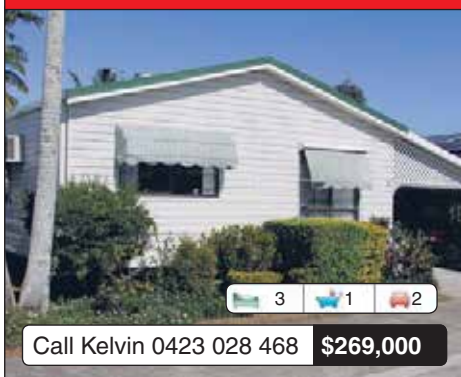
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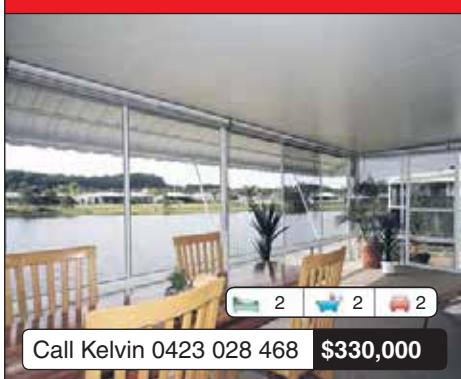
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Inspect
Saturday 28th Sept 1-1.30pm

Auction
Saturday 19th October
12.30pm on site

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23 Palmer Avenue, **Ocean Shores** 4+ 2+ 2

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

Inspect
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Price
\$1,400,000

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4 Arika Ave, **Ocean Shores** 3 2 2

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NEW
PRICE

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

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Price
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7 Left Bank Road, **Mullumbimby** 4 2 2

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2.7 HA

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30 Marvell Street,
Byron Bay

6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 cars

1,012 m²

Inspect:
By Appointment

Price Guide:
Guide \$4m

Enquiries:
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38 Killen Falls Drive,
Tintenbar

5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 cars

3 HA

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Price Guide:
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Coopers Shoot

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Inspect:
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Price Guide:
\$2.25m

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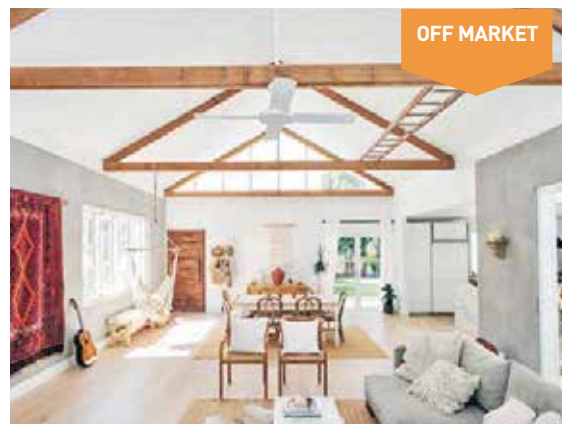
3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

843 m²

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Price Guide:
\$1.475m to \$1.575m

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Byron Bay

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars

840m²

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Price Guide:
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Enquiries:
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154 Waltons Road,
Federal

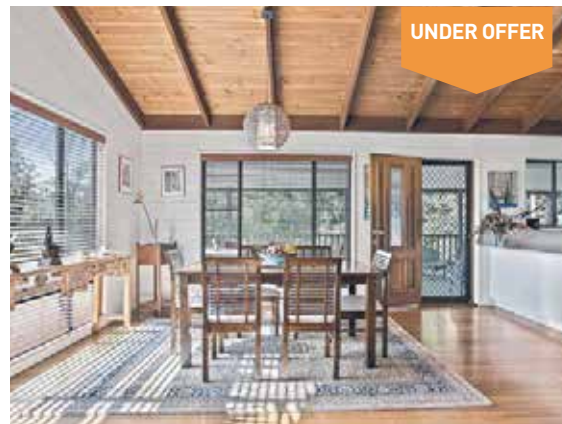
5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 4 cars

2 HA

Inspect:
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Price Guide:
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97 Federal Drive,
Eureka

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars

2 HA

Inspect:
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Price Guide:
\$1m to \$1.1m

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- 21 Snows Creek Road, Upper Coopers Creek. Tue 3–3.45pm
- 1 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4 Arika Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 6 Rangal Road, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–1.30pm

Byron Bay First National

- 5/6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Wed 12.30–12.30pm
- 18 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Thu 12–12.30pm
- 35 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Thu 1–1.30pm
- 8/21–23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Fri 11–11.30am
- Lot 20/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 5/6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 1300 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Montecollum. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 11 Ironbark Avenue, Byron Bay. Fri 1.15–1.45pm
- 46 Paterson Lane, Byron Bay. Fri 2–2.30pm
- 29 Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 4/78 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 3 Parakeet Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 27 Corella Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 9.30–10am
- 96 Bundara Park Drive, Tuckombil. Sat 10–11pm
- 27 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 11/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 85 Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 16 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am

- 4A Aurora Place, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 46 Figtree Hill Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 97 Federal Drive, Eureka. Sat 10.15–10.45am
- 31 Seaview Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30–11am
- 15 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30–11am
- 240 Skinners Shoot Road, Skinners Shoot. Sat 11–11.30am
- 154 Waltons Road, Federal. Sat 11–11.30am
- 6 Alexander Circuit, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1 Gittos Lane, Possum Creek. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 25A Gordon Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am–12.00pm
- 70 James Street, Dunoon. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 50 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 4/60 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.15–12.45pm
- 35 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 8 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 12–12.30pm

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McGrath Byron Bay

- 15 Byron Bay Road, Bangalow. Thu 4.30–5pm
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- 2/13 Azolla Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 30 Ryces Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 Byron Bay Road, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 146 Waltons Road, Federal. Sat 11–11.30am
- 179 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Sat 1–1.30pm

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads

- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 11 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 7 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 31 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 10 Gin Gin Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 5 Apo St, Goonellabah. Sat 12.30–1.30pm
- 12 Dignan Street, Burringbar. Sat 2.30–3pm

New Listings

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 6 Rangal Road, South Golden Beach. Auction 19 October 12.30pm on-site

Byron Bay First National

- 16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. \$975,000–\$1,085m
- 69 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. \$720,000–\$770,000
- 31 Seaview Street, Byron Bay. \$1.78m–\$1.9m
- 240 Skinners Shoot Road, Skinners Shoot
- 57 Childe Street, Byron Bay. \$2.55m–\$2.7m
- 35 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Auction 12 Oct 11am
- 23 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay. \$2m

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads

- 19 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores
- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores
- 16 Orana Road, Ocean Shores

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Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads

- 10 Gin Gin Crescent, Ocean Shores. October 5 on-site 1pm
- Lot 1, 76 Hulls Road, Crabbes Creek. October 19 on-site 2pm

