

Calls for culture change at Byron Hospital after alleged fraud

Eve Jeffery

The new Byron Hospital has been plagued by controversy since its inception – from its location, to the inclusion of the ambulance station and the omission of a surgical unit – the list goes on.

In recent weeks *The Echo* has been contacted by multiple people regarding widely known allegations of fraudulent behaviour and breaches of Health policies and procedures at the hospital. They say the allegations have been investigated, but the staff have not been told which, if any, allegations were substantiated or what disciplinary action if any has been taken. Persons alleged to have behaved improperly do not appear to have received more than a slap on the wrist, and the systems that allowed the potential for fraud to occur have not been tightened.

Payroll discrepancies

It is understood that an internal investigation found that certain members of staff, could have behaved either fraudulently and/or in contravention of hospital policy and procedures. This followed reports of discrepancies between hours worked, payroll hours logged and hours people were paid for.

Some staff members were put on special leave while an internal investigation took place into their work practices. They were paid for 21 weeks work from February to July while the investigation was in progress.

Claims investigated included that two senior staff had not properly checked the accuracy of roster

records; that some records showed certain staff were at work when they weren't; and that staff cut short workdays, and records were not adjusted accordingly. Senior nursing staff were investigated after a claim that other staff members were taken to breakfast off the premises during work hours while records showed that all involved were working on site at the hospital. An allegation that a senior staff member gave a confidential computer password to a member of the security staff and allowed him access to the roster system to enter false records was also investigated.

Low morale continues

While all of this was going on, morale at the hospital was declining daily. 'Everybody knew what was going on,' a staff member told *The Echo*. 'We all knew what was happening, we were all talking about it in the hallways, but there was nothing anyone could do about it. They had their own little club.'

Since the conclusion of the investigation in July, two staff members have been exonerated; one senior nurse has retired; a security person has moved on to other employment in a position of trust in the community, and one senior nurse has gained employment at another facility.

Upon investigation, *The Echo* could find no reprimands recorded in the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) records.

One would think that was the end of it, yet the situation has led

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Byron Film Festival is getting ready to launch



Christian Gibson from *Pacifico*, BBFF Director J'aimee Skippon-Volke, Chris Gooley also from *Pacifico*, designer/creator Simone Ellis from LA Studio and Continuum's Jack Bailey. Photo Jeff Dawson

Time to talk about good mental health

Aslan Shand

Mental health is vital for everyone yet mental illness is the most likely to go underreported according to St John's Ambulance NSW CEO Sarah Lance. It is also an increasing issue for young people, with recent data released by headspace for Mental Health Month revealing that nearly two thirds of young Australians (62 per cent) say that the mental health of young people is getting worse.

The impact of social media was identified by respondents as one of the leading contributors to mental illness for young people.

'We know mental health is

complex and there are many factors that contribute to a young person's wellbeing. It's clear from the research that social media is something young people have strong opinions about and it's something that appears to be creating more pressure day to day,' said headspace CEO, Jason Trethowan.

Suicide rate increase

According to yourtown and Kids Helpline ABS data shows that 458 children and young people aged under 25 years died by suicide in Australia last year. Twenty-two of them were children aged 14 years or younger. Amongst adolescents aged

between 15 and 19 years, 40 per cent of all deaths were a result of a young person ending their own life.

'What is particularly concerning is the rapid increase in the suicide rate for young people. Over the past 10 years the overall suicide rate has increased by approximately 13 per cent, but the suicide rate for young people aged 15 to 19 years has increased by more than 70 per cent,' they say in their recent press release.

'Ten years ago, children and teenagers had the lowest suicide rate of any age group, but that's no longer the case.'

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Staying healthy

The seven tips for a healthy headspace are: Get into life; Learn skills for tough times; Create connections; Eat well; Stay active; Get enough sleep; and cut back on alcohol and other drugs. For more information on a healthy headspace visit: <https://headspace.org.au/tips>. If young people want to talk to someone they can call Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or use email or web counselling services: www.kidshelpline.com.au.

St John's Ambulance NSW says mental health issues

including depression, anxiety or stress can be equally as detrimental as physical injuries or illness, especially in the workplace.

All ages affected

'We know that mental health issues are the most likely to be unreported,' said Ms Lance CEO of St John's Ambulance NSW.

Locally the Footprints-2Wellbeing is a program that has been launched to help people 12 and over with mental health. The program has staff based in towns from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads, including Bangalow, Mullumbimby and Byron Bay.

'There is a big gap in

support and this program provides a mix of one-on-one and group sessions,' said Stuart Nunan from The Buttery – who are partners in providing the program.

'There is a lot of stigma associated with mental health but it is becoming more talked about in social media with well known people providing role models. This program assists people with developing life skills and helps link them with the services and support they need.'

Lived experience

Author Kim Hodges will be discussing her lived experience of mental illness that

is the subject of her second memoir *Girl Over the Edge* this Thursday 10 October at Murwillumbah library at 11am, and Byron Bay library at 5.30pm.

'This memoir captures the denial, stigma and shame I have in my own mind about mental illness; the debilitating physical and mental agony of the illness; engagements with health professionals, and facing my own mortality,' said Ms Hodges.

As the guest author she hopes to start a discussion in the community on mental health. The event is free and you can make a booking to attend on 6685 8540.

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several members of hospital staff to approach *The Echo* because they feel that the consequences of the investigation, especially if any fraud or breaches of health policies and procedures were substantiated, were not adequate. They believe that the culture of inappropriate activities is continuing and the behaviour and issues from the past and present are being allowed to be covered up. In fact, rather than opening things up to wider scrutiny, the reporting system was recently clamped down, closing the windows that enabled the practices to be discovered in the first place.

Internal matter

While there has been no response from the health minister or the shadow health minister, the Chief Executive of Northern NSW Local Health District Wayne Jones has responded twice to *The Echo* – both times commenting that it was an

internal matter.

'Northern NSW Local Health District follows NSW Health policy requirements for managing allegations of misconduct by staff,' he said.

'Any substantiated findings related to employees are acted on accordingly. All investigations of misconduct are confidential and NNSWLHD does not disclose information about disciplinary actions taken against staff to members of the public or to existing staff.'

Mr Jones continued, saying he will not comment on any actions taken by any external authorities. 'NNSWLHD recovers any staff overpayments or funds found to have been received in error. NNSWLHD regularly reviews internal audit processes to minimise organisational risks and ensure adherence to policy.'

However, questions are being asked by remaining hospital staff about what disciplinary action, if any, was taken – including whether any criminal

charges were laid?

Some staff believe there is now an 'us and them' narrative being perpetuated at the hospital and they are concerned that if staff have 'gotten away with it', there is nothing stopping the same thing happening again in the future.

If no impropriety occurred, why not advise staff accordingly?

A recent memo to staff suggests the avenue for exposing future fraudulent behaviour has now been blocked; making it much easier for mistakes to happen or theft or discrepancies to be hidden.

One of the people who contacted *The Echo* said the reason they were wanting this to be out in the open is because they want to see the culture at the hospital change.

'Part of me wants to see consequences,' they said. 'But more importantly I don't want to see the same things repeated.'

Another staff member said the atmosphere of bullying and intimidation means they no longer want to go to work.

Short staffed

'I hate going to work. The culture continues and you've got to wonder whether the culture continues because someone has gotten away with something. One of the security guards had 21 weeks off [during the investigation] and they weren't backfilled – that means they weren't replaced. Because of this, we had less staff at the hospital and that's just not safe.'

Some staff members at

the hospital also believe that this should not be an internal matter and that the public have a right to know about it. In particular they point out that thousands of dollars of public funds would have been better used at the hospital instead of being potentially misused.

'The investigation only looked at the allegations of fraud from a slice of time,' said one person. 'Not the months, if not years, beforehand. There were times when security was rostered on, but they weren't there. That's not safe.'

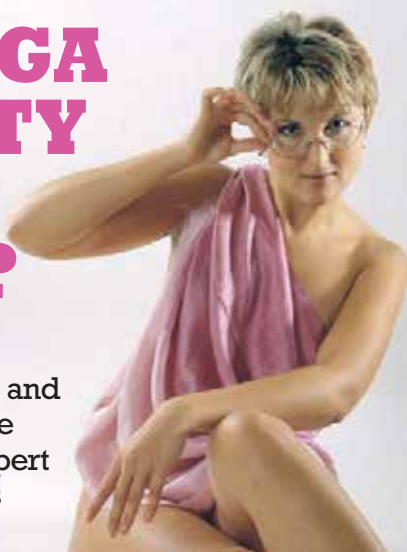
Another person questioned how staff, if they were indeed found to have acted fraudulently or in breach of health policies and procedures, were able to get future employment.

'Who gave them references? There are no reprimands registered on their AHPRA records – they are open to the public. If they are guilty, then who gave them a reference for their next job? Their AHPRA records are as clean as a whistle. Why? The tax-paying public deserve answers.'

'This is our local hospital, this is where we, our parents, our children, all go for healthcare and treatment. We are constantly being told about budget cuts around staffing or equipment and yet management are seriously going to allow a misuse of taxpayers' money?'

'We demand answers from our health service – a government organisation should not be allowed to cover up any misconduct from its senior management team!'

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Organisers are also calling on the community to support the festival by becoming a volunteer or giving a small donation. Enter your piece or find out more at: www.ingenuityfest.com.au.

Is the world ready for *Byron Live*?



Ruby Jeffery, Prickasso, Charlotte Dodds, Aine Tyrell, Mandy Nolan and Damon Gameau all went live last Saturday at the hilarious debut of Byron's first *Byron Live*. You can watch the highlights on Mandy's Facebook page. Photo Jeff Dawson

Can you lend a hand over schoolies?

The HUB is once again getting into gear for schoolies. They need plenty of locals to volunteer to help ensure everyone stays safe on the streets of Byron.

'We are looking for volunteers of all ages but would like to encourage more young people between 18 and 24 to join us this year, and parent and teen teams, as it is a wonderful way to gain volunteering

experience,' said HUB Coordinator Nicqui Yazdi.

This year the HUB will run for 10 days rather than its previous 18 days.

'This is due to the introduction of a prep year in Queensland which has resulted in far less graduating year 12s coming from Queensland this year.'

For anyone who volunteers before the end of October there are opportunities

to gain certificates in Apply First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid and Alcohol & Other Drug Crisis training. The spots will be allocated on a first-in-best-dressed basis so if you want to receive the free training, get your registrations in ASAP said Ms Yazdi.

'Everyone who has been a part of the HUB since it started back in 2008, has had a great time and really enjoyed helping to make this

a safe and happy experience for the young visitors. Young people generally make good decisions, but for the inexperienced Schoolies visitors, it can also be a time where they might get into trouble. The more volunteers we have, the safer these young people will be.'

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New CSG enquiry – NSW government dropped the ball

David Lowe

Back in 2013, at the height of the coal seam gas (CSG) fight in NSW, the state government led by Barry O’Farrell commissioned the chief scientist, professor Mary O’Kane, to conduct a comprehensive review of CSG-related activities, focusing on the human

health and environmental impacts of unconventional gas. Late in 2014 she delivered her report, which included 16 recommendations to government. Although gas companies and their allies immediately claimed the report gave a green light to their industry, O’Kane herself said that there was still much for government to do, and that ‘implementing the recommendations of the Review involves non-trivial tasks.’

Recommendations not implemented

Five years on, with Santos applying pressure on government to refer their Narrabri Gas Project to the Independent Planning Commission for approval, a NSW Upper House Committee Enquiry has begun, to look into the implementation of Mary O’Kane’s recommendations and to explore whether new evidence has emerged.

Mullaley farmer and vocal CSG opponent Margaret Fleck says, ‘we’re relieved the parliament will examine the government’s failure to meet the recommendations of the chief scientist on CSG.

‘This inquiry is coming in the nick of time given a PR campaign push from Santos to get approval for its proposed Narrabri gasfield that is widely opposed by farmers and people across our region. ‘Crucial chief scientist recommendations about baseline data, modelling, risk assessments, insurance, transparency and governance have been left to languish, while Santos presses ahead

with its plans for a huge production gasfield in our region that will remove huge volumes of groundwater beneath a recharge aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin.’ Lock the Gate Alliance NSW spokesperson Georgina Woods said, ‘It’s five years since the chief scientist made a sweeping set of recommendations for CSG in New South Wales. ‘The government has completely dropped the ball on implementing those recommendations and the groundwater which drought-affected farmers rely on is under real threat if a huge CSG production gasfield at Narrabri is allowed to go ahead.’

Health and environmental risks

Dr John Van Der Kallen, chair of the NSW Doctors for the Environment Australia says his organisation welcomes the government review of the NSW chief scientific officer’s review. ‘Since 2014 there is new data outlining the extensive health and environmental impacts from CSG extraction,’ he said. ‘CSG extraction is contributing to the acceleration in climate change, apart from other health impacts such as asthma, mental illness, dermatological and immune related diseases. It is important that the NSW government reviews and acts on the recommendations.’ Although gas companies often claim science is on their side, real science can risk being left behind in the stampede for gas royalties

and shareholder profits, with communities and water being some of the most obvious victims. Scientific experts in specialisations including water, medicine and fugitive emissions have been raising the alarm for some time, and a number of affected community members have become experts themselves. According to Margaret Fleck, ‘Santos has refused requests by government agencies to calibrate its groundwater model, to conduct worst-case scenario modelling, and to undertake the additional groundwater monitoring requested.

Water at risk

‘The Santos gasfield poses long-term risks to our precious groundwater, including the Great Artesian Basin (GAB). Permanent protection for the GAB recharge zone should be an absolute no-brainer when so much of our region depends on it for survival.’ Margaret Fleck concluded by saying that, ‘this damaging high-risk project would never have been allowed to proceed this far if the government had followed the recommendations laid down by the chief scientist five years ago.’ The NSW Upper House Committee is chaired by the Shooters and Fishers’ Mark Banasiak MLC, and assistant-chaired by long-time CSG opponent and former Green Justin Field MLC. There are five other members from various parties. Public submissions can be made until Sunday 27 October. The report will be delivered in December.



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Application No	SSD-9575-MOD-2
Location	771 Cudgen Road, Cudgen
Applicant	Health Administration Corporation
Council Area	Tweed
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Description of modification

The proposed modifications include: new building envelopes for a multi-deck car park and temporary building; increased hospital beds; changes to existing envelopes; increase floor area to 60,050 sqm; relocation of electrical switching station kiosk; and revised landscaping.

Tweed Valley Hospital Stage 2

Application No	SSD-10353
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Council Area	Tweed
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Description of proposal

Construction and operation of Stage 2 of the Tweed Valley Hospital, comprising a total of 545 hospital beds/treatment spaces in the main hospital building, support buildings (Health Hub), internal roads, car parking, temporary Tweed Valley Skills Centre building, external road infrastructure upgrades at main site access, biodiversity rehabilitation works, landscaping, signage and utility/service works.

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Rethinking drug policy key to helping people

Eve Jeffery

There has been a lot of debate about the issue of drugs and pill testing in recent months with many believing that the laws should be changed.

Greens MP and Drug Law Reform and Harm Reduction spokesperson Cate Faehrmann says she is launching a new campaign for drug law reform in NSW. The campaign has four demands: allowing pill testing services at mobile and fixed sites; regulating and taxing cannabis; decriminalising the personal use/possession of all drugs, and; replacing the current Roadside Drug Testing Scheme to testing for impairment.

Laws failing

Ms Faehrmann says that politicians should have the courage to admit that our drug laws aren't working.

'Our drug laws are a colossal failure, costing lives and wasting hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money each year,' she said.

'I know the Premier likes to think that "just say no" when it comes to drugs works, but it doesn't, and it never will. So it's up to decision makers to put in place measures to reduce any harm associated with taking illegal drugs.'

Ms Faehrmann says it's time we all fessed up about the nature and extent of illegal drug use in NSW. 'Heavy-handed policing is not going to keep young people at music festivals safe this summer,' she said. 'Pill testing



Greens MP Cate Faehrmann launching a new campaign for drug law reform in NSW.

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works and it's time the Premier had the courage to acknowledge that. If she won't act before this summer, then I'll be asking the Parliament to support the Greens bill to trial pill-testing in NSW.

'A growing number of experts, including former police commissioners and state premiers, agree that the single most effective way to reduce harm from illegal drugs is to stop treating drug use as a crime.

'That's why the Greens will introduce a bill to decriminalise all drugs and treat drug use as a health issue, not a criminal one.'

Ms Faehrmann, who recently undertook a self-funded tour to Portugal to study its groundbreaking drug laws, will host drug law reform community forums in Mullumimby and Lismore. She will discuss her findings as well as talk about truth telling, drug decriminalisation, legalising cannabis, and pill testing in NSW which she says is all part of the Greens Rethink, Reform campaign.

'Governments around the world are looking into, or have already legalised cannabis, including Canada, Uruguay and many US states, and New Zealand is holding a referendum on the issue next year. There is growing acknowledgment that nearly all of the harm associated with cannabis use is because it is illegal.'

Ms Faehrmann says she will be introducing legislation to tax and regulate cannabis. 'This will provide the framework for a cannabis industry in NSW and legalise its use,' she said.

Local drug forums

The forums are free and will be held in Lismore this Thursday, October 10 from 6pm till 8pm at the Lismore City Bowling Club, and Mullumbimby this Friday, from 6.30pm till 8.30pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall. For more information visit: www.catefaehrmann.org.

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Swallows delay Bruns Bridge restoration

The structure under the Brunswick Bridge, officially the Brunswick Heads South Arm Bridge, is a protected habitat zone in the Cape Byron Marine Park. So the nesting swallows that have built their nests there are causing a delay to restoration work that was set to begin in September.

'We discovered around 40 Welcome Swallow nests during the pre-commencement fauna inspection that Council undertakes before all major engineering projects as part of its environmental assessment process,' Council's director of infrastructure services, Phil Holloway said.

'Some of the nests contain eggs and chicks and while the Welcome Swallow is not a threatened or endangered species, they are protected under NSW legislation, and moving or relocating the nests would result in harm to the birds.'

As a result the timber restoration works on the bridge, which will take around three months to complete, will now start in February 2020.

Surprise, surprise

A recent investigation into political donations by *The Guardian* has revealed that, 'Woolworths appeared to have made the most omissions. It failed to declare more than \$100,000 in donations to the NSW Liberals and Nationals while seeking to secure minor approvals for a supermarket at Mullumbimby, near Byron Bay.'

