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Tilly and Lilly at Saturday's Halloween Spook Fest at Brunswick Public School. Photo Jeff 'Of The Veil' Dawson

Climate change, insurance and you

Aslan Shand

Flood and fire are no strangers to either the Byron Shire or the Northern Rivers. As the dry conditions continue and the climate emergency news keeps rolling in, people are looking for ways to understand what is taking place and how to respond.

'The Sixth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), released on 25 September, presents a disturbing assessment of the effects of climate change on the world's coasts and oceans,' said Barry Sammels, the Chair of the Australian Coastal Councils Association (ACCA).

Risks for local government areas (LGA) across Australia have been categorised in the report *Climate Change Risk to Australia's Built Environment* with analysis provided by Climate Risk Engines. The Byron Shire has been identified as, 'Highly vulnerable to both forest fire and coastal inundation' ranking 13th nationally for fire and 11th for inundation risk.

In a detailed story by the ABC (<https://ab.co/2pkv6Ji>) the content from the report has been used to create an interface that identifies the number of potentially uninsurable addresses, based on the risk that each suburb faces. They predict that there will be increasing insurance costs that will see 'nearly 720,000 – or one in 20' uninsurable addresses in Australia by the turn of the century.

The prediction is that uninsurable addresses in Byron Bay will rise to 6.4 per cent or 439 addresses by 2100. Mullumbimby is

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Police officer charged over 2018 Byron police bashing

Paul Bibby

One of the officers involved in the arrest of a teenager in the Byron CBD last year has been charged with common assault.

NSW Police this morning issued a statement saying that an officer had been charged over the incident and would appear in court on 2 December.

The teenager was arrested by four officers in the early hours of 11 February last year in Lateen Lane.

The laying of the charge follows an investigation into the incident by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, which referred the matter to the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions (NSWDPP) for advice about whether charges could be laid against the officer.

The Commission found that the officer engaged in serious misconduct by applying 19 baton strikes to the young person. It made no adverse findings against the other officers involved in the young

person's apprehension.

On Wednesday the officer was issued with a Future Court Attendance Notice, and he will now appear in Byron Local Court on 2 December.

NSW Police has previously indicated that the officer is no longer serving in the Byron region.

'He is now performing duties at another command,' a NSW Police spokesperson said.

The extended delay in deciding whether or not to lay charges in

relation to the incident has drawn widespread criticism of the NSW DPP, and the system more broadly.

'The young person... and the community are entitled to know, in a timely manner, where the accountability lies in relation to this incident... and whether the officer involved will be prosecuted,' the secretary of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties (NSWCCL) Therese Cochrane said.

The NSWCCL described the delay as 'unacceptable' earlier this year.

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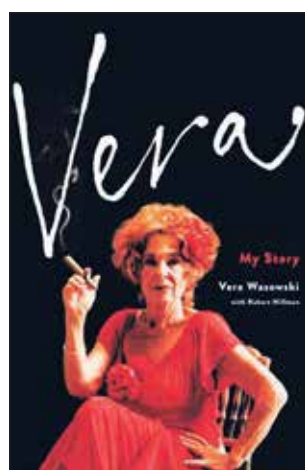
Reformer, redeemer, creator

Mungo MacCallum

I have always seen Vera Wasowski not just as a remarkable woman, but as a force of nature: one of those elemental beings who shaped the time and space she inhabited and altered the reality around her, forcing the rest of us to take notice and reassess our view of the world.

Not that she was in any sense an entity above it – Vera was always supremely involved, passionate and determined, earthy and indefatigable. But her extraordinary life transcended normal existence, always pushing the boundaries, always finding new ways to astonish and impress us mere mortals.

She was, pre-eminently, a survivor – but not just one who hung on against the



odds, but one who fought back at them, remodeled them, and improved the world. She was a reformer and a redeemer, lovable and loved throughout her long and crowded life. And I can hardly believe she is dead.

She was one the best, one of a kind, and I will miss her. Thanks for everything, and now for the memories.

Gagging community or protecting councillors?

Paul Bibby

Having the opportunity to speak during the public access period of Byron Council meetings is viewed as a God-given right by many locals. So when that right is eroded, even in a small way, there's a good chance the fur and feathers will fly.

In the past, a person could express their views on one agenda item and then speak on another item on behalf of a community organisation (such as a local residents' group they are a member of).

But under the new rule imposed at last week's Council meeting each individual can only speak once.

Thursday's meeting heard that the rule had actually been in place for the past two years, but that Council had effectively ignored it until recently when one or two community members allegedly began using it as an opportunity to repeatedly slag off councillors or the institution as a whole.

Former Byron Mayor and NSW Upper House member Jan Barham was less than impressed by the move.

Ms Barham said the change had been made quietly behind closed doors without any public consultation, or any notification to the community.

'I feel I have been limited and gagged on this and other issues,' she said.

'You should be disgusted in yourselves.'

The matter ended with Ms

Barham attempting to shout over the top of Mayor Simon Richardson as he repeatedly asked her to sit down.

'I'm going ask you to stop speaking or I'm going to have to adjourn the meeting,' Cr Richardson said.

'Oh, it's all about you, Simon,' Ms Barham replied.

She then stuck a piece of black duct tape over her mouth to symbolise being gagged by Council.

Ms Barham has since contacted *The Echo* saying that following more research 'the current code is invalid due to Council's failure to properly notify that they were changing the Public Access requirements. They did it in March this year, not two years ago and there were two councillor workshops on this issue but no information in the report or advertising of it.'

But the so-called 'gag rule' may not be around for much longer.

Greens councillor Michael Lyon said he supported a return to the old situation.

'It looks like there's a majority of councillors who are willing to go back to the way it was,' he said after the meeting.

'I see why people wouldn't want it that way because it's open to abuse from the people who just engage in Council bashing.'

'But I believe that you make rules for a just outcome, and I think it's fair to allow a person to represent themselves as well as an organisation during public access.'

Volunteers recognised



The important role that the Tweed Byron and Ballina Community Transport (TBBCT) provider play in the community was recently recognised. They won the NSW Community Transport Service Provider of the Year presented in Sydney earlier this month.

'We live in a beautiful region, but transport is a major issue for many people who cannot access public transport, or are in a tight spot, need transport for medical treatment, shopping or social outings,' said CEO Phil Barron.

Thousands of trips

Over the last year TBBCT have assisted 4,075 individuals, provided 86,624 passenger trips and travelled just over 2.5 million passenger

kilometres.

'We have a wonderful team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are known for being friendly, safety conscious, respectful and culturally aware. Our team members go out of their way to ensure our passengers get to their destinations on time and with as little stress as possible. We estimate their donation of time and skills to the community, as volunteer drivers, bus attendants and in other volunteer roles within our organisation, provides at minimum the equivalent of \$2.5m in savings to our government,' said Mr Barron.

The award acknowledges the important work TBBCT does to support people who are isolated, vulnerable or transport disadvantaged.

Climate risk and you

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predicted to rise to 10.2 per cent, Brunswick Heads will be at 16.7 per cent, South Golden Beach will hit 54.5 percent and of New Brighton addresses it will be 78.3 per cent of addresses that will be uninsurable by 2100. This prediction is based on current addresses and doesn't include potential land release in areas like the proposed rezoning of southern Mullumbimby that may be flood prone.

But this shouldn't really be news considering the Climate Change Risks to Coastal Australia report from 2009 clearly identified that 'a mid range sea-level rise of 0.5 metres in the 21st century, events that now happen every 10 years, would happen about every 10 days in 2100. The current 1-in-100 year event could occur several times a year...'

'Up to \$63 billion [in 2009] (replacement value) of existing residential buildings are potentially at risk of inundation from a 1.1 metre sea-level rise, with a lower and upper estimate of risk identified for between 157,000 and 247,600 individual buildings.'

Mr Sammels, Chair of the

ACCA has said that the recent IPCC report represents a 'wake-up call' for all levels of government in Australia.

'We are already seeing the effects of climate change in coastal areas in the form of widespread coastal erosion, more frequent and severe extreme weather events and more frequent inundation.'

The report warns that the current rate of annual sea level rise of 3.6mm is projected to increase to 15mm a year by 2100. It also warns that under a business-as-usual scenario, the sea level is projected to rise up to 1.1m over the next 80 years.

'But there is currently no national plan to address these risks, which will impact on coastal communities and their residents all around Australia. The nation urgently needs a comprehensive plan to deal with the climate hazards that lie ahead, for the sake of coastal communities and the coastal environment, and to defend the extensive public and private infrastructure and assets that are at risk.'

■ Analysis strengths and weaknesses for individual suburbs and addresses is explained in the ABC article.

Wildlife and bushfires – time for action

Paul Bibby

The protocols for rescuing wildlife after a bushfire are in urgent need of review, with the lives of koalas and other creatures in the balance, the North Coast Environment Council says.

Council president Jim Morrison said it was likely that hundreds if not thousands of animals such as

koalas had been injured in the recent devastating fires, or were now suffering starvation or dying of thirst.

But there were few, if any, policies in place to help them.

Animal assets

‘Human infrastructure, including plantations are counted as assets and extraordinary effort and

resources goes into protecting and saving them,’ Mr Morrison said.

‘We applaud the efforts of those on the front line, particularly the volunteers, doing this important work. But koalas, gliders, owls and the whole suite of native animals need to also be considered as assets and we need to have protocols and strategies in place for

protecting and rescuing them, and those protocols and strategies need to be implemented and resourced.’

Mr Morrison said a salient example of this was koala populations of Braemar, Carwong and Royal Camp State Forests.

Recently recognised as a stronghold for koalas with an estimated koala population of several hundred, they have now been devastated by fire.

‘No doubt many of the koalas perished in the fire,’ Mr Morrison said.

‘Some will have been burnt or injured in other ways and in urgent need of veterinary attention. There will hopefully be others who have survived physically unscathed but are now desperate for food and water.’

‘The longer it takes for people to be allowed in to the area, the more likely it is koalas will die.

‘We recognise that safety is a primary consideration, but surely there are methods and equipment that can be deployed to find and save injured wildlife?’

‘If we collectively cared enough to develop the tools we could make a difference.’



When Council and community work together

The community came together this week to celebrate saving Paterson Hill from being turned into an exclusive housing estate 20 years ago. Activists, councillors and council staff worked together to give the site a last minute reprieve. Today, the site remains in the community’s hands as part of the Arakwal National Park along with its endangered ecological environment, Dwarf Banksia Trees, unique orchids, the Cibum Margil wetland and Wallum Froglets. A great place to watch sunsets and rises. Photo Jeff Dawson

► Read more on Echonetdaily: www.echo.net.au/celebrating-saving-byrons-paterson-hill

Casting off convention to save the seven seas

Paul Bibby

Two local young people will live on a sustainable, off-grid sailing ship as part of a project to raise awareness about marine conservation.

Emily Horton and Sage Jeffreys will cast off in a month’s time on a marine conservation sailing vessel, powered only by the wind and the sun.

Living off-grid

‘Our dream is to live off grid on the ocean, whilst fighting for its protection,’ Ms Horton said.

‘We’ll be converting a standard fossil fuel boat engine with an electric motor, powered through solar.’

‘It’s time we stepped away from outdated practices and rose to the challenge of pushing societal boundaries.’

The couple will seek to engage people all over the world about the fight to save



Emily Horton and Sage Jeffreys are gettgin ready to cast off and save the ocnas. Photo supplied

the world’s oceans through their adventure blog ‘The Mer and The Man’ which is already up and running on multiple platforms including YouTube, Paetreon and Facebook.

‘The current global issues the ocean is facing will be the core of our conservation content,’ Mr Jeffreys said.

‘It’s everything from plastic pollution, the fossil fuel industry, industrial fishing, The Great Barrier Reef, and ending the war on sharks.’

‘We really want to invite

people to join us on this mission. We want to help unite youth, to reconnect to our voice, our power and our passion to help inspire good for all beings.’

The pair are seeking community support in the form of in-kind donations or sponsorship so they can finish kitting-out their vessel with solar panels, batteries and an auto pilot.

They can be contacted via themer.theman@gmail.com, or on social media @ The Mer and The Man.

What’s happening with your local health service?

Do you have questions about local health services? A public meeting is being held on 13 November where the public can get updates on the local health district’s plans for the future and ask questions about the health service.

The meeting will include presentations

from Chief Executive, Wayne Jones, and Board Chair, Dr Brian Pezzutti.

Attendance is free, but please register for catering. Register at <https://nnswhdagmn.eventbrite.com> or via email NNSWLHD-engagement@health.nsw.gov.au or 6620 2217.



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Bike and PAMP plans approved

Aslan Shand

After extensive community consultation and feedback and a few hiccups along the way, the Bike Plan and PAMP for Byron Shire was passed at last week's Council meeting.

It had hit a road block to approval at the previous month's meeting when

community groups raised concerns over the need for more information to make the document accessible. They also raised concerns over the classification of strongly supported community bike routes, including the one to Shearwater Steiner School, that was left as uncategorised.

Lainie Anderson from the Shearwater Bike Path group spoke during public access at last Thursday's meeting and reminded councillors of the significant community 'support for the shared pathway with over 8,500 signatures and more than 75 letters of written support by residents of Left Bank Road'.

At Thursday's meeting all the uncategorised bike routes were brought into at least category C and the Shearwater route was placed as a category B. They also confirmed that they would look at including the recommended route from the Main Arm Bike Group on Durrumbul Road.

'It's been a very comprehensive process with more than 700 survey responses, and approximately 150 attendees across the five workshops,' said Council's project engineer Daniel Strzina.

'With these plans finalised and adopted, we've got a clear path forward.

'Having quality plans in place with such a high level of community input and support also gives us a much greater chance of attracting State and Federal grant funding, so a huge thank you to all who were involved!'

Sculpture taking centre stage in Mullum



The Bunyarra Culture Collective: Dhianawan, Felix, Belle Arnold, with Anne Leon, Katie Tweedier, Delta Kay and Nickolla Clark. Photo Jeff 'Ingenious' Dawson

The work of the Bunyarra Culture Collective, a group of First Nations women, will be featured at Mullumbimby's Ingenuity sculpture festival that will run in conjunction with the Mullum Music Festival (MMF) from November 14.

The first stage of the sculpture *Elevate*, designed by artist Ellen Ferrier, will be ready to launch at the opening of the second annual Mullumbimby Ingenuity sculpture festival on 13 November. It is inspired by the view of Mount Chincogan from the town of Mullumbimby.

Themes of global warming

The Bunyarra Culture Collective women, who have been working under the guidance of local artist Anne Leon, have created a series of hand-painted pennant flags, to be installed at the upcoming sculpture festival. Each flag will contribute to telling the story of the Aboriginal perspectives of global warming and its impact on the Earth and all of us.

'The (world's) elements are out of balance and our

artwork will represent our journey from harmony to chaos and back to balance again. Working with colour and symbolism to reflect traditional storytelling elements combined with modern medium and vibrant colours of silk painting, this collaboration will explore the global crisis of our lifetime,' said the Bunyarra Culture Collective

This will be one of the 30 artworks exploring environmental, political and spiritual matters to challenge the viewer to think outside of the box.