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Frank and Jane Mlikota



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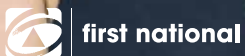
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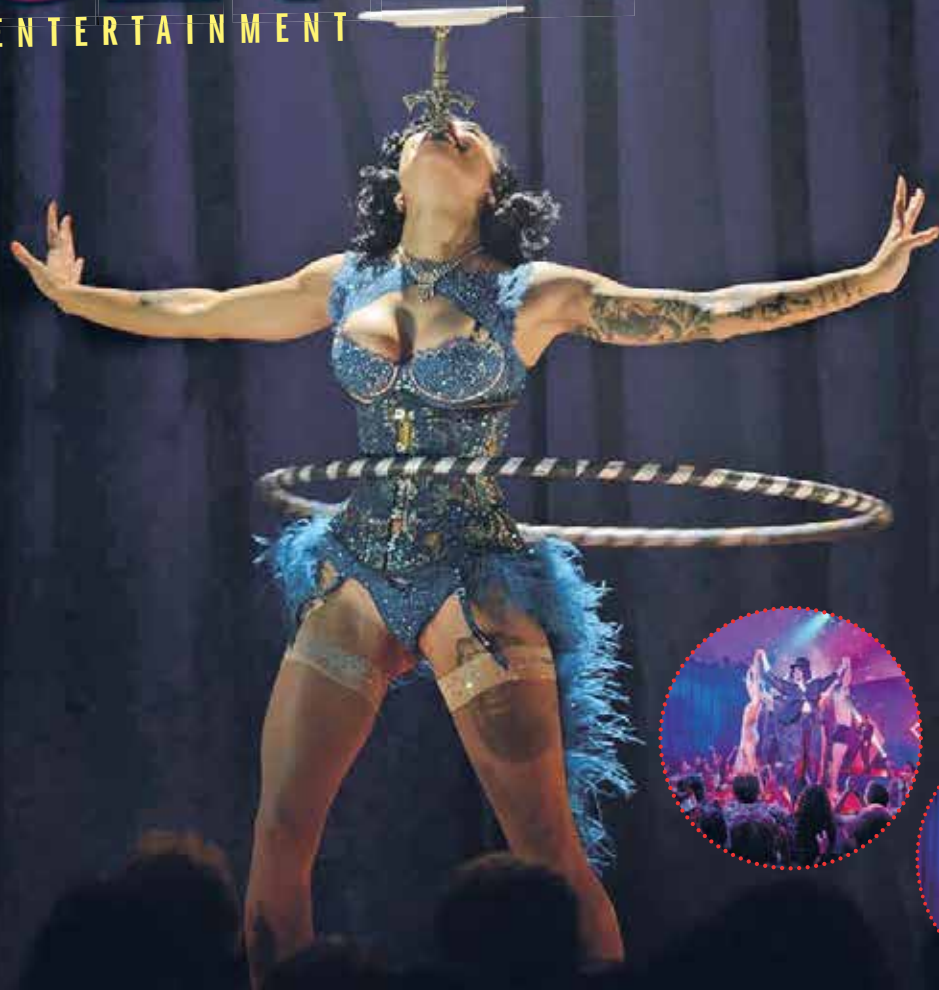
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THE CHEEKY PICTURE

For more than three and a half years the Byron Shire has had the privilege of experiencing the world class cabaret of *La Soiree* via *Cheeky Cabaret*. When **Chris Chen** and **Brett Haylock** followed their dream and re-imagined a decommissioned coastal movie theatre, no one could have predicted that these two would also re-imagine creativity and community at the same time. In a very short time they've created a venue that is the heart and soul of Brunswick Heads.

Brett Haylock of the Brunswick Picture House and head honcho of Cheeky Cabaret and creative inceptions spoke with *The Echo*!

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Can you tell us where it all began for the Brunswick Picture House and Cheeky Cabaret, where did the idea begin and how did you and your team get this amazing theatre and show to where it is now?

In 2004 I took a little subversive cabaret to the largest arts festival in the world in Edinburgh... that little show ignited on day one. It was called *La Soirée*. Over 8.5 million people have now seen the show and it has taken us around the world. We would be doing eight shows a week in all venues around the world, it was a very intense schedule... and then in our travels we came across this little, old, run down theatre in Brunswick Heads. It had been lying dormant for over 30 years. In that moment I had an epiphany, and I knew that life as we knew it for my partner Chris (on and off stage for the last 12 years) and I would never be the same again. After a lot of blood, sweat, tears, and help from our friends, we re-opened the Brunswick Picture House in Easter 2016. When we launched it made sense to bring a little bit of the magic that we had been presenting internationally to our new home.

We wanted a show that we could distinguish from our family programming, and we landed on the moniker of Cheeky Cabaret. And it is exactly that, a cheeky night out that is sexy, funny, dangerous... and always surprising.

Where did your love of this sort of theatre and performance begin?

There was not one showbiz bone in my family. I went to a small regional school of 300 (including staff) in SA, and it had a strong and inspiring drama program that punched above its weight and I was hooked from an early age.

What's different about Cheeky Cabaret? What sets it apart from other variety shows people may see, both here in the area and in other parts of Australia if not the world?

We work hard to create an environment that is not like any other theatrical environment, and audiences respond accordingly. We are not concerned with the rules of conventional theatre and openly encourage a robust, immersive, interactive experience. A festive party vibe pervades a night out at the Picture House for Cheeky. We want people to feel comfortable and not intimidated.

Just as *La Soirée* has done for many years, the difference between Cheeky and other 'variety shows' is that we truly celebrate the weird and wonderful... many of our acts may have originated from the fringes of the performing arts world. The common thread is the generosity of spirit and heart that you witness throughout a performance... and this is very much aligned to the values of the Picture House.

Is it true that you have an entirely new cast of performers for each Cheeky show, each month? How do you keep this up and where do you find all these incredible performers?

Yes this is true. We create an entirely new show every month, which of course is another point of difference for us. Although after 3.5 years... some performers are now returning by popular demand.

I assemble a cast from all around Australia, along with touring international artists, and many are meeting each other for the first time. The craft of putting a show together has become instinctive and the process of consistently doing that is what comes naturally to me. At my age I don't know how to do much, but this is what I do know and love.

We are really proud of a very diverse **Spring program** which is a mix of internationally recognised acts and homegrown talent. This coming weekend we have our monthly dose of **Cheeky, and on Sunday afternoon**, an event that we are all really excited about, our very first **Picture House Tea Dance**, celebrating the Golden Years. We then leap into **Arrebato Ensemble**, contemporary Flamenco with an edge, followed by two of Australia's most adored singer-songwriters; **Paul McDermott & Gatesy** locking harmonies and minds on stage in their show **Paul McDermott & Gatesy Go Solo** in Brunswick Heads. We are thrilled to

once again be an official venue for the **Byron Bay Film Festival** and have a really exciting program of films and documentaries. The next in our comedic line up; the much anticipated **Josh Thomas** with his *Work in Progress*. On the back of its successful inaugural festival this year, the **Festival of the Voice** returns with *Shout Pray Sing*, a celebration of the voice in its many forms. For Joni Mitchell fans we have the musical tribute **Blue**. Another returning Picture House production is **Brun's Got Talent**, back bigger and better this year in a collaboration with local college SAE... and then we round out the year with our **Christmas Cheeky** and our very popular **Carols @ The House**, where our Picture House transforms into The Church For All People.

We are really excited by what is to come. Our program is ever evolving, and the door is always open to our community if they have a great idea they want to pitch to us. Developing local talent and supporting the community is definitely an area that we are passionate about. We currently have weekly community life-drawing classes with **Sketch Appeal** and our much loved community choir, **The Big Sing**.

Catch Cheeky Cabaret at Brunswick Picture House Friday and Saturday at 7pm. Tix from brunswickpicturehouse.com



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THE BOMB

There's nothing like a bomb to put you on the map. The whole of Australia looked on with disbelief last week when what looked like a pipe bomb was discovered by a couple of dudes in a quiet back alley.

It's not what you expect to find on a Thursday morning in Mullum. The usual street fodder often includes a couple of pairs of discarded underpants, a lone thong and maybe a lost bong... not a bomb. I mean, this is Mullumbimby. Finding a bomb in the heart of peace-and-love country is like finding a wagyu steak in the window of a vegan restaurant. We do bath bombs baby. Not pipe bombs. Well, if we do pipe bombs – they're generally packed with hash.

When it comes to 'improvised devices' in Mullumbimby it's usually a bloke at the Farmers Market using an upside down waste-paper bin as a djembe. Or an old bloke with a hula-hoop using a pineapple as percussive device. We're not terroristy people. We're touristy yes. Not terroristy. Shit, what if the bomb is a result of a typo? We don't blow people up. That's not who we are. We blow them out. We're gonna have to change our sign from 'Biggest Little Town in Australia' to 'Biggest Little Terrorist Threat in Australia.'

Personally, I was surprised that anyone in Mullumbimby actually made a bomb. We're big dreamers, but we're not big on completing projects. This is the region of half-finished projects. Most people still haven't put their flow hives together. I am not a fan of bombs, but hey, nice follow-through buddy. I mean the dude who made that bomb had to download 'how to make a bomb', then he had to go to Bunnings to get the circuit board stuff and the pipe. Then he had to go home and actually make it. Most people from Mullumbimby would have forgotten what they were doing by then, the half-made bomb would be left at the front door as a door stop until it's sold, years later, at a garage sale. 'What's this mate?' 'Um, it's a pipe bomb. Almost finished. \$10?' Maybe the bomb was a school project that fell out the back of a kombi? Or an Ananda Marga Hilton Bomb collectible? It just doesn't make sense.