Building lasting community relationships

Last Friday October 4 saw Marilyn Mills come to work for the final time at Bridglunds Mullumbimby. Marilyn started work at Bridglunds in 1967, when Bridglunds was operated under the firm hand of G D (Dudley) Bridgland.

'Marilyn has undoubtedly been the longest serving and most loyal and faithful employee the firm has had the privilege of employing. Her service over the ever-changing years has been second-to-none,' said current owners Rob and



Bridglunds owner Rob Bridgland with Marilyn Mills who retired after 52 years of dedicated service. Photo supplied

Lorinda Bridgland.

'We will miss her greatly and extend to her warm

and heartfelt thanks for her many years of service to the Bridgland firm.'

Byron vacation care becomes a building site

Aslan Shand

Noise and dust pollution from concrete cutting, and truck movements from major works being carried out at the Byron Bay Public School have left parents concerned over the impact on the children at vacation care at the school.

'The whole place is a construction zone,' said AJ Barikzai who has two children at the program.

'There are cement cutters, massive trucks, barricades all over the grounds where they are laying pipes. There are a whole bunch of kids who only have access to one classroom and the basketball court.'

AJ told *The Echo* that parents hadn't been informed of the work prior to booking into the program.

'It is really expensive to have your kids there, and there was no notice to parents.'

The vacation care program is run by Byron

Shire Council who have been in contact with Byron Bay Public School and the NSW Department of Education to resolve problems with the vacation care service.

'Unfortunately Council was not warned of the extent of these issues prior to the start of the school holidays,' Vanessa Adams, Director Corporate and Community Services, said.

A spokesperson for the NSW education department told *The Echo* that 'In September 2019 advice was provided that underground cabling at the school would be upgraded during the school holidays. The school advised the council-operated vacation care service of this early that month.'

Radioactive dust

Responding to questions over the risk to children and carers over exposure to radioactive dust on the site, the NSW education spokesperson said, 'Care has also been taken to implement

appropriate dust suppression control measures when required and confirmation was obtained that the works would not pose a health risk to the community. All work is being undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW requirements.'

Excursions

Recognising the impact on children and staff at the program Ms Adams advised that the program would be utilising alternative spaces such as the hall and covered outside learning area.

'Children will be off-site enjoying excursions for three of the five remaining vacation care days. Council will work with the NSW Department of Education to ensure that this does not occur again in the future,' Ms Adams clarified last Thursday.

Concerned parents can contact Council's Children's Services Coordinator on 6685 8118 for more information.

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Hope in death of leopard seal

We all know southerners like to visit Byron for holidays but recent sightings of a leopard seal making its way up the east coast surprised many. Sadly, its remains were recently found washed up on the beach at Broken Head in Byron at the end of September. But Byron Bay marine biologist Dr Mary Gardner said the death could be a sign of hope for the species. Studies of ancient ice showed the animals lived on New Zealand for more than a thousand years, suggesting the shift to sea ice may have been more recent than previously thought. Read more at *Echonet-daily*: www.echo.net.au/tragic-leopard-seal-death-byron-signify-hope-species.

No towers or 5G for Durrumbul say locals



Part of an unenthusiastic 5G awareness raising crowd at Durrumbul Hall on Saturday. The next event will be at Mullum Civic Hall, Saturday November 2. Organisers say it will be a family fundraiser, to raise funds for a class action and awareness campaigns. There will be information, speakers and entertainment. ‘We also have a global awareness campaign #WeAreNotSAM that highlights the outdated standards being used in the industry that do not cover 97 per cent of the population,’ say organisers. Photo Jeff Dawson

Winning one swell at a time

Byron local Mark ‘Mono’ Stewart has won his third US Open Adaptive Surfing Championship and yellow guernsey. ‘The US Open was a great contest with over 100 competitors from 12 nations. Some new young competitors are coming through the ranks this year which is great to see, nipping at my heel,’ Mono told *The Echo*.



‘This year the deaf division was a standout for me as they blew the large crowd away in the finals with regular aerial manoeuvres.’

Adaptive event. However, with a typhoon heading their way and a 40 to 60 foot swell predicted on the second day, he says organisers are considering bringing the competition forward by a day. ‘This could get very interesting,’ said Mono.

Typhoon surf

Mono is currently awaiting his next challenge in Japan; the Japanese Open

World Homelessness Day: how can you help?

Aslan Shand

It can be easy to dismiss those who most need our compassion, understanding and help – certainly our politicians are leading the way. Anne Ruston’s recent attack on people on Newstart saying any increase in benefits would be spent on drugs and alcohol, is just a symptom of how out of touch some politicians and people are with the struggles many Australians face. For those who are struggling most, like people who are homeless in Byron Shire, a little respect and kindness from strangers can go a long way.



Rough sleeping is on the rise in Byron Shire, home of the highest number of people who sleep rough per capita in NSW outside of Sydney. Photo Aslan Shand

Increase in rough sleepers

Byron Shire saw an 18 per cent increase in rough sleepers since last year’s count. With World Homelessness Day this Thursday October 10 the focus is once again on how you can help. ‘Most people who live homeless have a history of

poverty and childhood abuse or trauma,’ said Rohena Duncombe, a lecturer at Charles Sturt University, who is currently researching her PhD on homeless health in Byron. ‘Overall this means various presentations of traumatised personality symptoms that people try to manage with substance use. This is totally misunderstood in the community where aggression and intoxication are assumed to have caused the homelessness, which may not be the case. This justifies for some, being judgemental and cruel – Council removing

all their belongings, charities saying they have enough money for alcohol, people throwing things at them, police busting them etc.’

A hard life

It is already a tough existence when you are homeless with research showing that homeless people get sick more often, have shorter lives and use fewer primary health services than the rest of the population. The cruelty they experience aggravates their symptoms, making them less trusting of organisations, undermining

their chances of recovery. Ms Duncombe points out that the ‘thing people living homeless value most is kindness – I know it sounds naff but when you spend your days and nights in strugglesville, people who treat you as a human being are a blessing. If people had a better understanding, it might encourage more compassion.’

Zero Homelessness

This Thursday sees the launch of the Byron Zero Homelessness Project by local councillor Paul Spooner and business entrepreneur Brandon Saul. Their aim is to raise funds to place tiny homes around the Shire so people have safe places to sleep. Habitat businesses are giving 10 per cent of their sales, and Habitat management are donating all the retail rents on Thursday toward the project. If you want to support the project contact Cr Spooner at: paul.spooner@cr.byron.nsw.gov.au or visit: www.nsw.gov.au

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ACCC casts shadow on solar

Mia Armitage

Solar advocates have spoken out about the consumer watchdog’s renewed call for an end to a federal subsidy scheme for small-scale solar projects. The Australian Corporate and Consumer Commission (ACCC) says, when the scheme was first launched,

solar uptake was more expensive. The commission says cheaper installation costs combined with state subsidies mean the federal subsidy is no longer needed. But campaigner for solar lobby group Solar Citizens, Stephanie Gray, disagrees. ‘Lower income people, renters and people in

apartments struggle to get solar, which is where state government subsidies help,’ she told Bay FM listeners in early October. Ms Gray said the ACCC’s renewed call to end the scheme as early as 2021 ‘really riled up’ group members, most of whom, she said, already had solar. ‘They really see the

benefits of solar and want everyone to have solar,’ said Ms Gray. ‘A lot of households write in to us and say “we want to get solar but we can’t afford it”,’ she said. Solar Citizens is petitioning against the proposed change via a broader petition for clean energy on its website.

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In Byron? Customer service for general enquiries now at Byron Visitor Centre, 80 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm to 4.00pm or phone 02 6626 7000. Card only payments accepted at this location.

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

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

CURRENT VACANCIES

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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: 4.00pm Thursday 31 October 2019

Enquiries: Chris Larkin on 02 6626 7136

HAVE YOUR SAY

APPLYING ENVIRONMENTAL ZONES (E ZONES) TO AMEND BYRON LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP) 2014

The second stage planning proposal to apply 'landowner agreed' E Zones and other LEP 2014 zones to approximately 600 properties is on public exhibition until 6 December 2019.

All landowners included in this Planning Proposal will be notified in writing before 25 October. To view the Planning Proposal and the included properties on our interactive mapping visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au/ezones2.

Please note that in this instance the Minister for Planning and Environment has not authorised Council to exercise delegation to make this LEP amendment.

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

Submissions close: Friday 6 December 2019

Enquiries: E Zones Project Support Team on 02 6626 7126

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM (SECTION 356) AND SMALL CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

**Community Initiatives Program – Applications close:
4.00pm Friday 25 October 2019**

Council's Community Initiatives Program aims to improve community wellbeing and quality of life for Byron Shire residents. Council invite applications for community driven initiatives that address a specific community need which builds a sense of community, and aligns with Council's goals.

Round one for the 2019/20 financial year was offered in April/May 2019 with 9 projects funded. As there is further budget available, a second round is now being offered.

Guidelines, including the assessment criteria, and an application form can be downloaded from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Supporting-communities/Grants-and-funding/Community-Initiatives-Program.

Applicants need to:

- read the guidelines to understand if their organisation and project are eligible for funding;
- show a matching contribution to the proposed project as outlined in the guidelines;
- complete an application form on the template provided.

**Small Change Grants Program for Young People –
Applications close: 4.00pm Friday 1 November 2019**

Council recognises and values the contribution that young people bring to the Byron Shire community with their energy, ideas, perspectives and liveliness. The aim of the grants program is to provide a voice for young people, encourage them to participate and gain experience in leadership roles.

Young people aged between 15 and 25 are invited to apply for a small grant to help fund a project that will benefit young people in Byron Shire. Young people need to be auspiced by an organisation, must live in the Byron Shire and must deliver the project in Byron Shire. For further information including assessment criteria and an application form see Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Home/Tabs/Public-notice/Small-Change-Grants-for-Young-People

Enquiries for both programs to: Joanne McMurtry 02 6626 7316 or jmcmurtry@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.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2019

The Australia Day Awards recognise the achievements of individuals who inspire us through their accomplishments in service to our community, culture and sports, and challenge us to make our own contribution to a better Australia.

The nominated person could be from your school or sporting group, your neighbour, a carer or someone in your church. They may be involved in community projects or events, a friend or family member. Whoever comes to mind, they are someone who works selflessly to help improve the community you live in and the lives of others.

Council in conjunction with the Australia Day 2019 Project Reference Group are also inviting nominations in a new award category "Creative Artist of the Year".

Categories for Nominations are:

- Citizen of the Year (no age limit)
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged up to 25 years as at 26/1/19)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (aged over 60 years as at 26/1/19)
- Sports Person of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Creative Artist of the Year
- Environmental Project of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Persons may be nominated by individuals, community groups or organisations. Nomination Forms can be found on Council's webpage at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/australia-day or at the Council Customer Service front counter.

Nominations close: 4.00pm Friday 14 December 2019

Enquiries: Clare Tremenheere 02 6626 7000

Completed Nominations should be in writing and addressed to Clare Tremenheere, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to clare.tremenheere@byron.nsw.gov.au.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following Council meetings are scheduled for October 2019:

17 October 2019 – 11:00am – Planning Meeting

24 October 2019 – 9:00am – Ordinary Meeting

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

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

Enquiries: Heather Sills 02 6626 7171

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 16 OCTOBER 2019

10.2019.451.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 62 Corkwood Crescent (Lot 283 DP 1198641) Ardill Payne & Partners, Subdivision Two (2) Lots into Two (2) Lots

10.2019.466.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 41 Bottlebrush Crescent (Lot 282 DP 1018663) Tain Investments Pty Ltd, Community Title Subdivision Seventeen (17) Lots

10.2019.469.1 – BYRON BAY, 134 Lighthouse Road (Lot 1 DP 246414) Mr G Shaw – Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and construction of New Dwelling House

EXHIBITION CLOSES 23 OCTOBER 2019

10.2019.489.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 112 Main Arm Road (Lot 5 DP 258349) Mr R Darney, Use of Shed Conversion to Dwelling 2 of Dual Occupancy (Detached)

10.2019.470.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 15 Mango Bark Court (Lot 152 DP 817012) Matt Walker Town Planning, Use of Secondary Dwelling, Tree Removal Four (4) Trees and New Driveway Crossover

10.2019.487.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, South Beach Road (Lot 437 DP 839424) Regworx, Use of Existing Deck and Alterations and Additions to Existing Tennis Clubhouse

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

10.2019.481.1 – MAIN ARM, 388 Main Arm Road Swimming Pool

10.2019.395.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS 163 The Saddle Road, Relocated Dwelling House including Alterations and Additions, Carport and Tree Removal Five (5) Trees

10.2019.268.1 – EWINGS DALE, 85 Parkway Drive New Dwelling to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached) and Carport/Shed

10.2019.339.1 – EWINGS DALE, 11 Brookview Court Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.332.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 164 Orana Road Approved dual occupancy to create vacant strata lot

10.2019.438.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 51 Station Street Secondary Dwelling and Carport

10.2019.271.1 – TYAGARAH, 31 Prestons Lane Use of Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.386.1 – MYOCUM, 233 The Saddle Road Relocated Dwelling including Alterations and Additions to Create a Dual Occupancy (Detached)

10.2019.363.1 – BYRON BAY, 5 Don Street Alterations and Additions to an existing Dwelling-house

10.2018.399.2 – MYOCUM, 568 Myocum Road \$4.55 to Delete Door and Amend Windows on Expanded Dwelling House

10.2006.659.3 – OCEAN SHORES, 2443 Coolamon Scenic Drive \$4.55 to Reduce Dwelling Size and Swimming Pool Size

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

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

The following complying development certificates may be inspected free of charge at Council's Customer Service Counter, Station Street, Mullumbimby during normal office hours 8.30am to 4.30pm weekdays, excluding public holidays.

The validity of these certificates cannot be questioned in any legal proceeding except those commenced in the Land & Environment Court by any person within 3 months of this notice.

16.2019.86.1 – BANGALOW 28 Rifle Range Road Deck Extension

Sourdough turns 10

Sourdough Business Pathways has celebrated reaching the ten year milestone and took the opportunity to reflect on their past achievements and look to the future.

They headed back to the Harvest Newrybar Bakery, where it all began, to celebrate their birthday. More than 90 business people came together through their collective involvement in Sourdough over the years; from original founders to mentors, mentees, partners and supporters.

Founding members Pat Grier, Paul Jameson, James Cowley and the late Ian Oelrichs originated the concept of mentoring, inspiring and supporting local business growth. As a small group of volunteers their collective mission was to protect existing jobs and create new jobs in the area with a focus on environmental and business sustainability.

The foundation of success for the group has been the facilitation of the wealth of experience in the region and the generosity of support in terms of good will, volunteer time, commitment, collaboration and involvement from the local business community.

As Sourdough looks to the next 10 years – a future of digital disruption, change, startups, sustainability and longevity of working years – the group is committed to support these needs through the breadth of programs. These include mentoring and learning communities and connections to enable businesses to evolve and transform into tomorrow’s businesses.

‘We will continue to harness the region’s experience, to educate, to connect and to resource business relationships, that’s what Sourdough is really about. Our goal is to be the dynamic business hub of activity and knowledge that transforms this region,’ said Murray Richardson, sub-committee chair.

For more information on Sourdough Business Pathways, to become a mentee or attend upcoming educational events, visit: www.sbp.org.au or email info@sbp.org.au

How do we live with sharks – without getting bitten?

Charles Boyle

Byron-Ballina is the official shark-attack capital of Australia – and with 12 attacks since 1990, the numbers are increasing. Over the past thirty years, shark attacks (fatal and non-fatal) in NSW have increased by 1,500 per cent. The major government strategy for preventing shark attacks is the use of shark nets to kill all large sharks that venture near our beaches, but the rapid increase in attacks shows this primitive approach isn’t working. With our tourism-dependent economy and beach culture, we urgently need to find effective alternatives.



First Dog on The Moon at Splendour a couple of years ago. Photo Jeff ‘Sharky’ Dawson

Majority of attacks at netted beaches

The last peak decade for NSW shark attacks was the 1930s. When two people were killed by Great White sharks on Sydney beaches in a single week in 1935, NSW Fisheries invited public submissions to address the problem, and came up with the idea of shark nets. The first shark nets were installed in Sydney in 1937 and in the eighty-one years since, there has been only one human fatality caused by a shark at a beach protected by shark nets. However, in the same period, 63 per cent of all NSW shark attacks happened at beaches

protected by shark nets.

False sense of security

The shark nets, installed on 51 beaches covering 250km of NSW coastline, simply boost public confidence through a display of government action. Worse, they encourage a false sense of security and cause massive damage to marine ecosystems – while more people than ever are being attacked.

Sharks nets were never meant to be a barrier to stop sharks mixing with swimmers; they are specifically intended to trap and kill sharks and cull their numbers – but they pose a deadly threat to all large marine creatures. The NSW Department of Primary Industries Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program 2018/19 Annual Performance Report, found that of 395 marine creatures killed in

shark nets last year, only 23 (5 per cent) were the targeted Great White, Bull and Tiger sharks. 95 per cent of the victims were cow-nosed rays, dolphins, harmless hammerhead sharks and, of course, whales.

Today ‘Smart’ Drumlines can accurately target dangerous sharks using baited lines that trigger a signal when activated. Although Drumlines offer a strategy that doesn’t kill harmless marine creatures, the indiscriminate destruction of sharks is increasingly unacceptable to the general public. For every one person killed by a shark, there are 2 million sharks killed by humans across the world. It’s time to seek intelligent solutions to the problem of shark attacks.

The United States has twice the number of recorded shark attacks as Australia does, but they don’t use shark nets. Instead the US (including Hawaii), South Africa and

New Zealand are trialling new approaches to raise public awareness about shark safety using signs, flags and shark tracking. The recent game-changer is the use of drones to provide real-time assessment of shark threats.

Behaviour change

Today 80 per cent of shark bite victims survive due to improved first aid, but until the invention of a shark repellent, the best strategy for preventing shark attacks is to change people’s behaviour.

The University of Technology Sydney, in partnership with CSIRO and James Cook University, are trying to do just that by holding public workshops to find out how the threat of shark attacks has affected our behaviour. If you’re a local or tourist who regularly ventures into the ocean to swim, surf, snorkel or dive, you’re invited to attend free public workshops at the Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore SLSC on Tuesday, October 15 at 6pm, and at Byron Bay Surf Club on October 16 at 6pm. These workshops will provide a chance for community members to share their experiences, knowledge and views to feed into government policy on shark management.