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Byron's controversial Railway Park reopening

Aslan Shand

This Saturday 2 November will see Byron's refurbished Railway Park reopened and there will be some great features. However, the work on the park has not been without controversy as the site was initially re-designed without the Byron Environment Centre's (BEC) rotunda.

The alarm was raised when, without consultation, the Byron Shire Council (BSC) began removing trees at the park without informing the community or following Council procedure. The BEC had received a notice of eviction from the rotunda from BSC the previous week.

GM and Mayor's public apology

This was then compounded by the claim of Council's then general manager Ken Gainger that the Byron Bay Masterplan Team (BBMPT) had 'provided community feedback "that the BEC kiosk in Railway Square would best be located elsewhere,"' (www.echo.net.au/byron-mayor-gm-apologise-railway-park-fiasco).

This was forcefully denied

by the co-chair of the BBMPT Donald Maughan leading to a public apology from both GM Ken Gainger and Mayor Simon Richardson.

At the time Mayor Richardson told *The Echo*, 'the Masterplan leadership team were thrown under a bus.'

No more of the trees were removed and the BEC continued to fight for a spot for the rotunda in the new re-designed Railway Park; in which they had been a feature and attraction, covered with local indigenous art, for 17 years. The rotunda was eventually allowed to remain in the park on the northern edge though this does not guarantee BEC a permanent home in the rotunda.

Big park reveal

Several million dollars, plenty of community angst and months of work later and the park is ready to be revealed to the community.

Included in the design are 11 artworks, created by five Arakwal Bungjalung artists, that have been sand-blasted into concrete as part of a new public art installation. They will be featured in exposed concrete in the footpaths on the western side of the park.

The art explores themes including sacred sites, tools and weapons, the practice of lore and culture, and Arakwal totems.

'This is one of the biggest public artworks that Arakwal has been involved with, and it is extremely special to have it featured in the centre of Byron Bay,' lead artist Nickolla Clark said.

Local 17 year old Shanti Kelly-Torrens said being involved in the design process was extremely special for both herself and her family.

'My artwork is titled *Ngthungulli* (Julian Rocks) and the line work represents the landscape and rock formation at this site, which is incredibly important to my people, the Arakwal people,' Ms Kelly-Torrens said.

'To see our beautiful designs that we drew by hand now permanently featured in Railway Park is so rewarding for all of us,' Ms Clark said.

You can join the community celebration of the new park from 3pm on Saturday 2 November.

► For a history of Railway Park see page 14

Byron Primary's
Carnivale of Art

From flash mob, art and mechanical surf board rides to Circus Arts performances and delicious food, there will be something for everyone at Byron Bay Public School's Carnivale of Arts on Friday 1 November, 5-8pm.

The theme is Our Natural World and is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

'This year's theme is bringing together the strong sense of student, family and wider school community's environmental focus and love of all things natural,' said a school spokesperson.

'A true community event... the night will host an exhibition of art by current students and local artists, interactive art, musical entertainment, market stalls' and more.

Get the youth drumming for fun



There's nothing quiet and demure about Japanese Taiko drumming – it is about energy and action and big sound. Hiro and Mayu Akiba are pictured with their Taiko drum group at the Youth Activity Centre (YAC). Local teenagers can come and be part of the action on Tuesday afternoons: year five and six students 4-5pm, 12 to 24 year olds 5.30-6.30pm. Don't miss the Japan Festival on 17 November at Byron's Main Beach from 10am. Photo Jeff 'Air Drummer' Dawson

Illegal child strip searches: a result of failure to train police

Aslan Shand

The misuse of strip search powers by police is being investigated by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC). Last week, evidence was heard specifically in regard to strip searches on children between 10 and 17 years old, at Splendour in the Grass 2018.

According to a statement read to the commission, a sniffer dog came and sat next to a 16 year-old girl, which then led to a strip search. She was told to strip and squat and was not provided with parent, guardian or trusted person as required by law. No drugs were found. In fact no drugs were found in 90 per cent of searches conducted at Splendour. Seven of the searches involved minors.

Sam Lee from the Redfern Legal Centre was at the inquiry and spoke to *The Echo* saying that, at the hearing, it was clear that the police didn't have a clear understanding of the laws around strip searches.

'It really summed up that police are in a legal vacuum with little to no guidance to know the law of strip searches that should be applied on the ground,' said Ms Lee.

'2019 was the first time a procedural manual was supplied that touched on strip searches. It is clear that police don't understand what "serious and urgent" means, and that they don't understand what "reasonable grounds" actually means and how they can be met.

'A sniffer dog by itself is

not reasonable grounds for a search. Across the board, sniffer dogs appeared to have been used as the sole grounds for a search.'

Ms Lee went on to say that the police were potentially breaching the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPR) by directing action – including coughing, squatting and parting of the buttocks.

Not paying off

According to local Byron Youth Service (BYS) worker, Deb Pearce, who was interviewed on Bay FM's Community Newsroom last week, the inquiry has revealed that an 'enormous amount of police resources were not paying off'.

'What we're doing doesn't seem to be working, so we need a new approach.'

However, having worked closely with local police she had seen first-hand some of the challenges they are met with on a daily basis. Byron Bay Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe had been 'great over the years', she said but 'like everyone else, they're overworked.'

Strip search fail

Greens MP David Shoebridge said that the NSW police's personal search program is fundamentally failing. According to data provided by the Police Minister 76 per cent of personal searches following a sniffer dog indication find no drugs. He says that police have advised that 99.5 per cent of sniffer dog indicated searches failed to find sufficient drugs to bring either a supply or 'deemed

supply' charge.

'The NSW Police are routinely humiliating people with their aggressive searches and their own data proves that these searches are fundamentally failing to reduce drug supply,' said Mr Shoebridge.

'If any other part of the government had a program that failed three-quarters or two-thirds of the time, then it would be scrapped.

'Strip searches are often highly traumatising and, as the evidence before the ongoing LECC inquiry proves, regularly carried out illegally by police who don't understand the law.'

Cultural issue

The hearing is supposed to be reporting by the end of the year but according to Ms Lee they are still gathering information.

'Police are not well educated or informed of the laws around the strip search of a child between the ages of 10

and 17,' said Ms Lee.

'The hearing left the impression that there was no acknowledgement by the police that these strip searches are upsetting and traumatic, and should only happen in exceptional circumstances.

'It can't just be blamed on individual officers – without looking at the overall culture of the police force, the legislation and guidance to police,' she emphasised.

'The best outcome would be a review of the legislation, and changes that require police to obtain a court order before a strip search of a child.'

Ms Lee said that there needs to be a policy change in the police force in regards to strip searches and a reduction in the number of sniffer dogs at festivals in general.

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Emma and Tania Kolesnikoff, Simon White, David Cavagna, Jonathan Smith and Tammy Sykes at Byron Care Farm. Photo Jeff 'Nature Man' Dawson

Aslan Shand

Empowering people who are a little, or a big bit, different can be a huge challenge but for brothers Nathan and Simon who have started Byron Care Farm it has been about supporting their sister Emma.

Emma has cerebral palsy and epilepsy and the brothers decided they wanted to 'start Byron Care Farm to create a safe space to improve her life through learning and growing. They realised many more families could benefit from this in their lives and so

now they invite everyone to get involved,' said general manager of Byron Care Farm Jonathan Smith.

It started in May 2018, and they are now working with a number of service providers to support people coming to experience the farm. People with a range of disabilities and mental health challenges have been accessing the farm's greening and art activities.

'We are in the early days of developing a range of art programs, from photography, pressed flower art, drawing and paintings, pottery, and candle making,

to painting pots for the succulents we propagate and making art out of the farm's natural materials,' said Jonathan.

Emma herself is currently developing her own business in flowers, flower art and products with the aim of running her own business with a little assistance.

'It has been a positive experience in developing skills in seedling raising, looking after chickens, to social skills and projects like developing Emma's business.'

Find out more online: <http://byroncarefarm.org.au> or call on 0491 249 375.

Take control and create the world you want

AslanShand

The climate emergency has been hitting the headlines for a while now and it isn't something that can be ignored, no matter how hard the current crop of Australian leaders are trying. The cry of alarm is coming from around the world as examples of communities being devastated by fire, flood, cyclone and melting permafrost mount.

So what can people do?

This is the question that is being discussed at a free workshop in Bangalow this Sunday 3 November by Brisbane based environmental lawyer and cofounder of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA), Dr Michelle Maloney.

'It is not just about climate change – there are many ways that we live in Australia that are unsustainable,' she said, speaking to *The Echo*.

'The underpinning

structures that uphold the current system focus on endless growth on a planet of limited resources. Industrial society is showing that it has failed in its relationship with the living world. So the question is – how do we transform our society so we support, rather than destroy, the living world?'

What can the environment support?

The workshop is two hours long and it helps people to re-think human governance systems and economic activities. She says that we need to turn human settlement patterns on their head and start from an understanding of what we need to do to have healthy bioregions and ecosystems.

'We need to look at nature first and determine what it can support,' said Dr Maloney. 'Is it a desert, rainforest, coastal region?

How do we live, work and play here, in this place, so we can live here forever?'

She says that the shift needs to be made at all levels including conventional approaches to how we manage our legal, economic, education, political and ethical aspects of our lives. 'Our current economy and settlement patterns force nature to fit to our activities by shaping and destroying it,' she points out. 'We need to re-think how we live in the world. We need a significant transformation. I believe we can transition to happier, fairer economies, while also restoring and maintaining environmental health.'

Register

Organisers have asked people to register online for the workshop at Eventbrite: eventbrite.com.au/e/77776490577 or email the organiser Rosy Whelan for more information; rosy@rosymedia.com.au.



This World Break film maker, Josh David Jordan with Harold Blank who made *Why Can't I Be Me*, at Saturday night's Byron Bay Film Festival closing party. Photo Jeff 'Breaking Me' Dawson

No super for councillors leaves them vulnerable

Paul Bibby

Should our Byron Councillors and Mayor be getting paid more? Your instinctual reaction may be to suggest that they're getting paid too much already.

But did you know, that unlike like anyone else who works in the local government sector, mayors and councillors don't receive a single cent in superannuation?

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the majority of Byron's councillors believe they should receive super as well as a pay rise. All but two voted to lobby the relevant state government ministers to request just that at last week's Council meeting.

For the record, councillors currently receive \$20,288 a year and the mayor gets \$64,300.

'It's a privilege and an honour to serve on Council, but I don't think we should be penalised,' Greens councillor Sarah Ndiaye said.

'Those of us who are not independently wealthy and have to work as well as serving on Council are basically being discriminated against,' she said.

'Wherever we go, we're engaged by people from the community who want to talk about their particular local issue.'

Mayor Simon Richardson said that he and the other councillors were regularly on the receiving end of bullying,

intimidation and insults from the community.

'We get really good people who, when asked "Why don't you go on council?" say, "Why on earth would I want to do that?"'

But Cr Alan Hunter voted against the motion.

'This is a job that isn't for wimps,' he said. 'I can hear the community saying "I'm not going to pay you anymore – I don't think you're worth what you're getting now".'

'If you measured our performance in terms of the number of potholes we've filled, which is what a lot of people judge us on, I don't think we'd come up roses.'

'No amount of money is going to make us any better.'



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Emergency after hours	02 6622 7022
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In Byron? Customer service for general enquiries now at Byron Visitor Centre, 80 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm to 4.00pm or phone 02 6626 7000. Card only payments accepted at this location.

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

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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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. Please call Noreen Scott 02 6626 7062.

ROADS ACT 1993 NAMING OF ROADS

Notice is hereby given that Byron Shire Council, pursuant to section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, has officially named the road(s) as shown hereunder:

Name	Locality
THOMSON COURT	Ocean Shores

Description:

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

MARK ARNOLD, General Manager, Byron Shire Council,
POBox 219, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482
GNB Ref: 0238

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

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

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

If you are making a submission, there are requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure.

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 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 DP 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)

EXHIBITION CLOSES 13 NOVEMBER 2019

10.2014.753.4 – Tyagarah, 30 Tanner Lane (Lot 103 DP 1023126, Lot 104 DP 1023126, Lot 105 DP 1023126, Lot 1 DP 1222143, Lot 2 DP 1222143, Lot 3 DP 1222143) Newton Denny Chapelle, S4.55 Modification to Increase capacity of Large Events from 25,000 to 30,000 patron capacity and Increase ability to provide amplified music for Small Events from 10 days to the prescribed 100 days

10.2019.488.1 – Eureka, 126 Goremans Road (Lot 1 DP 1245231) Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Use of Existing Dwelling House, Swimming Pool and Shed and New Tennis Court

10.2019.568.1 – Mullumbimby, 112 Dalley Street (Lot 2 DP 928682, Lot 3 DP 928683) Temporary Use of Existing Building as Entertainment Facility in Association with Mullum Music Festival 16th and 17th November 2019

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 16 October to 8 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.

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

Submissions close: Friday 8 November 2019

Enquiries: Steve Daniels 02 6626 7315

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DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

In accordance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)*, notification is hereby given of the following development consents granted by Council. The consents listed are available to view Online at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA.

Information relating to these applications as required by Schedule 1, Division 4, Clause 20(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* is also available online.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2019.278.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH, 24 Philip Street Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.401.1 – COOPERS SHOOT, 295 Coopers Shoot Road Alterations and Additions to Existing Dual Occupancy Dwelling

10.2019.504.1 – BYRON BAY, 11 Ruskin Street 1.8m Front Fence

10.2019.381.1 – COOPERS SHOOT, 163 Coopers Shoot Road Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and Construction of New Dwelling House

10.2018.556.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 16/31 Hayters Drive Dwelling House, Tree Removal and Swimming Pool

10.2019.434.1 – BYRON BAY, 23 Cypress Court Alteration & Additions to Existing Dwelling House, Demolition and New Swimming Pool

10.2019.318.1 – COOPERS SHOOT, 294 Picadilly Hill Road Alterations and Additions to existing Dwelling House and Garage and associated Earthworks

10.2019.510.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 6/113 Broken Head Road Swimming Pool

10.2019.497.1 – COORABELL, 3/105 Keys Road Dwelling House and Shed

10.2019.492.1 – MYOCUM, 174 Dingo Lane Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Swimming Pool

10.2019.476.1 – BYRON BAY, 1/5 Marine Parade Swimming Pool

10.2018.473.1 – BANGALOW, 1B Ballina Road Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and Associated Structures, Tree Removal, Earthworks and New Culvert

10.2019.467.1 – BYRON BAY, 64 Carlyle Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.455.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 18 Narooma Drive Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.59.1 – POSSUM CREEK, 20 Pine Mountain Road Construction of New Expanded Dwelling Module and Use of Two (2) Expanded Dwelling Modules to create Dual Occupancy (Detached) and Use of Studio

10.2019.294.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 22 Azalea Street Construction of a Secondary Dwelling and a separate Studio (artist use) on the site

10.2018.622.1 – COORABELL, 139 Newes Road Use of Existing Building as a Dwelling House and Change of Use of Existing Manager's Residence to a Multi-purpose Building ancillary to an Existing Rural Tourist Facility

10.2019.304.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 10 Kiyung Court Change of Use of Principal Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling to a Dual Occupancy (Detached) and Strata Subdivision

10.2019.240.1 – BYRON BAY, 132-138 Jonson Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Club Building

10.2019.496.1 – MYOCUM, 60B Kingsvale Road Alterations and Additions to Existing Transitional Group Home

10.2019.498.1 – BYRON BAY, 46 Tennyson Street Swimming Pool

10.2019.389.1 – EUREKA, 257 Whian Road Rural Landsharing Community – Additional Two (2) Dwelling Sites

10.2019.374.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 20 Kiah Close Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House, Swimming Pool and Tree Removal

10.2015.592.2 – BYRON BAY, 47 Ruskin Street S4.55 to Amend Condition 12 regarding Traffic Management Plan

10.2019.283.2 – SUFFOLK PARK, 30/31 Hayters Drive S4.55 to Modify Condition 6

10.2017.441.2 – BANGALOW, 52 Rankin Drive S4.55 to Stage Development into Three (3) Stages

10.2016.540.3 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 5 Mona Lane S4.55 to Modify Conditions 1, 18 and 21 to Amend Approved Plans

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

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2019.84.1 – MAIN ARM, 64 Coopers South Lane Subdivision / Boundary Adjustment Two (2) Lots

DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

10.2019.56.1 – MULLUMBIMBY CREEK, 11 Brushbox Drive Dwelling House and Carport and Use of Shed as a Secondary Dwelling

Replanting Byron one tree at a time

Christobel Munson

Around 140 people turned up for a community tree-planting day at a private property in Ewingsdale last Saturday to launch Zero Emissions Byron's (ZEB) latest endeavour: RePlant Byron.

