

## Aged care concerns

Paul Bibby

The vast majority of staff at Feros Care's Bangalow Village nursing home say they have had to neglect the needs of residents due to the pressures of understaffing, a union survey shows.

But the home's management denies this, saying staffing levels are maintained at a level equal to and higher than the Australian industry benchmark.

The Health Services Union survey of 36 staff at the home found that understaffing had reached critical levels.

### Unsafe staffing levels

Eighty-five per cent of respondents reported feeling that they had neglected the needs of residents in the past month as a result of understaffing issues.

A further 97 per cent said that shifts were regularly being left unfilled at the facility because there simply were not enough staff available to fill them.

Every one of those interviewed said that either they or a colleague had raised workload issues with their managers, and that they had missed a scheduled break in the past week due to staff shortages.

Just over a third of the respondents said they felt the staffing level was unsafe and seven people said they had suffered an injury as a direct result of understaffing.

HSU NSW Secretary Gerard Hayes said the Union had raised a number of issues around understaffing a Bangalow Village with Feros Care management, but no response had been forthcoming.

'It is extremely disappointing

that Feros Care management have ignored issues around understaffing at Bangalow Village,' Mr Hayes said.

'The Feros Care Enterprise Agreement sets out a clear process for resolving issues around workload management, but it appears that this process has not been followed.

'Ultimately, workload issues detract from the quality of care that residents receive. Feros Care needs to get on top of the staffing situation at Bangalow Village urgently.'

In a letter to its members, Mr Hayes said there were also a number of particular areas of concern within the facility, including the laundry, where there were out-of-date duty statements, chronic understaffing, injured workers, and cleaning issues.

In the letter Mr Hayes said that HSU was planning to meet with the management of the home in the next few weeks.

He also said that if the union was not able to reach some agreement with management on staffing at Bangalow, it would have no hesitation in sharing these results with SafeWork and asking for inspectors to get involved.

### Feros: no crisis

However, Feros Care said there was no crisis of understaffing at Feros Care Bangalow and that it's own recent staff surveys found that the vast majority were satisfied with current staffing levels.

'The staff rostering policy requires for all shifts to be filled at all times, and the duty RN calls in support staff to fill in any gaps

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## Charities the winners in the Lighthouse run



Runner 578 was Janaina Martins who was one of the 700 people who participated in the 13th charity Lighthouse Run last weekend. The \$27,000 raised will be split between two local charities, headspace in Lismore and the Women's Resource Centre in Mullumbimby, who assist women and children affected by violence. See *The Echo's* sports page (p47) to find out the race winners. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Police in spotlight over strip searches at Splendour

Mia Armitage

Sixteen years old, lining up to get into a music festival, separated from friends, taken into a tent and forced to strip.

Sounds like a nightmare for anyone, not to mention parents with kids wanting to go to music festivals. But that's what a teenage girl, known to the public as BRC, says happened to her at last year's Splendour in the Grass festival (SITG) here in Byron.

She says NSW police were responsible after a drug sniffer dog had approached her in the line and sat down beside her, triggering the police response.

She said she couldn't stop crying during the strip search, which failed to produce any drugs; as is the case

in around 90 per cent of the 143 strip searches conducted at Splendour in 2018.

### Distressing inspection

BRC said she was made to lift up the panty-liner of her underwear.

Sam Leigh from the Redfern Legal Centre was at the hearing on Monday and spoke to *The Echo*.

'The Counsel Assisting the Commission has asked "can a police officer look up a 16-year-old's vagina?", Ms Leigh read from her notes, and the police representative said, "police can use force when carrying out a strip search".'

'Commissioner Michael Adams then asked, "how much force?" and the police rep replied, "well you

need to take a look to see what's in there".'

The inquiry also heard of strip-searches where boys and men were made to lift their genitals so officers could inspect underneath.

The police representative confirmed a positive response from a sniffer dog was not enough to warrant a strip search. But he said many police didn't understand what was 'serious and urgent' when doing strip searches.

### No support person

'The incident described in the hearing was incredibly distressing,' said Ms Leigh.

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this year's field include Local Grower, Disco Dong, Absentee Landlord, Gender Neutral and Queensland Tourist, with others making a full field of 20.

## Politics in the pub: Professor Rob talks green jobs

The Ngara Institute says that climate change poses a global existential threat. Tonight, Wednesday October 23, they have Professor Rob Watts from Social Policy at RMIT University coming to talk in Mullum's Courthouse Hotel, from 7pm.

Professor Watts is campaigning to get a national bill of rights as well as developing the Green Job Guarantee. He was a founding member of the Greens Party in Victoria, and established the Australian Centre for Human Rights Education at RMIT in 2008.

Professor Watts will

outline the Green Jobs Guarantee, an initiative he devised to enable local government authorities, local communities and enterprises to develop jobs which build social and community-based enterprise in an equitable and sustainable way.

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For more info visit: [www.ngarainstitute.org.au](http://www.ngarainstitute.org.au).

## Strip searches at Splendour questioned

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to have a support person with them during strip searches, Ms Leigh said. But BRC had no one.

### Minors searched

Ms Leigh said the police rep told the inquiry police supervisors weren't checking officers' reports properly.

Of the 143 strip searches conducted seven are alleged to have involved minors. Their exact ages are unknown but by definition are somewhere between 10 and 17 inclusively.

The police rep told the inquiry, officers seem to go on general knowledge rather than giving police proper legal briefings during strip search training, thereby passing on 'bad habits'.

Byron youth worker, Deborah Pearce is calling for a collaborative approach to festival safety

'One can understand how a young person being strip searched would feel ashamed and scared and how it could give them a negative impression of police in general,' said Ms Pearce, co-ordinator of Byron Youth Service, Mullum Cottage and Street Crews.

Ms Pearce said harm minimisation strategies and working with young people achieved a 'far more positive outcome' than strip searches.

'We don't want any more deaths or incidents at festivals,' she told *The Echo*, 'we just want everyone at festivals to have a good time and be safe'.

Greens upper house member and party spokesperson for justice, David Shoebridge, told *The Echo* BRC's evidence was 'not an isolated case'.

'Thousands of young people are being systematically abused by police officers who don't understand the law, for the purpose of finding, at best, one or two pills or maybe a joint.'

Mr Shoebridge said parliament needed to act to 'constrain' police and at a minimum, to have police officers abide by existing obligations when carrying out strip searches.

'With the summer festival season about to kick off, and especially Falls over the New Year, we can't let this issue just drift because the status quo is hurting young people and destroying their

relationship with police,' he said.

### Overhaul

Mr Shoebridge's fellow Greens upper house member, Cate Faehrmann, recently announced a radical new party policy on drug reforms, including a review of police powers.

The party has also pledged to fully support Deputy State Coroner Harriet Grahame's leaked recommendations from a coronial report on drug-related deaths at NSW festivals last summer.

The recommendations included an end to drug sniffer dogs at festivals and an overhaul of strip search powers, as well as the introduction of pill testing.

### Petition planned

Ms Leigh, from the Redfern Legal Centre, said the organisation would be starting a campaign for change.

'We will be having a petition and asking people to write to their local members of parliament and the police minister,' she said.

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## Staffing ratios questioned at Feros Care Bangalow

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when they arise,' a spokesperson for the not-for-profit said.

'Should a staff member be ill or cannot come in, for whatever reason, Feros Village engages Care Agency staff to supplement the team.

'Feros Villages' Nurse Call system on average takes less than three minutes from the time a resident activates the nurse call button to a staff member in attendance.

'For example our current day shift staff to resident ratio is 4:1 and afternoon shifts at 5:1, which is well

within the industry average.

'It takes a special person to work in aged care, and we are proud of our Feros staff, who are actively involved in working groups to ensure the best running of the facility.

'Feros Care Village residents are cared for with compassion, professionalism

and the highest quality care at all times. We are a multi-award winning aged care provider and are proud of our reputation in the region.'

The spokesperson said Feros welcomed the call for more federal funding to increase the number of workers in aged care centres.

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The right advice for snake bites

Eve Jeffery

Once upon a time the first-aid for snakebite included things like tourniquets, incisions, suction, and electricity. As it turns out most of these cures are harmful and in some cases, fatal.

When the current technique of pressure and immobilisation is correctly applied, the fatality rates are drastically reduced.

The object of pressure and immobilisation is to contain venom within a bitten limb and prevent it from moving through the lymphatic system to the vital organs. The pressure prevents lymphatic drainage, and immobilisation prevents the pumping action of the skeletal muscles.

Co-Director of Emergency Medicine at Lismore Base Hospital, Lindsay Murray, says all hospitals within the Northern Rivers carry snake anti-venom.

‘Once at hospital, a patient with a suspected snake bite will undergo a series of evaluations and tests to determine whether they have been envenomed,’ he said.

‘Patients will often be

The bunnies were bopping in the Valley



Upper Main Arm School’s Music in the Valley grew up this year with a radical format change – becoming more of a music festival than a school fete. These guys, Bunny Racket, more Donny Darko than Sesame Street, got the kids bouncing around like rabbits. Sunday afternoon the upper reaches of Main Arm Valley rang with the dulcet tones of Aine Tyrrell and Harry James Angus, all served with lashings of Main Arm conviviality. Photo Jeff ‘Twitcher’ Dawson

transferred by ambulance to a larger hospital to complete investigations and treatment. Anti-venom is only administered if envenomation is confirmed, without confirmed laboratory results in very extreme circumstances.

Venom is a precious commodity for a snake and not a thing to be wasted. A snake will often dry bite more than once as a warning before envenomation.

If you see a snake, stand still – even if you are right next to it. Most times they will slither off to get away from the big stomping human as quickly as they can.

Never try to catch or kill a snake as you are more likely than not to receive a bite.

Mr Murray says that in the event of definite, or even suspected snakebite, people should: keep calm and limit all unnecessary movement, particularly of the bitten

limb; wrap the entire limb with a firm bandage at the pressure used for a sprained ankle.

Start wrapping at the toes or fingers and continue all the way up to armpit or groin. Clothing can be left in place; immobilise the bitten limb with a splint or sling; and arrange urgent transport to the nearest hospital, by ambulance if necessary.

In an emergency call triple zero (000).

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## Criminalising journalists and whistleblowers

You have a right to know what your government is doing on your behalf. It is your tax money and it is with your authority that they are managing this country, so politicians and government should be required to answer first and foremost to the people.

Yet over the past two decades they have introduced more than 75 pieces of legislation, effectively criminalising journalism and penalising whistleblowers.

These penalties exist even when whistleblowers reveal wrongdoing or important information about decisions the government is making.

### #RightToKnow

On Monday the Australian media took the unprecedented step of censoring their front pages.

Every major Australian newspaper joined a campaign led by Australia's leading media organisations and industry groups known as Australia's Right to Know.

A press release on behalf of the alliance said the front page stunt was 'a bleak warning of a future where laws continue to erode media freedom, so that governments can cover up information from the public.'

'The move aims to push the

Federal government into lifting its veil of secrecy,' the press release read, 'new research reveals that 87 per cent of Australians value a free and transparent democracy where the public is kept informed.'

### Human rights risk

'While the government withholds information relating to aged care abuse, proposed new powers to spy on ordinary citizens, and the terms of land sales to foreign companies, Australians believe these are matters they absolutely have a right to know about,' the press release continued.

'They [Australians are] also worried that the government is becoming less transparent on key public issues including the misuse of personal data, public funds spent on political campaigns, immigration and climate change.'

Examples on a local level include the Byron Shire Council's refusal to release information, including meeting minutes and engineers' reports, about the infamous Diso Dong, and dragging their feet on providing documentation on the Byron bypass.

The Byron Hospital fraud investigation recently exposed by *The Echo* again required whistleblowers to

come forward to reveal the problems at the hospital.

Australia's Right to Know campaign say it is shining the spotlight on continued threats to media freedom.

Those threats include changes to laws that will hinder attempts to hold powerful people and organisations to account by intimidating and harshly punishing those who dare to speak out, often when they have nowhere else to turn.

The campaign comes after Australian Federal Police raids on the ABC and the home of News Corp journalist Annika Smethurst in June.

'Australia is at risk of becoming the world's most secretive democracy,' ABC Managing Director David Anderson said.

'No one is above the law, but something in our democracy is not working as it should when we fail to protect people acting in the public interest.'

People can tell the government to stop the secrecy by going to [yourrighttoknow.com.au](http://yourrighttoknow.com.au) or including #RightToKnow in social posts.

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## The future of Northern Rivers' water

Aslan Shand

According to our water supplier Rous County Council (RCC) we are only one dry summer away from water restrictions. As it is water week, and there are fires burning throughout the Northern Rivers, and there isn't any rain in sight – it seems a good time to dwell on it a little.

'With a fast-growing population and a changing climate, the regional water authority is urging Northern Rivers residents to change the way they think about using water not just in the dry season, but permanently,' according to a press release from RCC who is the bulk water supplier for the Byron, Ballina, Lismore and Richmond Valley Council areas.

There is currently enough long term supply of water, or secure water yield, until 2024–28. However, the impact of increasing population (the councils and state government are preparing to grow the population by 50 per cent in the next 40 years) and climate change will leave the region short of water if new water sources aren't found.

'Northern Rivers residents have reduced their water use by 45 per cent since the 1990s. The average resident now uses around 194 litres of water per day, but there's still room to move that number down,' say RCC.

They are asking residents to reduce their water use to 160 litres per person per day.

'Despite Rocky Creek Dam being relatively full, with our current and forecast consumption, we're only one dry summer away from water restrictions,' said RCC general manager, Phillip Rudd.

The dam is the region's primary water source and is currently at 85 per cent capacity. Level one water restrictions usually start when the dam reaches 60 per cent ([rous.nsw.gov.au](http://rous.nsw.gov.au)).

'Rous' existing water sources can cater for the demand for water in the short to medium term,' said Michael McKenzie from RCC. 'However, RCC has been planning for our region's longer-term needs. The Future Water Strategy (FWS) is based on three key actions, which are to: maximise water efficiency through demand management and conservation; investigate increased

use of groundwater as a new water source; and, investigate the suitability of water re-use as an additional new water source.

'Other options, such as the Dunoon Dam, may be reconsidered if these three key actions can't meet our region's longer term needs, at an ecological and sustainable long term cost to the community.'

In the meantime rather than the state government and councils limiting the population to the available water supply, residents are being asked to buckle in and improve their water efficiency.

### Water saving tips

RCC suggests that residents follow its 9 Neat Ways to Save Water: conservatively water gardens and only before 10am and after 3pm; use a trigger nozzle for all hoses; take shorter showers; install a rainwater tank; wash cars with a bucket and on the lawn; taps off and plugs in when washing dishes or teeth; use recycled water or rainwater for laundry, toilets and gardens; use water efficient appliances; and, fix dripping taps.



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Culture challenges at Byron Hospital

Eve Jeffery

Issues at Byron Central Hospital (BCH) are still under the microscope with the Health Services Union (HSU) claiming that morale at the facility is at rock bottom following allegations of misconduct against senior hospital staff.

Secretary of the HSU NSW, Gerard Hayes, says that hospital workers are frustrated by a culture of secrecy, and by a lack of support for frontline staff.

‘There is clearly a problem with the workplace culture at Byron Central Hospital, and it’s time that hospital management and the Northern NSW Local Hospital District (NNSWLHD) took steps to address it,’ he said.

‘The HSU has been providing assistance to members on a case-by-case basis, but the issues at Byron Central are broader than a few individuals. Workers need to know that management is serious about providing both the highest quality of care for patients and a positive work

environment for staff.’

Claims refuted

Chief Executive of Northern NSW Local Health District, Wayne Jones, says the claims by the HSU are not a true reflection of the passion and conduct of the amazing staff working at BCH.

‘We highly value all staff at BCH, from those in frontline clinical roles, to domestic and support staff, as well as administrative staff.’

Mr Jones says that local and district management make it a priority to support staff and foster a positive workplace environment, to make sure staff can continue to provide a high standard of care for our community.

‘The level of care patients experience at BCH is consistently high, and this is directly thanks to our excellent staff and their commitment to patient care.’

Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith says she is meeting with Wayne Jones on 1 November to raise concerns about the recent fraud

allegations at Byron Hospital and to seek a briefing on how the Area Health Service is working to improve the work culture at the hospital.

‘I look forward to updating the community and monitoring things at BCH into the future,’ she said. ‘We know that the vast majority of nurses, doctors and staff in our public hospitals do an incredible job in very challenging work environments. I am confident that the Area Health Service will do all it can to address matters at Byron Hospital and support the staff there, moving forward.’

Mr Jones said that the Northern NSW Local Health District provide good support for frontline staff, and encourage all staff to take advantage of the available avenues which support their wellbeing and workplace culture. These avenues include: a local staff representative on the district-wide Workplace Culture Committee; taking advantage of personal or group counseling – provided through our Employee Assistance

Program (EAP); attending staff forums; raising issues or suggestions directly through line-managers or executive team members.

‘All staff are also welcome to become involved in our future planning around initiatives to foster positive culture, both at BCH and across our health district.

‘At the local and the district level, forums already exist where the HSU and NNSWLHD discuss all workplace issues, and we continue to welcome the HSU’s input in these settings’ said Mr Jones.

The 2019–20 budget for NNSWLHD is over \$875 million, this is an increase of more than \$37 million on the 2018–19 budget.

NSW Shadow Minister for Health, Ryan Park MP said that patients deserve the very best of care when they go to their local hospital.

‘The government has a responsibility to the community that our hospitals are well run and managed and focused on patient care and treatment,’ he said.

‘This issue certainly needs to be examined and both the government and the local LHD need to be open and transparent with the community about what changes will be put in place to ensure local residents are getting access to a first class health service.’

Mr Hayes said the HSU had extended an open invitation to hospital management to meet and discuss initiatives to improve the workplace culture.

‘The hospital is a first-rate facility, but currently it’s a third-rate working environment,’ he said.

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# Support grows to legalise pot

Aslan Shand

While the NSW conservative government continues the hard-on-drugs line, with significant increases in roadside drug testing (RDT) being pushed, recent polling has revealed that there is increasing support for legalising marijuana in Australia.

According to the research by Roy Morgan (<https://bit.ly/2P7xZb5>) 'increasing numbers of Australians across all age groups want to legalise marijuana'.

Local Lennox Head solicitor Sally Macpherson has highlighted that the legalisation of cannabis in other countries, and its proven benefits in medical treatment, are what is driving the change.

'Part of the growing drive to legalise cannabis is the medical research that has revealed the benefits of cannabinoids. We have an endocannabinoid system that is like our lymphatic and nervous systems. This means that we have cannabinoid receptors throughout our bodies. This discovery, in the 1990s, drove significant research into the cannabis



plant. There has been a change in the role of cannabis in our lives, and it is having success in treating conditions like epilepsy, anxiety and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).'

Greens MP and Drug Law Reform and Harm Reduction spokesperson Cate Faehrmann agrees saying that, 'Taxing and regulating cannabis would have so many benefits. It would provide more funding for treatment programs, it would unclog our courts and allow the police to focus on actual crime, and it would remove a drug that one in three Australians have used out of the black market.'

According to the polling, 18 to 35 year-olds are most likely to support legalisation and this is the part of the population where opinion has

shifted the greatest degree over the last four years.