To register your interest for the workshops, go to: www.sharkworkshopsnsw.net. For details, contact Nick McClean 0415 775 531, nicholas.mcclean@uts.edu.au.

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LOVE MULLUM?

HAVE YOUR SAY:

OUR MULLUMBIMBY MASTERPLAN

Tell us what you think about the Plan that aims to ensure that the things people love about Mullumbimby – the sense of community, inclusivity, great walkability, services and facilities for locals and the natural environment are enhanced. It recommends a vision and principles that guide the way for ‘where we’re going’ as a community, over the next 10 years.

The Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Mullumbimby Guidance Group – a team of passionate, creative locals who worked tirelessly with Staff and Councillors, workshoping ideas and gathering feedback from the local community.

Have we got it right?

To provide feedback you can:

- use our interactive tools online at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/mullum-mplan
- drop by one of our info stalls:
Wednesday 23 October, 9.00am to 1.00pm
– **Parklet: Burringbar Street**, in front of the disposal store
- Friday 25 October, from 7.30am**
– **Mullumbimby Farmers Market:**
Mullumbimby Showgrounds, 51 Main Arm Rd, Mullumbimby
- Thursday 31 October, 2.00 to 6.00pm**
– **Parklet: Station Street carpark**, next to Flock cafe

- Call into our customer service centre in Mullumbimby and take a look at the Plan or call our Planner, Isabelle Hawton 02 6626 7267
- make a submission by email or post.

‘VISIONS OF MULLUM’ PHOTO COMPETITION

The exhibition of the Masterplan will also include an opportunity for budding photographers to get involved with the “Visions of Mullum” photo competition. Entries to two categories (youth and general) will be in with a chance to win a \$200 cash prize each and have their photographs featured in the Plan.

Photo Competition closes: Friday 8 November

Submissions Close: Friday 15 November

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

Will the government listen to the people?

Eve Jeffery

Do you want the federal government to debate the climate crisis? An e-petition by Noah Bell from Sydney (reference EN1041) Declare a Climate Emergency, states that: ‘the overwhelming majority of climate scientists

around the world have concluded that the climate is changing at unprecedented rates due to anthropogenic causes. The result of these changes will be catastrophic for future generations, and so we must act now to minimise both human and environmental destruction.’

This is the highest number of signatures an e-petition has recieved. It asks that the government declare a climate emergency.

Time to sign?

At the time of writing, there were almost 250,000 signatures on the document.

The petition is open until October 16 and the hope is it will encourage the House of Representatives to debate declaring a climate emergency in the lower house.

The web address for the petition is: www.aph.gov.au/petition_sign?id=EN1041.

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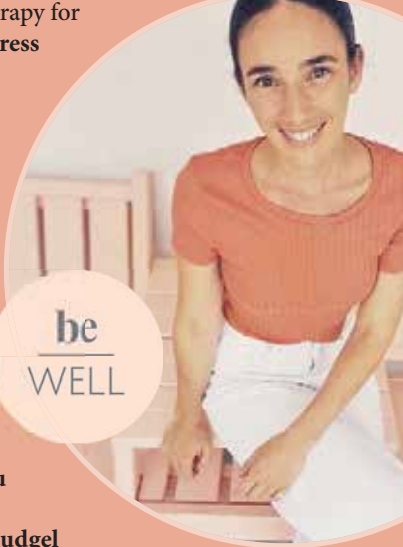
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Redefining drug use

Have you ever enjoyed a beer or a glass of wine? While for some religious groups it is banned, and I respect their choice, I also expect my choice to enjoy a glass of red to be respected. This is about personal choice and personal responsibility and living in a multicultural and respectful society.

I acknowledge that as an adult I'm responsible for the amount I imbibe and that as a member of society I have to accept the consequences of my actions. If I get behind the wheel of a vehicle while over the limit there are consequences. If I cause violence and harm to others as a result of my drinking there will be consequences.

But if I decide to quietly drink myself to death, causing no direct harm to others, then that is my choice. The consequence may be death but as an adult I am free to make that decision whether you agree with it or not.

The question is, why are we only allowed to make these personal choices in regards to drugs like alcohol and cigarettes? What is it about heroin, cannabis, ice, cocaine, MDMA or psychedelics that suddenly changes the debate?

Why are we suddenly subject to the moral choice of others when in the majority of cases my choice to take any of those drugs is unlikely to impact upon them or the public at large?

Of those who use cocaine and opiates, 23 and 25 per cent respectively experience a drug-use disorder, according to research cited at the recent Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' hearing in Sydney. The reality of these numbers are that on average 75 per cent of cocaine and opiate users don't have a problem. That is, they are able to quite happily use their drug of choice without negative effect on their families, friends or society at large.

A significant part of the problem is that we see drugs as 'bad' – that is, at least, the ones people take for fun!

The position of Dr Weatherburn, Adjunct Professor, University of Sydney Law School during the discussion was clear – that drug use, of any type, was harmful. Therefore any increase in use as a result of decriminalisation would potentially negate any overall positive effect that decriminalisation may achieve – in relation to reduction in crime, incarceration and repeat offences.

However, the evidence provided, and now being accepted around the world is that criminalisation has failed and that the management of drug disorders needs to look at alternative ways to assist people.

Professor Gallop, Commissioner to the Global Commission on Drug Policy was also clear, stating that, 'the UN board that heads the 30-odd agencies under the umbrella of the UN, including the UN office on drugs and crime, resolved [in January this year] to promote alternatives to conviction and punishment in appropriate cases including the decriminalisation of possession for personal use and to promote the principle of proportionality.' During his address he particularly referenced the Portugal model of decriminalisation as the UN's preferred model to follow.

So the real question should not be, do we decriminalise or even legalise drugs, that should be taken as read. The real question is how do we help those people who have a drug disorder? How do we help people whose drug addiction is negatively affecting the lives of others to recognise this?

How do we acknowledge that some people are able to take their drugs and live their lives and we don't need to interfere?

Aslan Shand, acting editor

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It's time to bet the farm...

The Reserve Bank, like so many economic pundits, has finally given up on the government of Scott Morrison.

After months, years, of pleading for a sensible stimulus policy to drag Australia out of its torpor, Philip Lowe has conceded that its just not going to happen and all he can do is bet the farm on interest rates, his only effective weapon.

Not that they have proved very effective to date; successive cuts have produced little, if any, real improvement. But now the stubborn refusal of inflation to move upwards as a result of wages growth is reaching a crisis point, and reducing unemployment levels around 4.5 per cent has become the overwhelming imperative.

So *biff bam whish*, the final fling – rates, already at record lows, will be slashed further, perhaps to zero and even beyond. Whatever it takes, and if it still doesn't work, well, at least he can say he has done his best. Unfortunately it will almost certainly not be enough. The bastardly banks have already declined to pass on the latest rate cut, and will probably do the same next time around.

Their reluctance is not altruistic – it does not stem from a concern for the retirees trying to live on the interest from their savings, or a worry that lower rates might reignite the property boom that has shut out the young from any prospect of owning their own homes. The banks are acting purely from self-interest – they are worried that their margins will be squeezed, and that their profits may decline.

Morrison and his unhappy treasurer, the floundering Josh Frydenberg, are outraged: 'When will they ever learn?' splutters our putative leaders. But in fact the banks could make a good case that they are simply following where the government has led.

Frydenberg has insisted that his budget surplus has to be the priority, that nothing must interfere with it. But the banks' own budget surplus is no more than their operating profit. If that is the imperative for our Treasurer, surely it should be good enough for those now being jawboned.

And beyond that, Morrison, Frydenberg and their conservative cheer squads have constantly demanded that the banks and indeed all businesses should stick to their core responsibilities and not be distracted by fringe issues of social debate, like climate change and homophobia, to

name just a couple. Given that the core responsibility of business, and especially the banks, is to deliver the maximum benefit for their shareholders, ministers can hardly complain when they proceed to follow their adjurations.

And there is no point in arguing that the banks are too greedy, that their record profits should be trimmed to look after their struggling clients when the government's entire economic policy, such as it is, demands less compassion, not some wishy-washy empathy likely to reduce the bottom line.

Morrison continues to soothe his sedated Australians with assurances that someone, somewhere, is doing worse than they are.

Mungo MacCallum



But even if the banks came to the party, it probably wouldn't make much difference. As a former RBA governor, Ian Macfarlane, pointed out at the weekend, interest rate cuts have just about reached the point of no return – they are already so low that further decreases are likely to be ineffective. Consumer confidence has simply tanked.

And to confirm his analysis, the August retail sales figures managed only a limp stumble forward, with no sign of a general recovery. Indeed, two of the big discretionary spends – new cars and eating out – actually went backwards. It is now clear that the budget tax cuts have been almost entirely ineffective – in fact it was clear last month, but the Pollyannas in the government insist, in their Macawberish way, that we should wait a few more months for the bonanza to sweep through.

And in the meantime, Morrison continues to soothe his sedated Australian with assurances that someone, somewhere, is doing worse than they are. Look what we have to celebrate – 27, no, 28 years of continuous economic growth – except that per capita income, real living standards, are now actually falling – that doesn't feel much like growth.

But don't worry – we still have our triple A credit rating. Yes, Australia remains comparatively safe and stable, but no-one is investing or spending. Not

much joy there. And even our triumphant job market has its weak points – almost all (97 per cent in fact) of the new jobs last year were in the public service. Nothing wrong with government jobs, but it is obvious that the private sector – the economic engine room, as Morrison likes to call it – has stalled.

So no immediate hope for the punters, and especially not for the perennial victims of Newstart. Last week, his ministers were ganging up on them: Peter Dutton (who else?) demanded that if they indulged in their democratic right to demonstrate, they should be named, shamed, stripped of their derisory welfare payments and thrown in the slammer until they learned to be grateful for the government's benevolence. The so-called Employment Minister, Michaelia Cash, enthusiastically agreed.

And the Minister for Families and Social Services, Anne Ruston, told her local paper that increasing the Newstart allowance would do absolutely nothing, because the recipients would spend it on booze and drugs. And perhaps some of them would, having been crushed into impotent despair at the refusal of the government to afford them any relief from the long-standing abject poverty in which they have been forced to exist.

However, the brutality – which the government absurdly calls 'tough love' – hardly equates to an economic policy, an ambition that Morrison and Frydenberg have effectively abandoned. And, as the RBA and numerous others – including those in the international sphere which Morrison derides – are now warning; we are running out of both resources and time.

We have now entered the December quarter, the one that traditionally gives spending a big boost over the Christmas period. The signs are not good, and if things still fail to improve in the new year, the last desperate interest cuts will have to be put on the table, before the ultimate surrender – quantitative easing, aka printing money – has to be invoked. Of course none of this will be the government's fault – it is all about those international headwinds, and the bastardly banks, always a handy scapegoat. The Libs always make the best economic managers – that is an iron law-of-nature, so the last six years have actually been a momentous triumph.

The operation was a total success – a pity the patient is dying. But hey, how good is ScoMo's surgery?



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Next time...

The next time America and its allies and other subservient countries go to war over some perceived threat to trade and male control, we must get rid of the sexism and keep our young men safe at home and send only women to fight.

Fantasy I know but I reckon the war would have a very different outcome.

Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

Byron at Byron

The sale of the Byron at Byron resort will see Lyn and John Parche leaving the management role. They set high standards, delivering five-star tourism and also

supporting our community. After a legal case with the previous owner, the new owner, Gerry Harvey, engaged the internationally experienced Parche duo and an excellent architect, Ed Haysom, to redesign the resort to complement the unique environment.

The Parches have shown great respect for Arakwal from the beginning and ensured that visitors understand and appreciate their connection to country and cultural heritage.

The degraded swamp has been given years of regeneration attention to create an outstanding nature experience. Lyn and John have been generous supporters of

the community; donations, accommodation for local events, and hosting community events. I was also fortunate to serve with Lyn on the regional tourism board and learnt so much from her vast tourism experience.

To the new owners, it's a hard act to follow, but welcome. And I hope you follow their lead.

To Lyn and John who will remain as local residents, I wish you all the best for your retirement and thank you for understanding why Byron is unique and your commitment to quality tourism and our community.

Jan Barham
Broken Head

Pascoe's Dark Emu

Despite the bullshit that the indigenous people of Australia were hunters and gatherers, Bruce Pascoe's book *Dark Emu* proves that the First Nations people were farmers.

The English and European way of farming isn't suited

to the conditions of this land. For example sheep and cattle are hard-hooved animals that cause erosion and have devastated the crops of two centuries ago and before.

Find out the truth. Go purchase a copy of Bruce's book and you will know why we are now in the grip of droughts and fires.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

Mitchell's snail

The way things seem to be heading, it might be a good idea for someone to start a captive breeding program for the Mitchell's rainforest snail. Might be a good idea, bypass or no.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

The deputy mayor

Cr Sarah Ndiaye has been elected (rewarded with the position of) Deputy Mayor of Byron Shire. I am more than a little aghast. As Head of the Public Art Panel, she recently oversaw the expensive and very wasteful 'disco dong' debacle. Is the Council completely out of touch with the community? Is there no sense of propriety here or, at the very least, some little measure of embarrassment?

Looks like we urgently need to find some new faces on council for next year's elections so the community can again have a voice. The divide at the moment is glaringly obvious.

Ron Curran
Ocean Shores

Which opportunity?

It's official. Op-shops are no longer opportunity shops – they are 'opulent shops'. I can now pay more for a

second hand Kmart t-shirt in a Byron Shire op-shop than a brand new t-shirt in Kmart.

We buy the bulk of our family's clothes at op-shops because: 1. We believe in recycling and reusing wherever possible to reduce waste and resource use. 2. New clothes = more carbon miles and higher emissions 3. New clothes = more sweat-shop labour 4. It is really expensive to clothe kids – they grow so fast that we have to buy a new wardrobe of clothes for them twice a year; one for winter months, one for summer months. This really adds up – even at op shops! 5. The money we spend at the op-shops goes to really good causes.

Just because some people might be able to pay higher prices at op-shops doesn't mean that op-shops should charge high prices.

Op-shops provide really important services to the community in reducing waste and keeping families clothed. They shouldn't be exclusionary and nor should they inadvertently encourage the purchase of 'fast and cheap fashion'.

Rebecca McNaught
Ocean Shores

Extinction worry

Many are worried about extinction. But how do we stop 7 billion humans beings ruining the planet?

Ironically, as we near the edge of the apocalyptic precipice the western world is speedily abandoning the remains of its ancestral spirituality. Who can be bothered to spend even one hour a week giving thanks to the creator?

Byron Shire, a last

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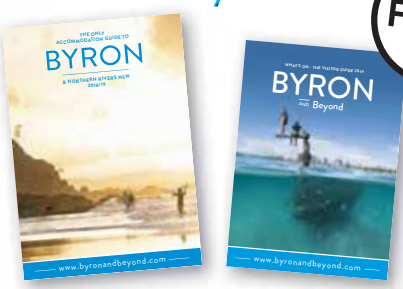


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Everyone's asking 'what to do?' Well, how about this?

While I am inclined to agree with Charles MacFarland that nothing will be done about climate change until the brown stuff hits the circulating device in a big way (*Echo*, last week), he is too pessimistic about what can be done now.

He says that there are no electricity storage ideas 'even close to being

practical', but the Tesla battery in South Australia, which cost \$100 million, earned \$15 million in its first year of operation.

That sounds a lot more 'practical' than the less-than-2-per-cent recently offered by my bank to roll over a term deposit.

Pumped hydro is also a proven technology and

already exists on a small scale within the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Two years ago an Australian National University study identified 22,000 potential off-river pumped hydro sites in Australia with a theoretical capacity of 67,000 Gigawatt hours (GWh).

The report said that Australia needs about 450 GWh

of storage to support a 100 per cent renewable electricity system.

That's just two examples of renewables that are proven, practical and affordable, and don't require drastic changes to our lifestyle.

The kids are right – the problem is our politicians.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

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stronghold of health, freedom, dense forests and independent thinking, is besieged by GoldCoastification, microwave towers, mobile phone zombies, Middle Eastern multimillionaires, vaccine bullies etc.

The book of Revelation reads that the Almighty 'shall destroy those who destroy the earth'.

We can play our part by stopping disobeying the divine Scriptural law, from which our common-law heritage is derived.

Vyvyan Stott
Federal

events along the eastern coast and in WA.

Then there's the one-in-100 year drought that 'ain't over yet': farmers desperate for help, rural suicides, severely diminished stock numbers, water theft by irrigators, exorbitant cost of feed, huge dust storms reaching the cities, road kill to die for on western roads, record spring and summer temperatures, large regional towns running out of water, our major inland river system drying up, the rise of Farmers for Climate Action.

Then there's wildfires intensified by drought, strong winds and high temperatures; ember storms, bushfire plans, emergency warnings (too late to leave, seek shelter), properties threatened or destroyed (who will be next this summer?), unprecedented rainforest burns, decimated wildlife habitats and larger aircraft needed to douse the flames. Nah, you're right, Stephen. These melodramatic kids have got it all wrong! There's no dire threats to their future. (I bet you would just love to move from Skennars Head to out West!) The Federal government's calmer response has

been, after all, so decisive, so effective, so reassuring! (Exit, whistling 'Give me a home among the gum trees...')

Sue McLeod
Myocum

Pesky pesticides

I have received a number of comments about the use of the term pesticide when raising concerns about ongoing spraying on rural roadsides despite statements in the Integrated Pest Management Strategy (the Strategy) that 'no pesticides' have been used since 2018.

In Council's Integrated Pest Management Policy (the Policy) it is stated that the 'definition of pesticides covers bactericides, baits, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, lures, rodenticides and repellants'.

The Policy is replicating the definition in the NSW Pesticides Act. The Policy guides the development of the Strategy and the term pesticides is used, throughout the document with this meaning.

The Strategy needs further work to ensure inaccurate statements are corrected about when pesticides have been used, as well as greater clarity as to

exactly what has been used.

The current method of spraying roadsides without any follow-up action is detrimental to biodiversity and only increases the costs of roadside maintenance.