'RePlant Byron aims to plant 1.8 million trees in Byron Shire to accelerate our transition to zero emissions by 2025,' said ZEB Chair, Vicki Brooke. 'Once established, that will draw down 15 to 20 per cent of Byron Shire's carbon emissions and help to restore habitat and ecosystems.'

On Saturday 2,403 seedlings from Firewheel Native Nursery went in the ground previously prepared by Rossco Faithfull and the crew from East Coast Bush Regeneration. Some of the happy planters were seasoned volunteers, others were first-timers ranging in age from toddlers to octogenarians.

Purchase of the seedlings was funded by the Koala Home Restoration program, with NRMA Insurance and managed by Community Volunteers Australia. 'While many landowners are keen to restore habitat on their properties, the cost of planting and maintenance is high, so this donation is a great help,' Vicki added.

Volunteers were keen for the next planting day but ZEB said they need to wait until it rains. 'We can't plant any more trees until the



Locals taking action on climate change by getting trees in the ground. Photo Mike Frey

drought breaks, as there's not enough water to keep them alive,' Vicki said.

Student activist Mia Thom was strident in her support of the RePlant project. 'This is a crucial day!' she said. 'Our actions mark the antidote. Taking positive action on climate change flies in the face of a government who refuse to take action. This is the time to make powerful change.'

SCU's Dr Kevin Glencross, a long-term forest replanter, regards Byron as 'one of the great hubs of biodiversity on the planet', pointing out that 'we are the custodians' along with elders such as the hoop pines.

For more info, see www.zero Byron.org/land-use/replant-byron.

Multi-generational connections in Bangalow



Kikki Lekay, Shirley Hughes, Abby (the dog) and Felicity Durhan were part of the Bangalow picnic last Sunday connecting generations. The event was a collaboration between the Bangalow Children's Centre and the Possum Creek Conscious Elders, focussed on enriching each other's lives. Photo Jeff 'Ageless' Dawson

Protesters highlight Tradelink links to Adani

Anti-Adani campaigners held a protest at the Tradelink plumbing store in Byron Bay last week, urging locals to boycott the company over its connection to the controversial Adani coal mine.

Tradelink Plumbing Centres are owned by Fletcher Building, a New Zealand company currently bidding to supply construction materials for the Adani Carmichael mine.

The protesters ranged

from families with young children through to 97-year-old Kokoda veteran Bill Ryan.

The protest was part of nation-wide actions over the company's bid to work for Adani.

Ben Pennings, a spokesperson for Galilee Blockade, said most Australians did not want the Adani mine to go ahead and called on people to boycott Tradelink until Fletcher Building 'gets out of bed with Adani'.

'Thermal coal will become the asbestos of the future,' Mr Pennings said.

'Every single company with a retail brand, including banks and insurance companies, have listened to the public and dumped Adani.'

'Industrial contractors have retail brands too. Fletcher Building want to provide key construction materials for Adani but risk the reputation of their brands like Tradelink and Laminex.'

More tours for Byron's sea kayak operators

Paul Bibby

Byron's sea kayak tour operators have been granted an extra tour each day during school holidays to help them stay afloat amidst a sea of cancellations.

The tour operators were granted the exemption at last week's full council

meeting, after revealing that they were being forced to cancel more than a third of their tours.

Bad weather impacting

The owner of Cape Byron Kayaks, Alice Livingston, told the meeting the

cancellations were generally owing to poor weather conditions such as high winds and swells, and occasionally because of shark sightings.

'We can't charge people for tours that get cancelled owing to bad weather,' Ms Livingston said.

Her counterpart at Go Sea Kayak Byron Bay, Kurt Tutt, said his company had been forced to cancel 35 per cent of tours over the past six months.

'It's 195 cancellations a year and it's starting to push into an area where we're struggling to maintain feasibility,' he said.

Byron Mayor Simon Richardson said he supported increasing the number of tours to support the operators, which had a 'soft footprint'.

'The influences on their business can be out of their control as they're at the whim of mother nature,' Cr Richardson said.

'It employs locals and has very little impact on anyone else.'

Councillors voted unanimously to support the proposal for a variation to the operators' licences to allow for one additional sea kayak tour each day during overlap of NSW and Qld school holidays, during April and October, and for the whole period of 26 December to 26 January.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2020

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

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

Categories for Nominations are:

- Citizen of the Year (no age limit)
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged up to 25 years as at 26/1/20)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (aged over 60 years as at 26/1/20)
- Sports Person of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Creative Artist of the Year
- Environmental Project of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Persons may be nominated by individuals, community groups or organisations. Make your nomination for Council's 2020 Australia Day Awards by completing our online form at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Australia-Day-Awards-2020 or at the Council Customer Service front counter. Written nominations can be addressed to Clare Tremenheere, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to ctremenheere@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close: 4.00pm Friday 6 December 2019

Enquiries: Clare Tremenheere on 02 6626 7000

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Take the time

Have you taken the time to stop lately? I did recently on a park bench.

I resisted taking out my phone to look at the news or check social media. After a few minutes, I began to notice my surroundings.

The silent stalk of the goanna as it realised I wasn't a threat. The wind rustling both the trees and me. Looking up, I noticed the silent orange head poking out of black wrapped wings as the flying fox swayed high in the trees overhead as it slept.

Mental health is something we talk of more these days. Perhaps one of the hurdles is the endless filling of every moment with work, busy lives and screens. This is not letting us have the time we need to reflect, to allow our minds to wander. The time to be.

I'm beginning to think a little time out, quiet moments of reflection – be it meditation, yoga, prayer, losing yourself in art, thoughts or music or just a walk away from the usual pressures of life – is essential to people's wellbeing.

We seem to be constantly under pressure to be more places, see more things, understand more, to be busy and to be seen as busy. For many people, busy equates with a fulfilling, important life. But is it?

For many, being busy is leading them to feel overwhelmed. To forget to value what was supposed to be the ultimate bonus of technology – more free time, more leisure time, more time with family and friends, more time to do those important things you love.

If you were dying, what do you think you would regret not doing? In 2012 *The Guardian* reported that a nurse recorded the top five regrets of dying patients. 'I wish I'd been busier' was not among them.

The top five regrets were: 1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me. 2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard. 3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings. 4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends; and, 5. I wish that I had let myself be happier.

I'm going to try to remember to get off the computer, put down my phone and take a look around me. Taking the time to just sit on a random bench in a park gave me a moment to unwind and observe the world. It allowed me to disengage and notice the little things I'm so often far too busy to see.

Aslan Shand, acting editor
News tips are welcome: editor@echo.net.au

Framing the guilty: Uluru deniers, banksters, Dutton's spies

Phillip Frazer

Last week, a panel on TV discussed how Australia's First People can get recognition for being our land's custodians for 60,000 plus years, and how they can get a permanent voice in running the nation. This was on *The Drum* on the ABC so a 'progressive' perspective had the numbers. Everyone agreed that it will be really hard to squeeze approval out of parliament and to win a referendum, even though most Australians support those goals... because Scott Morrison, Barnaby Joyce, and dozens of their ilk keep saying no, as in no voice, no meaningful referendum.

It took two years and a thousand indigenous delegates from 13 regions of Australia to write a 'frame' for discussing recognition, called The Uluru Statement from the Heart, and while the panelists nodded reverentially in its direction, they didn't use it as the frame for their discussion; unconsciously perhaps, they used the coalition's. The Uluru mob are proposing an agreement between governments and First Nations and 'truth-telling about our history' and they invite us to walk with them on this. No demand re the constitution or for a third chamber in parliament, nor for a new flag or anthem, and yet all these smart and pleasant people on *The Drum* focused on how to coax the nay-sayers over the line.

The Liberal bullies and the Murdoch-Costello press have jammed their frame around this issue, and it boils down to 'we will decide what you can have, and it's probably going to be bugged-all'.

In this case the specific bullies include Morrison, Barnaby Joyce, and the loudest shock-jocks, but the fact is, that in Australia today the coalition government frames every debate with the general rule being: Everything will be decided by Boss Morrison and the Appropriate Minister.

That hasn't worked out well with energy policy – because we still don't have one; other than polluting our best agricultural land, inland water tables, and offshore marine environments, in order to ship fossil fuels to countries on the other side of various oceans, yielding vast profits to super-rich rent-seekers like Gina Rinehart and Clive Palmer. Our energy bully is the perennially menacing-looking Angus Taylor



Bullyboys: Energy minister Angus Taylor, Boss Scott Morrison, Home Affairs minister Peter Dutton and Attorney-General Christian Porter. Image JP & P Frazer

– yes, the Liberal rep who last month got *The Telegraph* to print a fraudulent accounting document slandering Sydney's mayor. Angus doesn't understand the maths of global warming either.

Take another big issue of our times: cyber-security versus privacy, and 'terrorism'. The Morrison-Dutton gang has proposed new laws that parliament and the commentariat are to discuss – entirely inside the frame drawn up by professional paranoids: cops from local levels, up to the Federal Police, plus security types at ASIO, ASIS, the Signals Directorate and a few other branches of Home Affairs whom they've snuck in to keep our enemies and our citizens guessing. Paranoids-in-chief are Peter Dutton, attorney general Christian Porter, and Scott Morrison. Their frame is really simple; We decide – and no one asks questions.

Mike Secombe warned us in last week's *Saturday Paper* that Dutton's troops have 'an algorithm capable of scanning the biometric data of almost every citizen of the country, held on a single central government database. Where we are all potential suspects, all the time.' And as Bernard Keane at *Crikey* correctly added, 'there's a bipartisan refusal even to engage in the kinds of debates over national security laws that Americans take for granted'. Our bullyboys don't want to be bothered with rights.

All of this is supposedly to protect us from terrorists – and China. Note that our national security behemoth didn't stop Labor Party politicians from accepting \$100,000 cash from a Chinese property developer, nor did it twig that a Liberal house member is a long-standing member of at least three

organisations managed by the Chinese Communist Party. Nor did they read the public posts of the Christchurch mass murderer, who was an Aussie, who could have hit a mosque in his home town of Grafton. But reading posts on 8Chan or about QAnon might turn up a few violent white men, even including a few friends of the Prime Minister.

How about banks and banking? More talking heads and 'national economics writers' are looking at the Royal Commission recommendations, and discussing options that we know won't happen. Bankers won't become more empathetic, their promises more honest, or their behaviour more honourable – and reorganising them with new rules, like less vertical integration, won't make the daily struggle for the legal tender any easier for many of us.

We could have a People's Bank, or 'industry' banks modelled on the superannuation funds that involve unions, which have out-performed all the private funds. And let's support credit unions, co-ops, and online social banks – like Bank Australia and MeBank – which operate for a fraction of the costs of banks housed in bricks and plastic. Put a People's Bank branch in every post office, instead of portals for the profit-driven banksters.

Yet, again, the bullyboys' only plan is: Obey the Minister. In this case, obey the Treasurer – which is a problem for the government, because Josh Frydenberg barely manages a 5-out-of-10 on the bullyboy's threat-and-bluster-scale compared to Taylor's 8, Morrison's 9, or Dutton's 10.

■ Phillip Frazer posts things on coorabellridge.com

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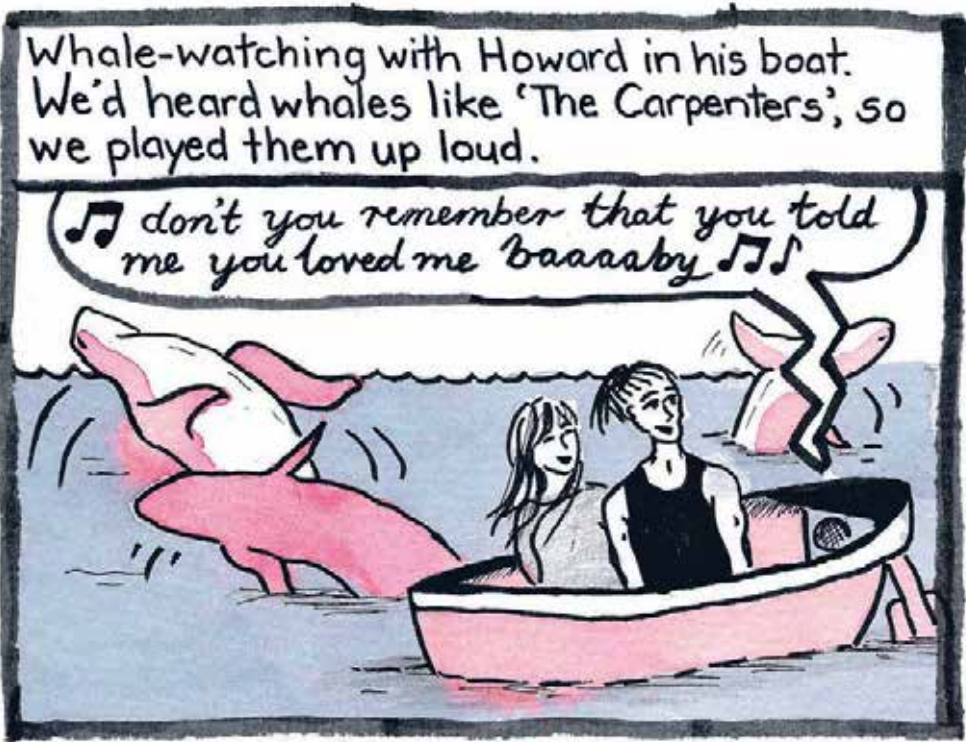
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Thanks Council

Thank you Byron Council rubbish depot team! They moved 20 bags of rubbish and an office chair from the high tide mark on Belongil Beach last week, literally within a few hours after we called them – narrowly avoiding all the rubbish being taken out to the sea on the next tide. Thanks again! Also, it would be great if Council could budget for a daily check on Byron beaches, or a hotline to catch any rubbish before

it damages the beach and sea life. The bulk of dollars to Council and the Shire come from people from around the world wanting to see Byron's beaches. A small cost to preserve a big tourist and revenue attraction?