'In 2015 only 36 per cent of 18 to 24 year-olds supported legalisation, now 50 per cent do. The next age-group up, 25 to 34 year-olds, has also seen a dramatic rise in support, from 34 per cent in 2015 to 46 per cent now,' they stated in a press release.

The two groups least likely to support legalisation are 14 to 17 year olds and 65+ however, both these groups have seen a shift of nine and seven per cent respectively towards supporting legalisation.

'With jurisdictions overseas reaping the economic and social benefits of legalising marijuana, it's obvious why more and more Australians want the same thing to happen here,' said Ms Faehrmann.

Medical cannabis workshops are running this weekend on October 26 and 27 at the Nimbin Bush Theatre, 11am till 4pm. Dr Deb Waldron and Dr Pot himself, Andrew Katelaris, are both coming for the weekend and Dr John Teh from PlantMed is a popular return speaker. Donation at the door.

## Celebrating 30 years of celebrating local history



Mullumbimby Historical Society treasurer Susan Tsiclis in one of the newly reconstructed exhibitions at the Mullum Museum's renovated machinery shed. Last Saturday saw a joint celebration of the Mullumbimby Market's 30th birthday and the re-opening of the wonderful displays in the machinery shed. The markets run every third Saturday and the museum is open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am till 12. Photo Jeff Dawson

## GHD, the Byron bypass, and costly FOIs

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire Council (BSC) have responded to concerns over the use of GHD as the contractors working on Byron Shire Council's referral to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE).

Last week Stop Adani Byron Shire highlighted that the council had passed a resolution in November 2017 that stated they would no longer contract companies that were involved with the Adani Carmichael coal mine.

A Council spokesperson told *The Echo* that, 'Council's view is that the preparation of the referral to the DoEE by consultants GHD was not a new service but an extension of their engagement for the Environmental Assessment

of the Bypass Project.

'The engagement included a range of assessments which also included the consideration of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Referral to the DoEE was not considered necessary in the first instance, but due to recent representations to DoEE and outcomes, and findings associated with compliance with the project consent conditions, stage 2 of the project has now been referred.'

### FOI not free

The Byron Environment Centre (BEC) has been seeking documents from Byron Shire Council on the Byron bypass, their processes and decision making. Last week *The Echo* reported that the

council had informed the BEC that their GIPA (Freedom of Information) request would cost over \$20,000. Since then the Council and BEC have worked to narrow the terms of the GIPA, however, it is still thousands of dollars.

Responding to the refined request Council told BEC president John Lazarus that the 'application satisfies the criteria of being of special interest to the public.' As a result Council will give BEC a 50 per cent discount on the revised cost of \$4,722.50 reducing it to \$2,361.25.

'One would hope that the BSC would be more open and transparent about what is going on with the bypass process, particularly the biodiversity values,' said former Mayor, Jan Barham.

## Recognising the important role of volunteers



Volunteers at the Byron Community Centre (BCC) were recognised for their important impact on the local community. The 2019 Volunteers of the Year Awards ceremony, supported by The Centre for Volunteering, took place in Lismore. Pictured receiving their awards are: Pippy Wardell, Anna Parker, Andrew Mignot, Brian Neal, Colleen Arnott, David Myers who formed the BCC Homeless Breakfast Hub and the Seniors Day Activities teams. 'We are very happy about the recognition our volunteers received for their contribution,' says Cherie Bromley, community projects manager at BCC. 'We want to extend a huge thank you to both teams, and are grateful for the essential work they do every week at the BCC, and the positive impact both teams have on our local community.'

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MMP offers ‘vision’ for Mullum says Cr Cameron

Aslan Shand

Cr Basil Cameron, who chaired the Mullumbimby Masterplan (MMP) group acknowledged flooding concerns raised in *The Echo* last week regarding rezoning areas to the south of Mullumbimby known as precinct 4, including Lot 22. But Cr Cameron told *The Echo* the MMP is about giving guidance to the broader connectivity of the town.

He said the MMP ‘acknowledges the current and potential future characteristics of each precinct and where relevant refers to work underway as part of other Council plans such as the Draft Residential Strategy (DRS)’.

‘Any future residential development is dependent on the outcome of the DRS and is subject to ongoing flood studies within the precinct as well as the broader update of the North Byron Flood Plain Risk Management Plan,’ he said.

Keeping it Mullum

According to Cr Cameron the real importance of the MMP is about how the vision of the town is taken forward

and what Mullum will become in the longer term. How to create connectivity between the different areas of the town and ensure it remains a place where people want to shop and be. And there are many challenges around what it means to keep Mullum as a place where there is community connection and affordable retail rentals that don’t exclude local businesses.

‘It is important to understand the history and values of early European settlement such as self-reliance, strong and resilient communities, and note how these align with the ideals of later settlers and the community today,’ Cr Cameron said. ‘This provides a solid foundation to build a thriving future for our town.’

The MMP acknowledges the challenges of the changing economic climate and demographics, stating that ‘Rents in the town centre are on the rise, with many commercial premises experiencing steep price climbs in the last 12 months...

‘As rising property prices push out local, smaller scale businesses in favour of big brand stores, it will be vital

that Mullumbimby actively support local businesses.’

The next Byron

Mullumbimby is identified as being a service town; a place where you can come and get your groceries, your watch fixed, pick up a new TV, visit the hardware store, get a taste of some classic Mullum, or see the doctor. The question is how do you maintain reasonable rents for these important, diverse local businesses as land prices increase and expectations build that the returns on retail rent in the town can be higher?

In Byron Bay the result has been that local businesses are pushed out as the rents increase, either heading to the Arts and Industry Estate or closing for good.

As rents increase, only high street brands are able to afford them. This ultimately changes the character of the town as it loses the quirky, interesting and different businesses that originally attracted people here.

Part of the solution put forward in the MMP is ‘the expansion of commercial areas and placemaking initiatives... [and] a conscious decision to grow

in existing urban areas.’ Cr Cameron says that it is important to ‘acknowledge the demographic trends and projections and the challenges these are bringing.


‘We did a mobility and access study for the town and this was a key driver in putting forward the green spine along Stuart Street and reducing traffic on the Main Street so that it is more pedestrian friendly. It is about how we activate the town and bring together the different parts to help keep people here to live, work and play.’

For my two cents’ worth – perhaps the Chamber of Commerce and BSC or other groups can get together and create a cooperative to buy up some local retail land in Mullum with the express purpose of keeping rents low and locals businesses in place.

What are your ideas? Come on Mullum, it’s time to use that wild imagination, and streak for innovation that you are famed for!

Take a look at the MMP and get your comments and thoughts to Council online: <https://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Place-planning/Our-Mullumbimby-Masterplan>.

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# Jam-packed program keeps bringing the joy

Following a dazzling start to the festival at the weekend, the second half begins today, providing countless reasons to be cheerful. Not least is the re-appearance in Byron of multi-talented Joel Jackson to introduce one of this year's most uplifting films.

Joel is among a stellar line-up of Australian talent alongside Emma Booth, Deborah Mailman and Richard Roxburgh in *H Is For Happiness*, which also features Miriam Margolyes and Daisy Axon as an irrepressible girl devising schemes to lift her family out of the emotional doldrums.

Co-produced by Julie Ryan (*Red Dog*), *H Is For Happiness* is just what the feelgood doctor ordered in these unsettling times. It's so good that BBFF is screening it twice, and the ever-upbeat Joel is just the person to present it.

He is one of many filmmakers, actors, writers and musicians attending the festival to present their films and socialise with film fans and industry peeps.

Australian-born and Paris-based Josephine Mackerras is in town for a week for the Byron premiere of her sexual emancipation drama *Alice*, which picked up the Grand Jury Prize at SXSW this year.

Mackerras will be at the Byron Community centre this afternoon (Wednesday, 23 October) to talk about *Alice* following its screening.

To reveal the storyline of *Alice* would be to spoil it: suffice to say that it's a stylish, suspenseful portrait of a marriage that's not all it seems. More specifically, it skewers gender double-standards through a story of



1. *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*. 2. Miriam Margolyes and Daisy Axon in *H Is For Happiness*. 3. Damon Herriman and Mia Wasikowska in *Judy and Punch*. 4. Rusty Tidenberg in *Why Can't I Be Me? Around You*. 5. *We Will Remember Them*.



a woman's reclamation of her power when she is placed in a desperate situation. It's handled deftly, with oh-so-French flair and some funny, empathetic glances at male insecurity.

Later tonight (still Wednesday), Jack Bailey will present his mesmerising cinematic meditation on the wonders of wild nature in *Continuum 01 - South in Self Exile*, which

precedes *Pacifico*, the philosophical-surf pilgrimage from Byron Bay's Christian Gibson and Chris Gooley.

Both films celebrate the South American landscape: in *South in Self Exile* the camera watches clouds as they pass or wrap around South America's rugged mountains. Watching it, you'll find yourself slowing down – the perfect appetiser for the Byron lads' laidback adventures in the water and pampas villages.

The Latin theme continues with a second screening of *Eliades Ochoa From Cuba to the World* at the Brunswick Picture House tomorrow, Thursday. Director Cynthia Biestek will be on hand to answer questions – though audience members will have to refrain from their abandoned Latin dancing and resume their seats before she can begin.

*In My Blood It Runs* screens at the Byron Community Centre for a second time on Friday, with a discussion panel afterwards featuring director Maya Newell and others.

Newell's film focuses on a 10-year-old Aboriginal boy, Dujuan Hoosan, a gifted traditional healer. High-spirited, intelligent, questioning, he finds the lessons about Captain Cook's 'discovery' of Australia confusing. He feels demeaned and starts to act out, which gets him into trouble. Like so many black kids before him, he seems destined for the revolving door of the prison system. Last month, two years after the film, he spoke about the age of criminal responsibility at the United Nations.

Other films to be followed by discussions include *Dosed* at Brunswick Picture House tonight (Wednesday October 23) and *Manus*, a short doco on the men standing their ground in the refugee camp on the island in 2016. It's the work of Lennox Head artist Angus McDonald, who will front the panel, which will also talk about the accompanying film, *For Sama* (Byron Community Centre, Sunday at 7pm).

In *For Sama*, we are brought face-to-face with some of the conditions such men are fleeing, in Aleppo, northern Syria, a region once again in the news as a crucible of human suffering. If you are not 'woke' already, you will be after these two films.

*Julia Blue* is also set near a war-zone – the

hidden conflict in Eastern Ukraine, but it's a love story, and another intriguing look at a woman forging her own path.

That theme carries into one of the most wild and offbeat films screening, Mirrah Foulkes' unique and brilliant *Judy and Punch*, which takes the traditional misogynistic puppeteer story, sets it in a barbaric 17th Century otherworld, and gives it good shake. Women are also doing it for themselves in the gorgeous *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*, a more traditional period drama, with a storyline that pushes against the conventions of its day.

Queer politics also form the basis of Harrod Blank's *Why Can't I Be Me? Around You*, in which drag-racing Burning Man enthusiast and trans woman Rusty Tidenberg challenges the blokey milieu she lives in. Rusty is an entertaining subject, but her story is a poignant one.

There's plenty of that in *From Music Into Silence*. Peter Roberts – who plays music to people as they are dying – finds some of his assignments almost too much to bear. He's a comforting hero, but there's a personal toll.

Leunig is another national hero ... pricking and comforting the conscience of the country with his witty, provocative cartoons. But he too pays a price, as we see in the fascinating documentary, *The Leunig Fragments*.

There's an abundance of other beautiful, moving portraits – of a land mass (*An Island In the Continent*); threatened species, the Northern white rhino in *Kifaru*, salmon in *Guardian*; and individuals (the troubled muso in *This World Won't Break*); and a generation (the witty *We Will Remember Them*).

The Festival's Closing Night film, *The Cave* is garnering attention from the world's media and tickets are selling fast for the red carpet gala event on Saturday. It's at the Community Centre, where a couple of hundred people will don their gladdest rags, watch the film, then party like it's 2020. The closing night gala is always a memorable event, a highlight on the Byron calendar. Everyone is welcome.

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Open up your heart and help where the government has failed

Charles Boyle

While we all face challenges on life’s journey – triumph and defeat, love and loss – we have the great good fortune to be living in the beautiful Northern Rivers. As a community, we offer assistance to those in need and accept fellow travellers without prejudice; we try not to judge, but value true justice. Our social fabric is one of our great assets and it draws people from across the world.

So spare a thought for one of our mob, 11 year old Josie Boyd of Ballina, whose life path is more difficult than most of us could ever imagine. Josie was born with a rare and debilitating genetic disorder called GAN (Giant axonal neuropathy), which attacks the neural pathways in the brain and spine. It wasn’t a choice, it was the life she was born into. Josie has great difficulty doing the things we all take for granted - walking, playing, talking - even breathing, but she is supported by a loving family with doting parents and three siblings. GANS means that her life will be short and painful.

In 2013 Prime Minister Julia Gillard established the National Disability Insurance Scheme to provide full funding for necessary support needs of people with permanent and significant disabilities – people like Josie Boyd and thousands of other Australian citizens. \$14.3 billion was committed to the scheme, to be funded by a 0.5 per cent increase in the Medicare levy. In the first nine months, 5,400 disabled Australian



benefitted from the scheme. Initially it was estimated that the NDIS would employ 10,000 staff, but when Tony Abbot took power in 2013 the staff level was capped at 3,000. Then, in the 2016 Budget delivered by Treasurer Scott Morrison, \$2.1 billion dollars was cut from the NDIS. In 2015, Josie was promised a wheelchair, but it never arrived.

Under the Liberal coalition government, cuts to the NDIS kept coming until in 2019 Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announced a budget surplus of \$7.1 billion. According to Greens spokesman on Disability Services, Senator Jordan Steel-John, 23 per cent of the budget surplus (\$ 2.1 billion) came from cuts to the NDIS. ‘That surplus is built on the backs of disabled people. That’s sick’.

While politicians played political football with the lives of disabled Australians, Josie still didn’t receive her wheelchair, so her condition deteriorated. In July 2019 the ABC’s coverage of Josie’s story shamed the NDIS into

finally delivering the promised electric wheelchair and a specialised bed. The wheelchair arrived at Josie’s school with great fanfare and many cameras, but it was too little, too late. Josie’s physiotherapy and occupational therapy funds have run out and she needs a breathing machine, a beach wheelchair and bath equipment. Two months ago Josie’s mother Naomi had to stop working as a teacher to care for her. This local family is doing it tough.

Because budget cuts denied Josie her wheelchair when she needed it, four years ago, her condition has seriously deteriorated. In a few weeks she will have a spinal fusion operation and have a rod inserted into her spine. She has a 30 to 50 per cent chance of surviving the operation.

Josie Boyd and her family are suffering, and they need emotional and financial support.

The Ballina Fox Street Preschool has set up a GoFundMe page for Josie at: [gofundme.com/f/y95mp-josie-needs-our-help](https://gofundme.com/f/y95mp-josie-needs-our-help). This isn’t for a holiday, or a new car – this is to pay for medical attention and equipment.

Lennox Head local Joanna Pinner, from Lash On Wax Off, heard about Josie and decided to help. She has organised a 70s & 80s disco at the Lennox Head Surf Club on Saturday November 9 to raise funds. Tickets can be purchased online at: [fundraising4josie.eventbookings.com](https://fundraising4josie.eventbookings.com).

Do your karma a favour. Share your good fortune by giving some joy to Josie Boyd.

The grief we’re causing the reef

Paul Bibby

Is climate change destroying the Great Barrier Reef (GBR)?

For some the question might be a no-brainer: rising sea temperatures bleach coral, right? But there are some, including the Federal Environment Minister herself, who stop well short of accepting this.

It is the search for clear and irrefutable evidence as to what is happening on the reef that is driving researchers from Southern Cross University (SCU) as they sail across northern Australian waters on board the CSIRO research vessel *Investigator*.

The scientists are conducting experiments to better understand the role of ‘upwelling’ on nitrogen supply to the GBR.

‘Upwelling – when cold water rises up from the deep ocean floor – is a natural phenomenon caused by winds and currents, but often goes unnoticed,’ said Professor Dirk Erler, from the university’s Centre for Coastal Biogeochemistry.

‘It provides essential nutrients for corals and fish. Upwelling also cools the reef, so this is really important as ocean temperatures

continue to increase.’

Professor Erler and PhD researcher Tom Glaze are looking to measure the ‘stable isotope fingerprint’ of nitrogen in deep ocean water along the edge of the continental shelf down to 3,000m as the RV *Investigator* travels between Brisbane and Darwin.

‘Once we measure the isotope signature of deep ocean nitrogen we will look for it in the skeletons of corals living on the edge of the reef,’ said Dr Erler.

‘Because we know how old these coral skeletons are, we can create a history of upwelling over the past few centuries. The ultimate goal is to determine if upwelling is becoming more, or less common as a result of climate change.’

The researchers are also using shipboard equipment to measure nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas, in the deep ocean as well as in the shallow surface water and the atmosphere – the first time this has been done in the Coral Sea.

► Read more on *Echonetdaily* [www.echo.net.au/scu-scientists-explore-much-grief-causing-reef](http://www.echo.net.au/scu-scientists-explore-much-grief-causing-reef)



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

Email: [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au)

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### APPLICATIONS APPROVED

**10.2019.435.1 – GOONENGERRY, 25 Goonengerry Road**

Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

**10.2019.462.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 7 Argyle Street** 1.5m Front Fence

**10.2019.188.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 24 Rajah Road**

Subdivision Two (2) Lots

**10.2019.319.1 – BANGALOW, 29 Green Frog Lane**

Dwelling House and Secondary Dwelling

**10.2019.289.1 – EWINGSDALE, 100 Quarry Lane** Alterations to

Existing Shed to create Expanded Dwelling and Carport

**10.2015.753.2 – GOONENGERRY, 134 Goonengerry Mill Road**

S4.55 to Modify Conditions of Consent to Remove Yoga Studio

**10.2017.536.3 – OCEAN SHORES, 10 Namoi Glen**

S4.55 to Modify position of Secondary Dwelling

**10.2017.336.2 – MAIN ARM, 921 Main Arm Road** S4.55 to Delete

Condition 5 of Consent Requiring a Vegetation Management Plan

**10.2019.416.2 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 59 Hyrama Crescent**

S4.55 to Modify Shed Location

**10.2019.270.2 – MULLUMBIMBY, 11 Loriekeet Lane**

S4.55 for Design Modification to Dwelling House

**10.2019.372.2 – BANGALOW, 2/111 Fowlers Lane** S4.55 to

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

**Community Initiatives Program – Applications close:  
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure).

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

### EXHIBITION CLOSES 30 OCTOBER 2019

There are no DAs to be advertised in the newspaper for this date

### EXHIBITION CLOSES 6 NOVEMBER 2019

**10.2019.520.1 – Wilsons Creek, 859 Wilsons Creek Road**

**(Lot 1 DP 212621)** Mr P Johnstone, Use of Existing Unauthorised Structure as a Studio

**10.2019.420.1 – Brunswick Heads, 28 Newberry Parade (Lot**

**1 Sec 6 D 758171)** Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House, New Carport, Storage Room and 1.8m High Fence

**10.2019.517.1 – Byron Bay, 2 Gallagher Street (Lot 10 DP 271119)**

Planners North, Mixed Use Development (Stage 4 Habitat)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### PLANNING PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE MINIMUM LOT SIZE STANDARDS FOR 'MANOR HOUSE' AND 'MULTI DWELLING HOUSING (TERRACES)'

The Planning Proposal to introduce minimum lot size standards for 'manor house' (residential flat building containing 3 or 4 dwellings) and 'multi dwelling housing (terraces)' is on exhibition for a period of 4 weeks from 23 October to 22 November 2019.