My Small Steps to Healthier Rural Roadsides (Small Steps) initiative proposes a number of measures that protect and enhance biodiversity, improves protection for roadside infrastructure, reduces the costs of roadside maintenance and reduces the use of non-organic chemical control.

Small Steps supports groups such as Landcare and residents who maintain road frontage to increase native plantings as replacement for recurring weed cover. Council geospatial mapping can be used to create geofences that protect such areas from slashing and chemical control.

A program of native plantings following road upgrades with follow-up using Council's regen teams, until properly established, can be funded with the savings from a reduction in business-as-usual slashing and chemical control.

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

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CHESS

by Ian Rogers



The conclusion of the marathon World Cup in Khanty Mansiysk this week has left the chess world marveling at the performance of winner Teimour Radjabov (right).

Radjabov, 32, has been a star since he beat Garry Kasparov at the age of 15 at Linars in a game that won the event's brilliancy prize.

Since then, though he has maintained a high ranking, Radjabov has seemed less ambitious, with an 83 per cent draw rate in the past year. Early in this 2019 World Cup, he even admitted that he was considering retirement but needed one really bad result to motivate him to do so.

Since he had never before gone past the fourth round of a World Cup, Radjabov said he was completely relaxed about how long he survived in the KO competition. Against opponents who were desperate to reach the final and qualify for the 2020 Candidates tournament, this turned out to be the perfect strategy.

In reaching the final against hot favourite Ding Liren, Radjabov knocked out top seeds such as Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and compatriot Shakhriyar Mamedyarov.

The final was expected to be close to a walkover, especially after Ding won the second game of four easily.

Yet Radjabov remained cool, saying: 'I'm not that happy, of course,

but this should have happened at some point in this tournament. Psychologically I was ready for this result from the first round to the end of the tournament, but anything can happen, you can lose at any moment... It happens, it's normal - part of chess life!'

Sure enough, Radjabov bounced back the next day to inflict Ding's first defeat of the tournament. (In recent years Ding has acquired a reputation of being almost unbeatable at classical time controls, running up a 100 game undefeated streak last year.)

Before the final Radjabov intimated that he might not take up the place in the Candidates tournament that he had earned from the World Cup.

However, after his performance against Ding – considered the most likely world title challenger for Carlsen – and in the World Cup in general, Radjabov might be reconsidering his belief that his time has been and gone.

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Timor, West Papua and what he said they said

Indonesia annexed East Timor in 1975, after Portugal abandoned its global colonies under a new (socialist) regime.

East Timor campaigned for independence for 25 years and Indonesia ran a referendum on Timor Leste, late in 1999, to test the idea.

They warned East Timor that if it voted to leave Indonesia, all hell would break loose.

The proud East Timorese voted to leave and their country was decimated.

Australia, bless us, went to the rescue, but only after a few days of detente with the Indonesian government.

I believe a deal was struck, that Australia could march into Timor Leste, but

had to never do that again, in any of Indonesia's other claims. That arrangement was formalised and reinforced through the Lombok Treaty, signed between Australia and Indonesia in 2006.

An interview with our then Foreign Minister Alexander Downer on ABC's morning radio programme AM on Tuesday, 14 November 2006 (8.27am) went as follows;

Reporter Geoff Thompson said, 'Each country is also now committed, in writing to not supporting or participating in activities which threaten the other's stability, sovereignty or territorial integrity. And that includes not allowing each other's territory to be used by groups

encouraging separatism.' Downer agreed that providing money or logistical support to separatist groups in Papua would constitute support.

Downer said, 'We haven't been aiding and abetting secessionist movements, but I think this will provide the greater confidence to people, in particular in Indonesia, who might be concerned that the Australian Government might do that. But that isn't to detract from freedom of speech and freedom of expression of people in Australia.'

Thompson said, 'Neither minister would be drawn on what action was expected to be taken against any non-government organisations

which provide money or logistical support to Papuan separatists.'

This background goes towards explaining why Australia will never again object to what Indonesia does on 'its' territory including West Papua.

I understand Papua and West Papua were closed to foreigners since September by General Wiranto, who played a significant role in facilitating severe human rights violations by the Indonesian army and Jakarta-backed militias, during Indonesia's withdrawal from Timor Leste (info on that role quoted from Wikipedia).

Duncan Dey Mullumbimby

Very, very afraid

Be afraid, be very afraid! Lock your doors and board up your windows – the Dark Greens are coming!

The rumour mill in Byron seems to have been in overdrive lately.

The latest conspiracy theory doing the rounds is that there is an unelected 'Dark Green' cabal who are

secretly calling the shots in Byron Shire.

They have a secret Maoist agenda to take Byron Bay back to the dark ages of development moratoriums and an agricultural / hunter gatherer utopia.

They will say NO to everything, and cause a State Government takeover or forced amalgamation of Byron Shire.

Apparently I am one of the

ringleaders of this cabal and the Community Alliance for Byron Shire is just a front for my China-style communist / capitalist fusion agenda. I was as surprised as anyone to learn the depth of my own unscrupulous plans.

We live in Byron Shire, so a good conspiracy theory goes a long way and the more far-fetched and ridiculous, the better. Social media will do the rest.

So lock your doors everyone. The Dark Green Bogeymen and Bogeywomen are coming to get you. The only ones to save you will be the Real Estate, Tourism and Property Development Industries. After all, they would never act in their own self-interest.

Matthew O'Reilly, President of the Community Alliance for Byron Shire

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Women destroy the joint in diverse BBFF dramas

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UKRAINE HAS BEEN IN THE HEADLINES MORE than usual lately, in a situation that would challenge even the satirical skills of its comic actor-turned-president Volodymyr Zelenyskiy, in dialogue with some other real-life clown.

But there's nothing funny about the ugly war that has been simmering in the east of the country since the height of the violence in 2014-15, and which provides the backdrop for a surprisingly gentle romance – *Julia Blue* – screening at this year's festival.

Julia Blue is set in Kiev and the countryside in the foothills of the Carpathians, far from the fighting, but the characters – primarily 'English', a brooding soldier back from the front-line, and Julia, a talented and exuberant photo-journalism student, are not unmarked by it. He, with an injured hand and more serious psychic scars.

The pair fall in love and exchange memories – but he has seen things he can't talk about, and while this is primarily a story of a woman carving her own path, it's also a depiction of the damage war inflicts, even upon the survivors.

Julia Blue was made by Roxy Toporowych, who will be coming to Byron for its Australian premiere at the festival.

The theme of women choosing their own destinies runs through several dramas at BBFF2019; films that have been collecting a slew of nominations and awards at festivals around the world.

Julia Blue won the Best Director Award at the Sonoma International Film Festival



1. Polina Snisarenko and Dmytro Iaroshenko in *Julia Blue*. 2. Mia Wasikowska in *Judy and Punch*. 3. A scene from *Litigante*. 4. Lupita Nyong'o and friends in *Little Monsters*.



last year, Best Director World Cinema at the Woodstock Film Festival 2018 (Special Jury Mention) and Best Film at the Anchorage International Film Festival 2018.

And a drama focussing on a Parisian woman's struggle for autonomy, *Alice*, made by Josephine Mackerras, won the Queensland-born director both the Cherry Picks Female First Feature Award and Grand Jury Award (Narrative Feature) at SXSW.

Like *Julia Blue*, *Alice* is both subtle and powerful in its story of unfolding

womanhood and self-realisation. It is striking for its cool-eyed presentation of ethically-fraught questions, effortless French style and enthralling performance by Emilie Piponnier.

When her husband splurges all their money on costly escorts, Alice is forced to find some money quickly to save her home. While investigating her husband's misdemeanours, she discovers a way out.

The film handles her new role with empathy and a lack of sensationalism; focussing on the independence it gives her, while Piponnier's oscillation between vulnerability and strength makes Alice profoundly real and recognisable.

Similar themes are explored in the beautifully shot *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* – but in 18th century Brittany. Director Céline Sciamma picked up five awards including; Best Screenplay, Queer Palm and ICS Palme d'Or at Cannes, and People's Choice Award for Best Narrative at Melbourne IFF, as well as six other nominations.

Marianne is an artist commissioned to paint the wedding portrait of Héloïse, a reluctant bride-to-be, and a reluctant subject. The painting must be done in secret, from memory. The long gazes this requires from Marianne are reciprocated, and lead to something unexpected – and forbidden.

It's a simple narrative, but filled with tension, tenderness and restrained erotic rapture. 'As intricately layered, coded and gilded with symbolism as an Old Master,' gushed *The Hollywood Reporter*, 'made by a filmmaker who is herself on fire.'

The heroine of *Judy and Punch* also defies social conventions. Its Australian writer and director Mirrah Foulkes describes her film as an 'absurd dark comedy, an epic female-driven vengeance story, speaking volumes through its feminine inversion of the traditional hero's journey'. It is also, she adds, 'bat-shit crazy and fun'.

It's set in the 17th century, in the landlocked town of Seaside, plagued by superstition and misogyny, witch-hunts and stonings. Judy and Punch's puppet theatre is the one vestige of civilisation, but Punch (Damon Herriman – *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, *Lambs of God* etc etc) has become a drunk; leaving a long-suffering Judy to carry the show (a magnificent Mia Wasikowska – Tim Burton's *Alice*). A disastrous bender of Punch's gives her the chance to have her revenge, on

him and all who have wronged her.

Foulkes's film has been nominated for awards from Munich to Sundance where it premiered, and was a contender for Best Film at Sydney FF.

Litigante's Silvia is also a woman under pressure – a caregiver for her cancer-stricken mum, single mother, and hard-working lawyer. Her mother is quarrelsome, there's a corruption scandal at the office, and a new relationship beckons.

It's the way life happens sometimes, and the film, with director Granco Lolli's own mother and cousin in the lead roles, has a disquieting authenticity to it, as Silvia struggles to stay afloat, with integrity and grace. *Litigante* opened Critics Week at Cannes and paints an empathetic portrait of overburdened modern motherhood that will resonate with many in the audience.

From the dramatic sublime to the absurd – *Little Monsters* – a hilariously over-the-top zombie comedy featuring a feisty kindergarten teacher, a slacker getting over a relationship break-up (Alexander England), a kid-hating children's entertainer (a wildly camp Josh Gad), and a field trip to a cuddly petting zoo, which happens to be beside a military base which has accidentally bred hordes of flesh-eating monsters; who have escaped.

Thank heavens for the otherwise gentle and fragrant Miss Caroline (a delightful Lupita Nyong'o – several *Star Wars*, *12 Years a Slave*), the only one capable of rolling up her sleeves and tackling the threat, while protecting her five-year-old charges from the nasty action.

While *Little Monsters* may lack some of the socio-political gravitas of the other female-centric dramas (look, it's a zombie comedy) it's still a very welcome celebration of girl power.

► BBFF's Flexi-Passes of 6, 10 or 20 tickets at discounted prices make it easy to ensure you see all of these great films, or to share them with friends and come as a group. Byron Bay Film Festival runs from October 18-27. For program and ticket details, visit www.bbff.com.au.

■ **CORRECTION:** On the BBFF page published in *The Echo* 25 September the photo captioned 'A scene from *A Different Gallery*' was attributed incorrectly. The photo was taken by Lyn McCarthy.

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Nuisance shield laws to allow big agribusiness to avoid accountability

David Shoebridge MLC

New laws targeting environmental and animal activists have been introduced to the NSW Parliament, but they contain a hidden sting for farmers and rural property owners with poorly-considered changes that will make it harder to protect their own properties.

Clearing, cruelty, logging and mining

Amidst an epidemic of illegal land clearing, criminal animal cruelty, native forest logging and concern about mining operations, the NSW Government have stepped in with the so-called 'Right to Farm' laws to protect corporate agribusiness from protest and scrutiny.

Those affected by these laws will likely include many farmers who have been at the forefront of campaigns, including those against coal seam gas and aiming to protect farmland and water supplies.



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The bill has two parts: one bit criminalises protest (that's horrible but not today's focus), the other provides a defence to 'nuisance' claims against agricultural enterprises – which we are discussing here.

This defence will apply where land is being used for a legal agricultural purpose, and will mean that neighbours cannot sue for nuisance. This means, a neighbour will not be able to approach a court for an injunction for an activity that is affecting their property.

Nuisance claims can be brought for things as diverse as spray drift from herbicides, the noise of truck movements as part of a logging operation, offensive odours from an abattoir or feedlot, or the spread of pollen from GMO crops into surrounding farms.

Many of those targeted by these new laws will be farmers and rural landowners on neighbouring properties who are attempting to protect their own land and crops.

This is because the defence applies whenever the property has to be used for any agricultural use for at least 12 months.

What it doesn't protect against is when that use changes – for example, where grazing land is converted to intensive feedlots, where cropping is replaced with intensive chicken sheds, or where a small dairy farm is replaced with a large abattoir. In all of these cases the impacts on surrounding neighbours could be substantial, and there will be

nothing they can do about it, if this law passes.

Backers' argument

The argument advanced by the backers of the bill is that it will protect farmers from people who move from the city to rural areas and then complain about the noise, smells and other activities associated with farming.

There is no evidence provided by them that this is anything more than a scare campaign intended to look like it's doing something for farmers, without actually addressing the things that are making life harder for those on the land.

We know this includes; the influence of the big two supermarkets and huge agribusinesses; the impacts of climate change and drought; and the lack of support to adapt and diversify existing systems.

Instead we have the 'Right to Farm' bill which looks likely to hurt those it is claiming to help.

Professor Reid-Searl gives us the scoop on poop

A professor's toilet humour is something important for all Aussie kids.

The professor at CQUniversity Australia is asking; if adults can receive a bowel-testing kit, why can't Aussie kids have a junior version which can help to address bowel issues by showing what a 'perfect sausage-poo' looks like?

One of Australia's most unconventional health researchers, Professor Kerry Reid-Searl, of CQUniversity says she wants to help wipe away many of the bowel issues, such as constipation, plaguing up to 30 per cent of children. 'Of course, the Poop-it Kit will have poo-related stories, wall posters, poo-shaped cartoon characters, a Monopoly-style



game, a colouring-in book, a whoopee cushion and an apron with a map of the digestive system.

'Children love to talk about bums and poos and farts, so this kit is just as much about getting adults comfortable talking to them about bowel health.'

Reid-Searl says the Poop it Kit Family cartoon characters will range from rabbit droppings to gravy types – with the hero as a perfect sausage shape. These have been adapted from the Bristol stool scale.

'The kit will include a poster, for the back of the toilet door, and a stars-based reward system for avoiding problem poos.

'Our core message is to "eat your veggies and fruit and drink water because your poos can tell"'

Professor Reid-Searl has

already taken her health simulation masks and body parts and her hospital ward puppets across the globe through the MASK-ED™ and Pup-Ed (KRS simulation) programs.

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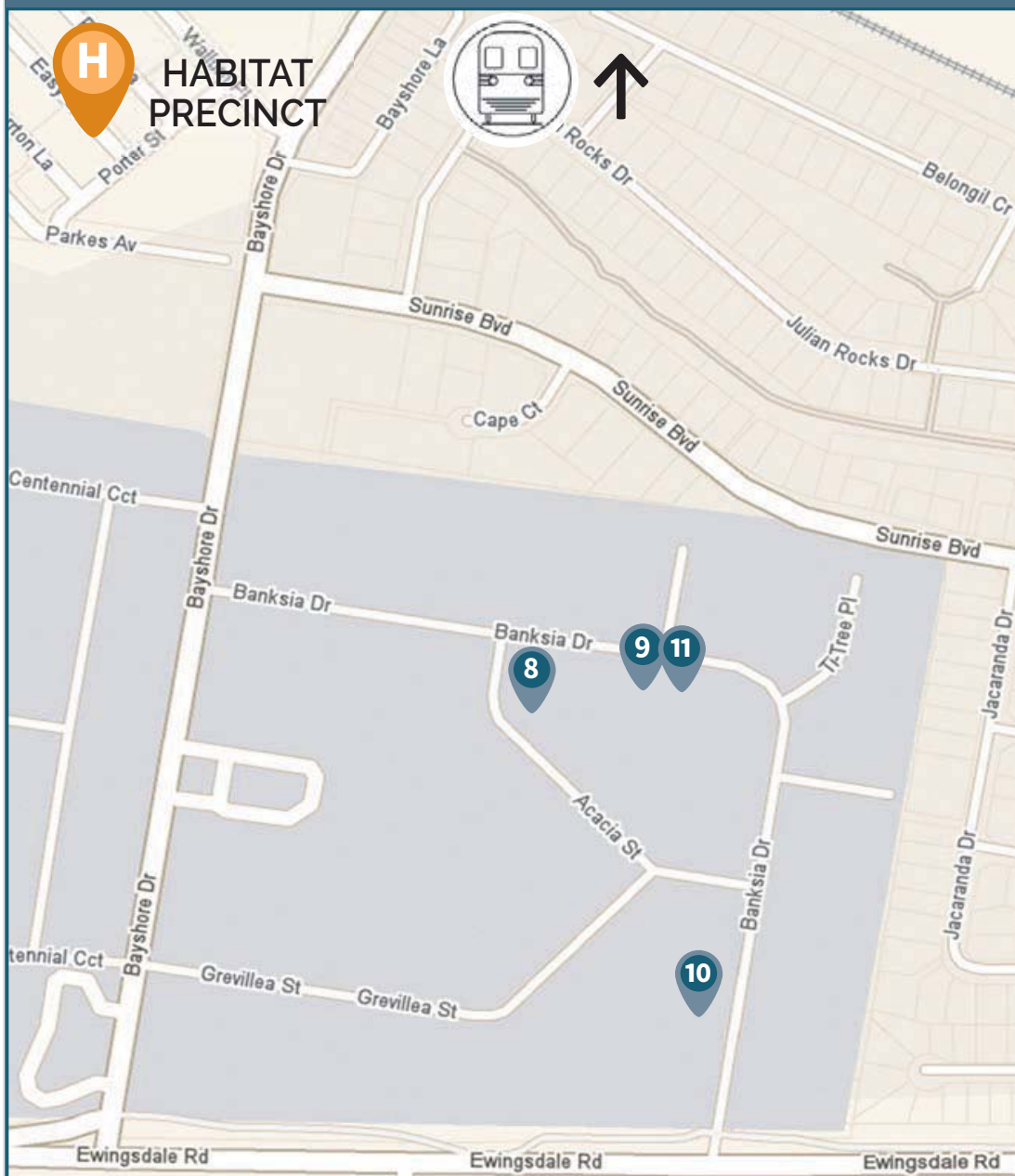