Susan Fitzpatrick-Napier
Byron Bay

It's all ok

Rebecca McNaught – despair not! Simply carpool a bunch of bargain hunters and head to the Tweed Palliative Support op shop

in Murwulillumbah, run by feisty 85-year-old Edna Gorton OAM. Most of our clothing is only one dollar (that's right, one dollar). And we have furniture, electrical, books, household and garage stuff, way cheaper than the op shops of Byron, whose fat-cat church-run operators collect millions in government funding. TPS receives no help from government funding whatsoever, and all monies raised go directly to running the palliative

support of Wedgetail Hospice which is provided absolutely free of charge to the sick and dying, and their carers. That said, you shouldn't desert Global Ripple. They do a champion job.

Sue Read
Myocum

It's contagious

There seems to be a pathological attitude at large in the Byron Shire; people are determined to live (and seemingly enjoy) a negativity that is almost contagious. No one is willing to be positive about potholes.

We are used to speed humps to slow traffic on our streets, and people actually ask council to install them. We see letters in *The Echo* calling for speed limits on roads across the Shire.

As to complaints that potholes can damage tyres and suspensions, if one drives slowly in, and out, of potholes, damage is mitigated and even nonexistent.

Be positive, I urge Shire residents – potholes are merely inverse speed humps. Speed humps cost labor, money, and time whereas potholes are money saving for ratepayers: potholes

Letters to the Editor

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are self-creating and need no maintenance or replacement.

Slower traffic will obviate accidents caused by speed; motorists will benefit by not burning (costly) fuel at higher speeds.

Council outdoor staff will have less onerous (and dangerous) work to do, meaning that they can be diverted to some urgent and necessary tasks, for example

beautifying road verges and maintaining our many parks and gardens.

Queensland motorists, so often vilified for their driving habits, will be better regarded leading to a more harmonious relationship.

Byron Shire will be in the vanguard of progressive road safety policy for the nation, and I envisage visitors going home to tell their friends

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Be aware of the Byron Shire Draft Residential Strategy 2019 (DRS)

Home-owners in Sunrise Beach Estate and South East Byron Bay Town should be aware of the Byron Shire Draft Residential Strategy 2019 (DRS) – especially how future infill development may impact their neighbourhood.

The DRS has created 'Residential Character Narratives' (DRS pgs 77–81) to determine how infill development could be implemented to accommodate the expected increase in housing required in the Shire over the next few decades. 'Sunrise Area E1', or

'older Sunrise', is described as 'original homes... typically brick and tile, well set back from the street with relatively large lots and lawn areas'. It has 'a distinctly different character' to Area E2 (Habitat) and Area E3 (Arts & Industry Estate).

Suffolk Park has been divided into Area D1 (East) and Area D2 (West).

Byron Bay town has been divided into Area A (Town) and Area B (South/East).

Areas B, D1, and D2 have all been described in terms of a mixture of original

detached houses on large lots, and semi-detached low-rise developments – as has Sunrise Area E1. But they have also been attributed with some 'leafy' qualities that Sunrise Area E1 is devoid of.

The DRS then creates 'Character Categories' which it uses to map a future infill development strategy. Two Character Categories are relevant to the above Areas (DRS pg 82):

Subtle: small clusters of low rise medium density complementing existing

form – likely to be incremental with many of existing elements remaining.

Transitional: earmarking an area of change incorporating pockets of low rise medium density...

How the area will look and feel in the future is likely to evolve, and in some cases notably.

All of Sunrise Area E1 and Byron Town Area B have been mapped 'Transitional' (DRS pg 82). All but a few blocks in Suffolk Park Area D1 and a strip in Suffolk Park Area D2 are mapped as 'Subtle'.

Presumably this mapping anomaly is created by the narrative that, when considering future development in Suffolk Park, 'it is important that future infill development... compliments the low scale character and natural landscape qualities of this area' (DRS pg 80).

It's perplexing that Sunrise Area E1 and Byron Area B are not afforded the same consideration. Like many proud home-owners in our neighbourhood, we have spent significant time, effort and expense renovating,

extending, and maintaining our property. It's alarming that future infill development should impact the 'look and feel' of our local community 'and in some cases notably'.

A strategy is important to accommodate expected future residential growth in Byron Bay. But the impact of growth on existing neighbourhoods could be ameliorated if planned infill developments are more evenly distributed.

Jeff Harrison
Sunrise

► **Continued from page 11** (and, of course, the local councils) what a road-safety conscious place Byron Shire is, and pleading for the precedent to be followed.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

A day in the life...

Not so long ago on the way to a doctor's appointment in Bangalow my Community Transport driver and I passed a work crew repairing potholes in the road.

When we returned, about an hour later, we were able to observe that the majority of the fill was now curling up

out of the holes due to the action of passing traffic and looked as if it was about to be scattered about by the same process.

Such a situation is not only a very short-term cosmetic 'fix', it is also an enormous waste of time, money and resources.

David Gillet
Byron Bay

Agreeing with John

In reference to the letter 'Thanks Greta' (from John York, Goonengerry), I totally agree with John, on 95% of his sensible and enlightened comments – except the last

sentence in relation to eating our 'protected wildlife'.

Further commercialising our much maligned and misunderstood kangaroos and emus places them in further peril.

Firstly, you cannot farm kangaroos or emus. Kangaroos are extremely sensitive, more so than deer, and can't be herded, penned or corralled. Secondly, surprise surprise (to most Australians) they do not breed in drought.

Wish I could say the same for our species. The in-pouch joeys will die within weeks during a severe drought and at-foot joeys will die within a

few short months.

Most importantly to those meat eaters, it takes approximately 120 kangaroos to gain the same amount of edible meat that you would get from one cow...YES, just one cow.

To genuinely save the planet, go veg/or vegan. I bet the amazing Greta is? Most of the meat from our iconic species is tough and inedible.

Female kangaroos produce only one joey annually in good times and are slow to reproduce, contrary to popular mythology. Most at-foot joeys will not reach adulthood, and the facts are such that on average,

one female macropod will only produce ONE full grown 'joey' into adulthood.

The commercial kangaroo industry has reduced the weights of adult kangaroos considerably, and thus red kangaroos are now killed at approximately only two years of age. Hardly time to reproduce.

We are already witnessing regional extinctions. The NSW Govt has already changed correction factors (counting methods) several times to favour commercial interests rather than alerting the public to some serious declines in populations.

Profit and politics have blinded our national leaders to the serious and escalating plight of our maligned 'icon'.

If compassion doesn't convince you to not eat our national symbol (think of the innocent joeys that are bludgeoned to death, stomped under foot, crushed against a wheel brace or decapitated) then maybe toxoplasmosis may influence you.

Additional pesticides like Fenithrothion (locust spray) may also be within the kangaroo carcasses as it has not been tested, as is the legal requirement for domestic stock. ►



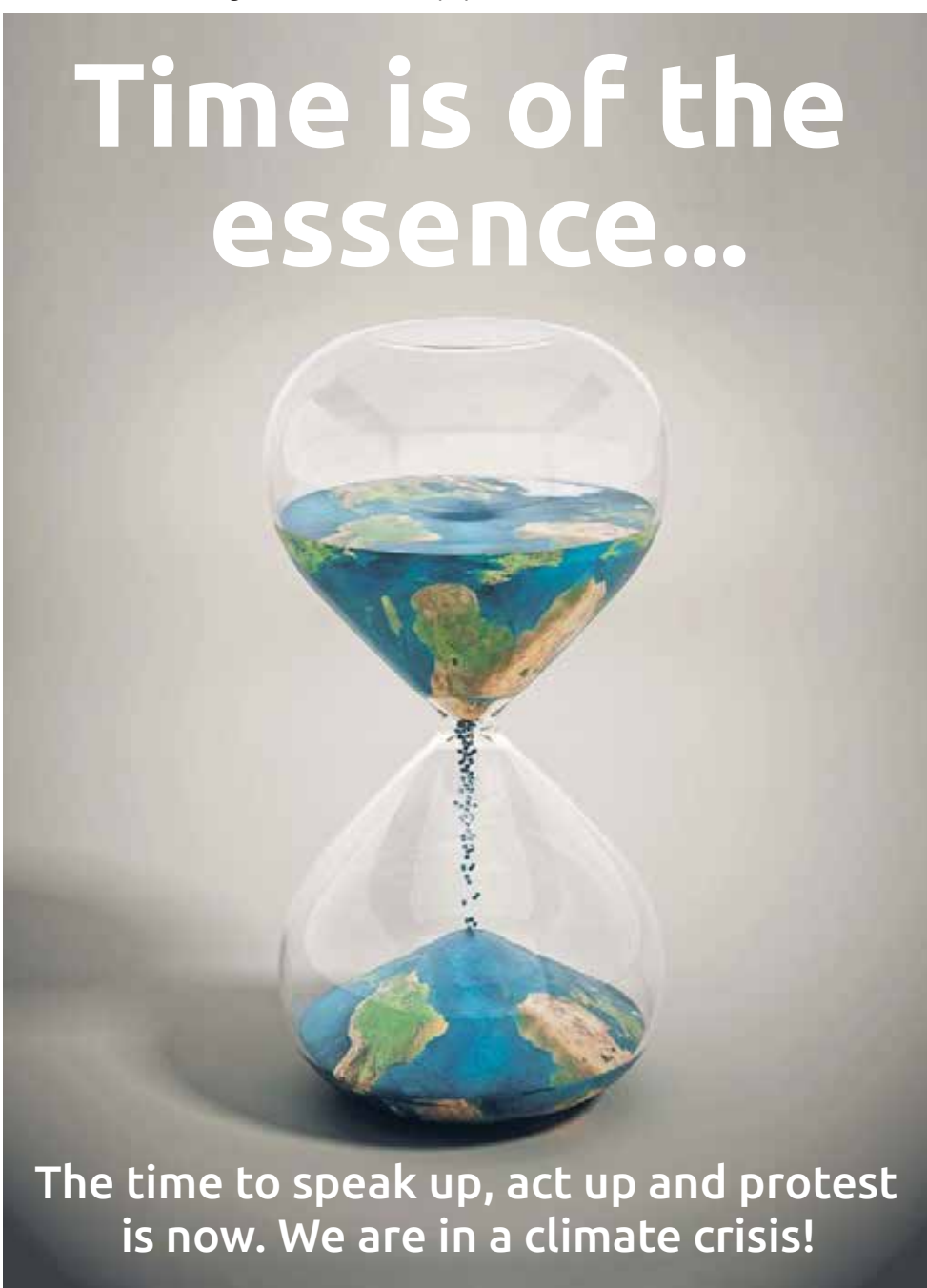
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Time is of the essence...

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What's ok and what's not with the cops

■ What is happening to the police in northern NSW? Are they losing it on the job? Or are the police only employing a certain type?

Before any wrong thoughts come up for the reader, I respect and know that it is a dangerous and thankless job. So, thank you, to all the caring coppers out there.

But how can it be that police officers are being let loose in a festival setting without knowing the rules which guide stripsearch operations?

The female police officer, who ordered at least nineteen of these humiliating

procedures for young people at the 2018 Splendour in the Grass festival, didn't even ask the sixteen year old girl for her age.

And because the officer didn't know, she searched without the presence of a parent, guardian or person of trust.

This reminds me of the case of the sixteen-year-old boy, who got beaten at least eighteen times by one officer in January 2018, in a side street in Byron Bay.

Finally, after twenty-one months, this officer will be in court on the second of December.

But I digress, a few facts

just released from ABC. Of the 143 strip searches conducted at Splendour in 2018, only 8.4 per cent carried drugs.

But wait, in the financial year 2018/19 the NSW police did 11533 drug searches, after a sniffer dog indicated it, and only 59 led to drug prosecution, less than 0.5 per cent. That's the lowest rate in seven years.

Maybe it is really time, even for NSW Gladys, to read the UN advice to stop charging people for drug possession, and treat it as a health issue.

Chibo Mertineit
Lillian Rock

■ Police are a welcome presence at Splendour because they protect the peaceful majority from the few who spoil it. However, they have no authority to fleece and assault young men and women.

Police need cause, and a warrant to search. Strip searches are an assault. If they do detain or arrest someone without cause and evidence (and a warrant), they can – and should – be charged. The girl in question should receive a large settlement courtesy of NSW Police.

Don't incriminate yourself. Police can't issue fines or make arrests unless you

incriminate yourself.

Don't answer questions, don't make statements and don't produce ID. That doesn't mean be belligerent to police, and it doesn't mean you can sell poison to festival goers or punch someone and not answer questions, or that you don't have a duty of care to provide assistance in an emergency or if there is a victim (harm or loss).

It means you should learn about your rights and what powers police do and don't have. Treat them with respect, but be firm and stand your ground.

Tom Barnett
Byron Bay

■ A letter writer suggested that, 'You do not have to speak to or even acknowledge police, let alone give a name and address, unless you are already under arrest.'

A NSW Police rep says there are numerous circumstances where that advice is inaccurate. There is legislation that enables police to request name and address/proof of identity, and in which circumstances it may be an offence not to do so. (see www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2002/103).

Police say a person may need to provide proof of age as a condition of being at a licensed venue.

– Letters Ed

► Please see *Kangaroo – A Love /Hate Story*, it is an inspiring and revealing movie.

NB. Populations nationally of Emus are essentially unknown /ad hoc and unvalidated. We know very little about them, BUT the industry is growing as markets dictate the kill.

Lindy Stacker
Binna Burra

Your ostrich?

Replying to Paul Spooner's letter (*The Echo* 4.9.19) concerning his take on what he calls 'ostrich politics'; it made me laugh and write this.

Paul, I don't consider myself an ostrich after 30 years of being a conservationist and activist, you insult the people who are very protective of the natural environment – past, present and future.

Now go and hang your head in shame, mate and please don't write crap like that ever again.

PS Paul you are right about one thing, the community of Byron has been devoured by the white-shoe brigade from the north. The golden eggs from Mother Goose are just about all laid, and the weight of gold is getting too heavy a burden for the town to bear.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

Daunting? But wait...

Charles MacFarland really likes his pessimistic statements (Letters, Oct 16), and quotes figures that sound daunting, but seems to forget a couple of things.

Firstly, things like solar power plants, batteries and pumped hydro schemes would be built over, say, ten years (yes, I'm being optimistic), so the cost would be

similarly spread over time.

Secondly, fossil fuel power plants cost too, and most of ours are getting on and will have to be replaced over the next twenty years, on average.

So take that cost off, and factor in the free fuel from solar and wind plants, and I think the figures would not look too bad – maybe half a submarine a year?

The same with electric cars – with an average age of around ten years, the whole vehicle fleet would be replaced over twenty years. If everyone, when they bought a new car, bought an electric one (they are expected to cost the same as a fossil fuelled car within about five years), the change would happen at no extra cost.