The objective of this planning proposal is to amend Clause 4.1E of Byron LEP 2014 to insert minimum lot size standards for 'manor houses' and 'multi dwelling housing (terraces)'. The planning proposal has been prepared to provide consistency with Council's current low rise medium density controls for the R2 and R3 residential zones.

Your feedback is important to us. The Planning Proposal and supporting information are available at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

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 lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Make a submission" section within Council's advertising.

**Submissions close: 22 November 2019**

Enquiries: Steve Daniels 02 6626 7315

## 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

## COUNCIL IS OFFERING "FREE HERITAGE ADVICE" 1 NOVEMBER 2019

Council provides a free heritage advisory service to owners of heritage properties. The objective is to help owners maintain the character and style of their properties and protect places that have heritage significance by providing design assistance.

Our friendly heritage adviser will be available by appointment on 1 November 2019 to provide informal advice on various issues including:

- Pre-lodgment development application advice on developments affecting heritage items and properties within heritage conservation areas (or properties adjacent to a heritage item or heritage conservation area);
- Highlighting particular design issues that may need to be considered; and
- Advice on maintenance and restoration.

**TIME: 8:30am to 12pm**

Booking is essential as time and places are restricted bookings can be made via [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/heritage-advisory](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/heritage-advisory). Please call Noreen Scott 02 6626 7062.

## ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2012 (AMENDMENT 4)

At the Ordinary meeting of 17 October, 2019, Council resolved to adopt **Development Contributions Plan 2012 (Amendment 4)**. The plan comes into force 7 days after the publication of this notice.



## Draconian NSW regulations could drive out festivals

Two of Byron's biggest events, Falls and Splendour in the Grass, are reportedly considering leaving NSW due to the state government's proposed new draconian safety regulations.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* has reported today that the two events are among a raft of music festivals that are thinking about leaving the state if the

government introduces the new safety rules, without giving their concerns due consideration.

'Uncertainty and a lack of meaningful consultation has a punitive effect on our businesses, the creative economy, jobs and tourism in live music in NSW,' say Australian Festival Association, Live Performance Australia & APRA AMCOS, in a statement.

While the music industry has repeatedly offered to work with government they saw new legislation for music festivals introduced by this government without any consultation, said Adelle Robinson, Managing Director of Fuzzy Operations.

► Read more on *Echonetdaily* [www.echo.net.au/splendour-falls-talk-leaving-town](http://www.echo.net.au/splendour-falls-talk-leaving-town)

## Travelling the world by not-air

Following the success of her first book *Bucket Lists and Walking Sticks*, local Brunswick Heads author, Emma Scattergood, is shortly to take off again in search of inspiration for book number two. Accompanied by her husband Darryl and his walking stick, this time the two plan to circumnavigate the globe, avoiding air-travel as much as possible.

Their only flights will be those from Australia to Beijing, China. Here they will use the Trans-Mongolian Express to cross China, Mongolia and Russia. The conditions will be wintery – with temperatures expected to drop to minus 14 during their time experiencing a Ger camp in the Gobi Desert.

From Moscow, twenty-one additional train journeys and a ferry across the Adriatic will see them traverse Europe. From there, they will embark on a seven-week voyage home across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans via the Panama Canal.

'It's going to be a lot more complex, and a lot colder for us this time. But Darryl's



Emma Scattergood with husband Darryl are preparing for another global adventure. Photo Jeff Dawson

accident, that left him with life-changing injuries, taught us it's important, and healthy, to get out there and see the world,' said Emma.

'Our entire trip will be documented through our site Darma Travels, so follow us and see how we manage.'

## Koala inquiry at Ballina raises alarm

Eve Jeffery

From human and canid invasion and loss of habitat, to fires and other natural disasters, koalas have been having a really tough time. More recently an estimated 700 koalas may have perished in the Rappville fires.

Last Friday the Upper House Inquiry into koala populations and habitat in NSW was sitting at the RSL in Ballina. Local activists marked the occasion with a 'koala funeral' commemorating the many thousands of animals who have died due to human actions.

Around 100 people attended the funeral including Dailan Pugh from the North East Forest Alliance. He said they gathered to pay their respects to the koalas that are killed every day.

The parliamentary committee overseeing the inquiry heard that recent bushfires had burned through three of the most significant koala populations on the North Coast: those in the Braemar, Carwong and Royal Camp State Forests.

Greens upper house MP Cate Faehrmann wrote of 'alarming evidence' heard at



Dailan Pugh at the koala funeral in Ballina. Photo Tree Faerie

the inquiry.

'We understand that the general public, including wildlife rescuers, appear to be unable to enter these forests,' said Ms Faehrmann. 'However, the Committee heard that one member of the public, who ignored the ban, located an injured koala and joey in Braemar State Forest that were rescued and are now being cared for.'

In the lead-up to the Ballina inquiry Dailan Pugh said the Byron Shire Council didn't give 'a stuff' about koalas.

However, Mayor Simon Richardson says Mr Pugh's unrelenting Council bashing has been going on for decades and shows no signs of relenting.

'Rather than "not giving a

stuff", I'll share what Council has, and is, doing,' said Mr Richardson.

'In the recent past Council completed its award winning Koala Connections 2012-16 project with outcomes that included over 73,000 trees planted on over 120 sites,' he said. 'Council recently began the Byron Habitat Corridors 2017-20 project, and is also currently working alongside other councils and koala groups on many projects including the North-east Hinterland Regional Koala Project, the North Coast Koala Linkage Project 2017-20, to connect human communities and better assist in assisting local koala populations to recover, and the Koala Watch Project 2017-20, working on early detection of the major threats to koala populations, and to undertake actions that reduce or eliminate threats.'

'Council is committed to continually look to find ways to achieve better koala support outcomes, and as always, I continue to offer an invitation to Dailan to seek information from us, or work alongside Council to achieve these outcomes.'

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## The cost of bushfires

The fire season has started early this year and is running hot with thousands of acres being burnt. You don't need to look further than the recent loss of lives, houses and animals – not to mention the disastrous impact on wildlife – at Rappville (see p16), Wardell, Drake, Tenterfield, Binna Burra – the list continues to grow.

The cost of bushfires in lives is high and the dollar value of lost homes and properties is already in the multi-millions of dollars this year in NSW alone. Yet the entire response system relies on volunteer fire fighters who receive no payment or compensation for their time. The Rural Fire Service (RFS) and State Emergency Services (SES) are struggling to recruit younger members and this system is becoming extremely vulnerable.

Seventy thousand of the people we rely on to contain and put out current and future blazes across NSW are volunteers. These women and men not only give up their time throughout the year to train and learn the skills they need to fight fires safely, but also are then called upon to fight the fires both locally and in other regions.

The local volunteer fire brigades have been calling heavily on their volunteers recently to form teams to go, at times for up to five days, to places like Drake, Tenterfield and Wardell to fight the fires.

They are not paid, and while large companies do often continue to pay their RFS volunteer employees when they are called out, most volunteers are giving up their paid employment to fight the fires. For a small local business owner or employee, sole trader or freelancer to go and fight the fires costs them their wages and potential future business every time they are called away. This is the same for the SES, whose volunteers respond to the needs of the community during flooding and extreme weather events.

These groups are always seeking new volunteers to come on board and train. Yet they are struggling to attract younger members who have the time to both train and then attend callouts.

Volunteer services like the RFS and SES were often started by the community in response to a need to provide training and coordinated responses to fire and flooding. They are based on the need to come together to help each other – often because there would otherwise be no help. But as local populations grow and demographics change, they bring the expectation that the services they are used to receiving in the cities will be provided in rural regions – without their involvement. The result is that it is becoming more challenging to provide a volunteer response in emergencies.

We live in a world where everyone seems to be running flat-out just to keep up with their own lives, from jobs and children to social media. The cost of not having a strong base of volunteers needs to be addressed by government at all levels.

The government needs to recognise the increasing risk of fires and flooding because of the impacts of the climate emergency and a surging population. The important role these people play needs to be recognised with some form of payment or compensation for their service and loss of income.

You can join the RFS or SES from the age of 16. To get involved contact your local brigade or go online to apply. RFS: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer) Join-the-NSW-RFS or SES: [www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer)

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## Australian economy – not in safe hands

At last Scott Morrison's torpid government realises that it is in danger of being mugged by reality. Not yet, of course – there are still a few peaceful weeks in which ignorance will remain bliss, in which wishful thinking may be preserved in the hope of another ScoMo miracle. But after last week's report from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), it is no longer feasible to pretend that the Australian economy is in safe hands and can continue to muddle through without at least a modicum of intervention.

The IMF is, as always, tactful and cautious – the problem is a global one; many of the issues are beyond the control of individual governments, the international slowdown will not be countered unless the international situation can be remedied. But even within the scenario of doom and gloom, the Australian malaise stands out. Growth will be slashed over the coming year, and the little Aussie battler, the survivor of 28 years of uninterrupted positive progress, is in real trouble, with no obvious relief in sight.

Australia's growth is now expected to be feeble than that of Greece, long derided as a failed economy, the basket case of Europe. The apologists insist that the comparison is absurd – Greece actually went into recession, and is now recovering from a very low base. But that is precisely the point: Greece is on the way up, while Australia is on the way down. And it is not a gentle decline, a managed correction: it is a plummet.

The new figures forecast indicate a drop of more than a full percentage point in just over 12 months, a plunge of nearly a third on the earlier prediction. This is not just a minor glitch – it is a dive into the unknown. But it isn't entirely unexpected; serious economists, notably those from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), have been warning for many months that the wheels have been falling off, and that the government's response – or rather the lack of it – has been utterly inadequate to reverse the trend.

Morrison and his troops, especially his determinedly optimistic treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, have simply denied the bad news, and last week they continued to hold their leaky lines: this was

not a time for panic, what was needed was the calm, stable and measured approach that could only be delivered by the coalition.

The trouble is that the approach has been less 'calm, stable and measured', than catatonic; in keeping faith with his quiet Australians, Morrison has been hitting the valium, sedating his denialism with assurances that even if there were a few headwinds, things could have been much worse – and would

about everything else. The RBA's ambition for a 4.5 per cent number, which it says is necessary to start wages moving again, looks further away than ever.

Not much to cheer about, and given the prestige of the international body, even Morrison is reluctant to shoot the messenger. So instead, he is preparing to try and find a few more helpful envoys of his own. But first, as always, procrastinate: wait for next month's figures, because improbably, but just

possibly, the long awaited trickle of the interest rate reductions and tax cuts will finally dribble through to a cash-splash from consumers and investors alike. Then the economy will rebound – like an ibex on steroids – glory, hallelujah! And if – when – that does not happen, just wait a bit longer, until the Silly Season, when, with any luck, there will be plenty of distractions before this financial year's Mid-Year

Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) is revealed.

Morrison's spin doctors are presumably already massaging the unavoidable MYEFO, because this time there will be no place to hide: but this does not mean they will not obfuscate and dissemble, because that is what they do.

Even Frydenberg is preparing the ground for some kind of tentative back-down – let's face it, he would look pretty silly if he finally delivered his cherished surplus in the depths of a recession.

So there are, just visible, signs of movement – come December, that the situation could be reviewed. Obviously the surplus must remain sacrosanct, but it could, perhaps, be shaved, tweaked a little, to provide a touch of the stimulus which just about everyone else has been pleading for, for months. Even Morrison is wavering – he has suddenly discovered that surplus is not just an end in itself, but an economic tool – perhaps like himself. A surplus is predominantly insurance against economic stagnation. And the first step is for Morrison and Frydenberg to admit the clear evidence that the stagnation exists. They may not accept the verdict of the IMF, a bunch of unelected foreigners, but if it is confirmed by the MYEFO, this will be the king hit – reality will strike back. And then, Merry Christmas.

**Growth will be slashed over the coming year, and the little Aussie battler... is in real trouble, with no obvious relief in sight.**  
Mungo MacCallum



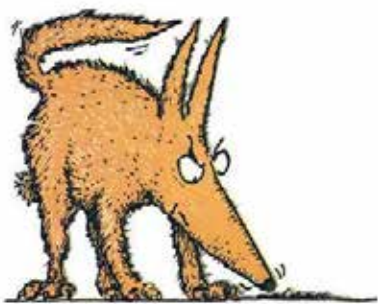
have been, if the reckless, destructive, wrecking-ball policies of Labor had been in play. Well, that is at least debatable – but in any case it is utterly irrelevant. Labor, as Morrison keeps telling us whenever he gets the chance, in fact lost the last election, and its former policies no longer apply – nor is it likely that they will be rehashed in 2022, not that anyone – let alone Morrison – is looking that far ahead.

His hypothetical fairy story exists entirely within his own delusional bubble; screaming about \$387 billion worth of new taxes (there weren't, in fact, but why spoil a good lie) has nothing to do with anything. And bragging about all the new jobs he has created, which have only kept pace with the rate of immigration, is almost equally meaningless at a time when real per capita living standards are dropping.

Morrison and Frydenberg tried to make a big deal over the September unemployment figure – it fell marginally, but only because the participation rate also dropped, indicating not that things were improving, but that some discouraged punters had now given up trying to find work. And the bad news is that the IMF reckons that not only will unemployment be stuck in the doldrums for the next two years, but it might even get worse – as might just



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Billi op-shop

Rebecca McNaught, your criticism of op-shop prices in the Byron Shire is a false generalisation – have you checked out ALL of the Shire’s op-shops?

In relation to the Billi shop, many regular customers will testify that its prices are entirely reasonable, and nearly always cheap! Our shop is well laid out and has a large range of quality products including many quality clothes, some new (with tags). I urge you, Rebecca, to come and check us out, and you will be sure to find what you are looking for at a reasonable price.

Ian Lee  
Ocean Shores

The BCH allegations

Re The ongoing allegations of fraud by senior staff at Byron central. It seems there are contradictory interpretations of NSW DH policy. Mr Jones is still maintaining that ‘investigations into misconduct are confidential’, ignoring (or denying) that this matter is more serious. Thankfully Mr Parks MP and Ms Smith MP state that if allegations are of fraudulent and criminal behaviour, then the matter should be referred to police.

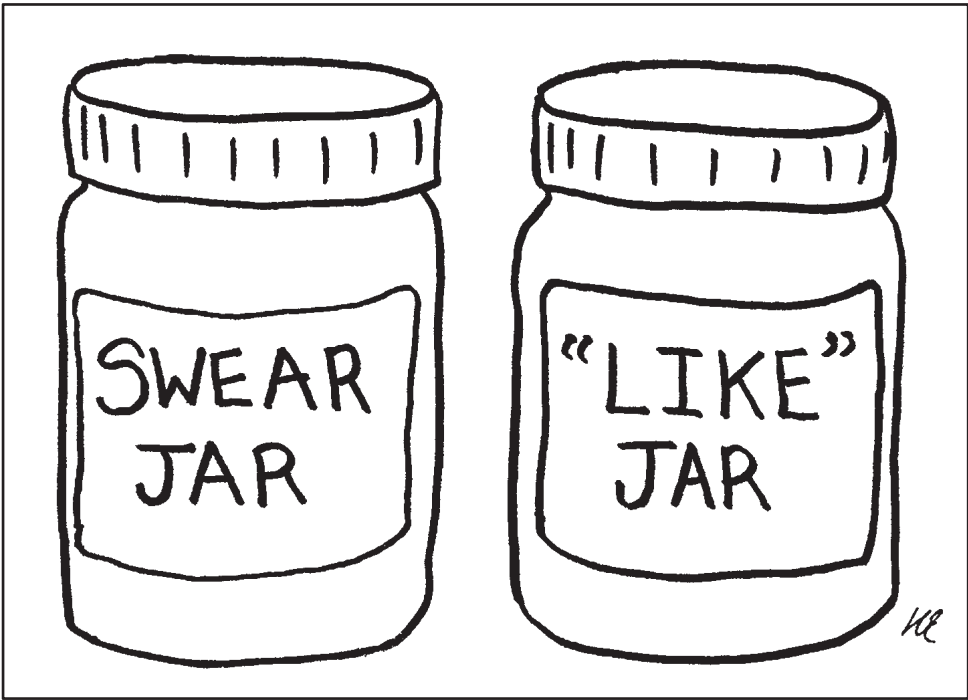
The community would appreciate, and expect Ms Smith to inform us of the outcome of her ‘requested urgent meeting’ with Mr Jones.

Mr Jones, I would strongly remind you that it is not any journalistic articles that are undermining ‘the great work our health workers do every day.

This type of puerile, paternalistic attempt to distract from the serious issues at hand is an embarrassment coming from a person in your position (whose salary is paid by us!).

Undermining nurses and ancillary staff at the coal face is a culture of management practices based on nepotism and reward for sycophantic behaviour. Health needs mature ethical moral leadership at nurse-manager level. You have work to do Mr Jones, culture change starts at the top.

M. J Crompton  
BHSci.(nsg),  
Grad Dip Gerontology  
Mullumbimby



Cartoon by Holly English – www.hollyenglish.com

Rates strike

In a letter published in *The Echo* on August 7 this year I wrote ‘If Council is unable to understand public safety or the millions of dollars in damage to our cars every year, perhaps they will understand a rates strike’.

I have recently received a reminder notice for my unpaid August rates instalment, and would like you to explain why I should pay my rates when Council is unable or unwilling to maintain the roads that I depend on in a safe and fit-for-use condition.

I acknowledge that Council has been repairing potholes in places, but the work seems to be haphazard and random. For example, potholes have been repaired at both ends of Myocum Road, but a number of potholes in the middle, near the intersection with Possum Shoot Road and Kennedys Lane, have not been repaired and presumably won’t be until the next round of repairs, possibly in several months.

Similarly, potholes on much of Main Arm Road were repaired a week or two after residents painted them white, but that only went as far as the Palmwoods turnoff. Potholes at Upper Main Arm beyond that turnoff have not been repaired, and similarly I presume won’t be for several months.

We also have safety issues every year with Council’s failure to properly maintain roadside vegetation, allowing grass to grow up to 2m high right to the edge of the narrow bitumen road on bends and causeway approaches. despite Customer Requests, emails,

phone calls and submissions to Council meetings.

It seems that if you live more than a certain distance from town you are treated as a second class ratepayer, but still of course expected to pay your rates on time.

Please explain why I should pay my rates when Council does not supply some of the services which these rates are supposed to cover, such as safe and fit-for-use roads.