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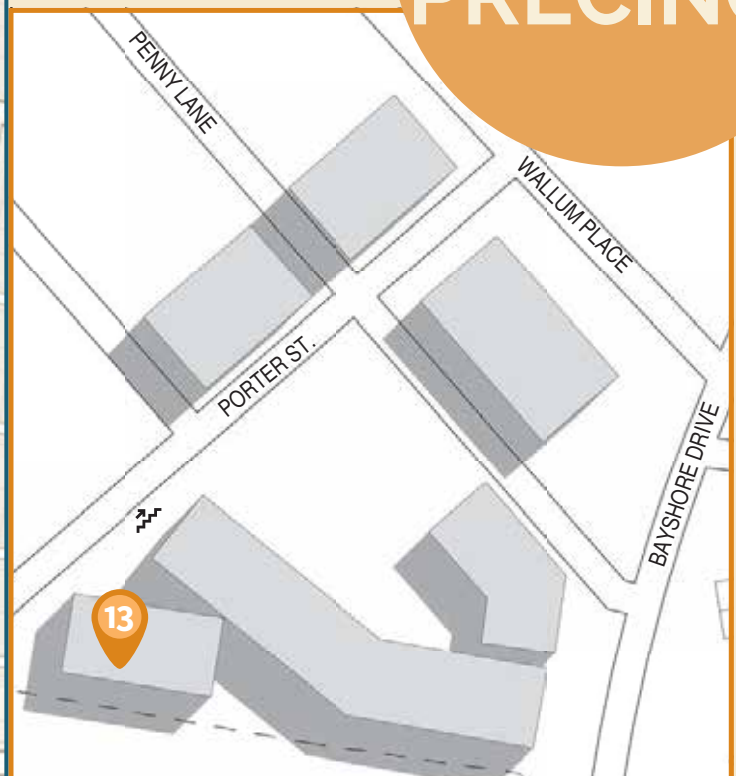
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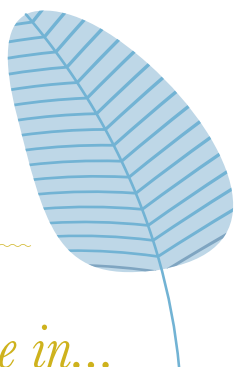
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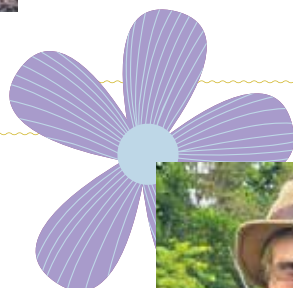
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Eating Out Guide

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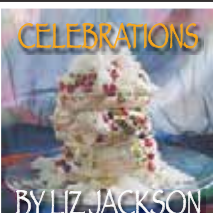
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Stamp Duty now known as Transfer Duty

The Real Estate Institute of New South Wales believes high rates of Stamp Duty (now known as Transfer Duty) are harming the NSW real estate industry as more and more people are put off entering the property market.

Currently, the local buying population simply don't have an incentive to purchase property with such high rates of Transfer Duty.

The total NSW Transfer Duty revenue for the 2018-19 financial year was just over \$7.5 billion. Data shows that the number of dutiable transactions in June 2019 was 15,964 which is the lowest number of dutiable transactions in NSW in the past 13 years. The REINSW is asking why the NSW Government isn't revising the Transfer Duty brackets?

According to realestate.com.au



the median house price (i.e. the price of a property that falls in the middle of the total number of houses sold over a certain period) for the 12 months to September 27th is \$1,315,000. The transfer duty payable on the median house price is a whopping \$57,627.

The REINSW says there is empirical evidence clearly showing that reducing the rate of tax will increase transactions. Then everyone wins, including the government. This gives the government plenty of capacity to assist home buyers, particularly first home buyers.

Transfer Duty in NSW is payable on the following purchases:

- property, including your home or holiday home,
- an investment property,
- vacant land or a farming property,
- commercial or industrial properties, or
- a business, which includes land.

Transfer Duty must also be paid on any land that is acquired

without buying it, such as:

- a declaration of trust,
- a gift, or
- a transaction effecting a change in the beneficial ownership of a property.

The REINSW suggests that it is about time the NSW Government came out in support of property buyers and made significant changes to the punitive rates of tax currently imposed on property buyers.

TRANSFER DUTY CALCULATOR

Property Value	Transfer duty rate
\$0 – \$14,000	\$1.25 for every \$100 (the minimum is \$10)
\$14,001 – \$30,000	\$175 plus \$1.50 for every \$100 over \$14,000
\$30,001 – \$81,000	\$415 plus \$1.75 for every \$100 over \$30,000
\$81,000 – \$304,000	\$1,307 plus \$3.50 for every \$100 over \$81,000
\$304,001 – \$1,013,000	\$9,112 plus \$4.50 for every \$100 over \$304,000
Over \$1,013,000	\$41,017 plus \$5.50 for every \$100 over \$1,013,000

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Inspect
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NEW



OPEN
SAT 1pm

6 Rangal Road, **South Golden Beach**

3+ 2+ 1

Located directly opposite the walking track to the sands of South Golden Beach, this cracking house holds a great deal of potential. Move right in or update as you wish, this home has so much space, it will accommodate a range of family configurations.

Inspect
Saturday 12th October 1-1.30pm
Auction
Saturday 19th October 12.30pm on site
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



AUCTION



OPEN
SAT 10am

7 Left Bank Road, **Mullumbimby**

4 2 2

This is a rare chance to grab a beautiful creek side acre in Mullumbimby, with mature gardens and fruit trees. The home is family sized and suited with privacy from the street and recent renovations have updated the kitchen and bathrooms so there's nothing to do.

Inspect
Saturday 12th October 10-10.30am
Price
\$890,000 to \$910,000
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 12pm

23 Palmer Avenue, **Ocean Shores**

4+ 2+ 2

Delivering sweeping ocean views, this architecturally designed home offers a masterclass in contemporary style & effortless functionality in a prized location. The light filled interiors give a luxurious volume to the interiors. Moments to beaches, 30 min to Coolangatta airport.

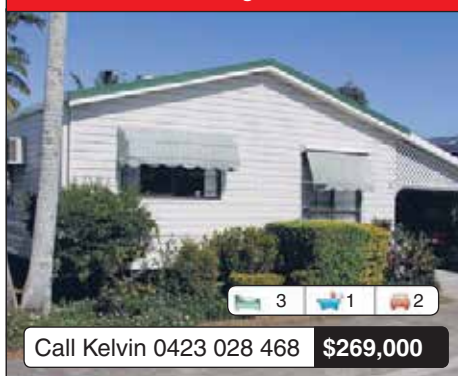
Inspect
Saturday 12th October 12-12.30pm
Price
\$1,400,000
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Modern Family

4 Arika Avenue, Ocean Shores

3 2 2

\$700,000 – \$740,000



A contemporary home within a stone's throw of Brunswick Heads and a comfortable walk to the beach, river, boat ramps, shops, cafés and iconic Bruns pub. The owners of this immaculate property have maintained it beautifully to feel like

new. Gorgeous presentation throughout, combined with natural light and air bring a sense of calm to the interior spaces. An expansive open-plan central kitchen and living room serves as the perfect hub for a family home. The living areas and master bedroom all open out to a rear covered entertaining area. Two further well-appointed bedrooms with built in wardrobes and a family sized bathroom complete the sleeping arrangements. The property is zoned medium density with further development potential and the fully fenced back yard has generous side access for trailer or boat storage. Located in the Brunswick Heads Public School catchment area, this modern family home is ready to move straight in to. You'll be out enjoying all the area has to offer in no time!

Inspect: By Appointment
Contact: Todd Buckland – 0408 966 421
Byron Shire Real Estate



Sweeping Hinterland Views

15 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores

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\$770,000 – \$820,000



This elevated home offers the best of both worlds. An open-plan living, dining and kitchen area, 4 bedrooms and a large wrap around veranda with sweeping views to the Brunswick River and Mullumbimby hinterland. Big enough for a family, it

also includes a separate fully equipped accommodation underneath the house for friends or guests. Polished floorboards throughout, cosy carpet in the bedrooms, ceiling fans, air-conditioning, built in wardrobes, stainless steel Bosch pyrolytic oven and dishwasher; all these features added together make this home comfortable as well as practical.

The separate living area downstairs brings income potential: Comprising one bedroom, bathroom, living area and kitchenette. A brand new 350 litre hot water system has just been installed, and the huge 4.2 kw solar system will help to keep the power bills down. Finally, the huge 1853 sqm block lends itself to further development.

Inspect: By Appointment
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Byron Shire Real Estate



Holiday letting & short term rental income

This type of income is prevalent for the Byron Shire with many properties being dual occupancy or having an additional granny flat.

When it comes to borrowing money, many lenders will not consider this type of income, or will heavily discount it below the usual 80% long term residential rental income benchmark.

If you need to rely on this type of income to boost your borrowing capacity, there is necessary paper work that is required by the lender which will also confirm rental income consistency. There are lenders who do accept this type of income, however if your lender is one who won't, then it may be time to engage an experienced mortgage broker who will guide you to maximise your borrowing capacity.

I look forward to helping anyone who has had this issue, or who would like more information as you are considering getting into short term rentals.

| Speak to an Expert |



Sharon Clarkson – Senior Mortgage Broker
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11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores

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BEACHSIDE LIFESTYLE RESIDENCE



Positioned in a quiet cul-de-sac within the exclusive beachside enclave of Fern Beach, this beautifully presented, inviting family haven, set on a 655m2 block & superbly located just 300 metres stroll to the pristine sands & clear blue waters of South Golden Beach. You're also handy to the local reserve & dog beach, with a children's playground & tennis/basketball court right across the road.

- Downstairs the master bedroom offers air-con, ensuite & access to outdoor area
- Upstairs bedroom also with ensuite & private timber deck
- Gleaming polished floorboards
- Chef's kitchen featuring Caesarstone benchtops, 900mm gas cooktop & oven
- Saltwater plunge pool + outdoor shower with hot & cold water

Price guide \$1,180,000–\$1,220,000

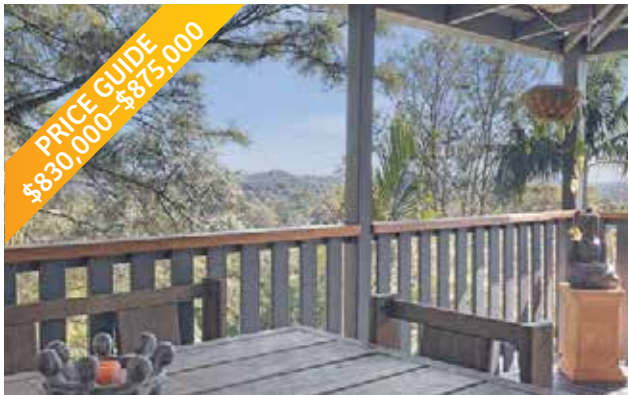
View Saturday 11.00am – 11.30am

Agent Jason Dittmar / Area Sales Specialist / 0477 222 452
Julie-Ann Manahan LREA
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31 Warrambool Rd, Ocean Shores

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PICTURE PERFECT POST CARD VIEWS!



With a northeasterly outlook, backing onto bushland reserve, this captivating home with ocean views, set on 892 square metres, has been constructed to take full advantage of the pretty, natural surroundings.

Inside, you'll find generous open plan living & dining areas featuring soaring ceilings & polished timber flooring throughout.

- Master chef's kitchen with modern appliances, ceiling fans throughout
- Huge under-house storage with potential to create additional living areas (STCA)
- Double lock-up garage with workshop options and internal access

Price \$830,000 – \$875,000

View Saturday 12.00pm – 12.30pm

Agent Tania Sheppard / Sales Consultant
0436 033 636

11 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores

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YOUR OWN PRIVATE SANCTUARY ON HUGE 1253SQM BLOCK



If peace, quiet and our coveted coastal lifestyle are important to you, this substantial architecturally designed and impressive North Ocean Shores family home, within a short level stroll of South Golden Beach, is sure to please. Set in a tranquil location with easy street access from 3 sides makes this site highly suitable for future development and offers a great investment opportunity - STCA.

- Open plan living areas featuring polished Blackbutt timber floors throughout
- Wide sliding doors leading to the spacious covered outdoor entertaining area
- 1253 square metre corner block with potential for dual occupancy STCA

Price Guide \$1.15m–\$1.25m

View Saturday 10.00am – 10.30am

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Lot 1/76 Hulls Road, Crabbes Creek

Vacant Land

TWEED COAST FARMLAND



Set in the pristine Tweed Shire, this flat, usable 18-acre parcel of land is situated just 100 metres from Crabbes Creek village and would be ideal for grazing or small crops.

A former sugarcane farm, the property is partially fenced and ready for your horses, cattle, sheep or small crops. Crabbes Creek runs through the property providing a picturesque landscape and native wildlife to observe.

Zoned RU2 (Rural Landscape), the vacant land provides no dwelling entitlement, however a shed could be constructed. This awesome Tweed Coast opportunity is not to be missed!

With the rail line running beside the property, the proposed Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek Rail Trail could present further opportunities.

Auction On-Site 19th October, 2.00pm

View By Appointment

Agent Jason Dittmar / Area Sales Specialist
0477 222 452

7 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

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RENOVATED HOME PERFECT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



What a surprise package ... this is your work-from-home dream come true!

Come on in and discover this spacious, attractive family home, just perfect for entertaining, plus the generous studio with air-conditioning, which is ideal for business.

- Newly renovated gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, entertainers island bench with oversized walk in pantry
- Beautifully renovated family bathroom with deep relaxing bath + extra shower & toilet
- Huge covered outdoor areas with spa and outdoor fireplace.
- Large 921 square metre block

Price Just Listed

View Saturday 10.00am – 10.30am

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Licensee/Principal / 0411 081 118
Jason Dittmar / Area Sales Specialist
0477 222 452

16 Orana Road, Ocean Shores

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FLAWLESS, ELEVATED RESIDENCE ON HUGE BLOCK



The presentation of this superb, elevated family residence is immaculate & showcases picturesque views across the local waterways & Golf Course, just 4 minutes drive to the beautiful unspoiled New Brighton beach.

Set amongst lush, tropical gardens, the property offers a fabulous downstairs area ideal for teenage or in-law retreat, studio / treatment room or home office.

- Bright, white kitchen, stainless steel appliances & dishwasher
- Teenage / in-law retreat / studio / office downstairs
- 3 renovated bathrooms, auto double garage & storage
- Covered alfresco entertaining terrace
- 1037M2 block with off street parking for caravan/boat

Price Just Listed

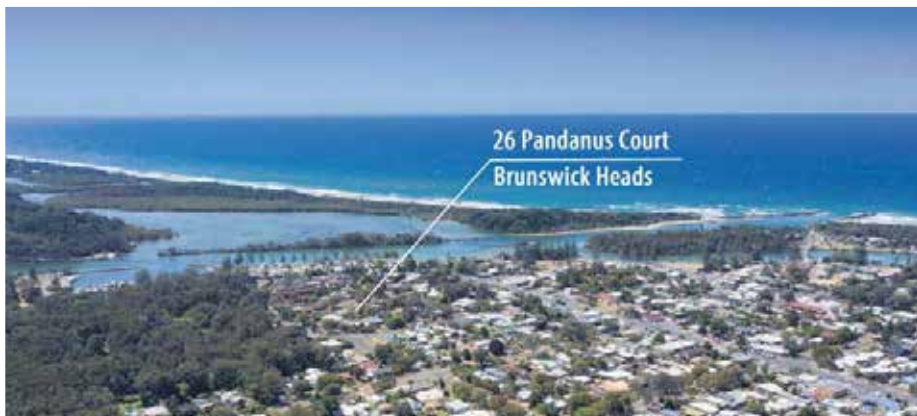
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Katrina Beohm real estate



BRUNSWICK HEADS 26 Pandanus Court

Auction On-site 2 November

Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122

4 2+ 1 776.9m²

INSPECT: Thurs 4pm & Sat 11am

- + Set in a quiet cul-de-sac of the village is this well designed & beautifully renovated family home
- + Blackbutt floors, A/C, fans, natural light & cooling breezes. Ensuite & walk-in robe in the master
- + Roomy kitchen with induction cooking, dishwasher & large walk-in pantry. Open plan living
- + Covered entertainment area. Level fenced yard. A short stroll to downtown Bruns and the river

CLUNES 175 Mackie Road

\$1.18 million

Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122

4 2 4 4.94 acres

- + Beautifully renovated home with 2 living areas, high ceilings, timber floors & natural light
- + Kitchen with dishwasher, gas & Caesarstone benches. Master has access to elegant bathroom
- + Northern verandah & large decks. Mineral pool. Town water & tanks. 6m x 6m Colorbond shed
- + Paddocks & 2 stables. A few mins to Clunes village. Approx. 20 mins to Byron Bay & Lismore

0467 001 122

8 PORTER STREET BYRON BAY

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Brunswick Heads



Brunswick Heads 23 Fingal Street

ATTENTION DEVELOPERS & INVESTORS

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- First time offered in 70 years, extremely rare A grade block
- Offers exceptional commercial and shop top opportunities
- Existing 3 bedroom house can provide return if looking to landbank

Get in quick! Great property, won't last!