If the grid is changed to renewables at the same time, there is no need to have your own solar fixture, although people who have done this already say it is economically rational now.

Charles is right though that we must change our lives through and through, as well as demand action from our politicians – the more we change our own lives, the less the shock will be when the politicians are forced to act.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

GHD and Council

In response to Victorian resident Tom Tabart; when we passed the anti-Adani motion we made a compromise that we would not cost this community unnecessarily by cancelling existing contracts, which would have become very expensive.

GHD began work on the design and applications with respect to the bypass project before the anti-Adani

motion was passed and the recent work is further to that engagement.

Using a new supplier at this stage would have had cost and time implications, which in turn would lead to more cost implications. GHD have not been engaged since the anti-Adani motion in any new work, nor has any other company with links to Adani.

This includes one supplier who tendered for work on the noise attenuation part of the bypass construction but was ruled out due to their association with Adani.

For the Greens to be relevant, and to grow, we must employ some pragmatism with our principles and show that we can govern effectively where we have the chance. Otherwise, we will continue to sit on the fringes at state and federal level and our community will be the worse for it.

Cr Michael Lyon
The Pocket

Dog eat dog

Never thought I would agree with an American politician, but the Governor of California has said that it's not just climate change that's a problem, it's DOG EAT DOG CAPITALISM, combined with climate change, which will be socially and environmentally catastrophic.

I applaud the young people who have taken to the streets to highlight the consequences of the inaction of our politicians who think pandering to mining barons, no matter how dodgy they are, is more important than the well-being of the planet and our children's future.

Those who are complaining about the inconvenience of the rallies need to think about the inconvenience we'll face when there's no

water to grow food and the ocean has inundated our homes.

While we may all do what we can personally to mitigate the effects of climate change, if we care about our children, and their children's future, the most important thing we need to do is stop voting for ignorant morons who think we can continue with the same destructive 19th century behaviour that has created climate change.

Changing that behaviour will not mean a reduced quality of life, we just have to do things differently. We have an abundance of solar and wind to provide much cleaner, cheaper energy, compared to many other countries who have already done much more. Even Canberra is completely powered by renewable energy.

Not being engaged or interested in politics is not an option any longer.

It's down to our generation to do everything we can to fix the problems our species has created, that means electing people who will legislate the policies we need to ensure our children and the planet will survive.

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

A big thank you

I'd like to start off on a positive to say a big thank you to all who contributed to the repair and part resurfacing of McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale. It's a treat to travel along it. Thank you.

But next, a negative. It's to do with the changes made last evening to the mini roundabout at the hospital. Who in their right mind would make a roundabout into a halfabout?

Occasionally (twice a week) I get to the end of

McGettigans Lane and need to travel into Byron. Up until this morning I had two choices. To sit at the end of McGettigans and wait; take my life in my hands and turn right across busy oncoming traffic.

Sit in a box of death with traffic zooming by me on my left, turn my head the 180 degrees that really only an owl should be able to do, look for a break in the oncoming traffic from the rear and venture out; holding my breath that all would be well.

OR, my first choice was that I could sit at the end of McGettigans, turn left heading towards the mini roundabout by the hospital and go all the way around it (what roundabouts are actually for). But no longer!

Someone has decided that the roundabout isn't one. Traffic coming from the hospital public car park

cannot go around it to turn right towards Byron and neither can I. It's now a no right turn zone! From now on we all have to head for the big roundabout at The Farm, go all the way around that one, in order to turn back towards Byron.


Question – when did a roundabout become a half-about and why for goodness sake?

The two options I mention above both had their risks, but a far, far better option would have been to put up one of your matrix boards on the verge next to the sign 'join like a zip' and say 'Give way at the mini roundabout to oncoming traffic from the right'.

I know there has been a tendency for drivers to miss this point, but for heavens sake, let's keep a roundabout a roundabout.

Margaret Hanson
Wollongbar

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What's old is new again – does history repeat?



Looking north up Jonson St along the wooden fence sectioning off the swamp area that is now Railway Park.
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Donald Maughan

If Byron Bay's Railway Park is an example, well yes – history does repeat.

One hundred years ago in 1919 on 9 September, the Northern Star ran a story on page 8 advising that the NSW State Railway Commissioners and railway inspectors visited Byron Bay to inspect the developing railway facility that linked to the expanding port facilities at the jetty.

During this visit the railway people met with the town council representatives. This was to discuss the need for increased railway sidings to reduce congestion around the beachfront port (jetty) facility.

They also talked about the need for a bridge over the road across the rail line at the Lawson St rail crossing, to prevent the considerable traffic delays when shunting was occurring, and to do something about the condition of the swamp area between Jonson St and the railway station – saying that if it was filled in, it could not only improve the health of

the town, but also enable the building of 'a pretty little park' that could be used by travellers while waiting for the train.

Assurances were made that if the railway department did the right thing and filled the swamp, then the community would provide seating and shade trees.

Shortly after this, in October of the same year, a call to action was made by the Byron Bay Improvement Association. Mr Walker, who ran the Walker rail siding at the beachfront, suggested to use the continual build up of sand at the top of Jonson St, to fill the swamp area at the railway station. He suggested using a light rail tram line to transport the surplus sand so that the town could build its 'pleasant little park' and if the community rallied it could be completed within five years.

Then on 31 December, the Northern Star reported that at a public meeting, Mr G.F. Gibson asked the community to unite to help build a 'beautiful little park' on the land adjacent to the railway station which had recently

been filled by the railway Department at a cost of eight hundred pounds.

This 'little park' could be made splendid for the town's people if they would do their part and provide facilities which would be much availed by the community. He suggested if the various sporting clubs would run a 'queen' competition he was sure a large sum of money could be raised to get the job done. And so it was.

However, the story goes a little bit further back than that, when in 1912 the Northern Star newspaper reporting on a Byron Bay Council meeting stated that Cr Armstrong made an urgent call for action to fill the swampland between the Railway station and Jonson St, which could be used to 'build a pretty little park'.

He is the same Mr Armstrong who was involved with the building of the first jetty, the mover to get the railway to the bay, the formation of Norco, and the building of the lighthouse (he was a real doer our Mr Armstrong.) Does this sound familiar?

Fast forward to 2019 Byron Bay. Traffic congestion at the beach front, but this time not enough sand around; traffic held up getting into town at the intersection of Lawson and Jonson Streets; the poor state of the railway park and the congestion around the bus interchange at the railway station.

Well, the first development of the 'pretty little railway park' took seven years from conception in 1912, to action and completion in 1919. Our second attempt to reinvigorate our 'pretty little park' commenced three years ago, and it is to be opened on 2 November 2019. The players are the same Council, State Rail and the Community – under the guise of the Town Centre Master Plan team.

You could say we are getting better at cooperating as a community, though some people may disagree.

Like we always say, 'the more things change, the more they stay the same'.

■ Donald Maughan is co-chair of the Byron Bay Matsterplan Group.

Flying foxes happy online

Paul Bibby

Two enterprising Mullumbimby residents have come up with an ingenious way of helping local flying foxes suffering from the effects of the drought and habitat loss.

Felicity Grace and Megan Kearney have designed a flying fox feeding station using little more than a Hills Hoist and a few coat hangers.

Located on Left Bank Road between Tristan Parade and the Steiner school, the feeding station essentially recreates a food tree for the ailing mammals.

Soft fruits such as apples and pears are threaded onto coat hangers and then hung from the Hills Hoist where bats can safely and easily land and eat the fruit.

'Flying foxes are starving due to the lack of food from drought conditions, and the loss of rainforests on the east coast of Australia,' said Ms Kearney, who works for Vitality Vet in Bangalow.

'They're really important pollinators for our rainforests so we need them to have healthy populations.'

Ms Grace called on nearby residents to lend a hand.

'We're going to have some bins here [with fruit in them] and we'd like you to join this project and help feed the bats,' she said.

According to Byron Council, many flying foxes are returning to their regular roosting areas after their winter migration, but the prolonged dry weather means many trees and plants have not produced the flowers and fruits that the mammals rely on.

Peter Boyd, Council's Biodiversity Project Officer, said flying foxes couldn't go without food for too long and it appeared this was resulting in an unusual number of dead and sick flying foxes being found.

'We are also seeing some flying foxes in trees that they would not normally be in, and they seem to be weak and trying to gain strength before they fly back to their roosts,' Mr Boyd said.

He advised locals against trying to pick up sick or injured flying foxes.

'WIRES volunteers are experts in this area,' he said.

He also said that Grey-headed and Black flying foxes were the key pollinators and seed dispersers in our bush.

'Without flying foxes there would be no food and shelter for our koalas, no habitat for our native birds, and no forests to enjoy,' he said.

'Flying foxes often get a bad rap in the community, but they are native animals and their place in the ecosystem is so important – we need to look after them.'

Council is continuing work on its Flying Fox Improvements project, supported by a grant from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust. The project is improving the condition of vegetation in flying fox camps at Bangalow, Byron Bay, Suffolk Park and Mullumbimby.

For more information about flying foxes in the Byron Shire go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Environment/Native-animals-and-plants/Flying-foxes.



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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Isle of Man Grand Swiss ended last week in victory for Wang Hao and Fabiano Caruana, with the unfancied 30-year-old Chinese Grandmaster winning the event on tiebreak, thereby earning himself a place in next year's Candidates tournament to find a challenger for World Champion Magnus Carlsen.

The Grand Swiss was advertised as the strongest open-style tournament in history. However, late withdrawals after the World Cup left only four of the world's top ten in the competition, and those four included Carlsen and Caruana who did not need the Candidates place.

It had been noted that these two were capable of stopping their most serious rivals from reaching the Candidates tournament. (Indeed both Carlsen and Caruana agreed that it would be reasonable for them to be prevented from playing in such a qualifying event in future.)

Sure enough, in the final round Caruana and Carlsen found themselves sitting down against serious World Championship aspirants Hikaru Nakamura and Levon Aronian while lower ranked Wang Hao had the far easier task of taking on England's David Howell.

With both Caruana and Carlsen drawing, guaranteeing that Nakamura and Aronian would miss



the 2020 Candidates tournament, Wang's victory over Howell took him unexpectedly to a tie for first and a \$US60,000 prize.

The Grand Swiss was the first classical tournament this year where Carlsen had not at worst tied for first place but the Norwegian appeared satisfied just to have extended his undefeated streak to 101 games, overtaking Ding Liren's 100 games set in 2017-8 and closing in on Sergey Tiviakov's record of 110.

Carlsen was very fortunate to keep the streak going as he was close to lost in his fourth round game against 53rd seed Vladislav Kovalev, but the Belarus GM suffered an attack of nerves and the game was drawn.

For Wang Hao, who has been persona non grata for the Chinese Olympic selectors since 2012 and considered giving up chess to become a restaurateur, the result was a pleasant shock.

Wang, now world number 17, is given little chance in the Candidates tournament but his optimism plus skill makes anything possible.

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XR: a non-violent, disruptive climate action group

Emma Goldrick

Extinguishment Rebellion (also known as XR) is the non-violent, disruptive climate action group demanding that governments across the world take immediate action towards the threat of climate change. XR wants citizens to know the facts about the unprecedented international climate emergency that the world is in the midst of.

The organisation is just beginning to build momentum in Australia, with the launch of its 'Spring Rebellion' entailing a series sit-ins, and die-ins, alongside activists burying their heads in sand across Sydney beaches. However, the group has been growing in size and presence across an array of countries and cities including New York, London, Amsterdam and Berlin.

Jonathan Doig, a software engineer working in research at UNSW and an arrestee at a recent Extinction Rebellion protest in Sydney said he joined XR because other modes of protesting were failing and the world cannot wait.

'I've been active on climate action since 2007 when I started the Sutherland Climate Action Network. I met with our local MP, Scott Morrison and briefed him on climate science, together with an academic, who had actually lectured Morrison on climate science during his undergraduate science degree. His only question was "how long until the poles melt?"'

'We asked him to speak up about the climate emergency, and he ignored us.'

Extinction Rebellion was co-founded in 2018 by Roger Hallam and Gail Bradbrook. The movement that originated in the United Kingdom began with one hundred academics signing a call to action. This call to action launched a series of blockages and the occupying of an array of sites across central London. Citizens of London were not only engaged by the group but more importantly by the immediacy of their message, allowing the movement to grow within the



UK. The XR group began to spread internationally, describing itself as a 'non-violent civil disobedience activist movement'. The group's emphasis on 'non-violent' action follows a line of successful protests ranging from The Salt March led by Mohandas Gandhi in the 1930s to John Lennon and Yoko Ono's 'Bed-In for Peace'.

The guiding principles of the global group emphasise the importance of remaining a peaceful movement, including 'We avoid blaming and shaming – we live in a toxic system, but no one individual is to blame' and 'We are a non-violent network – using non-violent strategy and tactics as the most effective way to bring about change'.

Globally the group uses the logo of an hourglass in a circle, with the circle representing earth and the hourglass representing the fact that time is running out for many species, including humans.

Whilst the specific objectives of XR are tailored to each country, the guiding principles are universal. The demands of Extinction Rebellion Australia are as follows:

TELL THE TRUTH

Government must tell the truth by declaring a climate and ecological emergency, working with other institutions to communicate the urgency for change.

ACT NOW

Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.

BEYOND POLITICS

Government must create, and be led by, the decisions of a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice.

The group is gaining traction not only for its public disobedience tactics but also the series of arrests and the police brutality that activists have been subjected to. However, XR emphasises that it 'welcome(s) everyone and every part of everyone' and within this, acknowledges that not everyone is willing to be arrested and that this is okay. Their guiding

values further enforce that all citizens who believe in the demands and principles of XR are allowed to act in the name of XR.

Christine Freels, a former strata manager and now a fulltime climate-action activist spoke about XR's principles, stating:

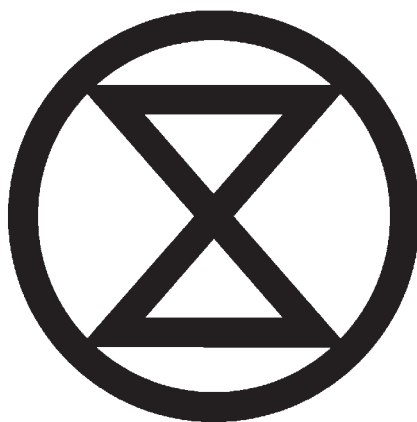
'XR is the best chance we have to get the necessary changes. XR welcomes everyone, and everyone can play a part in saving our future. We owe it to our kids and grandkids to give them a planet they can survive on.'

'I have adopted grandchildren: Alex is almost 2 and Ava is 4 weeks old. It breaks my heart to think of what is facing them if we don't act. I want to be able to tell them that I was part of saving their future, not part of the problem.'

'I am proud to be revolting.'

Extinction Rebellion now has the challenge of exercising their inclusive values and maintaining their global presence to ensure their demands are met. XR is working to engage people from a diverse range of backgrounds, to unite together towards the shared urgency the planet requires.

The movement is now holding '100% family-friendly events' in a further attempt to demonstrate that all are welcome and that this crisis transcends barriers of age.