I can't imagine who would want to blow up Mullumbimby. We're fond of reversing over double lines, but I don't think that requires a device with a circuit board and a switch. And we don't immunise. Is this an attempt to wipe out our free-ranging unvaxed lifestyle? The Whooping Cough Conspiracy. And yes there's the pothole issue – but then it would be a pothole bomb, not a pipe bomb? If you are going to make a bomb, can you please leave a note? It's common courtesy. I mean if you've gone to the effort to make the bloody thing then you should at least submit the written work. You've just made a town full of pot smokers really paranoid. I'm intrigued to discover who the person was and what was their motivation? Did they get a bad massage? A dodgy colonic? Too much turmeric in their latte? I don't think the bomb was made by anyone in Mullum (If it was, they could sell it at that shop 'Made in Mullum'). A genuine Mullum bomb would have had some crystals in it. Maybe some felt. A 'magic happens' sticker.

I mean, this is Mullum, we drive bombs, we don't make them.

So Mr bomb-making wierdo, if you are going to drop off an anonymous improvised device, in a random location, can it be a love bomb? As they say... you can blow us to pieces but you can't blow up our peace.



THE POWER OF TORA

This region is renowned for some very creative people. Tora are a band created by kids from Shearwater back in 2013 – years later that band has claimed some pretty significant international recognition. They've clocked nearly 100 million streams globally, they've toured the UK and Europe with over 40 album tour shows and sold-out sets in Melbourne, Paris and London. Tora is greek for 'now' and the band certainly embody every aspect of that.

Founding members are **Thorne Davis** on drums, **Shaun Johnston** on bass, **Jai Piccone** on vocals ad guitar, **Tobias Tunis-Plant** on vocals and synth and **Jo Lowenthal** on lead vocals, guitar and samples. Jo spoke with *The Echo* about the wild ride Tora have been on. They're certainly not getting off any time soon.

'We've been hard at work getting things ready for the Australian show. We've been back and forth from Europe quite a lot. This year we were there three or four months over summer, in Berlin. You have to take those opportunities when they present themselves.'

The band is getting ready to tour their second album, *Can't Buy The Mood*. Primarily made in the Byron area, the band also ventured into iconic studio spaces in LA, London and Amsterdam to work on the album. Completely written and produced by the band themselves, they also did all the design and artwork, completing an artistic vision that was key to the whole experience of the album. With field-recordings once again a key feature, the album is 13 tracks full of lush grooves and intricate moments.

'I think our approach to music is pretty much the same as it has been since we started' says Jo. 'To experiment with sound until we find something we like, and try not to restrict ourselves with instruments. If we want to put an instrument on a song but we can't play it, then someone in the band has to learn it. We don't prevent ourselves from making what we want by what we can't play – over

the years we have had to pick up a little bit of everything to create the music we want.'

While the band is now spread across the world, Jo says that 'we are all culturally Byron. We have Byron ingrained in us.' Although, because Europe is such a growing market for them, the band are planning to move to Europe for a longer period next year.

'For some reason people in that part of the world love what we do', says Jo. 'Our following is big there, I think because there are just so many more people in Europe and in America it's easier to build a following, because there's 20 times more people – you don't need everyone to like your music.' That's very modest, but this electronic Aussie band seems to have a knack for hitting the right notes to build a fan base, which sees them perform at festivals throughout Europe and the UK.

Jo is excited about touring *Can't Buy The Mood*.

'Having a bunch of new tunes brings a new energy to the show. The crowds and our fans have been more supportive of this music than any other we have put out, because of how we chose to do things, we started making music from day one and as result the quality of our music has been on an upward trajectory. The feedback is that this is their favourite record so far, people are really enjoying it.'

Tora are playing only three Aussie shows before they head back to Europe for a big 2020. You can catch them at the Hotel Great Northern on Friday at 7pm. Tix are \$33.55 from thenorthern.oztix.com.au

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LIVEMUSIC



TUNNEL MUSIC

Northern Rivers based chamber choir, **Dynasty8**, has certainly found an unconventional venue for their next concert. A tunnel in Nerang.

'Well, it's not so very weird', says founding member **Janet Swain**. 'We sing a lot of music that was originally written to bounce around inside gothic cathedrals and there aren't a lot of them around here, so we're always on the lookout for somewhere resonant to sing, which is why we are calling this series of concerts, Sounds in Space. Also, churches can feel a bit too formal for some of our concerts. We'd sing in public bathrooms if we could find nice big clean ones. Know of any?'

Dynasty8 is directed by Janet's mother, **Elizabeth Swain**, whose dedication to the art of classical choral singing, as Director of Music at Newington College and Musical Director of St Mary's Cathedral Choir in Sydney, was recognised with an Order Of Australia. More recently, she formed the octet Dynasty8 to perform her 'musical bucket list', ranging from music written in the 12th century to the present. In 2018, instead of an 80th birthday brunch, Janet, Liz and friends cooked up Brunswick Heads Festival of the Voice, now in its second year.

The Ernest Junction Tunnel concert on **Sunday** will include special guests **Tobias Cole**, internationally acclaimed countertenor, and **David Bennet**, with his spectacular gongs. Tickets to this magical event can be bought at the 'door' (\$20/\$25).

Bookings and info: www.dynasty8.org. Enquiries: 0438 965 397

Please note, there are no 'facilities' at this venue. Please bring a camping chair or mat to sit on. Tunnel is a pleasant 250m walk. If you require assistance to the 'door' please call ahead.

An additional concert will be held on Saturday at 3pm in Brunswick Heads Catholic Church.



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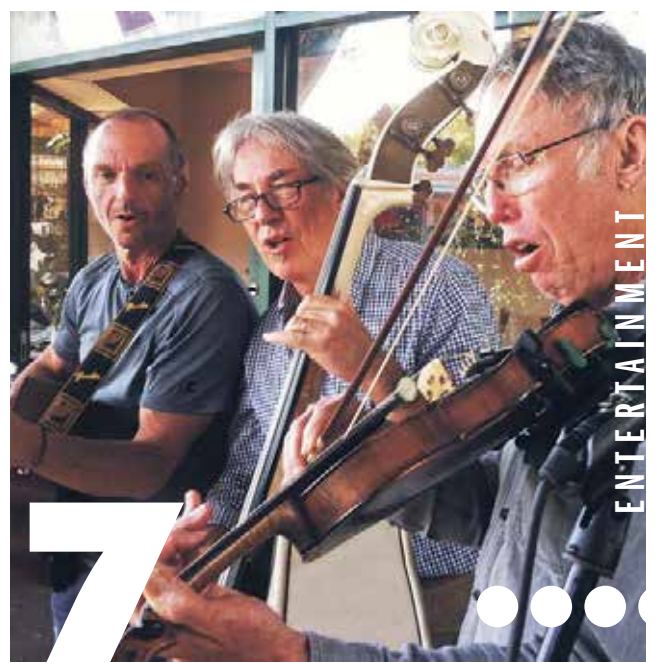
You'll probably sing, you might dance, and you'll definitely laugh. **Jai-Jagdeesh** and her band will finally debut their deeply groovy, soulfully heart-healing chants and insights in Byron at the **Community Centre** on **Wednesday 9 October**.

Jai-Jagdeesh has emerged as one of America's leading chant artists in the kundalini yoga tradition. She has acclaimed albums, millions of accumulated hits on Youtube, and her enchanting festival and concert performances worldwide, have showcased some of the most heart-healing songs to come out of the Sacred Chant genre. **Tix at byroncentre.com.au**

GYPSY MUSIC

Arte Gitana Flamenco are a group based in Lismore, specialising in the art of Flamenco, a genre of music and dance native to the southern Spanish regions of Andalusia, Extremadura and Murcia. On guitar they have the musical maestro **Mark Bromley** who teaches at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. Meg Walker is on vocals, and flamenco dance teacher **Serena Joy** is on the dance floor. They are joined by **Mullum Folk Orchestra**, directed by Mark Bromley, to play lively gypsy inspired folk music from Spain, Latin America, and beyond.

The Drill Hall in Mullumbimby on Saturday from 7pm. Tix are \$10/15. Doors 6.30pm, for a 7pm start.



TIN CAN STRING BAND TO PLAY AT THE RAILS

From Bill Monroe to Oh Brother Where Art Thou, **The Tin Can String Band** are a Bluegrass and Old-Timey trio.