Matthew Lambourne  
Mullumbimby

Purpose of school

Sue McLeod’s letter (*Echo* 9/10) in response to Stephen McIlhatton’s (*Echo* 25/9) is a list of symptoms, the cause of which she doesn’t acknowledge, but which Stephen mentioned in part. That cause is the growth of human bodies and human-made things. Although few countries have population policies, I have not been able to find a government, whether state, national, or international which does not have growth as a part, often centrally so, of its economic policy. While I share Stephen’s uneasiness about the use of catastrophising rhetoric, my biggest concern is the failure to acknowledge, or even understand, the cause of the various issues Sue listed.

That notwithstanding, though Stephen implies that students should have been in school, rather than on strike, I share Sue’s support for their mobilisation around any important issue. While we can all give our personal opinions about what the

purpose of school is, or should be, Australia has a policy describing it: the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians. It describes two broad goals, the second of which is that all young people become active and informed citizens. Students will achieve this goal in part through their activism.

Jason van Tol  
Myocum

Going with the flow

*The Echo* published my letter to the editor *go with the flow* – I need to correct the figure given as the cost for the work done on sewer pump station 4001 in Stuart Street Mullumbimby and the rising main running out of 4001.

The cost is \$764,000 approximately. This figure was on the BSC Water & Recycling (W&R) website just before the last Federal Election as a future project to be completed.

The senior design

engineer in W&R gave two reasons for the necessity of this project, firstly the pump station needed to be augmented to accommodate the extra flow from the lot 22 development and that the rising main delivering sewerage from 4001 pump station was past its use-by and had to be replaced.

This work has now been completed as stated on the W&R website in July 2019.

To my knowledge, lot 22 has not yet been approved by the elected council, and secondly if the rising main was past its use-by date, and had to be replaced, you would think this was for structural reasons.

As the rising main was laid at the same time as the sewer gravity mains in 1963 what does this say about the gravity mains’ structural integrity?

Why is BSC still spending 2.5 million dollars, over the next five years, investigating surface infiltration, even after the local Hydrologist, Duncan Dey, confirmed the main infiltration problem as

being caused by the rising water-table during heavy and prolonged rain events rising over the sewer gravity-mains and entering them?

Alan Dickens  
Brunswick Heads

Mental Health

As it is Mental Health month, I write this understanding the dilemma many people suffer, as I do fall into this category.

However, due to some miraculous intervention, unbeknownst to me, I’ve suddenly gained the ability to make people laugh, and as I believe laughter is the best medicine, that can’t be a bad thing.

So for all the farmers, refugees, fishes in the ocean, animals in the rainforest and humanity in general, please laugh, and if appropriate, at yourself.

If we can unblock our negativity, we offer a helping hand. So perhaps there is salvation through the simple act of laughter.

Geoff Gillespie  
Byron Bay

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## GHD and Michael and Adani

For some decades governments of all levels and political stripes have been outsourcing what were legitimate public service responsibilities to private consultants.

This gives them a temporary budget blip, but more importantly, becomes a great quid pro quo for these associates who then tell them what they want to hear.

Byron Council has been an enthusiastic and growing user of consultants, and their very favourite is the multi-national engineering

conglomerate GHD.

Some time ago Cr Michael Lyon went all hairy-chested in Council and vowed to banish from their books any consultant who contracted to the environmentally-disastrous Adani coal mine. He later reiterated this in a letter to *the Echo*.

Well Michael, GHD was the author of the favourable EIS which greased the path for the Adani approval which included such a grossly inflated job-creation estimate that the firm itself had to later refute it.

GHD is still on the Adani payroll and 'will assess any future opportunities to work

with Adani businesses' (GHD web statement).

The world-wide Engineers Without Borders organisation has 'respectfully ceased' its partnership with GHD over Adani.

There is a lot more, but now it's over to you Michael.

**Tom Tabart**  
Drysedale

## Parking

Matt Doolan of Bega (*Echo* letters 16/10) complains about having to pay for parking in Byron and urges tourists to go south for a cheaper tourist experience. I trust his wish will be heard.

When Bega gets as many tourists as Byron, Matt will probably be among the first to complain he can't get a park at his beloved Bega surf beach and who knows what he then might wish for?

**Neil Matterson**  
Byron Bay

## Native Title

I ask, in honour of Native Title, and in recognition of Arakwal people of the Shire of Byron, and with consultation and respect of their wishes, and knowledge that the original names given to places in our country are publicly displayed and used in all tourist information.

I ask the Byron Shire Council to commit to a process of honouring and healing the genocide and displacement of the original inhabitants of our Shire through this small act of recognition and education of all who live here and visit.

As a possible start to the process I would love to see the upgraded Railway Park be renamed with its original Indigenous name of place.

**Cleis Pearce**  
Suffolk Park

## Long and the Short

Short St, Brunswick Heads, is a quiet, leafy street, of long-term residences of older people and young families and with a good feeling of community and cohesion.

The original proposed development at 16 Short St, for 2 dwellings with 10 bedrooms plus 10 ensuites, 14 outdoor living spaces, 2 swimming pools, and only 15% open space, contravened council regulations and Council received over 100 objections to the DA.

Now this DA has been re-submitted with minor revisions related to the position of boundaries and little else.

This massive development still does not comply with council regulations and will have an adverse affect on neighbours.

It certainly does not satisfy the council requirement that 'Development is designed to enhance the low key, family friendly, coastal village character, streetscape and scale of Brunswick Heads' in residential areas.

The revised DA should be open for public display and Council should reject it. The developer should be required to submit a fresh DA, allowing the community the opportunity to view it and know the full extent of what the developer intends to create.

It would appear that with the name Short St Long Stay it is intended for tourist accommodation with all amenities geared towards maximum profits and no consideration for the existing neighbourhood character.

**Michele Gurton**  
Brunswick Heads

## Council in vogue

It has been fashionable to tear down our local council for as long as I can remember, it is a blood sport, as if either those who represent us or the staff have no relation to us the collective community.

There is no doubt Council is flawed, fallible but if we are honest probably less so then the big crazy, exuberant, wonderful, and oppositionally defiant community they serve. If we tear it down then what? If we continually batter it like a child in a tantrum, is continuing communication more or less likely?

I say this from a position of being one of the children. I am writing here to applaud Council's recent efforts, particularly in regards to important strategic planning they have conducted in the last 2 to 3 years.

The body of work including: the master plans for Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Bangalow; The Draft Residential; The Draft Employment Lands; and the recent Multiuse Rail Corridor report represent great community consensus process, and most of the content is impressive and farsighted. Similar planning twenty years ago probably would have avoided disasters like West Byron and the badly located Byron Central Hospital. I don't agree with all of it, but I think it is time to trust and act, even a sceptical trust.

After all the alternative is probably to watch money take over, the best bits of the community disappear, as we sink into the mud.

**Malcolm Price**  
Durrumbul

## Bucks on the bypass

Apparently Simon Richardson has been complaining around the traps that those opposing the bypass on ecological grounds shouldn't have left it so late to raise their concerns, such that construction delays are now costing ratepayers money.

I'm not an ecologist and certainly I knew nothing about the Mitchell's rainforest snail, but I did on several occasions over the past two years angrily raise with councillors their obligation to be aware of the strict environmental conditions imposed by the Land and Environment Court, and urged them not to allow the staff to withhold information. As usual I was ignored. Did Council staff know of the snail well before their decisive vote, but said nothing?

If so, Simon's approach would be intellectually dishonest in the extreme - blaming ecological detractors for a gross dereliction of duty on the part of staff.

The simple answer is that the senior staff are Simon's mates, whereas his critics do not flatter him and therefore clearly mean him ill.

Simon will go to the grave convinced that the senior staff adore him almost as much as he adores himself.

Anyway, I hope that the contractors got good legal advice before they signed up. Surely there are clauses in there that oblige Council to pay a base fee for equipment that's idle, plus punitive clauses; that's no doubt what Simon is complaining about.

I won't bother trying to find out any particulars because I can clearly see 'commercial in

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If I could make the world as pure, and strange as what I see  
I'd put you in a mirror, I put in front of me

Skip a life completely, stuff it in a cup. She said 'Money is like us in time  
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Shocking secrets – saying ‘nup’ to the Cup!

■ The dark secrets of horse-racing have repeatedly outraged the public. Now, Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Darren Weir and two others have been charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty.

Weir has been charged with nine offences including three counts of ‘engaging in the torturing, abusing, overworking and terrifying’ of a racehorse.

Police cameras earlier this year captured the men repeatedly shocking the horse with an electronic device called a ‘jigger’. Weir has already been banned from racing for four years, but that was all racing officials did.

Let’s be clear – such

offences are animal cruelty and must be prosecuted by law enforcement, not kept from sight in internal industry reviews. This is why the charges are so important.

Weir trained the 2015 Melbourne Cup winner Prince of Penzance, who was recently featured in a movie glamorising racing.

News reports say Weir was widely regarded as Australia’s leading horse trainer before the police raid. We have to wonder what the rest of the industry is doing if this is what is being reported about the ‘leading’ trainer.

Victoria’s Minister for Racing stated ‘I understand people having a degree of cynicism about racing or, indeed, any kind of sport

► confidence’ written all over it.

Also it is worth mentioning in this context that the BEC was quoted a \$20,000 fee by council for FOI access to council’s wetlands maps! There must be some further facts council staff are determined to protect us from, eh?

Simon, I hate to break it to you but your signature

project has been a circus from day one, continues to be a circus, and no doubt will remain a circus until the day it’s built, or not built, as the case may be. If it is built I will start a campaign to have it named in honour of your legendary and demonstrated denial skills: the Simon Richardson Reality Bypass.

Fast Buck\$  
Coorabell

where there is money to be made from betting.’ To which we can only add – or any industry where animals are treated as objects, valued only for profit.

As well as tormenting the winning horses, we know that about 13,000 ‘failed’ horses are sent to slaughter each year.

If you hate animal cruelty, please avoid the races.

Liz Friend  
Ocean Shores

date and are also sent to the knackery and killed in the most obscene way. Much of their meat is then purchased by the greyhound industry. These two industries need to be shut down, heads must roll, and people jailed for their inhuman behaviour towards these animals.

■ Are animal cruelty and domestic violence things to be celebrating? Once again the Melbourne Cup rolls around, the best dresses, shoes and hats are given an outing and the champagne flows.

Recent exposure of the industry’s dark side (because animals being put down on the track behind a screen seemingly wasn’t shocking enough) has rightfully led to wider support for banning horse racing.

It seems not only the horses suffer, but welfare groups report that the combination of gambling and alcohol lead to a spike in DV cases on Cup day. Surely we can do better?

Emma Moses  
Mullumbimby

Desmond Bellamy  
Special Project Coordinator  
PETA Australia  
Byron Bay

■ I urge all Byron businesses to boycott Melbourne Cup day after the incredibly disturbing footage on the ABC’s 7.30 Report *The Final Race* Wed 17 Oct

Please come together and encourage your customers to come to a ‘Boycott Melbourne Cup Day’ lunch or dinner, where no bets are placed, where no race is watched on TV, where horses are celebrated as the beautiful animals that they are.

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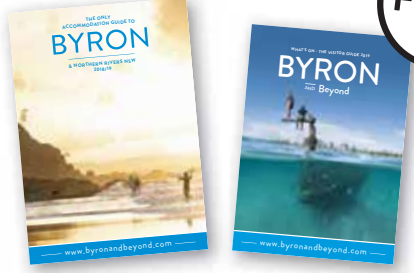
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## CHESS by Ian Rogers

When Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa competed in the Australian Young Masters tournament in 2017, he was already a prodigious 12-year-old hoping to become the youngest Grandmaster of all time.

In fact he missed breaking Sergey Karjakin's record and had to wait until he was as old as 13 before becoming a Grandmaster; his coach Ramachandran Ramesh then expressed the hope that his charge could finally stop stressing about scoring Grandmaster performances and return to improving his skills.

The readjustment took some time but in 2019 Praggnanandhaa has resumed his rise and started to fulfil the many predictions that he would become a world-class player in his teens.

In July Praggnanandhaa won the Xtracon Open in Copenhagen ahead of 24 other Grandmasters and last week the boy from Chennai took out the World U/18 Championships in Mumbai (despite being eligible for the U/14 division).

This week Praggnanandhaa moved on to Delhi where he is trying to become the youngest player to win the World Junior (U/20) Championship – a title which has previously been held by names such as Spassky, Karpov, Kasparov and Anand.

Praggnanandhaa started the event well – as did Australian hopes Temur Kuybokarov from Perth and Canberra's Albert Winkelmann. However, in a field full of underrated juniors, including 14 other teenage Grandmasters, half of them ranked above Praggnanandhaa, success cannot be assured.

What is known is that Praggnanandhaa is in career-best form, as shown by the following game.

Mumbai World U/18 Ch.

**White: R Praggnanandhaa**

**Black: P Iniyan**

Opening: Modern Defence

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bc4 a6 5.0-0 Nf6! 5...e6 followed by 6...Ne7 is more trendy. 6.Qe2 0-0 7.e5 Ne8 8.h3 c6 9.Re1 Nc7 10.Nbd2 Nd7!! Allowing a key breakthrough. 10...a5 was playable. 11.e6! fxe6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Bb3 e6 14.Nc4 d5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bxf6+ Qxf6 17.Nce5 White's control of this square will ultimately decide the game. 17...Nb5 18.a4 Nd6 19.c3 a5 20.Bc2 Qg7 21.h4 Nf5 22.Nd3 Nf6 23.Nf4 Qc7 24.Ne5! Nxe4! 24...Kg8 was safer since now the open h file will rebound on Black. 25.g3 Nf5 26.Kg2! g5 27.Nh5 Ne8 28.Rh1 Kg8 29.Ng4 c5 30.Qd2 Qd8 31.Rae1 Neg7 32.Nxg7 Kxg7 33.Rh5! h6 34.Reh1 Rh8 35.Qe2! Qc7 Covering e5 but allowing a decisive blow from another direction. 36.Bxf5! exf5 37.Nxe6! Kg6 38.Nf7! 1-0

■ Seven-year-old Elizabeth Williams has just become the youngest ever State Champion by winning the Queensland Women's Championship last week.

# Reflections on Rappville

Story & photo David Lowe

**W**hen I headed down the Summerland Way last week, days after the Rappville bushfire, there was still a pall of smoke and strange light south of Casino.

The corner of Braemar State Forest remains miraculously unscathed, but then... miles of destruction. You can see where the fire leapt the highway. It's hard to imagine how the firefighters stopped it. Saved houses are dotted here and there, surrounded by burned trees.

In what was to be the site of a major blockade to protect one of the North Coast's last viable koala populations, the forest has turned orange, black, and silent.

The gale-driven inferno travelled so fast here that the trees look scorched rather than incinerated, but if any wildlife has survived, there's nothing for them to eat. There are no living leaves and no birds.

Closer to Rappville, everything has burned except a few open paddocks. Even once marshy areas around the creek are black. While the initial media reports of the town being wiped off the map were exaggerated, a large number of houses and other structures have been lost.

The weird whims of the fire are evident. One house (of a man whose wife is in palliative care) has been utterly destroyed, while nearby houses appear untouched apart from a few scorched fenceposts.



**Nothing remains of other houses but ruined cars and twisted corrugated iron**

The heritage hotel still stands, a tribute to the extraordinary efforts of firefighters who battled the blaze all around it. The community hall is gone.

On the road out of town, to Wyan and Busby's Flat, there are saved houses with singed fruit trees and black paddocks metres from the walls. Nothing remains of other houses but ruined cars and twisted corrugated iron.

Away from the forest, you can see how the fire raced down the roadside verge with nothing but stubble and fence posts to sustain it, before finding more fuel beyond.

Flood warning signs are blackened.

With the landscape still smoking, men were hard at work restoring fences, power and railway lines. Other workers in orange were clearing roads and making trees safe.

At Wyan I spoke to a

couple, Tiger and Sharon Moth-Duncan, who have lost almost everything they owned. They were married only weeks ago, but their wedding photos are now ash, along with their clothes, documents and pretty much everything else. Their historic rented house, which had been in the process of being restored, has burned completely, although it was far from the forest and had no fuel around it. Luckily the cows had been taken off the property some time ago for lack of feed.

A few weeks ago Tiger and Sharon had a lucky escape when a bushfire came within two kilometres of their property. This time the fire was bigger, faster, and coming from a different direction. It had linked up with another fire, possibly with human assistance.

Tiger and Sharon explained that on the day of the inferno, the fires raced up and told them to pack their things, then said it was too late and defended the house while the family stayed inside. With the danger apparently past, the fires left to defend Rappville.

Then the wind changed, and the roads in and out were blocked by fire. An ember got into the roof, and the couple and their children had to flee the house and take refuge on a nearby cleared area as the house burned and the gas bottles exploded.

With the power cut, they couldn't use their electric pump to defend the house, although they had water. They managed to save most of their dogs, but couldn't get two out of their kennels in time – the flames were too intense to reach them.

Terrified wallabies and kangaroos hopped over their feet, trying to outrun the

fire. A cow escaping from somewhere ran into a fence and died there.

The nearby timber mill, where Tiger worked, was also burning, despite the efforts of the owner to save it.

After the crisis, the Prime Minister, Premier and local member were all soon on the scene looking concerned for the cameras, but Tiger and Sharon were scathing about the lack of real support. \$250 emergency relief was barely enough to cover clothes for each of them, and promises to rebuild the community hall were useless to people who had lost everything.

The trampoline has melted, as have some of Tiger's tools. Tins of paint bought to complete the restoration of the house have cooked in what remains of the shed.

After a couple of days in emergency accommodation, Tiger and Sharon are now back on their property in a caravan and tent, trying to pick up their lives. At least Sharon still has her job as a dementia nurse in Casino, when she's emotionally ready to return to work.

The Rappville fire has left the front pages, and the media circus has moved on, but the climate emergency is steadily worsening. For all this blaze's ferocity, and size, it is just one of a number of bushfires in recent times that have caught Australians by surprise, from the wet tropics of Queensland to the rainforests behind the Gold Coast, from Rappville to the highlands of Tasmania.

The enormous Bees Nest fire, between Glen Innes and Coffs Harbour, is still burning.

And it's not yet summer.

■ Tiger and Sharon have a crowdfunder at: [www.gofundme.com/f/sharon-and-terry-moth-duncan-fire-fundraiser](http://www.gofundme.com/f/sharon-and-terry-moth-duncan-fire-fundraiser).

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# Trump's bribe and betrayal – bridges too far?

Could US president Donald Trump have taken things a step too far, and in the process cooked his own goose?

Phillip Frazer

Three years of Trump and the goose may be cooked.

Just this week, there's the smell of an agreement amongst sufficient members of the right wing of American ruling gangs (they're not 'elites') – corporate leaders, politicians, people who control money and jobs in Wall Street and Silicon Valley, philanthropists like Bill Gates, investors like Warren Buffet, power-freaks like Charles Koch, Christian church bosses, all the Murdochs, for their various reasons they agree that Trump has broken too many laws, and traditions too, which is kind of what his voters hoped he would do, except his tradition-breakers keep turning out worse than the traditions were.

His two current crimes, the ones that might bring him down, are (1) offering the President of Ukraine \$400 million if he digs up dirt on the Democratic Party candidate Joe Biden, and (2) betraying the brave Kurdish fighters who defeated ISIS/Daesh, in order to please President Erdogan of Turkey, possibly so he'll let Trump build a hotel in Istanbul. In both cases Trump's words have been recorded, verified, and villified by a growing mob of his own staff – even he has agreed he said that shit.