The extinction symbol represents the threat of holocene extinction (or sixth mass extinction) on earth; the circle represents the planet and the stylised hourglass is a warning that time is running out for many species.



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Distinct from vegetarianism – the practice of abstaining from eating flesh – veganism is the choice to abstain from the exploitation of all animals, particularly in diet, and an associated philosophy that rejects the commodity status of animals. This includes the idea that cow and other animal breast milk is for their

babies, honey is for the enrichment of the hive and wool is to keep sheep warm.

Fortunately, being a vegan in 2019 is much easier than it once was – most eateries will cater to the diet, all supermarkets stock vegan items and many retail outlets are now fully vegan.

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Veet's reputation in the ever-expanding vegan world is inspiring. Her vegan culinary expertise is second-to-none and only her generosity surpasses that. Her blogs and free recipe pages on her website are read throughout the world.

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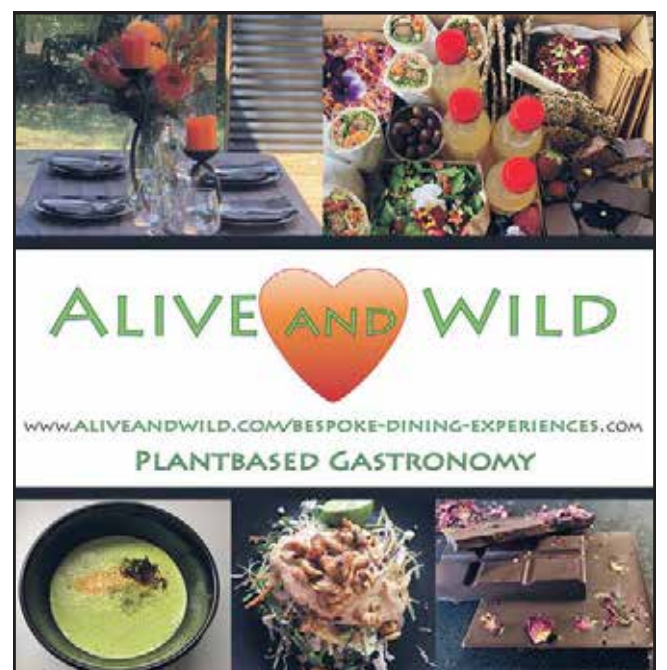
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Turns out the best things in life aren't things

Juliette Fredonnet

These days being extremely rich has become rather cool. Social media is saturated with images of 'successful people', and we are constantly bombarded with stories of self-made multi-millionaires and billionaires, who went from being nobodies to somebodies.

The message is: if you are smart and hard working enough, you might be able to join the club. Then, and only then, will you be worthy to leave the world of ordinary humans and enter the realm of the demi-gods.

Wealth seems to provide, not only material rewards and pleasure, but an elevated status, respect, admiration – and even a sense of being loved: your name is remembered, your presence noticed, you are heard and ministered to.

However, what truly makes us happy is not the amount of stuff we possess, but safety, and to truly love and be loved – things that don't require a big bag of cash and, in many cases, can't be bought with one.

We might know this already, but for some reason many of us still cling to the dream that wealth will make us happy.

So let's break this down.

We don't need to be extremely

wealthy to feel, and be, safe in the world. Knowing that we will always have a roof over our heads, food on the table and medical care, is enough to satisfy our basic need for safety.

Studies have shown that happiness in Australia actually decreases after someone's income reaches \$159,000 per year. Interestingly, that figure is higher here than anywhere else in the world.

I think it says a lot, that many of us are able to flourish in the simpler pleasures of existence, earning barely a fraction of that income.

The truth is, that if our basic needs for food and shelter are met and you have a bit of extra cash for toys and experiences, then you have the material requirements for happiness.

However, it seems that, in a society that depends on people telling themselves that they need to collect the diverse badges of wealth to justify their value as human beings, wealth has become a means, not only to receive love in the form of respect and admiration from others, but also a sense of self-worth.



This is despite the fact that the opposite seems to be true.

Rather than bringing meaningful connection, money simply attracts sycophants and hangers-on.

Studies show that as you become richer, you are actually less able to connect with other people. Several papers suggest that wealth suppresses empathy, which is one of the foundations of connection.

One study reveals that rich people are less able to feel compassion towards children with cancer, and another shows that luxury car owners are less likely to stop for pedestrians than those who own cheap cars.

I would like to suggest that, considering the true origins and psychological impacts of being wealthy, it brings no personal, soulful gains at all.

In fact it is destructive.

Research has shown that being wealthy has a significant environmental impact. Wealth, and the obsession with attaining it, are feeding the rampant consumerism that is destroying the planet. It doesn't matter how much you recycle or which so-called sustainable

diet you chose. If you have money, you spend it, and your attitudes have little bearing on the amount of resources that your lifestyle consumes.

However, like it or not, we have wealthy people in our community.

Some might argue that we should just take it from them, but I think a more realistic approach is to think long and hard about the true personal responsibility that comes with being wealthy.

For far too long, we have relied on the excuse that the system rather than the individual, is responsible for wealth inequality.

The simple fact is that inequality comes down to individual human beings and the decisions that we make.

You might not think there's anything wrong with accumulating

wealth, but there is clearly something wrong with keeping it all for yourself.

You might say that a police officer or a soldier has no choice but to abandon their moral conscience even in the name of an unjust law, but the wealthy clearly do have a choice, and a powerful one, about how to spend their money.

There is an opportunity for the wealthy to meet the responsibility (response-ability) that comes with the power of having a positive impact on the world.

It starts with the person standing right next to you, the person living in your street, or the people in your family or community who haven't had the same opportunities that you have had. From there, we can tackle the biggest and most challenging issues that face our world.

By choosing to ignore your responsibility to do good, you are wilfully choosing to keep others deprived, and to squander resources that could be used to have a genuinely positive impact on people's lives. Why not give people something to genuinely love and respect you for?

So let's all take a cold hard look at the morality and respectability of being wealthy, and the consequences of our silence, our apathy, our actions, choices and even our desires.



CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

What's our trusty government doing about the climate catastrophe you ask?

Australia likely to be alone using Kyoto credits to meet Paris emissions targets

Much of Australia's emissions reduction policy depends on a deeply flawed carry over credits that other countries have forgone owing to their dubious logic. In a Senate estimates committee Department of Environment and Energy officials have admitted 'We are not aware of other countries that are intending to use carry over. Just Australia'.

Emissions reduction policy dependent on make-believe tech

Australia's emissions reduction policy relies heavily on assumed reductions that will be made from technologies that don't actually exist yet. In the same estimates, DoEE officials were unable to provide details of much of the technologies that the projected figures were based on. Greens Senator Sarah Hanson-Young summed it up: 'You're not serious. This is a third of your emissions reduction policy and you can't tell me what technology improvements you're banking on in order to produce this outcome?'

DoEE deputy secretary Evans responded 'When we produced the document and gave the advice to the government, it is a general concept of technological improvements that will happen over time. If we were able to make them specific, we would have done that.'

Read the report by *RenewEconomy*: reneweconomy.com.au/morrison-flimsy-climate-plan

Meanwhile, in Norway it's normal to own an electric car

In contrast to Australia where there are few incentives to switch to an electric vehicle, in Norway EV sales accounted for the majority of car sales last month. With tax concessions, discounts on tolls and permission to use bus lanes and reserved parking, Norwegians are embracing the change away from fossil fuel dependent vehicles.

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



Echo

Mental health footprints2wellbeing (F2W)

The Buttery's new mental health program, footprint-2wellbeing, is meeting a vital need by supporting people with mental health issues to better manage their daily lives.

F2W is a free program and is open to adults and young people 12 years and over living in the NSW Northern Rivers and Mid NSW Coastal regions.

Although not a counselling program, F2W supports people in their daily lives. It provides

psychosocial support to help them self-manage their mental illness and build capacity to live productive, meaningful lives.

This can include providing support for their management of drug and alcohol issues, helping people find housing, employment and education opportunities.

The Buttery is delivering the program as part of a consortium which includes Rekindling the Spirit, Werin, and Wellways Australia.

Through this consortium,

The Buttery will be able to increase services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and strengthen The Buttery's cultural awareness.

Anyone who feels they could benefit from the program can refer themselves, by contacting The Buttery during office hours on (02) 6687 1111.

Health professionals can also refer clients or patients via this number.

More information about the program: www.buttery.org.au/footprints2wellbeing.

Family-friendly 5G fundy in Mullumbimby

A family-friendly fundraiser will be held by the Stop 5G Northern Rivers Group on Saturday.

'The Time is Now to Stop 5G' event will feature speakers, information and food stalls, and a range of performances from Bhakti the Nectar Cow, Orthentix, Szara Fox and many more.

A spokesperson for the group says despite significant local and global community concerns about 5G, the next generation of wireless technology was virtually upon the Northern Rivers.

Over the next seven months, Telstra is proposing 5G upgrades to four towers in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff.

Funds raised will be used to support the #WeAreNotSAM global campaign, which was recently launched by the Stop 5G Northern Rivers group. The campaign directly addresses the absence of safety standards for 97% of mobile phone users globally, including children and pregnant women. A key focus is to create awareness among parents, schools and community groups on ways

to protect children by minimising EMF exposure levels in an increasingly wireless tech environment.

Residents are urged to write objection submissions to the four proposed 5G towers. These submissions can be directed to: Community.Consultation@kordia.com.au or Kordia Solutions, Unit 1D/400 Nudgee Rd, Hendra QLD 4011 before 5pm, Friday 8 November. The fundraiser will be held this Saturday, 2 November, at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall from 4.30pm. Tickets are \$20 /\$15 concession.

The Good Life



Gavin Hughes is back

After working in Brisbane for a year, one of Byron's most loved Chefs has returned to the Bay.

Gavin Hughes, best known for his roles as Head Chef at The Byron at Byron Resort for fifteen years, and Ambassador for the Byron Farmers Market, has joined The Sun Bistro in the Arts Estate's North Beach Precinct.

'I missed my family' said Gavin. 'It was just too far. I also missed having that connection with the suppliers at the markets. You don't have that in Brisbane – the down-to-earth friendliness, that sense of community.'

'Plus I wanted to get away from the stress of running a resort kitchen with eighteen staff. I wasn't exactly cooking in the end, I wasn't hands on. I just needed to cook, to go back to a smaller venue. In a way, I've come full circle. Cooking simple, unpretentious, but good food. Treated simply with good produce and fair pricing'.

Hughes has created a new menu for The Sun Bistro, available both in-house and take-away. 'Value for money, wholesome portions, tasty food' is how he describes it. 'I've added a few healthy options. While I recognise that it's a pub and there still needs to be a great burger and a great schnitzel, I've tried to extend it, by making sure there is a grill of the day, fresh fish from Bay Seafood, Freckles mussels...'

'We are a locals pub and I believe in that. We are family friendly with a loyal clientele. You see that more in a pub environment. They know what they want. This is thankful work. I'm not having to do unnecessary garnishes. It's nice to make people happy, keeping it simple'.

Hughes says he is thrilled to be working alongside Sous Chef Peter Shaw, who is well known to locals from his five years running The Rails Kitchen, and prior years with Jules Devlin at The Fig Tree.

There is plenty more to come from Gavin Hughes and his team at The Sun Bistro, located opposite the North Beach Solar Train Station on Bayshore Drive. 'We have a new pizza oven and I'll be starting Farmers Market Specials' he said.

'Please mention to people to stick their head in and say hello to me. I would love that'.

Gavin Hughes' new Sun Bistro menu includes

Panko crumbed chicken schnitzel, fries and coleslaw \$16

Buttermilk fried chicken burger, cabbage slaw and Billinudgel smokin hot sauce \$18

Thai beef salad with Asian herbs, sprouts, chilli, and green papaya \$18

Mezze plate for drinks with the girls, with local salamis, prosciutto, aged cheddar, dip, pickles and ciabatta \$19

Chilli con carne with jalapeno peppers, spring onions, sour cream and brown rice \$20

Grilled salmon, steamed Asian veg with yellow curry and herbs \$27

Gin distillers are 'excellent'

Cape Byron Distillery has won the Excellence in Small Business Award at the 2019 Northern Rivers Regional Business Awards. Cape Byron Distillery is a family-owned and operated business and a pioneer for distilling spirits showcasing the Northern Rivers' native botanicals, since its successful launch through a crowdfunding platform in 2016.

Eddie Brook, CEO and co-founder was delighted with the win. 'We sold our very first bottle of Brookie's in December 2016 to the Cellars in Bangalow, and back then it was the family and friends filling bottles. We now proudly employ 18 incredible people and this award is a testament to their passion, dedication and hard work.'

Since launching, both Brookie's Byron Dry Gin and Brookie's Byron Slow Gin have received numerous Australian and international recognitions within the distilled spirits industry. In December 2018, they launched a new product called Mac. by Brookie's, made from locally sourced roasted macadamia nuts and toasted native Australian wattleseed.

Furthermore, Cape Byron Distillery recently revealed their foray into single malt whisky production with master distiller and co-founder Jim McEwan. Jim started work in August 1963 as an apprentice cooper at Bowmore and is the only distiller in the world to win Master Distiller of The Year three times. In 2014 he was the eighteenth inductee into Whisky Magazine's Hall of Fame for his lifetime achievement.

The distillery cellar door tours at Brookie's offer a unique experience for locals and visitors to the



Eddie Brook and Sophia Fryer were happy to receive their award last Thursday

region, providing a guided tour of the regenerated subtropical rainforest, an expertly led tasting of the rainforest gin and an insight into the art of distillation. 'We are educating visitors to the distillery, not just about our gin, but also about the importance of the Big Scrub Rainforest and the use of the vast array of indigenous rainforest foods that are grown on our doorstep' says Eddie Brook.

New things to love at The Empire

The team at The Empire cafe in Mullum like to find ways to make it fun. The quirky decor featuring hip hop and movie culture references gives a hint of the eclectic mindset at work here. The influences are many, and the vibe is both comfortable and welcoming. There are no pretensions here.

The recently revamped menu is also diverse in its offerings. Working with the idea 'a little bit naughty and a little bit nice', it caters to your cravings for a delicious indulgence just as readily as a desire for something that is nourishing and good for you.



New additions to The Empire's menu include brunch classics like eggs benny, and delicious modern inventions like the potato hash which comes served with mixed sautéed mushrooms, poached eggs, caramelised leek and cashew puree, fennel and herbs.

Something The Empire has been known for in recent years is the quality and range of its burgers. The selection has been expanded with new vegetarian and vegan options: crumbed mushie, and pulled jackfruit. There are lots of extras to pimp your burger and a great option to go 'naked' – swapping the bun for extra salad.

Among The Empire's lunch options there is now a range of burrito bowls. These joyously colourful and nourishing meals include a tasty combination of Mexican spiced beans, corn, smashed avocado, rice, fresh salsa, greens and chipotle mayo with your choice of chicken, pulled beef, or pulled jackfruit.

The other treats that The Empire is known for are all still there and too numerous to list, but now that it's getting warmer, keep their house-made coconut ice cream and vegan sundaes in mind.



The new menu has plenty to tempt you with. Pictured: Potato hash with sautéed mushrooms.