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- B2 Local centre zoning, boasting street and lane frontage
- Best redevelopment site in the CBD

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Auction On site at 11:30am
on Saturday 2nd November 2019
Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am

View
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- 31 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
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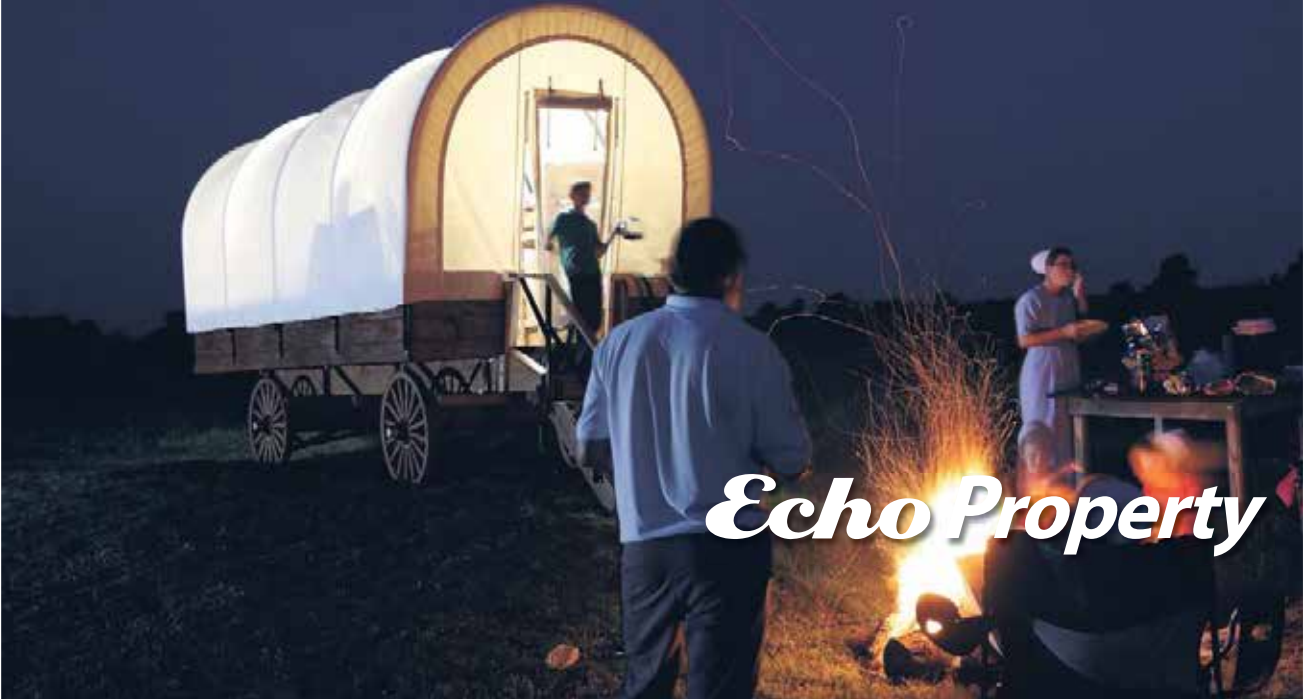
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THE POWER OF THE GUITAR

Nathan Cavaleri was first introduced to Australia, aged just seven, when the *Today Show* covered his meeting with one of his guitar heroes, Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits. This came about after Nathan was diagnosed with leukaemia, aged six. A year later (while still undergoing treatment) he was granted his wish to meet Knopfler through the Starlight Foundation. That kicked off a massive career for a boy who had picked up the guitar at three, and by 12 was a veteran who'd toured the world and performed with his heroes – BBKing, Jimmy Barnes, Tommy Emmanuel and Diesel.

You first got media attention as a kid on *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, and touring with Johnny Diesel and Jimmy Barnes FFS! How did you create that? Did you have the world's best manager / entourage / guiding angel in your corner? Or was it actually just your immersive love of playing and practising guitar even so young?

My entourage, my parents, my band; 2 bricklayers and a guitar tech. Some things you just can't engineer. After the Starlight Foundation granted me the wish to meet Mark Knopfler from Dire Straits, I received a lot of media attention and from there things just naturally snow-balled. My parents have always been the opposite to stage parents and only ever supported my passion to play. I played and opportunities just seemed to arise!

No doubt you have answered hundreds of questions about those early years and your experience working with Australian and American music legends (including Mark Knopfler and BB King.) Do the experiences and the lessons you learned back then still guide you today as you move through different stages of your career?

Unfortunately I was just too young to ask the types of questions that I need the answers to now! However, the green eyes of youth kept me from being star struck, which had me

absorbing a tonne through observation; from stage presence, song writing and production, to how they conducted themselves as human beings. Last year I started a Q&A series on my website that features artists talking about the more human aspects of being a creative. I guess this is my way of broadcasting the types of wisdoms I need now as an adult.

Following your early explosion onto the scene, there followed what seemed to be a period where you dropped out of the spotlight – but these weren't, as some people may have thought, 'dark years,' were they? It wasn't actually an unhealthy relationship with milk and cookies that took you to sugar rehab. In an interview in 2000 you are reported to have said 'I just totally escaped music... It can be a dark time when you're finding yourself creatively.'

Would you like to tell us more about your experiences back then? Perhaps share something that may help today's young musicians struggling with their own creative dark times?

Early 2000's I was experimenting with various creative ideas, but the darkest times happened in the late 2000's when I found myself dealing with what many deal with: anxiety, depression, fatigue... It has

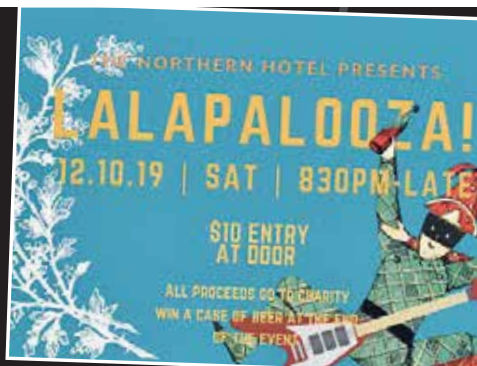
many labels, and mostly unhelpful ones that prevented me from seeing that phase as an opportunity to learn and wake up. My lack of education on how to deal with those challenges and symptoms is how so many aspects of life shut down. I went from touring the world, with all the confidence and freedom in the world, to not being able to stand in a cafe, drive to the studio, or have a beer with a mate without feeling irrational fear and dread. Eventually it followed me on stage, which is when I turned my back on music – for over 4 years! I thought I was stuck like that forever. But thanks to a solid support network, I was able to learn and apply, until bit by bit, I found ground again! Today, it's better than ever. It's still a process, but I'm well-and-truly out of that dark patch! There's always a way. ALWAYS!

You are currently on your 2019 Demons tour, named after one of your three most recent singles *Demons*; a cover of Cold Chisel's *Rising Sun* and your newest single *29 Gold Stars*, what's it like touring nowadays as a veteran of the industry, at such a young age? Is it the rock'n'roll dream many would imagine? Or is it a much more low-key affair?

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FALLING FOR YOU

Why is falling over so embarrassing? Little kids do it all the time, they have a cry and get up. Maybe mummy or daddy kisses their 'boo boo' or mummy gives them some recovery titty, but in most cases they're up and over it.

For some reason, as we get older, falling over becomes shameful. It's bloody embarrassing to fall over in public. It doesn't matter how hurt you are, your femur could be protruding out your thigh, a small bit of brain could be dislodged, or an eye might have popped, but you're like 'nope – I'm good.' The adrenalin gives you that little window of time to get to a safe place where you can suffer in solitude. You manage to get up and hobble to a hidey-hole where you can privately experience the pain of your trauma. And the trauma of your pain. You see, the pain of shame trumps the pain of pain. And ice only relieves the latter (unless it's a different sort of ice).

I did this the other night when I took a tumble in a carpark. A fellow comedian was walking me to my car, post gig. We were chatting, or more to the point, I was probably monologuing as we ambled to the far end of an unlit and deserted carpark, when I hit a pothole – in platforms. Being six foot tall is already a falling hazard. Being six foot tall, in four inch heels, not only adds elevated risk, it adds theatre. I must have looked spectacular. I'm tempted to check google earth to see if the satellites caught me. My poor friend certainly didn't. In the split-second that I recognised I was horizontal, and parallel to the gravel, I made a millisecond decision to take it on the knee – rather than the face. Although at 51, I probably could have done with a good deep dermabrasion. Next thing I know I'm on the ground. My knee is really hurting.

I'm embarrassed. My friend is concerned and says 'Are you okay?' I'm like, 'Yeah I'm fine – just a graze.' Which is total bullshit; I'm panicking – I've done something stupid. But I get up, assure him I'm okay, and make a beeline for my car.

I could really do with some titty right about now. They should have breastfeeding mums as paramedics for these kinds of call-out. I would have given anything to rest my head on a comforting bosom with a little calming squirt of nature's rescue remedy. Instead, I turn on the ignition and drive out. I notice my vision is restricted. I feel a bit light-headed; I'm seeing spots. Great, now I'm going to faint. It's from the pain, and probably the shock of getting up so fast. I pull over, and try to put my head between my legs. Not for self-pleasuring, for self-preservation. If it was for self-pleasuring I would have done it years ago. But the steering wheel was in the way, so I blacked out. Not for long. When I came to, a few seconds later, I had the sensation of pain and shame all throbbing together in glorious consensus.

What a dickhead. Why did I park there? Why wasn't I using the torch on my phone? Why didn't I wear sensible shoes – like those ugly birkenstocks? You never see people in birkenstocks fall over (maybe it's because they're embarrassed about their footwear and won't leave the house).

Where does the embarrassment of falling over come from? Is it because we feel stupid? That without any warning we are shown to be vulnerable – in public – our peers as witnesses. Is it because falling over is funny for others? It's the inspiration for great slapstick. I have to admit I have often laughed at the spectacular falling over of people, until I've gone to their aid and realised they're seriously injured or dead.

Is it because we look old or weak? No one wants that – maybe because we *are* old and weak.

Is it because we don't want anyone to see us cry? A psychiatrist told me that we judge people's character by how they respond in a fall; if people laugh at themselves, we like them. If they cry, we don't. So next time you fall, remember; if you fall over and hurt yourself, and people see you cry, everyone will hate you. They'll think you're not resilient. It's the same reason Liberal voters hate people on Centrelink.

So get up, find somewhere quiet, and cry there. If you're lucky, a breastfeeding mum might be strolling past.



LAZY SUNDAYS

Lazy Sunday Sessions, hosted by award winning country artist **Kathryn Jones** and **guests** is back on at **Ocean Shores Country Club** this **Sunday 13 October**.

This Sunday, the crew welcome **Dan Hannaford**. Opening Australian tour shows for the likes of Grammy award-winning bluesmen Charlie Musselwhite, Tex Perkins, Ash Grunwald and The Black Sorrows. Well-loved local Dan is busy gracing hundreds of stages around Australia, including Byron Bay Bluesfest, Falls Festival, the National Folk Festival, Gympie Muster and Summertime Blues in Austria. Currently working on his follow-up record in Los Angeles, the record is trimmed with a who's who of seasoned session players, some of whom have played and recorded with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Keith Richards, Steve Earle and Willie Nelson.

Drawing inspiration from artists such as Margaret Glaspy, Kasey Chambers and Julia Jacklin, Kathryn Jones' other guest, **Sam Hosie**, weaves her powerful voice around intimate folk music and adds a soulful flare to old-time blues favourites. Kathryn herself is accompanied by multi award-winner **Steve Passfield**, and all-rounder bassist **Alan Brooker**.

Sunday Session at Ocean Shores Country Club at 1pm. Free entry.

HARPS THROUGH THE AGES

Louise Johnson is a star harpist. She has shared the stage with Cher and the Bee Gees, not to mention every major symphony, opera and ballet orchestra in the country. On Sunday, 20 October she presents a light-hearted program of *The Harp's Journey* featuring her own green Irish harp, blue electric harp, and local musician Margaret Curtis' superb concert harp. Louise has recently retired from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra after a stellar career as Principal Harp. Louise gave her first performance with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the age of 14, later joining the orchestra as a permanent member, and was appointed Principal Harp in 1985. She regularly appeared as a soloist with the orchestra: performing Debussy's *Danses sacres et profane* with conductor Mark Elder in 1998; Mozart's *Flute and Harp Concerto* with James Galway (1990), Janet Webb (2005) and Emma Sholl (2011); and Spohr's *Concertante for violin and harp* with former SSO concertmaster Michael Dauth (2006); Hindemith's *Concerto for winds and harp* (2013); the premiere of Lee Bracegirdle's *Legends of the Old Castle* (2014); and Tan Dun's *Nu Shu – The Secret Songs of Women* (2017). Don't miss this one-off show,

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CLEARY MONSTERS IN MULLUM

British blues pianist and composer Jon Cleary has worked with rock, blues, and soul artists like Bonnie Raitt, D'Angelo, Maria Muldaur, Taj Mahal, and Eric Clapton. Originally a guitarist, Cleary began playing at age five, and started his first band at 15. Raised on blues, jazz, and soul records, his love of New Orleans blues and jazz in particular took him across the ocean to New Orleans. He developed a reputation as a talented and gentlemanly musician. He returns to Mullumbimby with his Monster Gentlemen, as part of his Australian tour.

You're originally from Kent in England, but you've spent the last 35 years in New Orleans. Even this far away we hear of the legend of The Crescent City – in your words can you tell us what you think it is about New Orleans that captivates people the way it does?

New Orleans appeals on many levels, not just all the incredible music. It's a physically beautiful city with an exotic history: pirates, alligators, swamps, voodoo queens, etc. Then there's the food: jambalaya, gumbo, etoufee, red beans and rice, pickled pigs lips, crawfish and dirty rice. You get the picture.

What was it that took you there in the first place? And what was it that held you there for so long? Was it the music, the women, the river?

It was the music, and stories I'd heard from my uncle who lived there in the early seventies. Stories about Professor Longhair and the Johnny Mattassas bar, Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest. What has kept me there for nearly 40 years is all of the above.

How much has your adopted home influenced your music? Were you a musician before arriving in New Orleans?

I learned music from my mum and dad, my grandparents and uncles and aunts, New Orleans Jazz and Blues, and I learned more sophisticated musical ideas from pouring over Beatles records. I started fooling with my dad's guitar when my hands weren't even big enough to fit around the neck. I was about five. I put a band together at school when I was seven and started playing in the orchestra pit of a local theatre group when I was 11. Started doing paid gigs in local pubs when I was about 14 or 15 and formed a band with Roger Hubbard, a really good slide player, who was about 10 years older than me, and we gigged around

the south east of England until I split for New Orleans at age 18.

Your bio reads like a who's who of the New Orleans music scene; must have been some good times! What was one of the highlights of making your home there over the years?

Playing alongside Allen Toussaint and Mac Rebennack at various times and my first gigs with Earl King and Snooks Eaglin at Tipitina's.

You're currently on a world tour and are playing in Mullumbimby on Saturday. What can folks here in and around Mullum expect from your show?

Soulful funky R&B and the combined expertise of my sidemen – real music played real good, and a whole lot of fun. Did I mention funky?

What's on the cards for the rest of the year for you and the band?

I leave for Amsterdam straight after the last gig in Australia, to do the first gig in a month-long duo-tour with guitarist John Scofield. Then we have two weeks back at home before we leave to perform a couple of gigs in Havana, with some Cuban musicians.

Is there any other news you'd like to let our readers know? New albums or new tour dates?

All the news is on my website, Joncleary.com and soon we're going to start a Patreon site where people who subscribe can get extra content. There are some very exciting other plans in the pipeline – but I'm not at liberty to discuss those just yet...

Jon Cleary & The Monster Gentlemen, Saturday 12 October at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall 7pm – tix \$50/35/20 on trybooking.com



MAKING ALICE

Sometimes, when you really believe in something, nothing will stop you. For Australian film-maker **Josephine Mackeras**, who took out the SXSW Grand Jury Prize this year for her film *Alice* – the story of one woman's empowerment, that also destigmatises common ideas about sex work – not having a producer wasn't going to stop her.

From Brisbane, but French born and living in Paris, Mackeras knew the script she had written was good, so she decided to make the film herself, in her apartment. This meant the film moved from English to French.

'It took about two and half years. Nobody was paid' says the filmmaker.

'I come from the theatre, so acting is my thing. When it came to film-making and story telling I was inspired by the work from Nordic countries. I love their stuff because it's always great acting, with a great script, and beautifully filmed. No car chases. The performances were everything in *Alice*. It was all I had going for the film – the stories and the performances. We didn't have big stars.'

I was surprised. *Alice* is a feature film that runs 1 hour and 45 minutes. The acting is superb. It was brilliantly shot. It certainly doesn't come off as a low-budget film. This story about Alice (Emilie Piponnier), who has what seems like a perfect life in Paris – with her husband François, and their young son Jules – is engaging from the get-go. A lot to do with the script, but also because it's just so well cast.

'I met Martin Swabey, who plays François in Cannes – we had an intense conversation on a boat – I had forgotten about him, I saw his headshot, and sent the script to him in Belgium. Chloe Bolrehm (Lisa) I met in Belgium too, and she was perfect. And Emilie I met through a friend who is a casting agent.'

'None of the actors are known. For the actors this was an opportunity – because it's so rare to get such great roles. It was the script that got them all in. If I had a producer, I wouldn't have been allowed to use them, because they want to use known actors as the lead. So it gave me a lot of freedom in the end.'

Alice was shot all on one camera by an inexperienced DP with loads of talent. He had his own camera and managed to shoot each scene, one angle at a time, with just two lights!

'I wanted the story made' says Josephine. 'I had an idea about this couple grappling with lots of questions. Where he pushes the limits and has lots of problems. He's had a bad childhood and all that, and women can get into this cycle of forgiving...'

Josephine Mackeras has crafted an understated and unadorned debut; striking for its lack of melodrama and unsensationalised representation of sex work. Piponnier, as Alice, is riveting as a woman who has always done what's expected of her, and is suddenly pushed to do what she never imagined she would have to. Alice's transformation is revolutionary – defying patriarchy's suffocating constraints and raising complex ethical questions without ever moralising on them.

***Alice* screens as part of the Byron Bay International Film Festival at the Byron Theatre, at the Community Centre, on Saturday 19 October at 8pm.**



GLOBAL MUSIC FOR MULLUM MUSIC

This year **Mullum Music Festival** features one of Ethiopia's most respected singers: **Dereb the Ambassador**. Dereb grew up in a family of musicians, immersed in his home country's diverse musical rhythms and styles. His extraordinary vocal talent was recognised at just four years old. By the time he reached his teens, he was drawing crowds in the bars of Addis Ababa and all around Ethiopia. Derek uses pre 1970s recording equipment to get the warm, funky sounds of great Ethiopian artists from the 60s and 70s, pioneering his own blend of Ethio-Soul.

Kaumaakonga (KMK), from the Solomon Islands come together to revive traditional chants. With the influence of the groups' Polynesian and Melanesian cultures, KMK breathe new life into their ancient chants while combining traditional rhythms and percussion with panpipes, guitar and unique vocal harmonies. KMK's music is the combination of individual member's efforts to take the listener on a sonic journey from the past and propel them to the future of modern and traditional Polynesian/Melanesian musical fusions.