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You can catch up with them at the Ballina Country Music Festival in early November or the Mullum Music Festival in mid-November or you can see them this Sunday night at The Rails.

WARM UP THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Warm Up is a community charity dance event, in aid of The Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre.

Local music maestros cooking up a storm at the **Rock & Roll Coffee Co, Mullumbimby** this **Saturday** are **DJs Jimmy D, Lord Sut, Teesha, Milk, Crucial D, and Abel El toro**.

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THE TARKINE TAYLOR

Claire Anne Taylor is a force of nature. Born in Tasmania's ancient Tarkine rainforest into her father's hands in the family barn, her music comes growling from the floorboards, right into the centre of your being. She's one of the featured artists at Mullum Music Fest this year!

What is the most creative time for you Claire? Are you a morning person, late night inspirations?

I am definitely not a morning person. I have always been a night owl. Often I will go to sleep at night and I will have lines running around my head and I will have to grab my phone to record an idea before it's gone. I love it when late night inspiration hits.

Your music has such a strong feeling of nature in it, like feeling earth between your toes. How important is your own connection to the natural world and how does it find its way into your music?

Well if I had to name the one place that brings me the greatest joy offstage it would be my veggie garden. When I'm at home, on my days off, I spend hours working in the garden. Or I should really say playing in the garden because it feels more like play than work. The garden is the place that allows me to get grounded again and it transforms my mind to a state of calm and ease. I grew up in the bush in Tasmania with parents who were mad about gardening and now, at 70 years of age, they still are! I now live on a bush property of my own and I have become just as mad about growing vegetables as they are. Spending time growing food and being surrounded by the bush around me just feels so right to me. It feels like home. I have always drawn inspiration for my music from the natural world around me and I often feel most compelled to write when I am home in that environment.

I love the Drunken Choir - what is it about drunk people singing in pubs?

As a singer, I often get people come up to me after shows and tell me about their own personal experiences with singing and it's astounding how many times people tell me that they don't sing anymore because somebody told them that they have an awful voice. Often they tell me that they don't sing at all, not even when they are by themselves, because they believe their voice isn't good enough to sing. I think that's the saddest thing to hear. Singing brings me so much joy and I feel like it is one of those pure and simple pleasures in life that nobody should be able to take away from you. So I wrote the song 'Drunken Choir' for anyone who feels they don't have a good voice because I figure that a drunken choir is often the point of the night where people are singing at their worst but they are also free of some of the self-criticism that comes with a sober mind. It's really a song about singing loud and unapologetically, despite your fears and insecurities and it's about singing to bring comfort throughout those tough times in life.

Hold Me Darling is so beautiful...what was that song about for you when you wrote it?

I remember waking up from a dream in the middle of the night with the chorus for 'Hold, Me Darling' in my head. I scrambled for my phone and managed to record it in the most groggy and sleep-riddled voice. It's pretty hilarious to listen back to actually, but the bones of it are there in that first dodgy phone recording. The rest of the song took shape when I was awake. I guess it is about a timeless kind of love shared between two people. A great deal of inspiration for the song came from observing the love between my parents.

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OKINE ON COMEDY

When I first met Matt Okine he was doing open mic's. That's a beginner comic's life. In the 10 or more years since I saw his humble beginning, Matt has found his way to national and international acclaim, proving that a Ghanian boy from Brisbane can capture the zeitgeist in a unique and fabulous way. It's something that still surprises Matt, who admits to living in what he calls 'a ridiculous freelance mentality'.

It's the cross of most self-employed artists. 'We are all terrified we will never work again, and despite years and years of consistent work you still think you can do everything!'

Okine says this while reflecting on the birth of his first baby, which coincided with the filming of the second season of *The Other Guy* (with subscription service Stan), and his debut novel *Being Black 'N Chicken and Chips* being due. He had at that time walked away from his job hosting one of the country's most popular breakfast shows on Triple J. To manage the workload, Okine realised he could only do one thing at a time; 'So I thought from 1-5 I will think about the show, from 9-11 I will write the book, and when we go to the birthing class I won't think about the show or the god damn book... it was a really intense time, now they are all done and I have been able to spend the last six months with my daughter and partner and bask in that newborn glow. I am a second child and I just realised my parents could not have felt the same about me as they did with my older sister!'

Having kids has changed Okine in ways he didn't expect.

'I care about kids now - I never liked kids before - if I saw a kid in a cafe or restaurant I'd go "oh no!", now I see them and smile at them. I was at the Gold Coast on the day of the Logies, I saw a couple taking their newborn baby for a dip and I was like "how's it going? First swim?" I have turned into that weirdo who approaches strangers and starts yapping away about their kid. I don't have a kid with me so they don't know I have a kid. I am just that weirdo!'

Matt also admits to saying things he's never said before 'like when we spent four days at Elements of Byron and I said to my partner - I am so glad your mum is holidaying with us.'

For Matt, what pushed him ahead of his colleagues was moving away from club comedy and creating new shows.

'I fell into a big hole as a club comedian and there's nothing to force you to generate new jokes. When I started having to write my full length shows, people have a lot more to hang on to. This is a long career - a lot of comedians and actors make the mistake of thinking if they aren't world famous by 23 then it's over - so they stop working and they stop creating content, which is the thing that sells. I was 27 when I started doing full-length stand up and had been doing comedy for 8 years. I won an award in Melbourne and then in Edinburgh and I was suddenly supporting Dave Chapelle, and people from Triple J and Channel 9 they go to the show, and then I get the call to host Triple J breakfast... I thought I was too old! The biggest thing I have learned was how diverse the audience is in this country and how important it is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.'

For Matt, being successful in his industry is simple.

'I live by a three rule system - 1. You have to be pretty funny, but you don't have to be the funniest person, 2. You need to respond to emails. People are often hopeless at that! And 3. Don't be

a dickhead! It will guarantee you work.'

Although Matt's work crosses genres; from author to actor to broadcaster to series writer and to rapper, he identifies as a comedian. 'Comedy permeates everything I do, whether it's the written word or on a screen. I use humour mostly to get my point across - I refuse to shy away from the serious nature of comedy as well. I love stand up - it's still my number one job.'

Matt Okine is one of the featured comics at the stand up comedy triple header at the Mullum Ex-Services on Friday 4 October, along with Nick Cody (from the Conan O'Brien show and Comedy Central), and Dan Willis fresh from the UK with international touring show *The Best of Brits*. Show is at 8pm.

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With many more films on – check out italianfilmfestival.com.au Screening at **Palace Byron Bay** 26 Sept–13 Oct.

TALKING YONIS!

You want to find out what a yoni map is? Well after making jokes about it Mandy is putting her money where her who-ha is and she's going and getting one done and then chatting with the gorgeous **Karlyn Boyter** about what it all means, and how yoni mapping became a 'thing' here! Karlyn is one of the guests on *Byron Live*, along with penis painter **Pricasso, Damon Gameau, Space Cowboy and Aine Tyrell**.

Don't miss it! **Drill Hall Theatre, Saturday 5 October at 8pm.**

ART, MUSIC AND VENUS AT KOKOMO.

A special gathering entitled *Yoi no myōjō* (evening star) will take place at Byron's **Kokomo Gallery** at the southern end of Jonson Street on Friday. Open to all, the evening celebrations will feature live music, Gypsy Coast Wagons, food by One Green Acre, a cocktail bar, and the latest works by **Karlee Mackie**, *All under the gaze of Venus*.

A new collection of eight large paintings are Karlee's tribute to her recently passed Japanese nan Masako. An internationally renowned Shiatsu master and yogi, Masako worked as healer to many, including the late Kerry Packer.

To welcome guests and the rising planet, accomplished fifteen-year-old, Russian-trained pianist **Paloma DiDia** will be floating her fingers across the keyboard. And later in the evening **DJ Lachlan Rhys** will keep the sounds flowing in the garden.

FEATURING LUKE HEGGIE

Multi award winning comedian **Luke Heggie** dazzles with his straight-up, tell-it-like-it-is comedy. Sharp as a tack with an ever-active comedian's eye, Luke finds hilarity in the everyday, relationships, friends – workplaces, it's all rich comedy content for Luke Heggie.