Trump also asked our PM Scottydog Morrison to fetch dirt on Alexander Downer FFS? For being an agent of Hillary Clinton and the US deep state? Actually, it's possible, given that the best conspiracy employs participants who are witless enough not to know they're part of it.

All of this injects a new urgency into the Democrats' search for their replacement president.

A couple of weeks ago Senator Elizabeth Warren was the rising star, at least in the polls. But with Trump tweetering on the brink, America desperately needs a hit of inspiration, so who's good at being inspirational?

Beto O'Rourke? All hat and no horse. Corey Booker? Not time for another black Prez. The silver-tongued soldier Pete Buttigieg? Not ready for a gay White House. The grimly nimble Talsi Gabbard

who's as smart as Mayor Pete is, also as striking a looker, and also an ex-soldier? Not ready for a Hindu prez.

Joe Biden? He's stumbling even more than he always has, with language and facts.

## Bernie Sanders' broken heart

And Bernie? He had a heart attack last week, then came back loud and clear in a debate, but the million or so swing voters the Democrats need to win over are not going to ditch an old white guy with a broken brain for one with a broken heart.

There are lessons for Australia here (1) Now more than ever America will throw anybody under the bus (or Turkish tanks) if it's in the interests of American moneyed power, because American money runs the US government.

We should have our own foreign policy because that's what grownup countries do, and we should stop polishing the tin hats of crackpot American presidents. (2) The Ukraine business spotlighted the ways in which foreigners can influence elections, and thus change the course of history, which is what the Australian political community has lately decided is our big problem with China.

## Foreign interference in our processes

We should prohibit citizens who enable foreign interference in our electoral or governmental processes from holding public office. The US has provisions like that in their Constitution and in dozens of the laws of their land, which is how they might get rid of Trump without having to impeach him – by finding the Tweeter-in-Chief ineligible to run in 2020 – that would be simpler, and it starts the campaign on a more even playing field. We should also limit spending on political advertising, using campaign finance laws, like America used to have, until their Supreme Court ruled that corporations were people with the right to free speech, and that money was a form of free speech.

Last year Australian mining billionaire, Clive Palmer, spent over 60 million free-speech dollars on

branding Bill Shorten 'shifty', which, adjusted for our relative populations, would be US\$800 million – more than any American has spent on an election.

## Dollar for Dollar

So let's also make our fellow Australians who want to propagandise drop a dollar tax for every dollar they spend buying votes into a sin-bin, to give air-time to candidates who have public support, but no sugar daddies.

■ Phillip Frazer watches far-away bridges from coorabellridge.com.



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June 13, 2019

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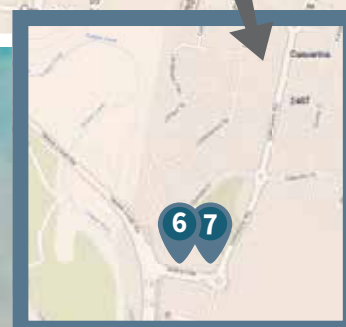
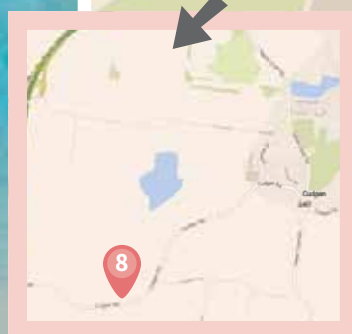
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## MULLUMBIMBY ON THE MAP

1. The Pink Hare Emporium ~ 60 Burringbar St
2. Lambruk Joiners and Cabinet Makers ~ 26 Towers Drive, Industrial Estate
3. The Cactus Hill Project ~ 82 Burringbar St
4. Sunshine Alley ~ 59 Burringbar St
5. Mint Pilates ~ 93 Station Street
6. Byron Bay Pork ~ 70 Dalley St
7. Mullumbimby Farmers Market ~ Mullumbimby Showgrounds, 62 Main Arm Rd
8. Chincogan Store ~ 33 Burringbar St
9. Barefoot Law ~ 55 Dalley St
10. Mullum Creek Native Nursery ~ 110 Yankee Ck Rd, Mullumbimby Creek
11. Mullumbimby Engineering ~ 17 Towers Drive, Industrial Estate
12. Linen House Outlet ~ 29–31 Burringbar St
13. Mullumbimby Leagues Club ~ 25 Manns Rd
14. Son of Drum ~ Shop 1 / 31 Burringbar St
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## It's springtime and Trawlers is the place with the view in Brunswick Heads

Trawlers Bar and Kitchen has moved to a spectacular location with breathtaking views next to the Hotel Brunswick. It sure beats the view of Tweed St from their last location, and if you haven't made it yet to this restaurant and bar, you are missing out.

Trawlers has set up a fantastic restaurant with 5 beers on tap and one of the best crisp ciders you'll ever enjoy. They have their own beer on tap called Trawlers, it's a lager which is very popular with the locals, there is also a full cocktail bar that stocks all local and award-winning spirits, and a wine list that includes organic and biodynamic wines.

Trawlers is open for breakfast lunch and dinner, the kitchen is open from 7am to around 9pm. The chefs are passionate about making the entire menu from scratch, and getting the best out of the great local produce for which the Northern Rivers is famous. The menu is full of fantastic produce: local oysters, Burrata, lychee

wood-smoked bacon, and boerewors sausages (normally a bit more expensive than a normal sausage because of the quality of the meat). You can even get black pudding at breakfast!

There are also many vegan and vegetarian options, and about 80% of the menu is gluten free – think amazing fresh seafood, mussels, sashimi, calamari, barramundi, whiting and king prawns.

Trawlers is very proud of its coffee too – they think it's important to support local roasters, and according to owner Nathan, Rodney from Barefoot Roasters is one of the most passionate they have ever met. Together, they have come up with a roast called Trawler blend 33, a mix of Sumatran, Costa Rican and Columbian beans. Rodney says it's a versatile blend, roasted medium to dark with flavours of sweet caramel, milk chocolate, hints of hazelnut and subtle hints of grapefruit. It's created on a

beautiful coffee machine called the Black Eagle – Italian style at it best.

With light open spaces, a lot of room to play with and a wonderful view, Trawlers is popular for functions, but owner Nathan says that if you need to make a booking just pop in or send them a Facebook message as Telstra is still in the process of transferring their internet and phone, 3 months late – Telstra at its best!

Judging by its popularity, Trawlers really seems to have hit the nail on the head with this restaurant. If it's fun you're after, a fresh breakfast, amazing coffee or their Davidson Plum martini while watching that beautiful sun glisten off the Brunswick River, then this place is for you.

► **Trawlers Bar and Kitchen.**  
2 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads.  
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## Byron Food Hub Opening Celebration

Last Friday night saw the opening of the latest stage of Byron Food Hub in the Mullumbimby industrial estate. The gathering celebrated the addition of four businesses to this thriving food production precinct, with three stages of the successful food-hub enterprise now completed.

The elegantly stylish café of The Branches Coffee Roasters, All Good Food, SuperFeast and Little Valley Distribution (also home to Red Square Music and Mullum Music Festival) are the

latest additions to the menu of food businesses in this third stage of the development.

Byron Food Hub, a venture created by Sharon McGrath and Richard Kowalski, has continued to grow with over 5000m<sup>2</sup> of food producers, distributors and a bustling café. The businesses, some of which have relocated from outside the Shire, have brought over fifty jobs to the area, supporting the local economy and injecting a new and dynamic energy into Mullumbimby's industrial estate.



## Be Independent!

S Haslam

No more same-same! If there's one thing people in Byron seem to value, and rightly so, it's the right to think, feel, party, talk and yes I guess brew beer, as we want.

Local brewer Stone and Wood's founders all came from jobs in the major breweries, and they understand how important it is, and how difficult it can be, to compete against and to stand up to the big boys. Founder Jamie Cook gets it; he is the head honcho (okay, he's actually the chairman) of the Independent Brewers Association, comprising members of some 600 breweries who operate across Australia.

We get the whole independence thing too, here at The Echo, which is why we're very keen about Indie Beer Day this Saturday 26 October. At 2pm AEST beer lovers will be raising a glass for a national 'cheers' to raise awareness of the independent industry that employs people doing it the best way.

What better place to do it than at the Tasting Room of the Stone & Wood brewery in Byron with



'Spot the difference'

pop-up bars, drinks (including from independent brewers Fixation and Forest for the Trees)... and they even have 'roving nibbles'.

Some days in our corporatised, banal world it's hard to be independent, but Saturday isn't one of them. See you there!

► **26 October 2pm Stone & Wood.**  
Stone and Wood. 100 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay.

## Australia's biggest whisky fanatic

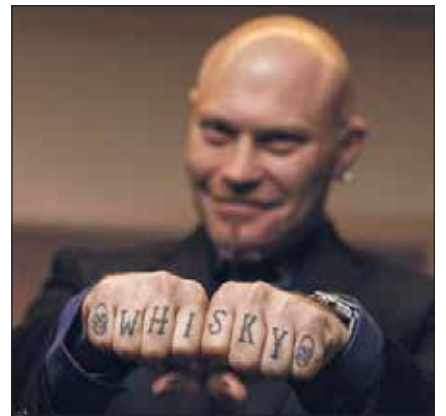
Some people love whisky. Others are fanatical about it. Then there's Dan Woolley. Not only does he have the word WHISKY tattooed across his knuckles, he has a collection of more than 800 bottles in his house, and travels the globe visiting distilleries. 'I don't remember how many distilleries I've visited over the years. I know I've been to more than 50 in Scotland alone and tasted more than 2000 whiskies', said Dan.

For the past 20 years Dan Woolley has been able to turn his obsession into a well-paid career that included owning his own whisky bar, training bartenders and creating whisky lists for more than 200 bars across Australia. He is now the proud ambassador for Laphroaig.

'I guess I'm the luckiest man in the world,' he says. 'I don't particularly want to tell you how I got to where I am, because everyone's after my job. I can say this much; it's through hard work and determination. I've visited Laphroaig on many occasions. It's very far away and very hard to get to, but my determination, drive and passion have got me to where I am today.'

Woolley's passion for Laphroaig saw him spend a week helping out at the distillery, assisting to make the whisky, from the barley to the bottle.

He describes Laphroaig as 'the most unique flavoured whisky on the face of the earth! It has intense smoke, very, very ashy, medicinal, salty maritime flavours, sweet vanilla spices



and a little bit of citrus, with lots of honey sweetness', he says.

► **Ballina RSL Club will host an evening for whisky lovers in November. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. One night only, Thursday 21 November from 6.30pm to 9pm. Just \$45 per head. Book online [www.ballinarsl.com.au](http://www.ballinarsl.com.au) or call 6681 9500**

## Happy 10th Birthday

The Ballina Food & Wine festival on Sunday was, again, a great success – with large numbers turning out to the main daytime event at Racecourse Rd in Ballina.

This year, the committee moved the festival from July to October. According to Teras Davidson from Taste Byron Bay, 'this was a bold move, but definitely the right call with people showing their support by turning up in large numbers on a picture-perfect spring day to eat, drink and be merry'.

'Every year this festival grows in the number of stalls and happy festival goers, with profits going to help local charities and those in need within the local



community', said Teras. 'The event is run totally by volunteers with hearts as big as Goliath. Thank you to the Ballina Rotary Club for all that you do and for putting on such a magnificent event every year!'

Two local establishments showcasing their wares at the festival were Brookies Gin and Zentveld's Coffee.

Photos Jodie Shelley

## Modern tastes, 70s style

What is the first thing you notice when you walk through the doors of Punch and Daisy? Is it the 70s mustard sofas? Or the extremely large San Pedro greeting you by the counter? The first thing I noticed on my last visit were the 5 different milk alternatives they offer to complement your favourite hot beverage!

Whatever your intolerance may be, Punch and Daisy have got you. Owner Dania Karmile says 'We've been proud pourers of Nut Mylk for years and wouldn't want it any other way. We offer a cold-pressed macadamia and almond milk, and a cold-pressed coconut milk that will

send your tastebuds to the Caribbean. If those don't get your taste buds wet, try the Minor Figures oat milk. It's seriously good without compromising the taste of your coffee.'

'Now, we can't talk about hot drinks without mentioning our perfect pick-me-up coffee alternative the Liquid Gold. We get it, coffee isn't for everyone, and that's why we've created a medicinal black tahini hot chocolate. Those who have tasted Callebaut, Belgium's finest chocolate, are aware of how deliciously good it is, and it's



vegan. The Liquid Gold is the perfect ratio of the finest cacao, organic black tahini, cayenne pepper and a blend of medicinal mushrooms by SuperFeast, all mixed through with your choice of milk.'

And, because it's now been a happy five years since they opened, 'thank you for your ongoing love', adds Dania, from all the crew at Punch and Daisy.

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## Leagues of options for functions



Left: Upstairs in function mode. Right: A private and green space for a function.

**Vivienne Pearson**

I confess, I had never been to the Mullumbimby Leagues Club. I'd driven past the turn off on Mullumbimby Road oodles of times, and have kayaked past on the Brunswick River. But I'd never ventured onsite.

So I was intrigued to have a tour, and see that the club is a solid option for functions and events, even for people not associated with the club.

There are three options for functions, which can be used separately or in combination. The upstairs bar and function room has three impressive assets – great flexibility of layout, a commercial kitchen, and gorgeous green-filled views over the pitch to Mt

Chincogan. Downstairs offers picnic tables, play equipment, a kiosk-style kitchen, and the flexibility to bring in other food options, like a pizza oven or food van. The third area is the fields which, with marquee hire, offer endless options for creative layout.

The club hosts a full range of functions – weddings, kid's birthdays, awards nights and, more sombrely, funerals. Michael Walker arranged a funeral here for his mother, Shirley, that was attended by more than 250 people. 'It was the perfect venue for a small town funeral where you are expecting a large number of people,' he says. 'We had a marquee on the field under the goal posts, and another in front for the service, and we then opened up both

upstairs and downstairs, so it was a 'one stop shop'.

Ruth Dunbar was the celebrant for Shirley Walker's funeral, as well as the even larger gathering for the funeral of Timothy Watkins. 'It has been my pleasure to farewell loved ones from the field, which is connected to so many in the local community,' she says. 'Having a funeral outside on a beautiful day is lovely.'

Sue McDonald's son, Troy, held his wedding at the club. The venue was not only ideal, it saved them from wedding disaster. 'We had booked another venue but it became unavailable at the last minute,' says Sue, who fortunately then thought of the club. 'It was really successful, the venue was so private

and we had a great time.' Their chosen caterer used the modest-sized kitchen, which is well-equipped, and allows experienced caterers to pump out large numbers of meals.

'We had 115 people for a seated three-course awards night dinner recently,' says Steven, the club's General Manager. 'I'd say the maximum seated dining would be 140, but you wouldn't be able to move.' On the flip side, a gathering of around 30 would not feel too small. The club has large numbers of tables and chairs and works closely with Mullum Hire for other needs. Function costs can be kept low by having a DIY approach to decoration and taking advantage of the well-priced alcohol.

If, like me, you haven't been to the Mullumbimby Leagues Club but would like to check it out, head in for a pub-style dinner on Friday or a wood-fired pizza, downstairs, every Saturday night, courtesy of Luscious Foods. Also, coming up soon is the Mullum Craft Beer & Street Food Festival (Sat 26 Oct, 4-9pm, free entry). And did you know that the club has an 11-hole 'pitch and putt' golf course – as well as camping? It turns out you can learn more than one thing in a day.

► **Mullumbimby Leagues Club, 25 Manns Road (turn off Mullumbimby Road to the Industrial Estate), Mullumbimby. 02 6684 1400 Facebook: @MullumLeaguesClub**

## Good Taste



## Eating Out Guide

### BALLINA



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### BANGALOW



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## BYRON BAY continued

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**Todd Buckland**  
Principal Byron  
Shire Real Estate.

was hotly contested. 'There's no doubt they were nervous', said Todd. 'Buying your first home is always a big deal, particularly when you have a young bub, like Kelly and Will do. The property is going to become their home, somewhere they are going to put roots down and become part of the community.' When asked what advice he gave the couple, Todd said 'First, I just said to act quickly! We had 26

time for them as, although they had their finance organised, as usual, it was subject to the bank valuation.'

'As with most purchases, Kelly and Will had to make a few compromises' says Todd. 'The property needed some work done to it, but I also suggested that it is always wise to take position over improvements. It's the age-old adage: location, location, location. There is always time to make improvements and when you do, you have your perfect home in a great

groups through, most of them seasoned buyers, and offers were coming in. Kelly and Will took my advice and put in an offer on the day. It was a nerve-wracking

**"It's the age-old adage:  
location, location, location"**

location. Until then, you can still enjoy the fact that you are a walk to the beach and

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**Kelly and Will with their lovely bub.**



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11am on site  
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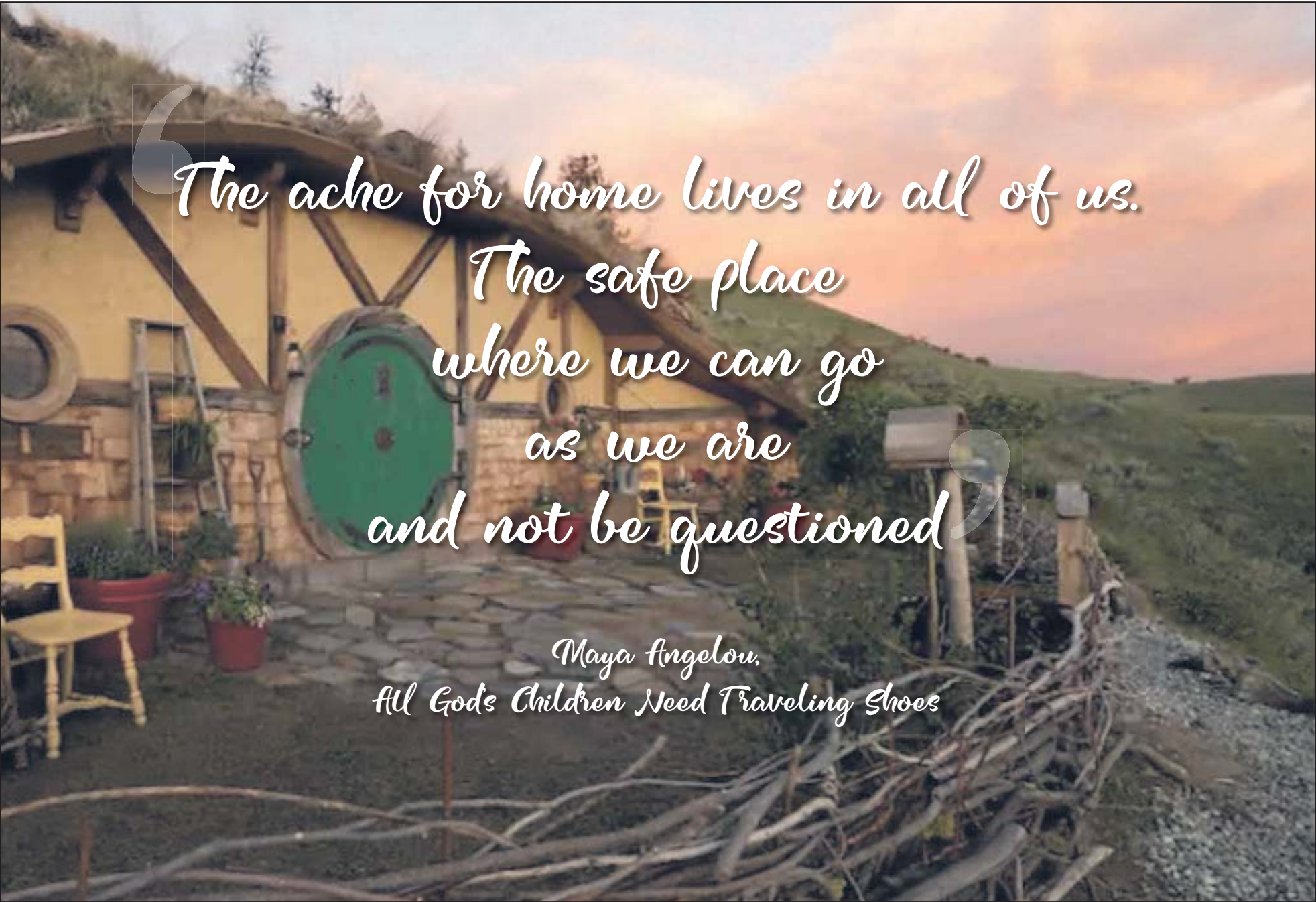
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23 Palmer Avenue, **Ocean Shores** 4+ 2+ 2

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 feel. Moments to beaches, 30 min to Coolangatta airport.