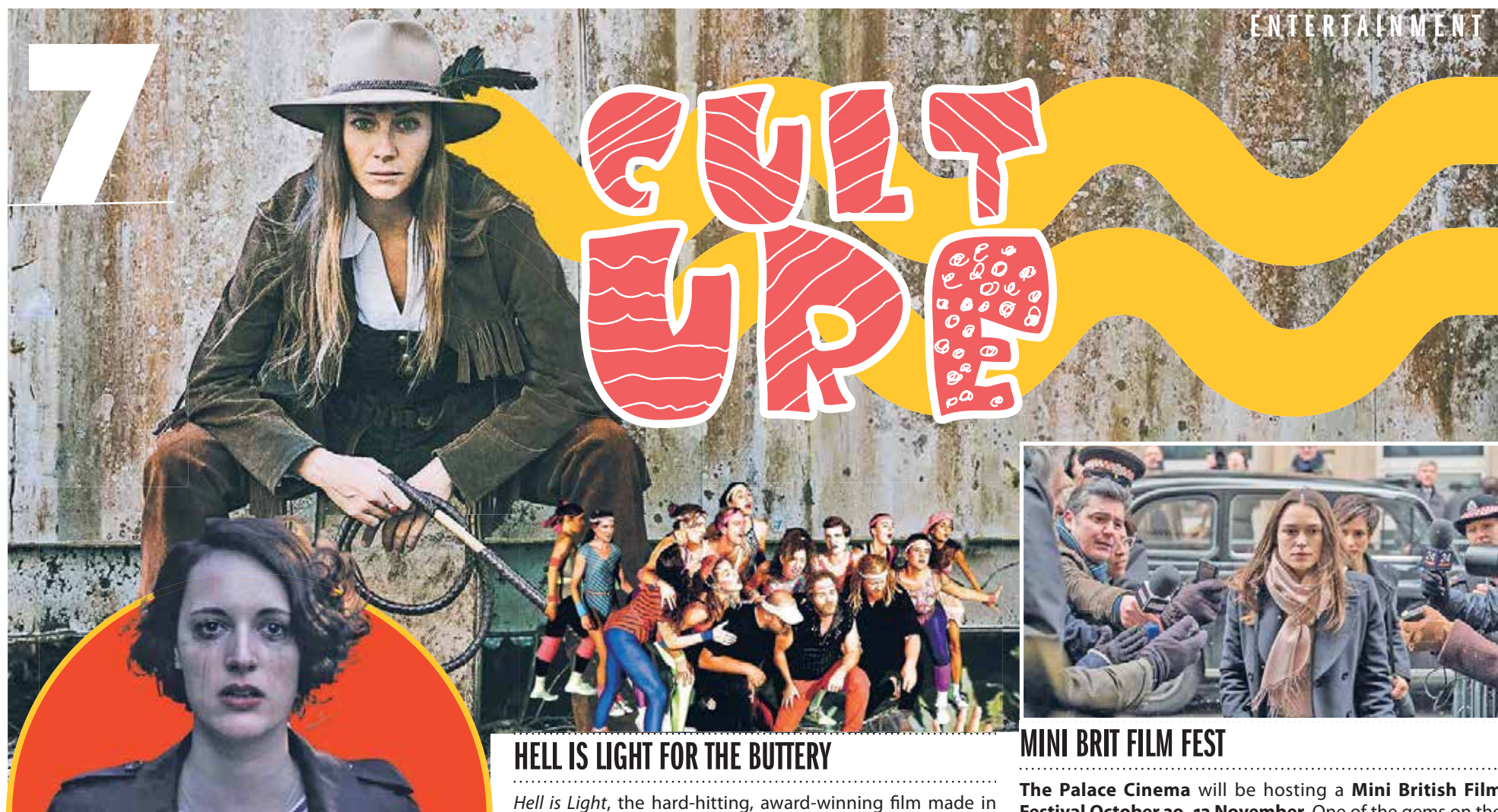
Charismatic guitar savant from South Africa, **Sibusile Xaba** reframes maskandi and the avant garde into his own humanist manifesto. With a vocal style that is part dream-scaping

and part ancestral invocation, Xaba 'divines' as opposed to simply singing. Combined with a guitar style that is rooted in expressive picking, Xaba's music shatters the confines of genre, taking only the fundamentals from mentors such as Madala Kunene and Dr Philip Tabane, and imbuing these with a mythology and improvisational intensity all his own.

From Israel come **Alwan**; a middle-eastern ensemble who deliver interplay and improvisation. Born in Mississauga Ontario, 2018 Juno Award-nominated **Alysha Brilla** is a music producer and songwriter whose music, blogs and spirituality are inspired by growing up with parents from two different cultural and religious backgrounds: an Indo-Tanzanian father, who emigrated to Canada, and a Canadian mother of European settler heritage. The spiritual traditions and energies passed down through Brilla's paternal Dadima (grandmother, in Gujarati) have swirled their way around Indian and African rhythms into soulful acoustic echoes of intimate song-and-story-telling, culminating in a full band festival stage-show.

Mullum Music Festival – bringing the world's music to our local stages! 14–17 November in Mullum – tix and program info at mullummusicfestival.com





THE FILTH OF FLEABAG

See the hilarious, award-winning, one-woman show that inspired the BBC's hit TV series *Fleabag*, recorded live for the big screen from London's West End.

Written and performed by **Phoebe Waller-Bridge** (*Killing Eve*) and directed by **Vicky Jones**, *Fleabag* is a rip-roaring look at some-sort-of-woman living her sort-of life.

Fleabag may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. With family and friendships under strain and a guinea pig café struggling to keep afloat, *Fleabag* suddenly finds herself with nothing to lose.

Playing to sold-out audiences in New York and London, don't miss your chance to see this 'legitimately hilarious show' (*New Yorker*), filmed live.

At the Byron Theatre, at the Community Centre on Saturday 12 October at 1pm and Tuesday 15 October at 6.30pm. Tix at byroncentre.com.au

HELL IS LIGHT FOR THE BUTTERY

Hell is Light, the hard-hitting, award-winning film made in Byron by **Andy Jans-Brown** will be screening at **Pighthouse Flicks**, Skinners Shoot Rd, Byron Bay on **Thursday 17 October at 7pm**.

For those wishing to take in the full experience, the evening will kick off at 6pm for dinner and live music by Andy Jans-Brown, in the restaurant of **The Brewery** beforehand.

Of the film, Andy says 'It's essentially an arthouse black-comedy that off-sets the natural beauty of our local "Eden" against the shadowy side of escapism and drugs (ice, pot and LSD), and petty – at times clown-like – criminality. I like to call it "psychedelic soap opera", 'coz it has an experimental film aspect, in the vein of Pink Floyd's *The Wall* and because one of the young audience members at the first public-screening said, "I love it, it's like Home and Away on acid".'

Danny Salfield of Bay FM's The SandPit will be running a **discussion and Q&A** afterwards. There will be give-aways on the evening and all proceeds will go to The Buttery.

Tickets for the screening are \$15. Tickets for dinner, live music and the screening are \$30. Tix on oztix.com.au

ART AT CLEMS

Local artist **Sara Campbell** unveils her latest body of work at Clem's Cargo in Brunswick Heads this week, with everyone invited to the **opening on Friday at 6pm**. Come and check out some fabulous artwork in the incredible surrounds of some of the area's best curios and collectables.

Friday 6pm, Free.

MINI BRIT FILM FEST

The Palace Cinema will be hosting a **Mini British Film Festival October 30–13 November**. One of the gems on the program is *Official Secrets*, screening **Thursday October 31 at 6.20pm**. Oscar-winning director **Gavin Hood** presents a superb true-life political thriller about an accused British whistle-blower who leaked information about the Iraqi invasion. The film sports a stellar cast lead by **Kiera Knightly**. It has garnered many international awards and *The Guardian* raved 'Official Secrets is a well-intentioned retelling of a daunting act of courage'.

CALAMITY BEFORE THE STORM

Comedy is a powerful weapon that fires right to the heart of complex issues, and **Bangalow Theatre Company's** latest musical comedy *Calamity Jane* will do just that with all-guns-blazing this October at the **Bangalow A&I Hall**.

According to the show's award-winning director **Kate Foster**, this family-friendly musical cleverly handles the big contemporary themes around identity, gender, sexuality, and the masks we all wear, without banging anybody over the head.

'Calamity fans won't be disappointed, they're going to laugh out loud, and they'll love the larger-than-life quality of this musical, but these characters are complex, and their deep vulnerabilities will tug at your heart too.

'For anyone who isn't into musicals, this one's for you, and for anyone who wishes life was a musical, *Calamity Jane* has it in spades,' Kate said.

Calamity Jane is showing at the Bangalow A&I Hall from **October 17-26**, starring **Joanne Connor** as the tough-talking Calamity Jane, and a cast of twenty motley cowboys and cross dressers, including **Mick Webb** as Wild Bill Hickock, and **Brian Pamphilon** as the hilarious Francis Fryer.

Go to www.bangalowtheatre.com.au for tickets, dinner-and-show packages, and full session details. Enquiries 0420 986 570

A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

Latin dance parties, live bands, dance workshops and more will be once again hitting Byron Bay for the **Byron Latin Fiesta** from **October 31 – November 3**.

The Byron Latin Fiesta is Australia's longest running Latin dance festival held in the heart of Byron and there is no shortage of fun and excitement for everyone.

The 2019 festival features International Artists **Kim & Geo** (Canada) teaching and performing Dominican Bachata and Mambo plus **Chris Py** (France) and **Sara for Kizomba** along with a huge line-up of Australia's finest talent.

Everyone is welcome, from beginners to experienced dancers plus friends and spectators, to come and learn to dance and enjoy the rhythms of the Salsa, Samba, Bachata, Kizomba, Zouk, Reggaeton and other popular Latin styles.

This is a popular event so we recommend buying your tickets in advance. Tickets available online or at the event until sold out: byronlatinfiesta.com.au/tickets.



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ARTS

ARTIST IN FOCUS

SUSAN JOYCE
NINBELLA GALLERY

My current artwork since April 2019 looks at how to balance areas of intricate nuance with a spacious expanse and how entities that are neither can connect the two.

As I work on this theme it seems to reflect everything about the ordinary art of living.

How I feel overwhelmed that I want to simplify life, but then how I want to live life to the full and engage in everything. How my garden sits graciously spacious, but then there is room for food trees. Enjoying the expanse of the desert, but longing for the next town to break monotony. My relationships too; dynamic or still.

Showing at Ninbella Galley. 19a Byron Street, Bangalow.

Through inventive abstract painting I find surreptitious ways of resolving intricate busyness with spaciousness, allowing both to coexist with humour and homage.

I rarely blend colours on the canvas but rather expose with clarity the building of the painting – finding some sense of honesty in using literal brushmarks. I relish the art of forming a really good brushmark. My paintings are a mix of dichotomies.

Through my work as a qualified Art Therapist, and my studies, I have maintained a constant art practice with exhibits in group shows and several solo exhibitions. Now retired, I am a full time artist and therefor more prolific in the studio.



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WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ALL WALKS OF LIFE

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The Business of Writing, with Anneli Knight is a one-day workshop this Saturday 12 October. If you want to turn your passion and flair for writing into a reliable income and base for a business, then this workshop will give you the vision and strategy to make it happen!

Structural Editing for Writers, with Dr Laurel Cohn is for writers of fiction and narrative non-fiction with a completed draft manuscript. This three-day course explains structural editing, the role it plays in manuscript development, how to go about it, and how to survive it, and includes a one-on-one session with Laurel.

byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on

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ARTISTS ARTISTS, LISTEN UP!!

INGENUITY, your local sculpture festival, has breaking news. We have extended our closing date for submissions till 13 October 11.59pm (just before midnight). An anonymous benefactor came forward to donate the \$8000 RGoL Choice Award. We still have the \$500 Christina Khumari People's Choice Award. On top of this, we have great hopes that we will be able to announce another \$5000 award by 26 October.

We are also calling on the community to support the festival through volunteering or a small donation. This year we are receiving very little government funding and need community help to prove ourselves, and to win financial support for the coming years.

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Art loving volunteers wanted.
Sponsors and donations are very welcome.

For all of these: www.ingenuityfest.com.au

Fuck no. Not the type of RnR dream I imagined as a 7 year old! Hahaha! I didn't think I'd have to overcome stage fright again, and arsing around with the more pragmatic and systematic sides of music (business!) BUT I've also never felt more in-touch with myself, my music and the audience. The current show involves some story-telling about my experiences growing up in music, as well as the things I've learned through recent mental health challenges. I feel like this tour is one of the most important tours I'll ever do, because it's teaching me so much and setting me up for the future on a spiritual level! The feedback has been magical! I've met some really special people this year – purely from being myself.

You are on your way up to The Byron Guitar Festival, on 12–13 October, have you played in Byron before? Did your previous tours ever bring you here to perform, at the BluesFest perhaps?

I LOVE BYRON! It was always a family holiday location and I have many amazing musical memories attached to it. The first Byron show I ever did was BluesFest around '95! Last time it was with my old band, Nat Col & the Kings when we also played BluesFest. It's a special place.

What can your fans up here expect from your Byron Guitar Festival show?

I'll be playing my latest music using a hybrid duo set up. Myself on guitar and vocals, my mate Kenny Jewell on guitar and BV's and a few extra colours using an SPD and stomp board. Whilst my material centres around blues, it's by all means no longer traditional. Traditional blues didn't allow me to express what I wanted to express, so it leans toward many other styles. Depending on the environment, I'll be telling a few stories and may get up with a few mates too!

What else is on the cards for you in 2019-2020? Any big news you'd like to share with the people up here in northern NSW?

If last year was about dipping my toe in the water, this year was about swimming. I swallowed a bit of water for a while, but definitely free-styling now! Next year I want to be surfing–by doing some mad collabs, expanding on my YouTube channel with a filmographer on the road and the completion of an album! I wouldn't say there's a tonne of stuff on, but it's all purposeful. For me, it's all about purpose these days!

Nathan Cavaleri is at the Byron Bay Guitar Festival this weekend at the Byron Brewery. Tix are \$50 for one day or \$90 for two. Workshops, stalls, seminars, guitar displays and some bloody awesome players! Saturday and Sunday. For tix and program go to byronbayguitarfestival.com

STARS BY LILITH

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WITH VENUS AND MERCURY, PLANETS OF LOVE AND CHAT IN THE SIGN OF ASK-BUT-I-MAY-NOT-ANSWER, WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S MYSTERY DANCE...

♈ **ARIES:** Aries are passionate people with strong convictions – which are likely to be appreciated and applauded when next week kicks off with Aries' full moon blast of heat. Some folk won't be interested in your lunar celebration, but surely that's a good thing.

♉ **TAURUS:** This week, Venus and Mercury make it worthwhile giving some thought to how you might synch with someone else's communication style for pleasure, profit and/or problem-solving. Otherwise, is it time to cut the cord? If you can't talk directly to the person involved, discuss with a third party before taking action.

♊ **GEMINI:** With Gemini's primo planet Mercury joining Venus in clean-up-your-act mode, the next few weeks are your prime time for taking-care-of-business, getting the house in order, efficient organising, simplifying, downsizing and ruthless pruning. And, if you absolutely have to, the time to consult Marie Kondo.

♋ **CANCER:** Full moons are always full on for the water-oriented Crab clan, and with the current lunar riptide surging through your emotional ocean, before submitting to the urge to nip, you might like to know that this week's people aren't all the forgiving kind. Is it really worth attracting blowback by sharing that piece of your mind?

♌ **LEO:** This is unequivocally a time to be mindful of how you express yourself. You might think you're entitled to sound off, but if others disagree or take offence, like it or not, you may be the loser. If you're the one on the receiving end of some tough love, use it as constructive feedback.

♍ **VIRGO:** If life tends towards serious and intense this week, it's crucial not to lose your sense of humour. Moods could change abruptly from fun to furious, with innocent remarks being barked at – but between the dramatics (peaking around full moon) there's plenty of in-depth discussions and stimulating exchanges to engage in.

♎ **LIBRA:** For the next three-plus weeks, Venus is a sensible sensualist who likes a good time, but also keeps a keen eye on finances. And while you prefer being diplomatic, this week's fiery in-your-face full moon could leave no option but to speak out directly for what you need, or what's fair and equitable.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Mercury's already been buffing up Scorpio communications, now Venus joins the quicksilver planet for almost a month of Scorpionic fun – which tends to the intense side. A full moon caution; before you pull the plug on something that's bugging you, sleep on it. Talk it through. Is there a better solution?

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** With Mercury in its acid-tongued transit, smart Archers will avoid sarcasm, however tempting; recipients aren't likely to find it amusing and why make enemies you don't need? Your intuition is extremely keen this week, so listen to its cues and clues – especially during flaming, impetuous, outspoken full moon.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** With Mercury and Venus in your house of friends, groups and general camaraderie, you'll be relying on team Capricorn's trusted allies if this incisive week opens up an old wound or brings unexpected news. Silver lining? October's potent full moon could initiate deep healing of an ancient issue.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Sharing deep feelings doesn't come easily for water pourers; though the lead-up to this week's potentially explosive full moon might see that happening, ready or not. Try to keep cool, step away if you need to, and even if you're not in agreement with everyone, look for a compromise you can all live with.

♓ **PISCES:** Whether you've caught itchy feet from out of town visitors, or it's just the spring travel bug biting, a refreshing getaway could be just what you need – especially as this week's people could be blunt and brusque, with a sting in their delivery. Don't take it personally, do take some distance...

CINE-MA

RIDE LIKE A GIRL

Ride Like a Girl is an Australian biographical drama following the story of Michelle Payne - the first ever female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. History was made in 2015 as



Payne crossed the finish line with 100-1 odds against her. The film takes us on the journey of Payne's life. Horse racing was in Payne's blood. Having grown up around horses,

from her earliest moments she dreamed of winning the Melbourne Cup. Aimed to be empowering and inspiring, the film delivers this by cohesively including real life footage alongside pivotal scenes in the film. Critics had a lot of good things to say about the film, especially as it was director Rachel Griffiths' debut film. Griffiths' successful film was backed up by a great Australian cast including the likes of Teresa Palmer (Michelle Payne), Sam Neill (Paddy Payne), Magda Szubanski (Sister Dominique) and Sullivan Stapleton (Darren Weir).