Past winner of Melbourne International Film Festival's coveted **RAW award** for his debut performance in 2010, and hand-selected for the MICF Comedy Zone; a yearly showcasing of the four most-promising rising stars of comedy, Luke's unique material and easy-going style won audiences over right away. His first hour-long show, *Master Of None* got him nominated for the Best Newcomer Award, with MICF Comedy Zone, in 2012. Later that year he ended up winning Time Out Sydney's Best Comedian, leading to a gig at The New York Comedy Festival.

Since then, Luke has written new hour-long shows each year for the festival circuit in Australia and NZ, with regular tours to the US and Europe. Never far from the podium Luke has kept his winning streak up with the Sydney Comedy Festival's Directors Choice Award in 2015 for his show *You're Not So Special* and in 2016 his show *Anything Is Possible* was filmed, winning an Aria award for Best Comedy Release.

He headlines at the **Ballina RSL on Thursday, 8pm with Mandy Nolan as MC and Em O'Loughlin as support and at Country Club Comedy, Ocean Shores on Tuesday at 7pm, with the legendary Brad Oakes as support. Free Events. Tix \$35 at mandynolan.com.au**

NITS ON STAGE!

Mention the words nits and most people have vivid memories of nervously waiting to have hair pulled and heads scratched. Much loved Bangalow author **Tristan Bancks** cleverly uses these fond memories in his hilarious book *Nit Boy*, a story about a kid called Lewis who has the worst case of nits in world history. Lewis has thousands of nits. His teachers and mum want to shave his head but Lewis has had nits so long that he's kind of attached to them. He sees them as his pets.

BANG! is passionate about providing local children the opportunity to learn performing arts in a professional environment whilst collaborating with local artists to celebrate the richness of our local creatives / artists. Tristan shares his thoughts on this production; 'In the time since I wrote *Nit Boy*, nits have become no less popular. Kids still seem to love them, so it's pretty exciting to me to have my words on a page come to life in the form of giant nits on a stage. I've met the cast and I love Anouska's creative vision and energy. I'm so happy to be collaborating with her again. I only wish this opportunity was open to me in my town when I was a keen kid actor! The production of *Nit Boy* is proudly engaging a local costume designer, author, director, producer, actors, and sponsors.

The combination of this inspiring local author and the creative passion of Anouska will undoubtedly be hilariously funny and nit-wittingly contagious, this stage adaption is sure to entertain all ages and hair types! Performance dates are 3rd, 4th and 5th October. 10am and 1pm daily at Byron Theatre, with tickets now on sale at www.byroncentre.com.au.



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There's also a sense of darkness and forbidding in your work. I love that. Is that the lot of a good soulful folk singer?

Many folk songwriters aren't afraid to delve into the darker side of life and to tackle the tougher topics. There's also a feeling I hear in the voices of many soul singers of a sadness, a longing. I feel like I relate to the worlds of folk and soul music for these reasons. I am intrigued by death and loss and the way that we manage to get through these pivotal moments in our lives and I think that often comes out in my songwriting.

Do you collect stories? What do you notice as you go through your day? Is that important? The other day I saw this young homeless bloke carrying a dying old ginger cat and I burst into tears! I had this sudden idea that he was really sensitive. I mean what homeless people have cats? I did make up the narrative to go around that... Do you do that too? See beginnings of something and then complete the narrative?

Most definitely! I think most songwriters are story collectors. I am constantly on the hunt for ideas or lines in a conversation. I think creative people tend to be highly sensitive and empathetic individuals, well at least I am. Basically I am a big ball of nerves rolling around waiting to feel something just so I can use it in a song. Haha.

Well apparently I make people cry a lot (I'm a real bitch like that), so I think you can expect tears. I also feel more comfortable in my skin than I have ever been so you can expect nothing but honesty and openness from me. I am also hoping to share some new songs that I have been working on that I have never played to a live audience before, so perhaps you will get a taste of things to come.

Claire Anne Taylor plays Mullum Music Festival 14-17 Nov. For program and ticket enquires go to mullummusicfestival.com

CINEMA



AD ASTRA

Ad Astra is a science-fiction epic by director, James Gray. The story follows a stoic astronaut, Roy McBride (Brad Pitt), who is sent to Neptune to find his father (Tommy Lee Jones), who has been missing for 30 years after working on a potentially detrimental space project

– Project Lima – and to find out if the project endangers the whole solar system, and to stop it if necessary. Most critics have been raving about the film, with whispers of Oscar nominations. Between the exciting opening scene and the end of the film, *Ad Astra* is predominately a

slow-burning film. Despite being the main character, Brad Pitt has few lines but delivers an excellent performance; proving further why he is such a sought-after actor. The other stand-out of the film are its visual effects. The same visual director who worked on *Interstellar* created the



stunning space scenes. The fact this movie is a slow-burn turns some people off – if you're expecting Avengers-paced action and rapid plot development, you've got the wrong movie. Supporting the film are other great actors: Liv Ullmann, Donald Sutherland and Ruth Negga. For those who like science-fiction based more closely on real science, and aren't expecting fast-paced action, then this is the film for you.

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WITH THE SUN JOINING MERCURY, VENUS AND WEEKEND NEW MOON IN DIPLOMATIC, PEACE-LOVING LIBRA, THIS WEEK'S OPEN TO NEGOTIATION

- ♈ **ARIES:** A quadrilla of planets – including expressive Mercury, affectionate Venus and a new-start moon – in your house of teaming-up hits the refresh button on relationships, creative collaborations and professional partnerships; to clarify what's not working, how it could and whether it's really worth giving frenemies the benefit of the doubt.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** With Venus in the sign of beauty, artistry and looking good, you'll be feeling like buffing up the presentation and scheduling more time doing what you love with who you love. Note for the friday: going out of your way to help someone is likely to boomerang back an unexpected bonanza of blessings.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Venus romancing Gemini's planet Mercury in your house of fun, people and parties has this vivacious, flirtatious week in high spirits. Although, when the urge to merge strikes and you're talking up a seductive storm, don't fly off into airy-fairy land. Keep your feet on the ground. Saturn on track again, has your back.
- ♋ **CANCER:** As you know by now, trying to fix other people is so shades of frustrating. But with Mercury in your home zone promoting understanding, and more importantly, the owning of your part in repeating family dynamics, Venus tips this week's balance-sheet toward more harmonious vibes in Crab castle.
- ♌ **LEO:** A Mercury/Venus meet-up in your social life lavishes you with the lion's share of charm to be kings and queens of this week's scene. So don't waste your most magnetic time of year watching Netflix. Stash the phone, get out, and talk to people, because even a casual conversation could spark big ideas or an important connection.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** As Mercury and Venus book into your touchy-feely sector of sensuality and indulgence, this week kicks-off your annual play-date, shifting creativity off the backburner, out of autopilot. Trust issues coming up? Get the facts before you react. Then say how you feel and request what you want – diplomatically of course.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** With this week's quartet of planets – Sun, Mercury, Venus and the weekend New Moon in Libra for your annual high-point, the celestial force is supporting your astrological new year, so don't waste this perfect portal for setting intentions, goals and projections for the coming twelve months. Happy birthday Venusians.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Unlike others, you might be in quite an introspective space right now, and with Mercury in healing mode, expressing feelings could be therapeutic. If unearthing buried issues instigates a few mini-dramas, plus the letting go of certain situations or expectations, don't hesitate to downshift or backstep if that seems necessary.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Venus and Mercury in breezy Libra see you free spirits sampling a smorgasbord of new people, the more the merrier; socializing the heck out of this week, networking and connecting. This transit demonstrates the strength in numbers, along with the accompanying aggravations – since conditions always apply, the trick is balancing them out.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** As this week's Mercury rethinks long term goals, reassesses resources, recalibrates strategies, reboots career ambitions and revives a bit of judicious Capricornian ladder climbing, Venus is in the mood to glam up for a VIP schmooze n' cruise to get noticed on the professional circuit, in the social swim...
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** Venus and Mercury lightening and brightening this expansive, optimistic week combine the best of both worlds, finding a happy balance between freedom and sticking with a commitment. Aquarians feeling breezy, airy and daring are nevertheless advised to take care what you say, because some people are likely to take it the wrong way.
- ♓ **PISCES:** This air-clearing week encourages letting down your guard, putting on your brave-hat and authentically expressing those rollercoasting, contradictory emotions. Mental Mercury's also in a perfect position right now to focus on research, especially if it involves long term financial planning, pooling resources, joint ventures or shared investments.