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By appointment  
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23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 2 \$1,280,000 – \$1,400,000



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Inspect: by appointment  
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Byron Shire Real Estate

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\$990,000



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## Stylish Renovated Bangalow Home

3 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow

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This single-level home has been beautifully renovated to create a space which is light-filled and lovely. The fresh white walls and white timber floors throughout create a stunning backdrop to highlight your artwork and bespoke furniture. Both bathrooms have been renovated in the latest style and feature Italian mosaic tiles. The spacious home comprises 4 bedrooms, all with built-in robes and 2 bathrooms. There is access out to the covered deck from the large living area. The rear garden faces north east so gets lovely morning sun through to the mid afternoon. It is located on a corner allotment and the land size is 675m<sup>2</sup> with room for a pool if you wish. Situated a flat 5 minute walk into the main street of Bangalow and the local primary school, it is also just a 2 minute walk across to the Bowlo and sports fields. This really is a lovely property to inspect and is a great entry property into Bangalow with all the hard work already done!



Open: Saturday 26 October 10–10.30am  
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613m<sup>2</sup> block

**Auction**

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**View**

Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am

**Contact**

**Peter Browning**  
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**AUCTION**

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- Great location, great opportunity
- Blue chip investment, motivated seller

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871m<sup>2</sup> block

**Auction**

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**View**

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  - 62 New Brighton Rd, New Brighton. Sat 12.30–1pm
  - 2 Beach Ave, South Golden Beach. Sat 1.30–2pm
- Byron Shire Real Estate**
  - 60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar. Sat 10–11am
  - 74 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Byron Bay First National**
  - 1/41 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Wed 1–1.30pm
  - 116 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. Wed 2.30–3pm
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# SEVEN

## JOSH THOMAS

WORK IN PROGRESS

Sometimes it's remarkable to see someone's star rise in front of you! I remember Josh Thomas when he was a gawky beginner comic on the Brisbane scene. From the get-go Josh always had a unique quality – something that set him apart from the other comics. He didn't emulate anyone else, he was 100% Josh Thomas. That's been the secret to his success. It's what he does.

'I don't like lying or stuff that's bullshit or fake. I talk about my experiences because I've never really been one of those people that has an attitude about how other people should live. I just do me. I am an authority on me.'

He does 'me' so well he ended up scoring global success with his multi award-winning series *Please Like Me*. This led Josh to having a new show, *Everything's Gonna Be Okay* being made in the US, and now the boy who started out in Brizzie is living in LA. Which he quite likes. Except for the enthusiasm.

'They're so enthusiastic all the time. I have lots of feelings. I'm not excited all the time. I'm a grown up... although one of the things I do love about America is that you don't have to insult yourself. You can let people know you are happy with what you are doing, and it's cool to admit things are going well!'

Things are clearly going very well for Josh. So well in fact, that 6 years ago he gave up comedy. 'I stopped, but I didn't tell anyone. Not like Hannah!' Then the wheels fell off for a bit, and Josh realised it was just the opportunity he needed to get back on the stand-up bike. 'The show *Whoopsie Daisy*, which I am working on now is about me turning 30 and shit getting real. When things fell apart, I was like; Whoa – I can do stand up again!'

Josh believes that when things get a little bit wobbly, that's when interesting art happens... he's excited about Adele – 'she's getting divorced! It's going to be a good album. Really emotional!'

**Josh is bringing *Whoopsie Daisy* as a work-in-progress to the Brunswick Picture House on Friday and Saturday at 7pm, and Sunday at 5pm. Tix are \$35/30 at [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com)**

**This is a great opportunity to see a comic hone their show. Following these shows he'll be taking *Whoopsie Daisy* to Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Cairns, Brisbane and Perth.**



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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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# WELCOME TO THE STATE OF DENIAL

The other day it occurred to me that climate change denial had something to teach me. Not about climate change – I know that's real, because I'm not stupid. What is incredibly clever about this very dumb cohort, is not what they believe, but the narrative devices they have developed to curate their belief. I mean, to spread something *that* dumb and have so many people believe it? That's good marketing! It's post-modern propaganda. It's our Fossil-Fuel Pravda.

The transformation of Gore's *Inconvenient Truth* into social media memes that tell us the world is getting *colder*, that scientists *don't* agree, that climate changes due to CO<sub>2</sub> are *normal*. And my favourite rationale for denying coastal sea rise; 'if you have ice in a glass and it melts, the glass doesn't overflow.' Wow, that's even dumber than a flat-Earther! Planet Earth is not a glass of water dickhead.

We're in the era of belief. We're regressing back to the time when they imprisoned people for saying the Earth revolved around the sun. It's a post Galileo world. We have the freedom to believe what we want – regardless of whether or not it's true. Truth is dead! How fabulous that you don't have to believe things you don't like. Honestly, it's brilliant.

Climate change denialists have midwived a fact-free world. I'm surprised gravity still works. Are there any gravity deniers out there? People who refuse to be limited by Newton's Law that the force of gravity acting between any two objects is inversely proportional to the square of the separation distance between the object's centres? I'd love to see them nail a reverse park on a cliff top without a camera. As one plummets to a rocky death, is there still time to adjust one's beliefs? Although gravity denialists do have a few high profile companions, like the string theorists – but they believe gravity is a consequence of thermodynamics. That's just because gravity is the only thing String Theory (The Theory of Everything) can't explain. That, and climate change denialists. I imagine climate change denialists being connected by strings around the world; The physics of fuckwits. Newton also had a theory on fuckwits; For every fuckwit there is an equal and opposite fuckwit – they're called politicians.

Denial is not the new black – predictably, it's an old white man. A bunch of very, very rich, old white men who know a fossil-fuel free world that embraces new technologies will also create new systems which share resources across communities rather than emulate the top down approach that has been so effective for that small group of raging capitalists who control the world's wealth. Yes, those 8 men who have the same wealth as 3.6 billion people. They don't just suffer from climate change denial. They have humanity denial as well.

But let's get back to this denial thing. Because if you can deny the hard indisputable science, you could in theory deny speeding fines.

I tried this. I am now officially a speeding fine denialist. I get lots of them. I believe it's part of a giant Highway Patrol Conspiracy. They just fine us to get more funding for fast cars and tight pants. And the cameras? Bullshit! They're Huawei monitoring devices. So I refused to pay. I sent a letter disputing the fine. I said 'I don't believe it. I am a speeding fine denialist.' They said 'We have you on camera.' Like that was some sort of evidence of my midsummer misdemeanour. I said 'I don't believe in speeding cameras.' They sent me a blurry picture of a blonde woman in a Honda. I said 'That's not me, I'm much better looking.' I said 'People have always gone fast. Speeding does not lead to death. Life leads to death. Fine me for living.' I'm currently on a suspended licence. Which is fine, because I am now a licence denier. That means I don't believe you need a licence to drive. I'm working on becoming a tax denier. They used to call them tax avoiders. Or corporations. See, they're already doing it. Talk about being ahead of the curve!

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## DUSTY @ DUSTY

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Best served with gherkin liqueur. 'As rough as a sawmiller's beard, as gentle as his touch, *Dustyesky* is elusive yet eternal...' - Anton Chekov.

**Dusty Attic, Thursday 24 October, 7.30pm Tickets \$25**

## IN THE FRIEND ZONE

**Friend Zone** is a four-piece party/cover band led by **Harry Nichols** and **Cameron Spike-Porter**. Harry is a blues/rock guitarist and singer, drawing influences from Keb Mo, Robben Ford, John Mayer and Gary Clark Jr. Cameron is a jazz and funk influenced guitarist, drawing influences from John Scofield, Nile Rogers, Wayne Krantz and Ernest Ranglin. As well as doing classic rock, blues and funk covers, such as Bruce Springsteen, Prince, George Benson and Gary Clark Jr, Friend Zone also experiment with rock, funk, blues and jazz influences to play improvised jam music to make you dance. The band now works with some of Byron Bay's premier session musicians as the Friend Zone – rhythm section.

**Hotel Great Northern, Thursday 24 October – free**

## THE GREATEST FROM SEX

This Spring, **Sex on Toast** embark upon their *Greatest Hits* tour. Since their first single *Takin' Over* in 2013, Sex on Toast have attempted to provide hit after hit with such other classics as *Hold My Love*, *4U* and the absolute slept on classic *Doubt*, and of course everybody's favourite mid-tempo funk-knocker *Oh Loretta!* which has since spawned a variety of weird covers and even a wine bar on High St in Northcote, who undoubtedly owe them a lot of money!

They bring a super special line-up to each gig, featuring a rabid guitarist, one celebrity bassist, a coastally situated diva, and the winner of this year's Friedman Fellowship. At every show you may see a different setlist with hits from every era, and for their hometown of Melbourne, the classic nine-piece, with full three-piece horn section.

SOT genuinely care about hits, but in the end they're all hits to us. Go and see them, go up and say hi.

**Sex on Toast at the Byron Bay Brewery, Friday 25 October, tickets \$22**



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# MEET THE ACO



The ACO is renowned for embracing celebrated classics alongside new commissions, and *Serenades for Strings* is no exception. A romantic program of the finest classical music from Beethoven to Mendelssohn mixed with an exciting new Australian work – Australian composer Paul Stanhope's *Dancing on Clouds* from the Hush 18, *Collective Wisdom* Album.

**Helena Rathbone**, Principal Violin and founding Director of ACO Collective spoke with *The Echo*.

**Can you tell us a little more about The ACO Collective, who it is and what it's all about?**

The ACO Collective is the Australian Chamber Orchestra's regional touring and education ensemble, that combines some of Australia's most extraordinary young professional string musicians with the core members of the ACO.

We absolutely love touring and performing in regional communities – for me, it's a highlight of my year with the ACO. The audiences are always very warm and welcoming, and it's a great opportunity for some of these younger musicians in the ensemble to see more of Australia. We also make it a priority to hold workshops and school concerts for the local students in these regional areas, and we often get just as much, if not more, out of the experience as they do!

**You are a currently a mentor for the ACO Emerging Artists program, can you tell us a little more about the program and what it does?**

Our Emerging Artist program is one of my favourite ACO initiatives. Each year, five to eight talented young musicians, at the outset of their careers, are selected from auditions held across Australia to participate in the program. Throughout the year they'll receive invaluable professional opportunities, including one-on-one mentorship, audition preparation, participation in intensive chamber music weeks where they rehearse and perform side-by-side with the core musicians of the ACO, and rehearsals and performances with the ACO Collective. Many of the Emerging Artists will also have the opportunity to perform in our mainstage subscription concerts.

This year has been our biggest intake ever, with eight participants, including the young violinist I'm mentoring throughout 2019, Harry Ward.

We're thrilled that we've had Emerging Artist alumni go on to become members of professional orchestras around the world, including six being appointed members of the ACO.

**The ACO Collective has been described as a 'high-energy 17-piece string orchestra.' In an orchestra, where does the 'high energy' come from? Is it from the particular pieces you play? Or is it in the personalities of the orchestra's members, or the orchestra's leader, or the conductor who gives the group its energy?**

Playing with the ACO Collective is always tremendously exciting. The standard of each player is incredibly high, and everyone plays a critical role in bringing the performance to life – in a group of this size, there just isn't room for passengers! You can feel the energy of each and every musician both on and off the stage; everyone gives their entire self to the performance. It makes these concerts an exhilarating experience to be a part of.

**During the concert in Lismore you will be playing a 260-year-old violin, made in 1759 by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, one of the finest craftsmen of stringed instruments ever. What is it like playing an instrument like that?**

I was handed this beautiful violin in 2006. It used to be played by the ACO's Artistic Director, Richard Tognetti, but when he was loaned the extraordinary Guarneri Del Gesu, that he still plays, the instrument was passed on to me. It was an absolute dream come true, and I'm still completely in love with it. I call it 'the Chocolate

Monster' because it does have that kind of sound, and it looks a bit like that, it's very dark and rich. I love it – it's my other child – my third one, along with my two equally beautiful boys.

**What can orchestra fans here in and around Lismore expect from the orchestra's performance on Friday?**

This concert features a beautiful collection of music, with everything from Beethoven and Mendelssohn to a new piece of music, *Dancing on Clouds*, by the wonderful Australian composer Paul Stanhope.

We'll be performing some sublime romantic music, including Elgar's *Serenade for Strings* (where the concert takes its title), as well as two works by Beethoven, *The Romance No.1* for violin and orchestra and the tempestuous *String Quartet in F minor*, in a gripping arrangement for string orchestra.

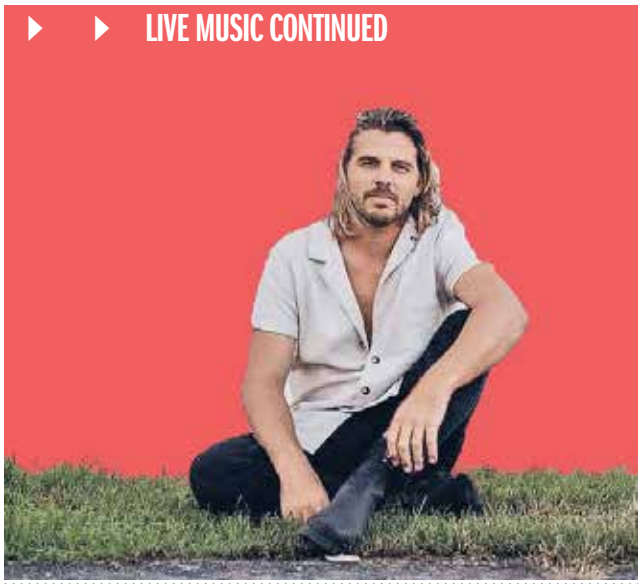
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## KYLE IS TOO YOUNG

**Kyle Lionhart** has released his highly anticipated debut album. Singer/songwriter, surfer, young father and environmental enthusiast, Kyle Lionhart has honed his craft busking on the streets and beachfronts of Byron Bay and has built a sizeable and extremely loyal fanbase. Over the past few years, Kyle has released two highly acclaimed eps, garnering close to 20 million streams, has had sold-out headline shows and tours throughout Australia and the UK, played at Splendour In The Grass and Byron Bay Blues festival, as well as shows alongside the likes of Foy Vance, Xavier Rudd, and Niall Horan. Don't miss the chance to see Kyle's renowned live show when he tours his exceptional debut album, *Too Young* this month.

**The Kyle Lionhart *Too Young* tour, Hotel Great Northern, Saturday 26 October, 8pm, tickets \$30**

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# THAT JUZZIE MAN

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Byron Bay based musician Juzzie Smith first moved here to study music at Lismore Uni when he was 18 years old and he's been calling this area home ever since. A troubadour, these days Juzzie shares his music with the world. This gentle-voiced, harmonica-playing blues man is really something to witness.

### Where did your passion for music begin?

My passion for music started when I listened to my mum's love for Elvis. This led me to the blues and all the great artists who inspired Elvis.

### Did you grow up in a musical household or did the inspiration to make music your thing come from somewhere else?

My brother was a rock guitarist who was my first guitar teacher. He taught me the three-chord rock songs of AC/DC and The Angels. My mum only knew how to play music from reading the notes. Just before she passed away I taught her how to improvise and make your own song. Very special to see her eyes light up.

### You've played at Byron Blues Fest, as well as the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and you have a huge social media following – what have been some of the highlights of your music career thus far?

I have so many highlights. Music has taken me all around the world. From playing on the streets selling thousands of CDs, to playing on big stages playing to thousands of smiling faces. I remember this one special moment when I was playing in a small hall in the UK; there were about 130 people jammed into this venue, all being so quiet and connected to what I was sharing. Then all of a sudden, this light beamed down on me through the small window from the sun setting. It was like a Blues Brothers moment. You realise that you're doing something very special. In that moment, I realised how much I love people.

### You're booked to play at this year's Mullum Music Festival, 14th-17th of November, are you excited about the festival? What can people planning to go to the festival expect from your gig this year?

Mullum is one of my favourite festivals as it shares a huge range of music styles in very cool

venues. This year I've been growing a lot with my sound. I will be sharing some new songs that are very very cool. Also my friend Joel Salom will join me for a show on Sunday, which will be a real hoot.

### What's on the cards for you for the rest of 2019 and the beginning of 2020? Any news you'd like to share with our readers?

I'm working on a new album, which I've released a couple of singles on iTunes and Spotify. I'm planning on doing more small tours around Australia and the world. Also I have a couple of other music projects, which I can't wait to share.

### Do you have any advice or words of wisdom for aspiring young musicians – what are some of the hard lessons you have had to learn to get to where you are today?

Main advice is enjoy what you do. Keep it simple, and learn from others. Hardest lesson is trying to do it all by myself. Do what you're great at, and get others to do what they're great at.

**Juzzie Smith plays Mullum Music Festival 14-17 Nov. Tix and program info from [mullummusicfestival.com](http://mullummusicfestival.com)**



## HAVE A CHAT

Australian national treasures, **The Chats**, have given us their cracking new single *Identity Theft* and a tour of the same name, sent to Byron Bay this weekend.

Band members Josh Price, Eamon Sandwith and Matt Boggis are travelling the country, all the way from their home on the Sunshine Coast.

**The Chats, with special guests at the Hotel Great Northern Wednesday 23 October, 8pm Tickets \$30**

## GOT THE KINGSWOOD?

Brazen arbiters of rock'n'roll, **Kingswood**, are heading out on tour with their new single *Say You Remember*.

*Say You Remember* is the first single from their third album, teasing out a warped kaleidoscope of influences that have permeated through years of experience on the road, in the studio, and behind the production desk.

Early bird tickets are very limited, so be sure to jump on them quick.