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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STUNNED MULLET**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **OCTOBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP SHOW PRESENTED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS PERFORMANCE SCHOOL**
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **MANDY HAWKES**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **BALLINA UKE NIGHT**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 8PM **JHANA ALLAN WITH ANNI M FABLES**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 6PM **KID'S SPRING DISCO**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **ROBBIE JAMES & JJ HARRIS**

FRIDAY 11

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **TONES AND I**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE HOMBRES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **BEN WALSH**, 9PM **PINK ZINC**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **MAJUN BU + BEN JANSZ + VAGGAPHONICS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM **CHILDREN'S AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY GABRIEL OTU**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **DJ CHARLES OLIVER**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MITCHELL SMITH**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- CLEM'S CARGO, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **EXHIBITION - 'POETIC GROTESQUE' BY SARA CAMPBELL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN, WITH LILA AND MAL**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **OCCA ROCK**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 4.30PM **BRIAN PAMPHILON**, LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **LOOSE ENDS**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **SHELLEYS MURDER BOYS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHECK 2**, 8PM **FIONA O'LOUGHLIN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **DJ IN THE BEER GARDEN**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **DAN GRACE ONE MAN BAND**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY - VOCAL PARTY KARAOKE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **HAPPY RAYZ**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **JOHN CURTAIN**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **TIN PARLOUR**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **ROCKKS**

SATURDAY 12

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **LALAPALOOZA - ALICIA ROSSKELLY FUNDRAISER WITH THE BADLANDS, SUNSET BURRITOS, NICOLE BROPHY, SUNDAY LEMONADE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SLIME**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DONNY BENEÉT & GUESTS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY **THE 3RD ANNUAL BYRON BAY GUITAR FESTIVAL**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **FLEABAG - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LOCAL DJS**, 9.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BYRON LATIN DANCE COLLECTIVE AND FRIENDS LATIN DANCE PARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 12PM **OKTOBERFEST**
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- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **KENT EASTWOOD**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **JEFF MASSEY**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ TWOSINC**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **ALEX SMITH-THE VOICE OF MOVING PICTURES**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **THE SHUFFLE BOYS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DJS AND LIVE MUSIC**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MARTIN WAY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **MAGNETIC FORCE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BOURBON STREET**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **BETHANIE JOLLY AND PETER HUNT**, 7PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **REMEDY**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ECHOES OF PINK FLOYD**, THE STAGE 9PM **FAT ALBERT**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**

SUNDAY 13

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **PHIL & TILLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **WALKER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **OLI WRIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**

MONDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **PHIL & TILLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **WALKER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **OLI WRIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 15

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **FLEABAG - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **HIP-HOP HOORAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**, 6.30PM **GET QUIZZED**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **NCEIA DOLPHIN AWARDS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **MICHAEL HICKEY**

WEDNESDAY 16

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CRAIG ATKINS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **DJ MY HAPPYP LACE & DJ REIFLEX**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 4PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA NIGHT**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **ANGIE HUDSON SPRING TOUR**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1.30PM **BUDDY LOVE & THE TREMORS**, 6.30PM **ROCKIN' BODGIES**

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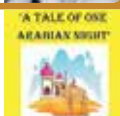
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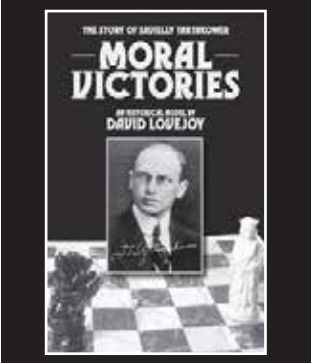
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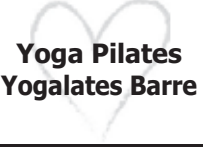
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DEATH NOTICES

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Passed away after a sudden illness. Survived by his daughter Gillian, granddaughters Georgie and Charlie and two great-grandchildren. Wife, Maureen. Step-children Glynne, Andrew and Jessica and eight grandchildren. Formerly of 'Shire Driving School'.

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

BV View Club

The next luncheon meeting of Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will be held at Ocean Shores Country Club on Thursday 10 October commencing at 10.30am. The guest speaker will be Annette Holmes, telling us about her trip along the Silk Road. Apologies to Maureen 0408294973 or mlightfoot@internode.on.net no later than Monday 7 October.

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.

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.

Mungo's Crossword N306

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Importance of tension (6)
- 4. Shortage in southern vehicle conurbation (8)
- 10. Attempt celebrate craft (9)
- 11. Climbing aid for mine side (5)
- 12. Establish the truth and right, British saying (7)
- 13. Road extent is peculiar (7)
- 14. Lose head of spanner on chain of hills (5)
- 15. Hen seems flustered in tangles (8)
- 18. Top galleries in compounds (8)
- 20. Ring back, bad oil (5)
- 23. Freedom from restraint – where you might find a performance venue! (7)
- 25. They say ease around prunes – there's a shadow! (7)
- 26. Cock and the queen – dwindle away! (5)
- 27. Gorilla at war with a reptile (9)
- 28. Stupid people – peas, you might say! (7)
- 29. Old German authority, little stagnation (6)

DOWN

- 1. They snooze on railways (8)
- 2. Espouse the cross, said Spooner – actually it was just a big tree (7)
- 3. Declaration: Queensland, for one, blokes territory (9)
- 5. Blandfordia, chimes for end of Advent (9,5)
- 6. Back raised around soft sex criminal (5)
- 7. Popular present perhaps – it's emotional (7)
- 8. Unknown running left back – a long way off! (6)
- 9. Norm! Norm! The man is a stud but the woman is a slut! (6,8)
- 16. Desist and land – it's a warning (4,5)
- 17. Ran around in demented reels, and goes back to his lessons (8)
- 19. Muscular spasm working – could be used in conjunction with 11! (7)
- 21. Attributes the devil to small trucks (7)
- 22. Small computer L (6)
- 24. Raise English network – it's a o woeful affair! (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Tension (6)
- 4. Lack of resources (8)
- 10. Attempt, search for a goal (9)
- 11. Alpine climbing device (5)
- 12. Saying, adage (7)
- 13 Unusual, bizarre (7)
- 14. Series of mountain peaks (5)
- 15. Entangled (8)
- 18. Soluble compounds (8)
- 20. Stone fruit producing oil (5)
- 23. Leave, desert (7)
- 25. Shadow, especially over the sun or moon (7)
- 26. Dwindle, come to a point (5)
- 27. Large amphibious reptile (9)
- 28. Idiots, those of small brain (8)
- 29. State of inertia (6)

DOWN

- 1. Those who nap (8)
- 2. Large tree, well known in California (7)
- 3. Declaration, assertive utterance (9)
- 5. Blandfordia flowers (9,5)
- 6. Man who violates women (5)
- 7. Highly emotional (7)
- 8. A long way off (6)
- 9. Hypocrisy involving different paradigms (6,8)
- 16. Red traffic signal (4,5)
- 17. Studies again 8)
- 19. Alpine climbing device (7)
- 21. Attributes, implies (7)
- 22. Portable computer (6)
- 24. Mournful tune (5)

Last week's solution N305

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SBP 2019 U.Lab Hub

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

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.

Caring for someone with Dementia?

We'd love to see you at our NEW monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the second Monday of every month. The first club will meet at 10.30-12noon Monday 14 October. Please call or text Karen on 0412 911 613 or email dementiafriendly@byronrespite.com.au for the location of our nearby cafe. We intend on situating the meetings close to carers. It's your club, and we are open to your suggestions. Bring your questions, bring your concerns, let other carers know what works for you, meet new friends and expect to get great support

Parkinson's support

The Northern Rivers Parkinson's Support Group hopes to organise regular meetings where members can socialise, compare notes and generally help each other and their carers affected by Parkinson's, mainly through companionship and information exchange. Our meeting will be held at Level 1, Crowley Education Building – 154 Cherry Street, Ballina on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Purple Heart Day

International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is 17 October and Yahweh House is holding a Purple heart Day event – this is about those little soldiers who have fought for life and lost the battle. Many in our community have lost infants, for a variety of reasons, and we hope to reach out and put on a special evening to help bring a little healing to these people. Thursday October 17, 6.30pm (NSW time) at the Jack Evans Harbour Tweed Heads.

U3A Bruns/Ballina/Byron

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum, 15 October 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Yvonne Turner relates her experiences as a prison officer. Visitors and potential new members most welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

U3A Ballina/Byron – Gerti is back from her travel in cold climes. She will charm us with her warm personality when she presents music at 10am in the RSL meeting room Mullumbimby on Tuesday 15 October. Enq6680 7350.

Sharks

Are you are a swimmer, surfer, spearfisher, diver, snorkeller, a local or a tourist, or just someone who likes to cool off once in a while? If so, we want to hear from you. The University of Technology Sydney, in partnership with CSIRO and JCU, areinviting members of the public to attend workshops in Ballina and Byron Bay to find out whether beach-goers are changing their behaviour to reduce the risk of an encounter with a shark. These workshops are primarily about people's knowledge, stories and experiences. Open to anyone who spends time at the beach or in the ocean – you do not need to have any special knowledge about sharks or beach safety to participate. Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Club on Tuesday 15 October at 6pm, Byron Bay Surf Club on 16th October at 6pm Refreshments provided. To register go to www.sharkworkshopsnsw.net or email nicholas.mcclean@uts.edu.au

Byron library author talk

Flying in the sky to drowning in the sea – a lived experience of mental illness: Kim Hodges, author of *Girl over the Edge* examines depression and the stigma of mental illness.Thursday October 10 at 5.30pm. Free event, but bookings are required. Call 6685 8540.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group 'Exoteric or Esoteric' – Having experienced many profound spiritual experiences during a lifetime of searching and many years of occult practices, David Guthrie provides his slant on the fundamental dilemma of 'What is our purpose?' Thursday, 10 October 2019, from 1.30 to 3.30 pm, at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St. Byron Bay Info: Celia 02-6684 3623.

Art for beginners

Watercolour for Beginners – commencing Tuesday 15th October 9.30-12.30 for 4 weeks. Enjoy the medium of transparent watercolour in a relaxed and uncomplicated manner while learning design principles, techniques and paint application. Maximum of six students. Felting Friday, 18 October, 1-4pm. Only 2 students. Create a beautiful and unique wrap using merino wool on silk, in your own favourite colour. Creative Artisans Gallery – Shop 8 Wigmore Arcade, River Street, Ballina 0435 941 591

Mullum CWA

Do you cook sultana cake, peach blossom cake, date-loaf or plain traditional sponge? These are just four of the sections in the Land Cookery contest on 23 October at the CWA rooms. This contest is open to any person residing in NSW. There are sections for young cooks. Recipes on the website: www.cwaofnsw.org.au. For more info: Sue 6684 1675 or Jenny 0427 847 282.

Trivia at the library

To celebrate Get Online week, join us for a fun night of literary themed trivia, awesome prizes, snacks, drinks and more. Get some friends together and book a table soon! Free event, but bookings are essential. Call the Library on 6685 8540. Thursday 17 October, from 5pm.

Regular As Clockwork

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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.

Time to sing

Come sing inspiring songs and make new friends, Sundays, 10am at South Golden Beach Community Hall. Call Linda: 0415 412 514.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Byron Gem Club

The Bryon Gem and Lapidary Club is open weekly to members new and old. Visitors welcome to view club facilities. Activities – semi-precious and gemstone cutting, shaping and polishing – gem faceting – silver work – gem setting and jewellery making etc. Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club work shed located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagrah Air Field. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Eureka primary school soccer team comes third in the state

Eureka Public School has finished third in the 2019 Small School's statewide-soccer competition after travelling to Sydney during the school holidays to compete in the finals.

The semifinal involved a close and hard-fought game against Willow Tree public who came out the winners 3-2.

But in the playoff for third place Eureka triumphed over Kulnara Public 5-2, in a fast running game.

Willow Tree Public and Otford Public shared first place after finishing tied, after extra time.

The finals were played in Sydney at the Valentine Sports Centre, the home of NSW Soccer.

'Seeing the team run out onto such a big and professional ground made you



An EPS player (L) defends in the big finish to the small schools soccer competition. Photo supplied

realise how enormous their achievement was to get to the final four teams in NSW,' Andrew McPhee said.

Last year was the first

time any of the students had played in the competition and one player has never been part of a soccer team before.

Hole-in-one for Byron golfer

Margaret Pierce was thrilled to score her first hole-in-one on the Byron Bay course in September, after 20 years of playing golf.

'It was quite thrilling actually,' she said.

She was playing in the regular Byron Bay Golf Club stableford competition with Lyn Barber, Alison Dreyer and Mary Vincent.

'It was the eighth hole, the longest par three on the course, roughly 160 metres. I hit a good shot and watched it roll onto the green but didn't pay any further attention. I just thought, "Oh that's good, on the green," she said.

'When we got to the green there was a ball about a metre onto the green which I thought was mine - but it wasn't, so we looked everywhere - in the bunker, off to the side and over the back, but I was sure it was



Margaret was thrilled with her hole-in-one. Photo supplied

not a big enough shot to run off over the back.

'Eventually Lyn walked past the hole and there it was. There was a lot of excited screaming,

'There were congratulations and high-fives all 'round and I sported a big

grin on my face for quite a while.

'It was the first hole in one I have scored in 20 years of golf, so, yes, I was quite chuffed,' Margaret said.

Margaret is the assistant secretary of Byron Bay Ladies Golf.

Mullum Giants go back to the future for 2020



Cody puts one down under the black dot in his playing days with Parramatta. Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby Giants are positioning themselves for a successful 2020 in the NRRRL after announcing new coaches and players for the upcoming season.

Dwayne Moseley will be the head coach for the Club in 2020, assisted by Wayde Kelly and Damon Scott.

Moseley has a wealth of knowledge and experience having represented Poland, played for Blacktown Workers and won a premiership with Glen Innes as well as being an integral figure for the Giants since his return home in 2017.

Kelly, who is now the regional manager for the NRL, has won five senior premierships across four competitions, most recently a man-of-the-match effort for Murwillumbah in the 2016 NRRRL grandfinal.

'This is a great

opportunity to give back and finish where I started,' Kelly said.

Scott, who is a former premiership winning coach with the Giants, is hoping to 'instill a winning attitude and culture into a young group'.

Ken Watkins will coach the reserve grade side with Mark Hartley as his manager.

The Ladies League tag side is looking for a coach.

In the player department, former Junior Giant, Cody Nelson will be joining the side, when available, from his home-base in Melbourne.

Cody has played for Parramatta and the Gold Coast Titans.

Along with Cody, a number of current and former Giants have agreed to play next year.

Club president Adam McKenzie was very happy with the club's direction.

Girl grooms go all the way in Sydney



Blast Off champion Leihani Zoric . Photo Jack Barripp

Our local super grooms had outstanding success down in Sydney at the 14th annual BL's Blast Off with Byron Bay's Leihani Zoric and Lennox Head's Keke Brain winning their six-girls and eight-girls divisions respectively.

Byron Bay's Henley Smith was runner-up to Brain in the eight-girls.

Ocea Curtis of Lennox Head was runner-up in the 10-girls.

The competition was held over four days with early rounds at Avalon Beach and finals day at Whale beach.

Kennedy

Stu Kennedy from Lennox Head has turned his season around with a huge result in Portugal and has now leaped up the WSL QS ratings ladder

after his runner-up finish at the QS10,000 EDP Billabong Pro Ericeira.

Kennedy was back to his best with fast, smooth and electric performances over the event.

The runner-up result and 8,000 points could turn his year around as he jumped 35 spots into 15th place on the rankings, with a good shot at cracking the top 10 with a big finish in Hawaii.

'I can't give up now if I'm making finals,' Kennedy said.

'Mono'

Byron Bay's Mark 'Mono' Stewart has struck gold again with a win at the US Open Adaptive Surfing Championships held at Oceanside Pier in California.

Stewart has won the event three years in a row.

Byron Bay Lighthouse run coming soon



'Everyone is a winner'. Thanks to sponsors, all of the funds raised from this year's Lighthouse run will go to charity. Photo supplied

The 13th Annual Byron Bay Lighthouse Run is set for Sunday October 22 and will be raising money to support headspace Lismore and the Women's Resource Service at Mullumbimby and Districts Neighbourhood Centre.

Up to 1000 competitors are expected to take on the 10km run, 6km walk or 1km dash for the kids.

Lisa Parkes started the event in 2006 and it was recognised with an Australia

Day Award for Best Event in the Byron Shire in 2016.

'I am very proud to be able to donate 100% of the profits [from the event]. This is only possible through the generous support of local sponsors and businesses and the great work by our committee and team of volunteers,' she said.

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In a visionary approach to managing dissent our own home affairs minister Peter Dutton has taken a leaf out of China's book and called for climate change protesters to be jailed 'until their behaviour changes'.



In the meantime *The Guardian* reports that 'Australia's central bank has delivered a clear warning that climate change is exposing financial institutions and the financial system more broadly to risks that will rise over time if action isn't taken.' That's right Dutton – they say the impacts are likely to grow and 'insurance claims for natural disasters this decade are more than twice what they were in the previous 10 years.'



In a positive note Canberra has effectively become the first Australian city to become 100 per cent powered by renewable energy.



Far from not remembering anything for longer than three seconds it turns out fish do feel pain just like mammals. According to a study at the University of Liverpool a painful experience for a fish can lead to hyperventilating and long term behavioural changes.



In his quest to save the endangered Australian quoll, one activist, dressed up as a spotted quoll, brought his 'mobile habitat', a gum tree branch and some fake grass,

Who's the puppet master?



Is this a photo of Australian PM Scom at the UN explaining our country's extraordinary steps to not scare the children? Or is that a bit naughty?

Photo Jeff 'A Bit Naughty' Dawson

to the streets of Brisbane. He blocked two lanes of a Brisbane road on August 6. The action resulted in six charges, two of them serious, and his family and friends are raising money to help with court costs. Head to his GoFundMe page at <https://bit.ly/2VkhObn> if you can contribute.



Banksy has opened his own homewares shop! Trading for two weeks, the shop-front in Croydon in the UK will not open its doors but will trade online only, selling 'impractical and offensive' merchandise. According to a *Guardian* report (<https://bit.ly/2lowkd1>) a greetings card company is contesting the trademark he holds for his art. They are attempting to take custody of it so that they can 'sell their fake Banksy merchandise legally'.

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