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- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON DUO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **THE SANDPIT LIVE FROM THE BREWERY**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM AND 4PM **SES & RED CROSS – HOW TO PLAN FOR AN EMERGENCY – PREPAREDNESS WEEK WORKSHOP**, 7PM **2040 FILM SCREENING**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **THURSDAY TAKEOVER WITH DJ REFLEX + FRIENDS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 5.30PM **NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2019 FUNDRAISER**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **BIG GIG WITH MC MANDY NOLAN FEAT LUKE HEGGIE + EM O'LOUGHLIN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6PM **ACID BLEED**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE 7PM **DC CROSS ALBUM LAUNCH**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 27

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **TORA, FELIVAND & LAURA LAXXES**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DAN CLARK DUO**, 9PM **LA BOUM**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **BRAZILIAN NIGHT**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 4PM **D.C. CROSS**
- KOKOMO GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 5PM **YOI NO MYOJO**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **QUACKERS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **SUNDAY LEMONADE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SHYBABY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 7PM **MASSIVE**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE 7PM **ASHLEIGH BO**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **SEBASTIAN**

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **HARVEY & HARVEY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **TIN PARLOUR**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB – THE EARLY BIRDS + DEZZIE D & THE STRINGGRAYZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **THE BILLY GUDGEON BAND**

SATURDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **TOXIC FOX, BABY & DOSED**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL & THE FRO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM DJ LONGTIME, 9PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6.30PM **COCO REPUBLIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM AND 6.30PM **HAIRSPRAY JR. PRESENTED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS PERFORMANCE SCHOOL**
- MAIN BEACH, BYRON BAY, BYRON BEACHSIDE MARKET – **YOYO TUKI TRIO, SAM BUCKINGHAM AND TIM STOKES**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **PAULINA VIROGA**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, UPSTAIRS 9PM **LEMAIRE + LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BEN JANSZ**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 3PM **DYNASTY8**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **GLENN KELLETT AND GEORGE URBASZEK**
- ROCK & ROLL, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **WARM UP CHARITY EVENT – DJS JIMMY D, LORD SUT, TEESHA, MILK, CRUCIAL D & ABEL EL'TORO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **DEAD CREEK RISING**
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- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **SASS AND THE PRUDE**, 9PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ DISCO STATIK**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 8AM **BYRON BEACHSIDE MARKET**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **JAKE & THE CADILLACS**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE 6.30PM **TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 8PM **THE FREEEKZ WITH QUEEN OF THE ANTS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **FAT ALBERT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **JEZ MEAD**, 7PM **THE ATMOSPHERICS**

SUNDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIN CAN STRING BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **JET CLUB EFFECT**, 8PM **SHIMMY DISCO**, 10PM **EASY P**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 3PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **HAIRSPRAY JR. PRESENTED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS PERFORMANCE SCHOOL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **BAND OF FREQUENCIES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 3PM **THE PICTURE HOUSE TEA DANCE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SEVEN MILE, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **DAN CLARK**
- LENNOX HOTEL **SOCIAL SUNDAY**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 3PM **MARSHALL & THE FRO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **YOLAN**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **CASSIE ROSE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **KAFOA MCCOY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **TIM STOKES**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **PINK ZINC**, 6.30PM **BENNY D WILLIAMS**

MONDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JOSH HAMILTON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEMAIRE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BIG COUNTRY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS – OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **COUNTRY CLUB COMEDY – MC MANDY NOLAN FEAT. LUKE HEGGIE +T BRAD OAKES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**

WEDNESDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM AND 12PM **BILBY'S BLUEGUM MELODIES**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**

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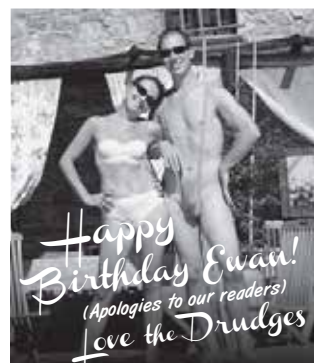
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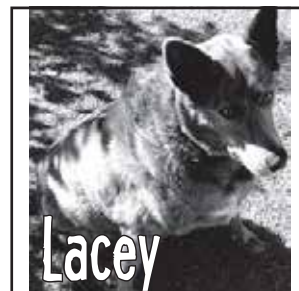
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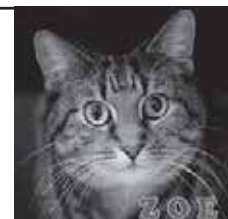
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On The Horizon

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Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries are holding their Annual General Meeting in conjunction with their monthly meeting at Heritage House Bangalow on the 16th October at 10am. An informative morning for FOL members and those who wish to join, support and discover more about fundraising for the local community libraries. Morning tea will be provided plus a guest speaker – the author Jessie Blackadder. Bookings essential byronbayfol@gmail.com.

Co-dependents Anon.

Australasian Convention 'I Know a New Freedom'. To be held in Bangalow Sunday 20 October 8.30am until 5pm at Bangalow RSL Hall, Station Street.

Byron Beachside Market

Enjoy a fabulous day out at the Byron Beachside Market on Saturday September 28 from 8am till 4pm at Denning Park, Byron Beach foreshore. Showcasing 200 local creative artists. See gig guide for entertainment.

All Creatures

Come and celebrate All Creatures Great and Small with an hour of reflections, words and music followed by afternoon tea at All Souls' Anglican church, Ashton Street, Bangalow on Sunday 6 October at 3pm, hosted by the Anglican parishes of Mullumbimby & Bangalow. Guest Speaker – The Little Brothers of Francis from Tabulam. Info 6687 1046.

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.

SBP 2019 U.Lab Hub

Are you 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>.

Breastfeeding support

Ocean Shores Hub Baptist Church Rajah Road next to Target. Monday 30 September from 9.30am. Morning tea. All welcome. Australian Breastfeeding Association. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Drill Hall film

Drill Hall Film Society's September Film: Mao's Last Dancer – inspiring true story of Li Cunxin. Sunday 29 September 2pm, with doors open at 1.30pm for cakes and beverages! Membership to DHFS available – guests welcome, \$10. Call Sonia on 6684 2112 or www.drillhalltheatre.org.au

Try Sailability

Sunday 29th Sept. 11 – 2.30. Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. Sailability provides both recreational sailing and racing. All levels of disability are accommodated for. We are seeking new sailors and volunteers. No prior experience is required. Volunteers will be taught to sail if they wish. We usually sail on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, weather permitting. Turn up at the north end of Lake Ainsworth or contact Craig: 0408 544 711 or craigscan10@gmail.com

Probus

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 1st October, 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is Bonnie from Australian Unity talking about Home Care Packages and staying in your own home. Enquiries, ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

Gem and Lapidary

The Byron Gem and Lapidary Club is having an open day on Sunday 6 October 9:30am to 3pm at the club house and work rooms at Tyagarah Airfield, just past Sky Dive Byron. Visitors welcome. Membership available. Member's handmade jewellery on display. New Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Info- Ph 6687 1251 or Txt 0427 529 967.

Middle Earth Garden

Middle Earth in Ewingsdale will be open to the public over this coming long weekend Sat 5 to Mon 7 October; 1-4pm gates will be open each day from 1pm - 4pm. Fundraising for Bangalow Koalas. There will be quality raffles and stalls. Entry by gold coin donation. 40 Avocado Crescent. Ewingsdale.

Stepping On

Stepping On is an exciting, friendly and free community seven-week program aimed at preventing falls, encouraging active living and maintaining independence in older people. It gives individuals the skills and confidence to undertake their everyday activities and be physically active, safely, and without the fear of falling. Individualised follow-up provided and you may attend a booster session two months later. Suitable for those 65+

years; living at home; able to walk independently (with or without a walking aid); and, fearful of falling or has had a fall recently. For more info contact Freyja Smith 6620 2553 or email freyja.smith@health.nsw.gov.au.

Bronze bust unveiled

Bangalow RSL Hall, an unveiling of a bronze bust by Susan Kaden, with a short service and a cup of tea, Saturday 28th September, 10.30AM start, Station Street Bangalow. Community welcome. Questions to Sec. Col Draper 0408 440 243.