Friday nights

Bringing the fun to Mullumbimby on Fridays is also on the agenda for The Empire. They are staying open for Friday knock-off happy hour 4–6pm with discounted cocktails, wine and Yulli's tinnies. Following happy hour they are staying open to serve dinner, drinks and more treats to help you kick off your weekend vibe.

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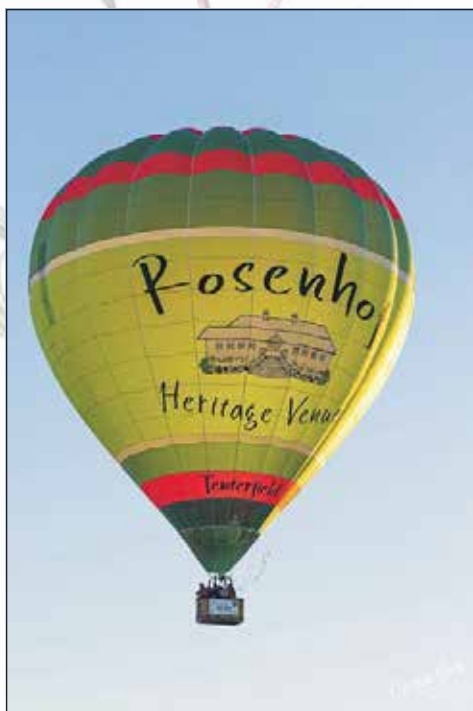
Take a trip to Tenterfield...

If you're bored in the Shire and looking for a Sunday drive, then take a hike over the range to Tenterfield and support the town that's doing it tough.

Established in 1851 and with just 2800 residents, the heritage town is a classic spot to visit and drop some coin. While famous in the 70s for Peter Allen's hit song *Tenterfield Saddler*, more recently Tenterfield has become well known for coping some of the state's most devastating drought, its dire water shortage and the Mt. McKenzie bushfire.

Just last week however, the town has seen a glimmer of hope with the strike of a new water-bore. Elated, the mayor has announced that the town is open for business and is encouraging visitors to come and enjoy the shire. Last week, local Coorabell farmers Ken and Jean Wadsworth did exactly that, taking a fun road trip there to show some support over the range. They said, 'While the town is doing it very tough, the community showed us amazing hospitality and had many smiles to share'. They added that there are many beautiful outdoor activities; hiking, biking, horse-riding, and golfing – as well as a number of museums, and great places to eat!

Coincidentally, on the same day the Mt. McKenzie fire started, 6 September 2019, a passionate couple opened up their three-year-in-the-making dream, a traditional German cafe named Rosenhof. Obscure? You could say that, but there is a strong vein of German heritage in the New England area, as well as a lot of history in the house itself; The original homestead (built in 1858) was the home of the first NSW premier and home



Up!

to Australia's first surviving quintuplets. It was also Tenterfield's first bank and it is now heritage listed.

Christian and Kirsten, originally from Frankfurt and Föhr, run the place in accordance with German

tradition and the food goes well beyond the stereotype of schnitzel and beer. They make their own rye bread, Laugen bretzels, cakes and biscuits and grow their own food, or source food from around the region. Traditional German wheat beers, pilsner, cider, homemade ice-cream, Weisswurst, and the best Dutch cream potatoes you'll ever taste can be found at Rosenhof, not to mention the warm hospitality and stunning garden surrounds. 'We wanted to revitalise this amazing heritage property and turn it into a place that shares the story, and serves food we love, in a way we like it', says Christian.

And indeed they did. The property is in the centre of town and open Friday to Sunday 8am–5pm, and for dinner or events by booking. If you want to enjoy something different off the coast, a new eating experience and to support the wonderful town of Tenterfield for a few days, you can find more details at rosenhof.com.au

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The independent brewers



Shawn Sears and Jess Flynn



Jeff Cook (far left) chairman of the IBA raising a glass at Stone and Wood

By S Haslam

An enthusiastic and decidedly independent crowd gathered last Saturday afternoon at Stone and Wood's Byron brewery, in fact, at independent brewers throughout the nation, for the inaugural Indie Beer Day.

Of course, independence means different things to different people. It might mean financial independence for some individuals. In the media, independence means that you choose to run stories, or not, because you want to, rather than because some external government body or corporate structure tells you to.

Independence for brewers in the Independent Brewers Association (the IBA and yes, you can still be in an association and be independent) means that they are 'owned and operated independently and value authenticity, localism and the communities built around them'.

The Indie Beer Day event is the initiative of the IBA with the goal of recognising the importance and diversity of independently brewed beer and the industry's contribution to communities. It's also important that people speak up for their local, and favourite, independent brewers, as pubs often allocate their taps, under pressure from the big boys, so that independent brewers don't get a look-in.

For Stone & Wood they feel free to run their brewery and their business in the direction that they, as a team, want to take it, free from instructions from external entities and large trade shareholder schemes.

Their team really is 'local' – 80 per cent of their team have shares in the company and the company invests in its staff through personal and professional funds and childcare schemes as well as returning profits to the workers.

In addition, the brewer also has a foundation



Cheers to Indie Beer (yeah, I'm there, just in the middle...)

that raises money for local charities to ensure the strength of the local community as a whole.

As a result the whole event had a really nice vibe. Because the Byron brewery is used for pilot batches, I got to try a couple of beers you wouldn't normally see, and my favourites were the Bellini (a sour beer, nothing like the sweet cocktail unless you count the hint of peach), and A Day at the Races (another sour beer, possibly named after Queen's first entirely self-produced album – if you were thinking independently). It was a beautiful day and we were drinking beer with free snacks, so I'll definitely be back next year!

Swarm intelligence at Byron Honey

What can bees teach us about cooperation?

They've been around for more than 22 million years, maybe in some ways they're more evolved than us newcomers, modern humans, with only 220,000 years on Earth.

At Byron Honey they want to know how we can translate principles of swarm intelligence (SI) into their work practice. SI concepts are also used in developing artificial intelligence and in the context of cellular robotic systems. In a beehive 50,000 bees live successfully and productively in a self-organising structure.

At Byron Honey some of the scientific findings on this topic have been transposed into key principles posted on the wall in large letters, and they boil down to such simple things as; *Seek Diverse Solutions*, or *Create groups with mutual respect and shared interests* or *Love each moment as it arises*

or *Developing emotional intelligence: what would it feel like to walk in the other's shoes?*

Byron Honey managing director Horst Tietze says that they draw from research by Daniel Goleman on EQ and insights gained in Tibetan Buddhism such as the four immeasurables of compassion, loving kindness, empathic joy and equanimity.

'We use the term 'Byron Honey Hive Intelligence' to reflect our aspirations. We are encouraging periods of silence by abstaining from small talk to develop mindfulness, yet we encourage singing and laughing during production to build social cohesion. It's not uncommon at the end of the day for the entire team to fall into a shared dance to the tunes of Xavier Rudd or Black Eyed Peas. Another posting on the wall as guiding principle reads: *'The most important Hive quality: having fun together the*

natural way – singing, dancing, laughing', he says.

Byron Bay Honey is a registered trademark, the company is fully HACCP approved and one of the oldest raw food businesses in the Shire. 'What started as a cottage industry on a local back porch has turned into the largest regional honey distribution company', says Horst. 'Initially we supplied only health food stores, green grocers and smaller supermarkets. Through sheer grit and determination, we acquired much coveted vendor contracts supplying five DCs for more than 500 Woolworths and IGA supermarkets since 2005.'

'We see ourselves as an incubator to test

assumptions made by swarm intelligence in real life. What will workplaces of the future look like? Ralph Waldo Emerson believed all things are divine and said: *'All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.'* His spirit resonates with us at Byron Honey and is captured in each jar of honey you purchase at the store.

'And on 9 November we're having a dance party to celebrate our 25th birthday, a proof that hive intelligence is alive and well, and the future has already started in the Shire.'

To attend, register at 'honey warehouse dance party' at eventbrite.com.au

Maeve O'Meara in Byron

Award-winning food author and TV presenter Maeve O'Meara drew much attention from both farmers and customers when she visited the Byron Farmers Market last Thursday as part of her Byron Bay Gourmet Safari tour.

It was Maeve's second visit to the Byron Farmers Market, and she brought her Gourmet Safari guests so they could taste the best and freshest produce the region has to offer, and to meet the farmers who grow it.

'Byron Bay and its lush hinterland is literally heaven on earth', Maeve said. 'The beaches are long and pristine, the rainforest and farmland is magnificent – the rich volcanic soil perfect for growing a huge range of fruits and vegetables – which makes it a perfect place to explore, meet some inspiring locals and taste some of the best the region has to offer.'

Maeve O'Meara's whole life revolves around food and creating unique food experiences through Gourmet Safaris, and according to Tom Carey, manager of Byron Farmers Market, it was a great honour to have her back showcasing what our region has to offer.

'This region is well-known for its incredible



fresh produce and has become a real food hub', said Tom. 'We are lucky to have such a diverse range of locally grown produce available and it's great to see that this is recognised and appreciated by such a passionate and respected foodie as Maeve O'Meara.'

Byron Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 7am to 11am at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road.

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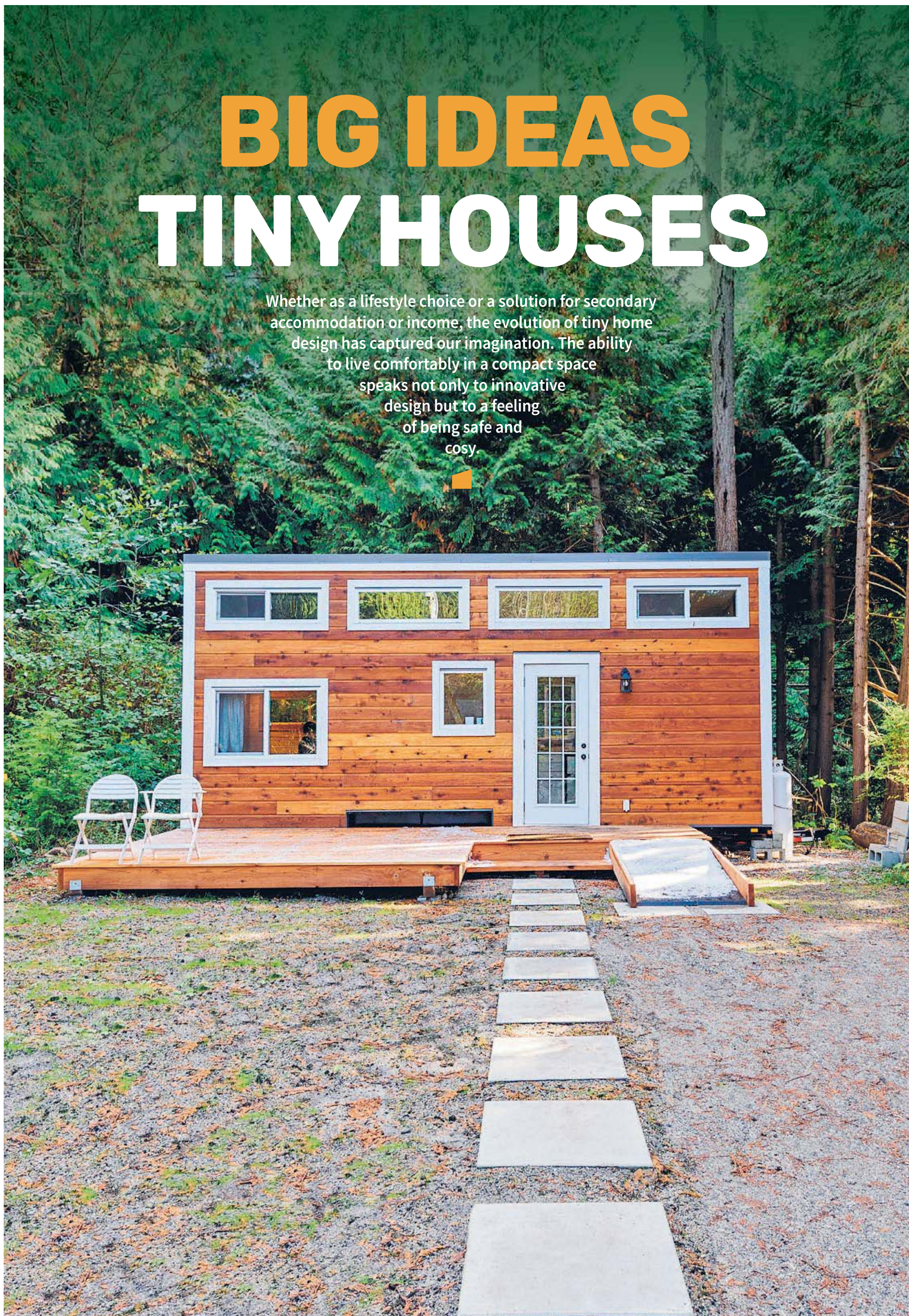
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BIG IDEAS TINY HOUSES

Whether as a lifestyle choice or a solution for secondary accommodation or income, the evolution of tiny home design has captured our imagination. The ability to live comfortably in a compact space speaks not only to innovative design but to a feeling of being safe and cosy.



BIG IDEAS TINY HOUSES



More than an architectural movement, the tiny house movement is a social movement that advocates a simpler lifestyle that is more environmentally aware and less reliant on the extravagances of modern life. This is not to say you can't still have a little bit of luxury. You can have a completely off-grid tiny home whilst basking in an interior that delivers a minimalist, Scandinavian design and still have all the bells & whistles when it comes to appliances.

Some might be wondering, what's the difference between a tiny home and a granny flat? Some tiny homes could be considered granny flats, but not all granny flats are tiny homes. The main structural difference would be that most tiny homes are built on a purpose built trailer – making them mobile and subject to road rules in terms of weight and size. If you ask a tiny home owner, however, they will probably tell you it's the philosophy that's the main difference. And I would have to agree. The intention of tiny homes goes so much deeper than just having a secondary dwelling or small mobile home.

Often, when people go to turn their big ideas of tiny living into actionable steps, they get lost when it comes to the rules and regulations around it. This can be a bit more difficult as there is not a universal law. Each local council will have their own regulations around tiny houses and granny flats, and you need to be mindful of the approvals and design requirements of existing State Government and local council planning controls.



Byron Shire Council has a 'Tiny house fact sheet' (available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Building-development/Do-I-need-approval/Development-and-Building-Fact-Sheets)

However, it would be well worth talking to council staff and your own planning consultants to make sure you understand local compliance before commencing your project.

Tiny dwellings can be designed and built using sustainability/eco-principles and provide affordable housing whilst minimising the carbon footprint.

They are emerging in varying forms and locations, such as granny flats (or secondary dwellings) to complement existing housing, groupings of dwellings in established urban areas, converted sheds and beach shacks on larger, isolated properties, and in mobile caravan formats.

If you've got all the rules sorted, you may want to widen your search for inspiration, or even to pick up a trick or two that veteran tiny home lovers have picked up along the way. The YouTube channel Living Big In A Tiny House, run by New Zealander, Bryce Langston, is another fantastic resource that takes you all over the world, exploring tiny homes and meeting their owners; from right here in Byron Bay to the deserts of New Mexico, from the rainy Pacific Northwest to, of course, the beautiful landscapes of New Zealand.