**Kingswood at Hotel Great Northern, Sunday 27 October, 7.30pm, tickets \$40.**







## SPAGHETTI CIRCUS PRESENTS **BAILS OF HEY!**

The artists of the Spaghetti Circus performance troupe are all fired up about their new show *Bails of Hey!* inspired by their feelings about the climate crisis and the response from government to students' participation. They feel passionately about adding their voices to the call for urgent action.

The 17 young artists of Spaghetti Circus' performance troupe, aged 11 to 18, have been collaborating with guest director DJ Garner and master artist / choreographer Petrina Hutchinson to create this work – Mullum-style.

The shows will take place in the Spaghetti Circus Back Shed at the Mullumbimby Showground on:

**Friday 25 October 7pm; Saturday 26 October 2pm and 7pm; Friday 1 November 7pm; and Saturday 2 November 2pm and 7pm. Ticket prices are: \$22 Adults / \$12 children / Family ticket \$65 full price \$60 for members. On sale now at Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=547654&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=547654&)**

## HOT SHORTS 2019

The **Drill Hall Theatre Company** are proud to present, yet again, another season of cutting-edge and oh-so-new shorts – so hot, they cannot wait to set them free in the wild to be viewed (and judged) by you.

**Hot Shorts 2019** promises to bring comedy, drama, farce and all topics (personal, political and social) to the fore, and if last season's performances are anything to go by, this year will be a winner for all involved!

In keeping with the Drill Hall Theatre Company's commitment to community involvement, the plays are being produced by people from across the Northern Rivers region, showcasing some of the best theatrical talent the region has to offer.

All the short plays are locally written, each with something to say on so many levels (tempting, teasing and tantalising the imagination). Each has been carefully selected (eight finalists from thirty six entries) and they are now ready to be performed, viewed and judged.

As in the past, audience members will get to vote for their favourite plays, and prizes will be awarded at the final performance.

Hot Shorts 2019 opens on Friday **November 1** at The Drill Hall, 4 Jubilee Avenue, Mullumbimby and will run for two weekends, up to **November 10**. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7.30pm and Sunday performances at 2pm, with doors open beforehand for a snack and a libation. Organise a group and get involved as an audience. Live and local theatre!

**Tickets can be obtained from The Bookshop, Mullumbimby or through The Drill Hall Theatre Company website: [www.drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://www.drillhalltheatre.org.au).**

**Brunswick Heads Public School**  
**HALLOWEEN FAIR TASTIC**  
**Saturday 26 October 4pm–9pm**

6 Exciting rides  
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Fancy dress comp

## IT'S MINI AND IT'S BRITISH

Proudly presented by **Palace Cinemas** and **MINI**, the **British Film Festival** returns for its sixth and biggest year yet. The Festival features some of the most eagerly anticipated British films of the year including powerful true stories, literary adaptations and biographies, and modern classics starring some of Britain's best known and beloved stars.

Thirty exceptional films from emerging talent and accomplished industry professionals will be showcased on the big screen in seven cities and 19 cinemas across Australia. With 16 Australian premieres, you won't want to miss out on this year's exceptional line-up!

**The MINI British Film Festival runs from 30 Oct – 13 Nov, at Palace, Byron Bay. Visit [britishfilmfestival.com.au/sessions/byron-bay](http://britishfilmfestival.com.au/sessions/byron-bay) for more details**

## IT'S FIESTA TIME!

**The Byron Latin Fiesta** is Australia's longest running Latin dance festival held annually in the heart of Byron Bay.

If you go to the Byron Latin Fiesta you're going to be busy, busy, busy! Enjoy four nights of latin dance parties with live bands, performances and social dancing as well as two days of latin dance workshops and pre-parties and after-parties, master classes and more.

The 2019 festival features international artists **Kim and Geo** (from Canada), teaching and performing the Dominican Bachata and Mambo, and **Chris Py** and **Sara** (from France), for Kizomba. There will also be a huge line-up of Australia's finest talent.

Learn, and dance to the rhythms of Salsa, Samba, Bachata, Kizomba, Zouk, Reggaeton and other popular Latin styles. Everyone is welcome from beginners to experienced dancers, as well as friends and spectators.

**The 14th Edition Byron Latin Fiesta, 31 October to 3 November. Visit [byronlatinfiesta.com.au](http://byronlatinfiesta.com.au) for more details.**

## GETTING WICKED AT BALLINA

**Ballina Players' *Wicked*** begins with the death of the Wicked Witch of the West. Through flashback, we learn from Glinda that the two witches, Glinda and the Wicked Witch of the West, whose real name is Elphaba, are old university friends who disliked each other intensely when they first met. Glinda is beautiful, spoilt and popular, while Elphaba is inconveniently green-skinned. Elphaba is never afraid to stand up for what she believes to be right, and demonstrates strong values. On a visit to Oz, she and Glinda discover that the Wizard is corrupt. Despite this revelation, Glinda is tempted by the Wizard's invitation to join his administration, but Elphaba refuses – and vows to fight the Wizard's injustice. Concerned that Elphaba might use her natural talent for sorcery against him, the Wizard uses propaganda to turn the people of Oz against her; denouncing her as the 'Wicked Witch of the West'. A hunt begins, and Elphaba is forced into hiding. Glinda is left battling with her conscience, realising that Elphaba has had the strength to stand by what is right. When the people of Oz hear that a 'female child' has killed the Wicked Witch, Glinda announces that 'All is now well!', but secretly she mourns her lost friend, and vows to do good.

**The Ballina Player season of *Wicked* runs from 8 November till 1 December. Tickets are now on sale, for more information visit: [ballinaplayers.com.au](http://ballinaplayers.com.au).**



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# CULTURE

## IT'S FAIRTASTIC TIME AGAIN IN BRUNS

Get your Halloween colours on and get down to **Fairtastic** at **Brunswick Heads Public School**.

Brunswick Heads Public School Relieving Principal, Mel Currie says this is the sixth Fairtastic, so it is easy to find your groove. 'This is an event for the whole community, she said. 'Our Halloween Fair has been such a hit over the years because parents love the opportunity to have some Halloween fun in a safe, family-friendly environment.'

This year there will be a colourful street-food vibe. Yummy options include brisket, barbecue, curries, sushi, felfel, cakes, barista coffee and ice-cream!

While parents might come for the food, the kids will come for the rides with six awesome rides at this year's event – The perfectly-themed Bat Tower and ever-popular Super Slide return. There are two levels of jumping castle – one for the bigger kids and one just for littlies. New this year are Tea Cups for those seeking a more gentle thrill, and the Round Up for those ready for some adrenalin.

Those brave enough to enter the Haunted House – a new feature of this year's fair – can also expect

a shot of adrenalin as they make their way through the lights and sounds of Halloween.

Traditional Fairtastic elements will be there for enjoying, with the Best Dressed and Cake Decorating competition. Dressing up is not essential, but throwing on a witch's hat or skeleton t-shirt will make you feel right at home.

The school has been overwhelmed with generous donations towards their biggest fundraiser of the year, giving you opportunities to win big from either a single raffle ticket purchase or putting in your best bid for showstopper items like Falls and Laneway Festival tix, accommodation, and balloon rides.

Bring your gold coins for the Carnival Arcade games like Lob-a-Choc, the Trick or Treat Hallowheel, Five Pin Vortex and Chocopault. There's free entertainment from 4pm and rides start at 5pm. All-night ride passes can be pre-purchased for **\$25** at the school office before Friday 9.30am, or for **\$30** on the night (**\$5** per single ride).

**Fairtastic – Saturday 26 October at Brunswick Heads Public School, 4–9pm. Check out full details at Facebook @Fairtastic.**

## EARTH LAWS

Recognising the rights of nature and the natural world are vital if we are to move into the future with a planet that is inhabitable for humans, flora and fauna. There is a current drive to shift the law from a human-centred approach to the recognition of the interconnectedness of nature, of which humans are just one part.



This body of work has become known as Earth Laws or Earth Jurisprudence and is looking at how the system can recognise the rights of nature and the impacts of ecocide. In Australia this debate is being supported and presented by the **Australian EarthLaws Alliance**. Co-founder and national convenor **Dr Michelle Maloney** will be in Bangalow at the **A&I Hall** on **November 3** to do a **free workshop based on these principles from 3 till 5pm**.

Dr Maloney is a Brisbane-based environmental lawyer and adjunct senior fellow at the Law Futures Centre at Griffith University. She will be running the workshop **Rethinking sustainability: Exploring bioregional governance**, that will look at the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss and how we can look at new ways of re-framing environmental governance.

'I was recently in Margaret River, WA, where Michelle addressed the local community and I came away inspired and motivated about possible ways to make positive changes to our environment, says organiser Rosy Whelan.

'The workshop will enable participants to discuss and critique systemic problems within the current legal, economic and political system, explore new thinking around community and wellbeing economics, and bring the existing and new initiatives within a positive framework for change. The Greenprints program also offers a useful mapping tool designed to support citizen science and citizen governance and rethink our approaches to sustainability.'

**Book online for this free workshop at at Eventbrite, eventbrite.com.au/e/77776490577 or email Rosy for more info: rosy@rosymedia.com.au.**

## A CALL FOR SOLIDARITY: PROJECT SEPIK AND THE FRIEDA RIVER MINE

The Sepik River is the longest river on the island of New Guinea. The majority of the river flows through the Papua New Guinea (PNG) provinces of Sandaun (formerly West Sepik) and East Sepik, with a small section flowing through the Indonesian province of Papua.

The Sepik has a large catchment area, and landforms that include swamplands, tropical rainforests and mountains. Biologically, the river system is often said to be possibly the largest uncontaminated freshwater wetland system in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Frieda River Mine is a venture of Chinese state-owned enterprise PanAust, a former Australian company that is still headquartered in Brisbane. The mining project is located in Papua New Guinea's West and East Sepik Provinces with reserves estimated at 13 million tonnes of copper and 21 million tonnes of gold. The project consists of an open cut mine and associated infrastructure, including a hydro-electric plant and an integrated tailings storage facility.

If approved, the Frieda River Mine could severely damage the important Papua New Guinean river system, and with it the 400,000 Indigenous people whose lives and livelihoods depend on it.

As a response to the proposed mine, Emmanuel Peni, together with some of his colleagues, started the PNG-based community group Project Sepik. Emmanuel leads the planning of local awareness activities, reporting to communities and advocating on behalf of his people. Significantly, he and his team, together with Avisak Students' Association from the University of PNG gathered more than 6,000 signatures from river-dwelling communities located near the mine, which became the base for newspaper coverage in PNG.

Peni, who is a master storyteller and author of acclaimed PNG novel *Sibona* has been brought to Australia by Aid/Watch, Jubilee Australia and the Northern Rivers Folk Choir. These groups have collaborated with Project Sepik to bring Peni out for a speaking tour of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Northern NSW. The aim of the tour is to raise awareness, build solidarity and highlight the growing opposition to the proposed Frieda River Mine in Papua New Guinea, due to environmental and social concerns.

One of the main concerns raised by Project Sepik is the lack of Free Prior and Informed Consent, and how Indigenous self-determined development has been largely ignored. The awareness tour of villages on the Upper Sepik in October 2018 helped to; determine what impacts that the people living in the villages of the Upper Sepik had observed on their local environment already; ascertain the attitude of each village toward the planned Frieda River Mine; and to share the concerns about the impacts that the mine might have on the Sepik. The overall finding from the awareness tour was that all the villages visited registered opposition to the Frieda River Mine going ahead.

Furthermore, there are major environmental risks associated with copper and gold mines such as the proposed Frieda River Mine. These risks include, but are not limited to: damage due to increased discharges into the river, damage due to pollution; which can result even at low discharges, and damage to the river system from an increase in the number of large vessels operating on the river.

The biggest challenge that the Frieda River Mine project faces, related to these risks, is how to build and house an effective and safe tailings storage facility. The most notorious environmental catastrophe in PNG is BHP's Ok Tedi mine in Western Province after a collapse of the project's tailings facility in 1984. Around 880 million tonnes of mine waste was released into the rivers between 1981 and 1998, rising to an estimated 2 billion tonnes over the life of the mine. The environmental and human-rights disaster not only killed fish populations, but smothered gardening lands and forests with mud and effectively destroyed the social, economic and cultural connections of the tens of thousands of Indigenous communities living along that river system.

In light of the Ok Tedi disaster and the recent mine tailings dam disasters in Brazil (Samarco, in 2015 and Brumadinho, in 2019) that left hundreds of people dead, Project Sepik and the peoples of the Sepik River Basin have very realistic concerns about tailings failures, especially in light of very little detail coming from the company about how it plans to prevent the problem.

**You are invited to a feast of stories, songs and Melanesian sweets. Be enchanted by funny and rich tales of life in PNG and the Sepik region. Thursday 24 October, 6.30pm at the Mullumbimby Uniting Church. This is a free event.**

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☞ **ARIES:** With agitator Mars in peace-loving Libra what doesn't end a connection tends to strengthen it, and this week an honest soul-baring could build the necessary bridge over troubled waters. Tune into Monday's new moon for deeper insights into something you haven't been able to unravel.

✂ **TAURUS:** This week's communal path is littered with micromanagers and power players who absolutely know best, so for important business it's recommended to keep notes. You think you'll remember everything but honestly, who does without memory jogs. Sharing passions with people on the same page will deepen and strengthen existing bonds.

II **GEMINI:** This week's people are most likely taking themselves and everything else super-seriously, so avoid edgy clashes by heeding those red flags and listening to your intuition. Monday's new moon offers a deep well of knowledge to draw from, and for those who tune in could bring an epiphany that radically changes the way you organize your life.

**CANCER:** Dress code is the heavy duty protective crabshell this week, which comes with a Beware What You Share proviso, because disclosing TMI could end up working against you. Good news? Whether paired or solo, new moon's lunar lift supports repairing rifts and rekindling sparks in the romance department.

♫ **LEO:** Been feeling a bit fatigued lately? Say goodbye to tired time with an overdue spring tuneup: book those medical or health appointments. This week suggests that because the state of your house affects everything else in your life, it's also time for some domestic feng shui and space cleansing.

**Virgo:** This week's astral energetics in probing, in-depth Scorpio take you backstage, or even underground into your own and other peoples' psyches for an eyes-wide-open sight of the shadow side. The information gained needs integrating and processing before sharing, otherwise the sting in its tail could wound.

**LIBRA:** What to do with this week's Intense emotions: suppress them? Not recommended. Express them? Not necessarily advisable either, so try the Buddhist perspective of watching them from the viewpoint of objective observer. Use Monday's new moon to check in on your love, money and creative goals - and it helps to write them down.

**♏ SCORPIO:** A quartet of planets – Venus, Mercury, sun and new moon – in your sign, welcome in your birthday month, astral new year and the most Scorpionic week of 2019. Will there be drama? It happens. A romance reboot? Definitely on the star cards. How about money? Just enjoy whatever you've got.

✕ **SAGITTARIUS:** This forensic week drills deep down to the need to let go a grudge, entrenched resentment or recurring complaint. And then forgive yourself for carrying it so long: one of the most difficult of all the forgivenesses. But so worth it to take the weight off, because you're the one who's been bearing it.

76 **CAPRICORN:** Go easy on the judgments, give others the benefit of the doubt - none of us ever have all the information. Even if you're in a mood, and even if they don't deserve it, treating this week's people the way you'd want to be treated leaves you with no regrets, zero remorse, nil guilt.

♈ **AQUARIUS:** As this week shifts out of autopilot with a jolting reality check or news that throws you for a loop, the necessity to jettison certain beliefs, attitudes, behaviours, obligations or commitments becomes crystal clear. This is an important breakthrough, so reward yourself with some up-market treats and luxury spoils.

✕ **PISCES:** If this week's caustic comments, sharp remarks and judgmental generalizations get Piscean waters simmering, does it help to know that boiling over isn't likely to work in your favour? Try not to blow up and it may blow over - if not, a blowout usually clears the air one way or another.

## CULTURE CONTINUED



**The Byron Bay Film Festival** has started – the BBFF is Australia's largest regional film festival. It is an AACTA Awards accredited, independent awards-based film event screening at **Byron Community & Cultural Centre**, as well as **Palace Cinemas** (Byron), **Pighouse Flicks** (Byron), **Brunswick Picture House** and **The Regent** (Murwillumbah).

**BBFF's 13th edition will take place from 18–27 October 2019. [bbff.com.au](http://bbff.com.au)**

## ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP

Coming out after a surprisingly long – 10 year – delay, *Zombieland: Double Tap* is a clever name that people who saw the first film would understand. Set in the same post apocalyptic America, 10 years later, we see the same characters from the first film

still making their way through life,  
but now as a comfortable family unit.

The writers stay true to the characters, not worrying about the 2019 political correctness that was much less prevalent during the writing of the first film (2009).

This is especially true for the potty mouth, no-nonsense Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson). Having the original cast of Jesse Eisenberg, Abigail Breslin and Emma Stone, gave the film a nostalgic feel while the addition of Zoe Deutch playing

the 'dumb blonde' role was surprisingly good as these roles are hard to play well.

Although it wasn't as groundbreaking as the first *Zombieland*, it still nailed all the aspects that made the first film a big success – dark humour, a wholesome family feel and great character dynamics. So really, the only thing working against the film was that it was nothing we haven't seen before. It also leaves you wondering why it didn't come out 8 years ago.

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## Thurs 24th to Wednesday 30th October

 <p><b>AMAZING GRACE</b></p>	<p>Thurs 24th To Wed 30th</p> <p><b>10:40AM</b></p> <p><b>PAW PATROL</b></p>  <p><b>9:45AM</b></p> <p>All Tickets <b>\$10</b></p>	 <p><b>MALEFICENT 2</b></p>	<p>Thurs 24th To Wed 30th</p> <p><b>10:05AM</b></p> <p>1:40PM 4:50PM 7:00PM</p> <p>*No 7:00pm Thursday 24th</p>
 <p><b>JOKER</b></p>	<p>Thurs 24th To Wed 30th</p> <p><b>12:15PM</b></p> <p>4:20PM 6:35PM 8:50PM</p> <p><b>RIDE LIKE A GIRL</b></p> <p>Purchase a Ticket For a Chance to Win \$5000 Cash To Enter Visit: <a href="http://tiny.cc/ridelikeagirl">http://tiny.cc/ridelikeagirl</a></p>	 <p><b>HUSTLERS</b></p>	<p>Thurs 24th To Wed 30th</p> <p><b>11:40AM</b></p> <p>9:10PM</p> <p><b>DOWNTON ABBEY</b></p>
 <p><b>ZOMBIELAND 2</b></p> <p>Thurs 24th To Wed 30th</p> <p><b>12:50PM</b></p> <p>3:50PM 7:30PM 9:20PM</p>		<p><b>UNPLANNED</b></p> <p>Thursday 24th 7:00pm</p> <p>All Tickets \$20 + \$2 Booking Fee</p> <p>Tickets On Sale Now</p> <p><a href="http://tiny.cc/ballinacinemaunplanned">http://tiny.cc/ballinacinemaunplanned</a></p>	

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### MILITARY WIVES

An inspiring drama about the bravery of the women of war and the power of the music that saved them.