History Society

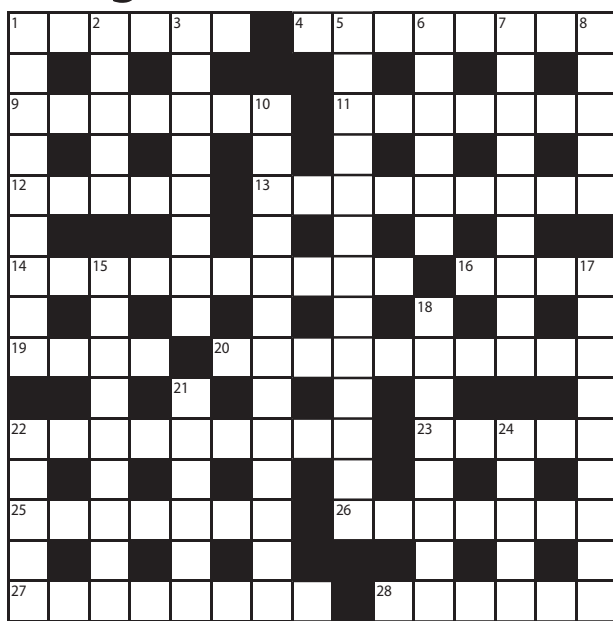
The next meeting of the Richmond Tweed Family History Society will be held on Saturday 5 October at the Players Theatre, Ballina starting at 2pm. The guest presenter will be expert genealogist Helen Smith on 'Illegitimacy Records in England and Wales' and 'Using Blogs to find Cousins'. For further information contact Don Howell 6687 4279.

Try paddling

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Rainbow Dragons Abreast at Lake Ainsworth is hosting a Come & Try Day on Sunday 13 October at 8.30am for breast cancer survivors to have a go at dragon boat paddling.

Mungo's Crossword

N304



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Bird comes back dragging a limb – but we can detect a pulse! (6)
- I mislead shamefully – but it means well (8)
- Iron files for Jaguars, perhaps (7)
- Tool truck with poles and one line (7)
- Prepare slate for a great inventor (5)
- Strange elite land north of Cairo (4,5)
- Musical to entertain fairy madly (2,4,4)
- Nothing from the sauce? What a nuisance! (4)
- Single fish (4)
- Film director Peter is not as tall, complained Spooner as he watched a migratory bird (10)
- Stray cats, arise – it's the way up! (9)
- I lament, going back to Ruth's mother in law (5)
- Two articles with 16 – and a foot! (7)
- Blemish around a thousand, a talent for endurance (7)
- Allow playground attraction – let it go! (3,5)
- The French view a long term tenant (6)

DOWN

- Former magazine, old newspaper – they go on and on (9)
- Tricks birds (5)
- Elite Chinese orange (8)
- Twin traders – but they're cheats! (6,7)
- Schedule old stove to include closure (6)
- Popular cleaning product – but it can't pay the bills (9)
- Brewing agent for a small nation (5)
- NG – sincere (6-7)
- Autumn – a role to disintegrate! (4,5)
- Small insect holds up an article to conclude (9)
- Satisfy thirst over sickly ballet (4,4)
- Critical writer, alternately healthy (6)
- Little, high but stable (5)
- Drops order with one back road (5)

Quick Clues

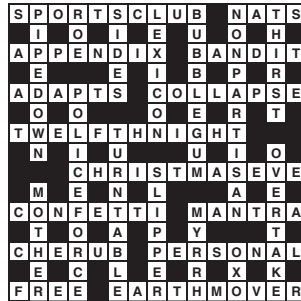
ACROSS

- Vegetable like a pea or a lentil (6)
- Belief in perfection (8)
- Members of the cat family (7)
- Tool (7)
- Scientist involved in electricity, Nikola ... (5)
- Estuary of Egyptian river (4,5)
- Musical based on haw's play Pygmalion (2,4,4)
- Nuisance, often insect (4)
- Alone, isolated (4)
- Mutton bird (10)
- Way to get between floors (9)
- First name of feminist West (5)
- Metric foot in a poem (7)
- Capacity for physical endurance (7)
- Leave, concede (3,5)
- Tenant, renter (6)

DOWN

- Extent of beings, usually humans (9)
- Sea birds (5)
- Citrus fruit (8)
- Tricksters, con men (6,7)
- List prepared for a meeting (6)
- Broke, penniless (9)
- Mediterranean island nation (5)
- Sincere, with just one aim (6-7)
- Collapse into pieces (4,5)
- Finish (9)
- Famous ballet by Tchaikovsky (4,4)
- Author, real name Eric Blair (6)
- Delay, put off (5)
- Leaves out (5)

Last week's solution N303



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 6684 1286.

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.

Library fun

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

Language exchange

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

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.

Alateen meeting

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

Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. Tuesdays: 10.30am. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. Wednesdays: Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukulele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

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 need of immediate support call an ambulance or police on 000.

Labyrinth Walk

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

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 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.

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.

Men's Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men's groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533. **Weekly Peer Support Group** for men of all ages every Monday evening from 6.45pm to 9.30pm in Mullum. Call/text Dom Chant on 0478 508 155 or www.completemen.org.

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

OCTOBER 2019 Astronomical data and tides						
☾ First quarter	6 Oct	3.47am				
☽ Full moon	14 Oct	8.07am				
☾ Third quarter	21 Oct	11.39pm				
☀ New moon	28 Oct	2.38pm				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 T	0525	1746	0713	2028	1006 1.65; 2217 1.49	0336 0.08; 1607 0.18
2 W	0524	1746	0755	2133	1053 1.63; 2300 1.32	0415 0.15; 1702 0.30
3 T	0523	1747	0839	2235	1143 1.58; 2345 1.15	0454 0.24; 1805 0.41
4 F	0522	1748	0925	2334	1237 1.50	0536 0.35; 1916 0.50
5 S	0520	1748	1015		0042 1.01; 1341 1.43	0626 0.45; 2035 0.54
DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 2am – turn clocks forward one hour						
6 S	0619	1848	1207	0130	0300 0.94; 1552 1.39	0832 0.53; 2250 0.52
7 M	0618	1849	1301	0220	0430 0.94; 1701 1.39	0956 0.56; 2350 0.47
8 T	0617	1850	1354	0305	0540 1.01; 1759 1.41	1111 0.53
9 W	0616	1850	1448	0345	0631 1.11; 1845 1.45	0036 0.40; 1210 0.48
10 T	0615	1851	1541	0422	0713 1.20; 1926 1.48	0113 0.34; 1257 0.41
11 F	0614	1851	1634	0456	0749 1.28; 2002 1.50	0145 0.29; 1337 0.36
12 S	0612	1852	1726	0528	0823 1.36; 2036 1.51	0215 0.25; 1415 0.32
13 S	0611	1852	1818	0559	0857 1.43; 2108 1.49	0243 0.22; 1449 0.29
14 M	0610	1853	1910	0630	0930 1.48; 2140 1.44	0310 0.20; 1525 0.29
15 T	0609	1854	2004	0701	1004 1.53; 2212 1.38	0337 0.19; 1602 0.30
16 W	0608	1854	2100	0735	1041 1.55; 2245 1.30	0406 0.21; 1641 0.33
17 T	0607	1855	2156	0811	1118 1.55; 2319 1.22	0436 0.24; 1723 0.38
18 F	0606	1855	2254	0852	1159 1.54; 2359 1.13	0509 0.29; 1811 0.43
19 S	0605	1856	2353	0938	1244 1.51	0546 0.35; 1909 0.48
20 S	0604	1857		1029	0049 1.04; 1338 1.48	0633 0.41; 2021 0.50
21 M	0603	1857	0050	1126	0158 0.98; 1445 1.46	0737 0.47; 2142 0.48
22 T	0602	1858	0144	1228	0327 0.99; 1600 1.49	0859 0.49; 2255 0.40
23 W	0601	1859	0234	1332	0450 1.07; 1711 1.55	1021 0.45; 2354 0.30
24 T	0600	1859	0320	1439	0556 1.20; 1813 1.62	1133 0.36
25 F	0559	1900	0403	1545	0651 1.34; 1907 1.66	0043 0.20; 1235 0.27
26 S	0558	1901	0444	1652	0742 1.48; 1956 1.67	0126 0.12; 1331 0.19
27 S	0557	1901	0523	1759	0830 1.60; 2042 1.63	0205 0.06; 1424 0.14
28 M	0557	1902	0603	1905	0915 1.69; 2126 1.55	0244 0.03; 1515 0.13
29 T	0556	1903	0644	2012	1000 1.75; 2209 1.43	0322 0.04; 1607 0.16
30 W	0555	1904	0727	2117	1045 1.75; 2251 1.30	0400 0.09; 1700 0.23
31 T	0554	1904	0814	2220	1130 1.72; 2334 1.17	0437 0.16; 1754 0.30

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



St Finbarr's tennis team ready for state final



St Finbarr's tennis team for the Todd Woodridge state final (L-R): Wilf, Natasha, Lily, Eamon, Nicholas, Daisy, Layla, Clancy and Felix (absent) with Sam Groth. Photo supplied

A team of tennis players from St Finbarr's Primary School have won their way to Sydney to play in the Todd Woodridge Cup state final, after winning their regional contest in Lismore last week.

The winning team is just one of three from St Finbarr's that qualified for the regional finals.

Earlier this month the school's stage-two students were lucky enough to have a training session with former

Australian tennis player Sam Groth, and two coaches from Sydney's National Academy. They helped the children with their tennis skills and techniques.

'Sam also answered many questions about his time on the world circuit and his journey to become a top player,' sports coordinator Lisa Clark said.

The winning team will compete at the state finals in Sydney on November 18.

Over 250 join Beez for basketball carnival



Level 47 won the men's B-grade. Photo Kyle Roberts

Deb Milgate

Byron Bay Basketball hosted its seventh annual senior carnival over the past two weekends.

All up, 25 teams from Queensland and NSW competed in A and B-grade men's and women's events.

'There were more than 250 competitors as well as friends and family travelling from Brisbane, the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and with many choosing to stay, that's a great boost to accommodation providers and other businesses,' carnival coordinator Paula Daniels said.

Byron Bay's Level 47 took out the B-grade mens for the

second year running, defeating Griffith Uni's Greendogs, with local Nash Campbell awarded MVP.

In the women's B-grade competition, Griffith Uni Greendogs edged out fellow Griffith Uni team, Nationals, to take home the prizemoney.

In the A-grade women's, Post-Tels came out on top against Mixed Cruisers.

The A-grade men's final was tight with only a few points separating first timers, Behoys, against carnival veterans the Rusty Trombones, who hung on to take out the first prize, with Thomas Ammar awarded MVP.

Matilda wins 200m Australian gold



Matilda fresh from the podium at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Darwin. Photo supplied

Mullumbimby's Matilda Vial has beaten all-comers to become Australia's fastest runner over 200 metres, for her age.

Matilda attends the Shearwater Steiner school and has achieved outstanding results at the Australian Track and Field Championships held in Darwin last week.

'She set out her goals and she achieved them all. She wanted a gold medal and achieved this by winning the 200m sprint with a time of 26.19, becoming the 12-years-and-under Australian Champion,' mother Fernanda Vial said.

'Her next goal was to run under 13 seconds in the

100m, her PB being 13.06. She achieved this by coming fifth in the final with a time of 12.94.

'Her next goal was to get a medal against some stiff competition in the 4 X 100m relay, she achieved this by coming in third and winning a bronze medal.'

Matilda would like to thank her school for supporting her and especially her teachers Cherie Kendall, Magnum Brotto and Emma Sweeney. As well as her coaches, Keith and Poly and everyone that helped in buying raffle tickets to get her to Darwin.

'It takes a community, and Mullumbimby has always supported me,' Matilda said.

Wright leads team Oz to gold



Byron Bay's Owen Wright (second from left) helped lead team Australia to a win in the tag-team event at the 2019 ISA World Surfing Games in Japan. Photo Evans/ISA

Shores women footballers miss grandfinal win

The Shores United women's football team lost their inaugural grand final 3-0 against Richmond Rovers last Sunday at Crozier Oval Lismore.

The team never gave up, but a 2-0 deficit at half-time and a late strike, proved too big to chase down.

'It wasn't the Shores team's best match of the season, but nonetheless it

was a remarkable year for the ladies making a grand final in just their first year in the FFNC competition,' club president Marc Patten said.

'It was a fantastic season for Shores United and local ladies football.

'Congratulations to the all the ladies and we will no doubt look forward to seeing you in the red, white and black, next season.'

Eureka Public School footballers make finals



Eureka Small Schools Soccer Team: Billie Gregory, Zilla Wolff, Arie Bowes, Hudson Gallegos, Ash Hernandez-Harris, Tristan McEwan, Tom McPhee, James Muddle, Jarvis Bowes, Lucas Kubatka, Aslan O'Keeffe, Kai Ota, Arlo Thomas and Solomon Wolff. Photo supplied

Eureka Public School is very proud of its soccer team after they qualified to play in the PSSA Small Schools Knockout Finals in Sydney next week.

'This is an amazing opportunity and our whole school is very excited to have made it through some tough competition to be able to compete in the finals,' principal Bill Dempster said.

The team consists of students from years three to six, who have been training hard throughout the season in their lunch breaks.

'I'm really impressed with the entire team who continue to play as a whole team, working for each other.'

The group will fly down to Sydney on Wednesday ready to play the semi final this Thursday morning.

Mullumbimby golfers decide championships



Top golfers (L-R): Gai Smith, Michelle Stenner and five-time Club Champion Tash Faux. Photo supplied

Mullumbimby Lady Golfers have just completed their club championships held over two weeks with excellent weather a factor in the good fields in each division.

Gross winner in division one was Natasha Faux who won by seven strokes. This is the fifth time that Natasha has won this event. Nett

winner was Deb Cullen.

In division two, Michelle Stenner took out the gross winning by 10 strokes, with Ruth Manley the Nett winner.

In division three, Gai Smith won by six strokes and Jan Beer won the Nett.

Thanks to Adrian Snow and staff for having the course in excellent condition.

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The native Australian water rats, officially called *Rakali*, have worked out how to eat cane toads without it being a death sentence. The clever native rodents, at least those in WA where the study was done, 'adapted to hunt the highly poisonous toads less than two years after the toads moved into the rats' territory' according to a piece in *The Conversation*. Read more online at: <https://bit.ly/2mDp056>.

Second Hand Saturday is with us again this weekend on Saturday 28 September. The biggest garage sale day of the year on the North Coast gives people the opportunity to make one person's surplus another person's treasure. There will be a huge number of items for sale: from caravans and scooters, to furniture and household goods, antiques, bric-a-brac, plants, collectables, curiosity items and lots more.

'Bring back the Dong' is the new catch cry now that the lighthouse sculpture is gone from the Bayshore Drive roundabout. The sculpture was dismantled last Wednesday. Around 2,000 birds have had dubs put on them, but there are plenty more to go around once Council staff find the time to remove them. Although when that will be is anyone's guess. Register for a bird online at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-culture/The-Lighthouse-sculpture.

Lethal shark culling has been ended in the Great Barrier Reef by the efforts of the Humane Society International and the Australian Marine Conservation Society



Last year these wonderful women achieved their qualifications to be life savers and this year will be their inaugural patrol year at Brunswick SLSC. The girls (Ella, Leigh, Karen, Vanessa, Kiri, Jackie and Cienna) are sitting on the new Far North Coast jet ski. They are just some of the awesome patrollers from the club which last year performed 14 life-saving rescues, 1,920 'preventative actions' and 42 first-aid actions. The club, which will be on deck watching-over beach goers from this weekend until April 2020, is always hoping to welcome new members, and Nippers can still sign on until their first day of training on Sunday October 6 from 8am. Photo Tree Faerie

who were represented in court by the Environmental Defenders Office NSW against the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA). The Queensland Shark Control Program is now required to avoid the lethal take of shark species, ensure sharks that are caught are attended to within 24 hours, and conduct research into alternative non-lethal shark control measures, and tiger shark populations.

It turns out that turtles enjoy a bit of a back scratch as much as the next earthling. One visitor to the Singapore Botanic Gardens was seen happily scrubbing away at the turtles backs with a bristled scrubber. Highly appreciative turtles made their way out of the water and lined up for a scrubbing, whether they needed one or not!

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