**Wed 30 Oct - Palace Byron Bay**  
7:00PM film and afterparty

CLOSING NIGHT



### THE GOOD LIAR

Oscar-winning screenwriter Bill Condon's wicked thriller, starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen.

**Wed 13 Nov - Palace Byron Bay**  
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# PALACE CINEMAS

## Session Times: Thu 24 Oct - Wed 30 Oct

<p><b>ABOMINABLE</b> 97 min (G) Daily: 10:00AM</p> <p><b>AD ASTRA</b> 123 min (M) Daily except Sun, Wed: 11:00AM Sun: 10:30AM Wed: 1:00PM</p> <p><b>AFTER THE WEDDING</b> 112 min (M) NFT Daily except Sun, Tue: 10:30AM, 3:30, 6:15, 8:40PM Sun: 10:00AM, 4:45, 5:10, 7:30 Tue: 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 8:40PM</p> <p><b>ANGRY BIRDS 2</b> 97 min (PG) Daily: 12:10PM</p> <p><b>BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL 2019</b> <i>Opening Night: MILITARY WIVES</i> 112 min (CTC) NFT Wed: 6:30PM reception, 7:00PM followed by afterparty</p> <p><b>BIRDS OF PASSAGE</b> 125 min (MA15+) Daily except Sun, Wed: 11:00AM Sun: 10:15AM Wed: 1:30PM</p> <p><b>DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD</b> 102 min (PG) Daily: 12:00</p> <p><b>DOWNTOWN ABBEY</b> 122 min (PG) Daily except Sun, Wed: 1:30PM Sun: 10:15AM Wed: 2:10PM</p> <p><b>GOOD BOYS</b> 90 min (MA15+) Daily: 12:15PM</p> <p><b>GREEN LIGHT</b> 71 min (M) Daily except Wed: 8:30PM Wed: 8:50PM</p>	<p><b>HUSTLERS</b> 110 min (MA15+) Daily except Sun: 10:45AM, 3:45, 6:15PM Sun: 10:00AM, 2:45, 6:15PM</p> <p><b>JOKER</b> 122 min (MA15+) Daily except Sun: 11:00AM, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00PM Sun: 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15PM</p> <p><b>La Scala Ballet: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY</b> 150 min (CTC) NFT Sun: 1:00PM Wed: 11:00AM</p> <p><b>MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL</b> 119 min (PG) NFT Daily except Sun: 10:30AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30PM Sun: 10:15, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10PM</p> <p><b>ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD</b> 161 min (MA15+) Thu, Mon-Wed: 3:15, 8:30PM Fri: 3:15 Sat: 8:30PM Sun: 7:15</p> <p><b>A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET</b> <b>HORROR NIGHT</b> 91 min (MA15+) Fri: 8:30PM</p> <p><b>PAVAROTTI</b> 114 min (M) NFT Morning Tea Screening Thu: 10:30AM Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:30AM, 1:15, 6:00, 8:30PM Sat: 11:5AM, 1:15, 6:00, 8:30 Sun: 10:30AM, 12:15, 5:00, 7:20</p>	<p><b>PROMISED</b> 93 min (PG) NFT Daily except Sat, Wed: 1:00, 4:10, 6:15PM Sat: 4:10, 6:15PM Wed: 1:00, 4:40, 6:45PM</p> <p><b>READY OR NOT</b> 95 min (MA15+) NFT Thu Horror Night Special: 7:00PM Daily except Thu: 2:15, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30PM Thu: 2:15, 4:15, 8:30PM</p> <p><b>RIDE LIKE A GIRL</b> 96 min (PG) Thu, Sat: 10:00AM, 4:10, 8:40 Fri, Wed: 10:00AM, 4:10PM Sun: 10:00AM, 4:10, 8:15PM Mon, Tue: 10:00, 4:10, 6:30, 8:40</p> <p><b>THE DEAD DON'T DIE</b> 105 min (MA15+) Daily except Thu: 8:20PM Thu: 9:00PM</p> <p><b>THE LION KING 2019</b> 118 min (PG) Thu, Fri, Sat, Mon: 1:00PM Sun: 12:20PM</p> <p><b>ZOMBIELAND 2: DOUBLE TAP</b> 99 min (MA15+) Daily except Sun, Wed: 2:00, 4:10, 6:20PM Sun: 12:45, 2:50, 5:00PM Open Caption Session Tue: 10:30AM Wed: 11:00AM (Babes In Arms Session), 4:10, 6:20PM</p>
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BYRON THEATRE 2.30PM **THE 13TH ANNUAL BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL – DAY 7**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 4PM **STEVE TYSON**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB 7PM **BYRON BAY UKE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SKY EATER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **THURSDAY TAKEOVER WITH DJ REFLEX + FRIENDS**
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- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MULLUMBIMBY UNITING CHURCH 6.30PM **EMMANUEL PENI**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KIT BRAY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8.30PM **'MICHAEL JACKSON'**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **DUSTYESKY AT DUSTY ATTIC**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**

## FRIDAY 25

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MINI SKIRT, FLYING MACHINE, CUPID & THE STUPID**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SYLK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DAN CLARK DUO**, 9PM **HONEY & STONE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **SEX ON TOAST (BAND ROOM) BRAZILIAN NIGHT** (BEER GARDEN)
- BYRON THEATRE 2.30PM **THE 13TH ANNUAL BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL – DAY 8**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **BENA MEEK**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DAN HANNAFORD + LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **ROGUE ELEMENTS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **JOSH THOMAS**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **EXHIBITION – GRAVITY & GRACE BY KATH EGAN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN WITH AMIR PAISS**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **ADANI FRONTLINE FILMS AND SPEAKERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 10PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **ROUS UNPLUGGED**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **THE MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 10AM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION – MORNING MELODIES**, 7.30PM **CHECK 2**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 4PM **CHRIS FISHER PIANO SONGS**, 7PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **DJ IN THE BEER GARDEN**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **DAN GRACE ONE MAN BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **LEIGH & JJ**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MATTY ROGERS BAND**



- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ AND BLUES – HORN AMONG THE ROSES**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **REGURGITATOR**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- CARRARA NIGHT MARKETS 5.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**

## SATURDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **KYLE LIONHART + BILLY OTTO AND PHOEBE NEUMANN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **COCO REPUBLIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **THE 13TH ANNUAL BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL – DAY 9**, 6.45PM **THE 13TH ANNUAL BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL – CLOSING RED CARPET GALA FEAT. THE CAVE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JAMES D'KHAN**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **JAMES SCOTT + LOCAL DJS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **JOSH THOMAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SHEM & ROWAN**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 11.30AM **ARTISTS TALK – KATH EGAN**
- ROCK & ROLL CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **DJ RAHIMA, LEOCH, MILK, EL TORA, DR WHO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **RAY RED**
- BURRINGBAR SPORTS CLUB 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **DJ RITZI & CREW**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ TWOSINC**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE CHILD AND THE THE BREDDA BROTHERS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **BACK TO BACK**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 8PM **LEO SAYER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DJS AND LIVE MUSIC**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE RETRONOMES**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **GAVIN DONIGER**, 7PM **TIMBUKTU**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**

## SUNDAY 27

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **KINGSWOOD + SAN MEI, THE JENSENS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JUKE JOINT WAY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **LISA HUNT**, 7PM **MVMT WITH SHIMMY DISCO**, 9.30PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **BYRON GROOVE LOUNGE JAM**
- BYRON THEATRE 11.30AM **THE 13TH ANNUAL BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL – DAY 10**

- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **CASS ELEVEN DUO**
- DOMA, FEDERAL, 12PM **GLENN KELLETT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **Z STAR TRINITY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 3PM **BBFF: HONEYLAND**, 5PM **JOSH THOMAS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL 4PM **FAIRTASTIC**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **SHORT AND CURLY**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 8.30AM **THE BIGGEST LITTLE FAMILY CLUB CRAWL IN AUSTRALIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SWAMP CATS JAM SESSION**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 5PM **QUACKERS**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 5PM **OKTOBERFEST OCCA ROCK**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 11.30AM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **ELBURY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **ESKIMO JOE**
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSLIFF, 4PM **TERRY PERKINS & THE AL COLEFAX TRIO**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 2.30PM **MARTIN WAY**

## MONDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DAN CLARK BAND**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MONSIEUR DIOP (DJ SET)**

- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **ART IN THE PUB: JILL SAMPSON 'BIMBLEBOX-153 BIRDS'**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSON'S DANCE NIGHT**

## TUESDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **COMEDY AT THE BEACHY**, 9PM **BEN WALSH**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS – OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
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- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**, 6.30PM **GET QUIZZED**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **CHARMAINE WILSON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE **JEFF CAMILLERI**, 11AM **NOT STRICTLY BALLROOM**, 1PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**

## WEDNESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **OOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA NIGHT**
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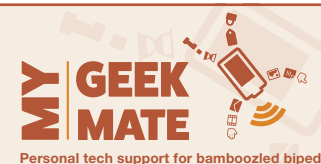
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The fox control program is part of the NSW Saving our Species Program for the conservation of priority threatened species such as beach stone curlew and pied oystercatcher.

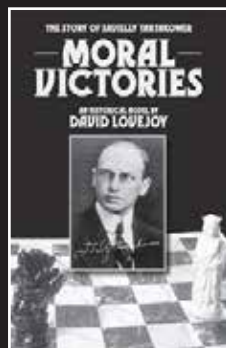
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## GEORGE CECIL WILLIAM EDMONDS

Passed away on 10th October 2019. Aged 94 years.

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Family and friends of George are warmly invited to attend his Funeral Service to be held in the garden of Peter & Jon's Byron Bay home on Wednesday 30th October 2019, commencing at 11.30am.

Guests are invited to join the family for refreshments following the service. Please RSVP to jon.peter@me.com



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## PETS continued



Penny

Penny is a 5 month old desexed female Kelpie x (almost has control of her ears!). She is a good natured dog who has some basic obedience training and loves other dogs. Microchip number 900113001715383/FD1340. If you can give Penny a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on **0421 017 461**.

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## PETS



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## Brisbane Fiji dominate rugby 7s

Ross Kendall

Brisbane Fiji once again showed their prowess by taking out the 2019 Byron Bay 7s tournament with a resounding 31-7 win over Iconz.

It was the team's second win in a row at the tournament and gave them the lion's share of the \$14,000 in trophies and cash on offer over the weekend.

It was a weekend jam-packed with rugby considering the 7s tournament coincided with the quarter finals of the Rugby World Cup in Japan, organiser Ed Brown said.

'The weekend went really well, especially Saturday when we had a big crowd and a really good vibe', he said. 'Sunday was quieter but there was still a really good atmosphere'.

'Brisbane Fiji were strong throughout the competition and made it look easy in the final. It is great to have players of that quality in the



The Brisbane Fiji side took out the top prize at the Byron Rugby 7s for the second year running. Photo supplied

tournament,' he said.

'There was a real buzz around the All Star team that played three games on the Saturday (winning two), and then backed up for a game on the Sunday.

'Overall the feedback has been really good. A team called 'The Mob' have been coming for 21 years, and vowed to come for another 21 if their bodies are up for it,' Ed said.

### Results

Men's division one:

Brisbane Fiji beat Iconz 7s 31-7.

Women's division one: Nations 7s beat The Stingers 22-7.

Men's division two: Gumatj Cavaliers beat Western Sydney Blues 27-7.

Women's division two: Bond University beat Flamin Galahs 33-0.

Men's division three: The Staggs beat Decepticons 21-10.

Men's division four: Easts Tigers beat Gold Coast Eagles 22-12.

## 700 join Lighthouse Run

The 13th Byron Bay Lighthouse Run saw 700 sweaty but enthusiastic runners and walkers raise \$27,000 for charity.

Contestants tackled the soft sand, headwind and hills with determination, and the overall winner, Paul Tierney, crossed the line in 37:15.

The annual fun-run raises money for charity, and for the next five years the recipients are headspace Lismore, who offer mental health services to young people, and the Women's Resource Service in Mullumbimby, who provide assistance to women and children affected by violence.

Event organiser Lisa Parkes was thrilled with this year's community response that saw an increase in numbers from 2018.

'It just gets better and better each year and I'm really proud to be able to support these two dynamic local charities. One hundred percent of the registrations



It was on for young and old as 700 people climbed to the lighthouse for the local charity run. Photo Jeff Dawson

are donated – and this year that means \$27,000,' Lisa said.

Major sponsors included: Byron Bay Brewery, Fusion Health, Beach Byron Bay, Drawn Upon, Reindeer Riot and Byron Bay Triathlon.

### Results

Men: Paul Tierney (37:15), Anderson Moquiuti (37:43) and Bailee Crabtree (37:54).

U/16: Luca Bonomini (1:03:19), 17-29: Bailee

Crabtree (37:54), 30-39: Alex Humprey (39:00), 40-49: Paul Tierney (37:15), 50-59: Andrew Crowhurst (42:39), 60+: Luke Parker (46:31).

Female: Nicole Anskaitis (45:40), Martine Schlosser 46:15, Georgia Hardy (46:44) U/16: Layla Williams

(49:20), 17-29: Nicole Anskaitis (45:40), 30-39: Martine Schlosser (46:15), 40-49: Alex Ralph (51:21), 50-59: Tammy Broce (54:41), 60+: Sandra Killen (55:33).

## Byron Rams beat Thistles in Summer Youth League



Alby Kay (R) was strong in defence for the Byron Rams. Photo supplied

Christian Layland

Byron Bay FC have registered their first win in the 2019 Summer Youth League with a strong 2-0 victory against a well-balanced Lismore Thistles outfit.

Goals from Ryan Milgate and Zahi Addis secured the three points and kept the Rams undefeated after two rounds as they look to win the competition for the third consecutive season.

Thistles entered the match in good form having disposed of the deceptively strong Eureka FC side 3-0 in round one, but it was Byron who took the early lead when Milgate tucked home a rebound from Diego Vazquez's free kick.

Byron did not take their

foot off the pedal and created plenty of chances through the dynamic Addis, aided by a barnstorming Zeke Morhaus out wide.

Despite the pressure, it took until early in the second half for Byron to double their advantage when a well-timed through ball put Addis one-on-one with the keeper. The centre forward rounded the Thistles' keeper and slotted the ball past the recovering defenders to give Byron a 2-0 lead.

Rams goalkeeper Marcus Gibbs was rarely called into action thanks to good work and positioning by the centre backs, Alby Kay and Alex Kempnich.

In round three the Rams take on the Goonellabah Hornets at Weston Park.

## Bailey gets airborne and makes the top 10 at Supertubos



Soli Bailey gets some air action at Supertubos in Portugal. Photo Poullenot/WSL

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Soli Bailey had a solid result at the WSL MEO Rip Curl Pro Portugal held at Supertubos with an equal ninth place finish.

Bailey has been on the wrong side of many close heats this year but that turned around for him at this event when he beat one of the favourites, Julian Wilson, in the round of 32 with an excellent 8.17 ride featuring two big backhand hits.

Bailey was later eliminated in a close heat by fellow Aussie Jack Freestone in the round of 16.

Wright from Byron Bay was beaten in the round of 32 by Jesse Mendes.

Byron Bay's Lahani Zoric has added two more winner's trophies to her collection with a successful campaign at the Woolworths Surfer Groms Comps Series held at Coffs Harbour.

Doric won the U/8 mixed division but was also victorious in the U/10 girls division in a close contest.

Fellow Byron Bay Boardriders club member Henley Smith finished third in the same division.

Harry O'Brien from Lennox Head was runner-up in a close battle in the U/14 boys division.

O'Brien was leading halfway through the final, but was beaten by Fletcher Kelleher from Sydney.

## Boaters need to help themselves this summer

Marine Rescue Cape Byron and Marine Rescue Brunswick are urging boaters to put safety first by checking-in with their local units before heading out on the water.

Marine Rescue Cape Byron members will be on-duty to serve the boating public every day over summer, while Marine Rescue Brunswick's vessel will be available, should it be needed.

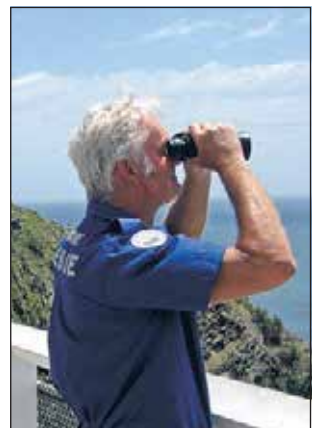
'Our hardworking volunteers will be keeping watch, poised to respond to emergencies on the water,' Cape Byron unit commander Terry Sandon said.

The Cape Byron unit maintains marine radio safety watches all the time.

Boaters need to take simple precautions to help ensure they return home, Terry said.

The measures include: checking marine weather conditions, ensuring everyone is wearing a life jacket, making sure their vessel is in good working order and logging on and off with the local marine rescue unit.

'Let us know where you are going, and when you are due back. If you're not back as expected, our crews will start to search for you,' Terry



Marine Rescue Cape Byron member David Morris received his 15-year service medal and a MR NSW commendation last Wednesday night from regional operations manager, John Murray.

said. 'You can contact the volunteers at Marine Rescue Cape Byron and Brunswick by VHF marine radio, which we recommend for its superior coverage and reception,' Terry said.

Boaters can also contact both stations, any time, on 6680 8417 or log on/log off via the free, easy-to-use Marine Rescue app for smartphones and tablets.

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Banning personal cars from the streets is gaining momentum with San Francisco joining the trend this week. They are rolling out a program that will see personal cars banned on two miles of their main street, Market Street, by 2025. While it might be considered radical for some, cars were banned from downtown Oslo in the 1970s and have also been mostly banned in places like Cambridge's historic city centre for many years. In the meantime Oxford is looking to have a ZEZ (Zero Emission Zone) seeing all non-zero emission vehicles banned in the city centre during certain hours by next year.

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The media took a stand on Monday against the Australian government and politicians who are covering their arses and destroying transparent government by effectively criminalising journalism and penalising whistleblowers (see p4). It has also come to light that Australia's environment department is failing to upload FOIs as required by law with over 10,000 pages currently unavailable.

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A keen eyed *Echo* reader recently spotted the well known Australian – and local – political columnist Mungo MacCallum (see p12) featured alongside a photo of the legendary Sophia Loren. They spotted the pairing in the official *Athens airport magazine* recently (smuggling the magazine's pages back to us as evidence) in a feature about the Greek Islands that focussed on the 'cosmopolitan assortment of artists who frequented the island' of Hydra. Other




A day of music, food, fun and fashions at Federal Party In The Park has become a celebration of the ordinary talents of extraordinary dogs. Christian Medel originally called his English Bull Terrier Django, but when the dog grew up with a soft nature and sweet heart he changed his name to Mango. Hundreds of hill dwellers and visitors enjoyed last Saturday's hinterland celebration. Photo Jeff Dawson

relatively unknown members of the group included Sydney Nolan, Leonard Cohen and Allen Ginsberg.

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The new playground at Gaggin Park at Suffolk Park is ready to be explored by children of all ages. Byron Shire Council re-built the playground with design input from local families and the Suffolk Park Progress Association. Gaggin Park was named in the 1960s after Ailsa and Ron Gaggin who lobbied strongly for improved facilities in Suffolk Park.

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