NORTHERN RIVERS TINY HOMES

Northern Rivers Tiny Homes is proud to introduce their locally made contemporary tiny homes, offering a functional alternative to conventional housing at a fraction of the cost. Their intelligent designs allow comfortable living in a much smaller space, and because they're on wheels and are classified as road vehicles, not only can they be easily relocated, but they can function completely off grid – avoiding the need to connect to on-grid services. Their 7.2 metre model is 2.5 metres wide, 4.3m high, from the ground, and weighs 4.5 tonnes, which meets the maximum dimensions for a caravan to allow registration through the Roads and Maritime Services.

The Northern Rivers Tiny Homes build team not only have a wealth of experience, including as qualified builders, carpenters and mechanics, but they support local – meaning the team are local to the Northern Rivers, and their build materials are all sourced from Lismore or within the Northern Rivers. In addition, all aspects of their tiny home construction meet the Australian Standards for conventional house building, so you can be assured of a quality build when you buy a Northern Rivers Tiny Home.

They use timber frames because they are more ecologically friendly, energy efficient and cost effective than steel. Timber framework not only allows for adaptations and changes during the building process but also permits the use of thicker insulation within the wall cavities which reduces energy consumption.

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Upon completion, their tiny homes are solar ready, with a gas hot water system and upright gas oven and hob installed as standard. An optional extra is to have a compost toilet installed, with a rainwater tank and generator, which means you are equipped for every off grid weather possibility!

Northern Rivers Tiny Homes can customise a build to your requirements to meet a variety of specifications of build materials, unique purpose, or price point. They are currently working on designs for social housing including meeting the needs of the disability community and emergency housing.

Come and explore two completed tiny homes at the Northern Rivers Tiny Homes Open Day!

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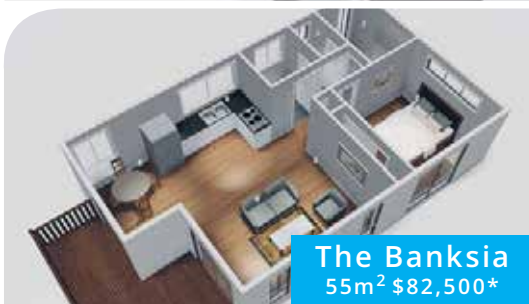
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BACKSPACE TAKING BYRON BY STORM!

Long time friends Trent Robinson (owner) and Josh Perry (director) have teamed up to challenge the stereotypes associated with granny flats. They identified a gap in the Byron building market for affordable, custom designed 'Backspaces' so they jumped at the opportunity!

Backspace Living are an end to end construction company offering forward-thinking families a modern lifestyle solution. Whether you are an owner-occupier, investor, first-home builder or just after additional space, they have you covered.

The best part about these 60sqm 'Backspaces' is often they don't even require council approval! They work to the Complying Development guidelines making for a seamless, controlled and timely build.

'We pride ourselves on bringing the best quality and value to your project,' owner Trent Robinson said. 'We recognise that everyone is different and we offer flexibility throughout our designs,



we push the envelope on our client's behalf to maximise their development opportunities at competitive pricing.'

Recently taking out the title for Affordable Housing in this year's HIA awards, their granny flats are so good your house will be jealous!

Backspace Living pride themselves on the points of difference they offer, such as high quality affordable finishes, tailored design solutions, and personal service, from idea right through to completion.

Go and see the Backspace difference for yourself. They are open on Saturdays, or by appointment at 20 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay.

For more information visit backspaceliving.com or look them up on Facebook and Instagram.



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BIG IDEAS

TINY HOUSES

TINY ABODES

Do you need more space or dream of living a simpler, more sustainable life? Are you looking to start an Airbnb? Are you running out of space for you and your family? Are you looking for a place to relax and unwind? Tiny Abodes can help you realise your dream with one of their made-to-order, stunning and architecturally designed portable buildings. They focus on creating functional spaces with a luxury feel.

Tiny Abodes was inspired by a family holiday to the US. During their travels, the family discovered the wonders of the 'tiny homes' movement and there began the vision of bringing ethical space-saving solutions to the Australian marketplace. They are a small local business based in the Tweed Valley and they work with their clients to deliver luxurious portable spaces that meet their clients' needs and exceed their expectations.

Tiny Abodes dwellings are slightly different from your typical US style tiny house, which are built on trailers and limited to a width of 2.4m; in contrast, Tiny Abodes dwellings are built on engineered steel chassis bases, transported on a truck and then craned into the desired location. This allows them to build Tiny Abodes of various shapes and sizes and create more functional spaces tailored to the Australian lifestyle (no lofts and ladders necessary). Their studios start at \$14,000+GST for a 3m by 2.4m and up to \$70,000+GST for a standard 12m by 3m cabin with 1-bedroom, full kitchen and bathroom. Tiny Abodes also build a luxury range of studio designs, which are more customised and include high-end building materials and finishes.

Tiny Abodes dwellings are also fully engineered and built under cover, which allows them to overcome weather conditions and other onsite delay issues. There is also minimal onsite construction and installation time, as their buildings come 100% complete with plumbing and electrical.

The luxury rainforest Tiny Abode showroom featured in the photos is currently for sale. This beautiful Tiny Abode is a portable 9m by 3.6m self-contained, fully furnished luxury cabin, with a full-size kitchen and



separate bathroom. The high-end finishes include blackbutt external cladding, timber flooring, stone hexagonal tile splashback with feature window, stone benchtop, custom made Tassie Oak barn door, bifold entrance door, gyprock interior, black tapware, custom made vanity with blackbutt top, soft close drawers, stainless steel appliances, smart TV, portable deck, gas hot water system, pendant lighting, custom bedside tables, air conditioning and an electric fireplace. This Tiny Abode is Airbnb ready and priced at \$90,000+GST. All you need to do is find the dream location and connect the plumbing and electrical services!

Tiny Abodes pride themselves on their ability to create tiny houses that feel like home.

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THE HUMPY CO.

Sometimes you just need a little more space. Based in Bangalow, Humpy Co. is a small space solution with a big future.

With their whole family involved in the design, development and construction industry, Humpy Co. is a labour of love for father and son team Brian and Travis Lowe, whose years of experience, knowledge and skill have gone into meticulously crafting a product that can be easily assembled, disassembled and relocated, with minimal site-preparation required.

Available in five lengths and two widths, Humpy Co. pods are as adaptable as they are versatile, with an environmental footprint that is light and lovely. With a simple, contemporary and elegant design, they provide the perfect canvas to create your own masterpiece. Each pod can be tailored to suit your lifestyle or business needs with a range of window, door, decking and electrical options available. What's more; they arrive flat-packed and can be installed in a day, with minimal noise and mess, offering a practical solution for home and commercial use.

These cost-effective pods can be used as an extra room for a growing family, a private home office, music studio, temporary accommodation during

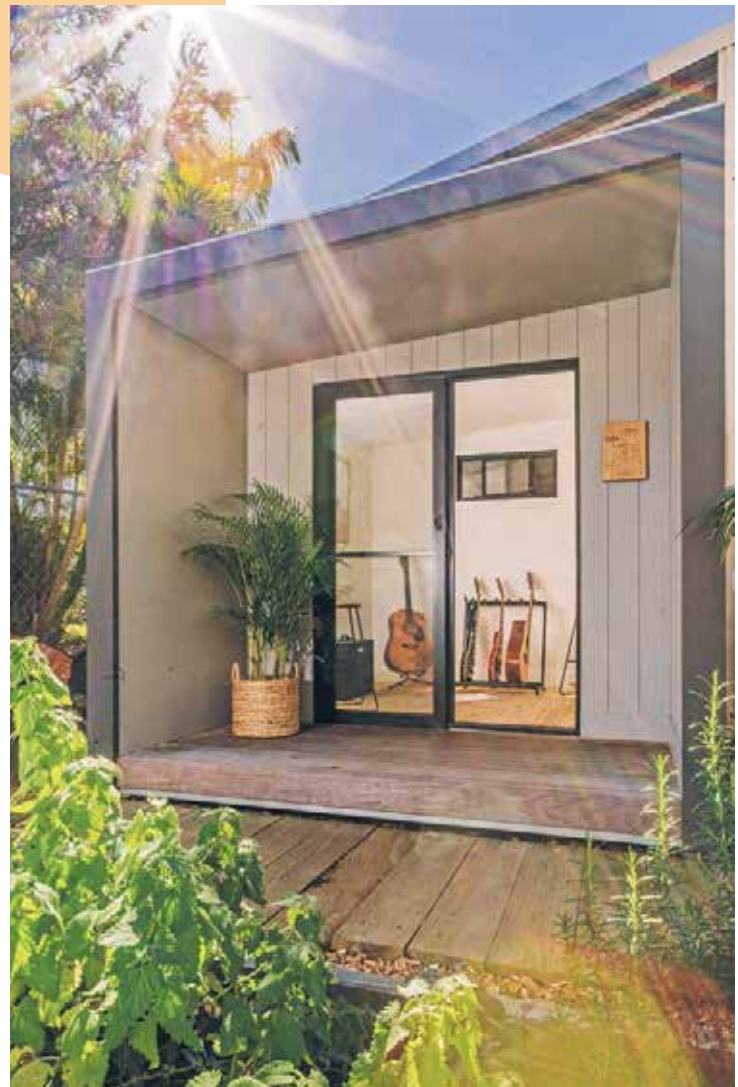
the construction of a new home, as short-term holiday accommodation, an extra classroom at school or as a display suite for a future development – the possibilities are endless.

A Humpy Co. pod is solid, built from galvanised steel panels, lined with ply for the interior, Shadowclad on the exterior and fully insulated, with R3.0 ceiling insulation and R2.0 insulation in the walls. The roof is Australia's favourite, Colourbond steel.

All design, construction and assembly is carried out in their Bangalow workshop using Australian products.

'I have just had our H24 finished here in Avalon, NSW, and I can say without doubt, it's been a rewarding experience on two fronts. The first being the high standard of design, delivery and construction, and secondly, the dedication, commitment and overall enthusiasm that Travis and the team at Humpy Co., brought with them – above and beyond!' – Avalon, NSW

The Humpy Co. Display Village is now open from Tuesday to Saturday between 9am and 4pm in the Bangalow industrial estate! So drop in for a chat and explore the three pods on display.



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Bob Acton is the builder behind Barefoot Design. Bob loves the great outdoors and designs buildings to bring the great outdoors indoors. He designs energy efficient solar passive homes that make the most of natural sunlight and climate control. Bob is an experienced builder and qualified carpenter so he designs buildings that are cost effective and practical to build. He lives and works all around the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

It is an interesting exercise to have to design something so small, as opposed to the usual 'bigger is better philosophy'. Once the design process begins we come to realise that we really don't need much space to achieve a good working floor plan for a very comfortable home without the large financial burden that usually comes with the thought pattern behind the McMansion. Barefoot Building Design will always keep a close eye on the design elements that keep your secondary dwelling building budget in check.



GREAT OPTION

Granny flats are a great option for a secondary dwelling on your property. The demand for this kind of small building to house in-laws, parents or children is getting very high, as the cost of housing climbs out of reach. Rental prices are also sky-rocketing so this is a very attractive alternative primary home for many people.

Bob Acton can design you a gorgeous granny flat with the advantage that it will be easy to build. A small dwelling like this uses little power, so can easily

be completely off grid. Bob can recommend energy alternatives to suit your budget.

With energy prices soaring, a small dwelling, designed to take advantage of natural light and sunshine, is a sensible option when planning for the future.

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Established in 2015, East Coast Granny Flats & Small Homes is a Multi Award Winning Builder who is leading the way with affordable, stylish and innovative granny flat and small home solutions on the mid north coast and in the Northern Rivers area. Their team have been winners for both the Affordable Housing and Specialist Housing Categories in the Housing Industry Association (HIA) Design Awards for the northern NSW region for two years running and last year's effort saw them winners for the whole of NSW.

Their team of professional and experienced people are committed to exceeding expectations in every aspect of your project – from their use of quality Australian made products, through to their exceptional customer service. Offering one-on-one support, creative flair and an eye for detail, they work closely with clients to come up with inspired designs that suit any budget and all lifestyle needs.

Each East Coast Granny Flat and Small Home build can be personalised with a choice of various kitchen and bathroom finishes, floor coverings to suit your individual needs, wall colours to your liking and personalised lighting. Choices for external finish include zincalume steel cladding, or render and paint finish. Every stage is checked and double-checked to ensure a picture-perfect outcome.



They provide the community:

- Low cost housing alternatives
- Design compliance for NDIS Disability Support Housing through our associated company, keep with East Coast Disability Home Builders,
- Assistance to the growing retirement-age population with independent living options,
- Opportunities to create high yielding rental returns for investors,
- Ability for growing or changing families to remain together.

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In today's economic climate, with the cost of construction and renovation prices skyrocketing, why not invest in an affordable, low-cost second dwelling on your existing house lot? Living in a granny flat can be the perfect answer for single people, young couples, or ageing grandparents, due to their features and pricing. BAAHOUSE Architecture can help you achieve this with a series of modern granny flats professionally designed for your backyard.

BAAHOUSE is a team of professional architects and designers who have a passion for great design; working to address a gap in the market place for affordable housing alternatives.

They are specialists at integrating the three parts of the living environment: building design, interiors and landscape – creating small houses that are aesthetically pleasing and seamlessly blend into any site. They have developed a range of stylish, sustainable and contemporary granny flats and small house designs to suit most budgets, built with quality materials.

Every BAAHOUSE is custom designed to suit the site, client requirements and the project budget. The BAAHOUSE range is based on 16-260sqm, one to three bedrooms, laundry, study, kitchen and dining with additional decks and optional extras. They offer verbal on site advice regarding your project, discussing alternative design solutions and finishes for your home.

BAAHOUSE



All designs are inspected by an engineer before certification. After certification, BAAHOUSE works in conjunction with established builders to give you a truly unique and high-quality design that will enhance your lifestyle and give you an investment for the future.

They offer quality and personalised service to clients located across Australia.

BAAHOUSE FEATURES:

- Stunning and spacious architectural designs with options for 1,2,3 and 4 bedrooms.
- Flexible, multipurpose design options perfect for a granny flat, home office, rural retreat and more.
- High raked ceilings to living and deck areas that are not only aesthetic, but maximise light, space and comfort.
- Sustainable sourced timber construction adds texture and warmth to designs that are perfect for Australian homes.
- Multiple options for eco materials and finishes to suit any lifestyle and budget.
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BACKYARD ABODES

'Backyard Abodes Stylish Secondary Dwellings' is part of B.A.J Building and Construction Pty Ltd, situated in Lennox Head, NSW.

Owner and builder Brad Jones has been working in the construction industry for 25 years, and he provides a high quality, personal and professional building service with a sharp eye for detail in all aspects of building and design.

'We pride ourselves on being a family owned business, meaning that when you want to discuss your ideas and plans, you are discussing it with the person who will build your idea. We service the Northern Rivers. Our employees understand our company policies, high standards, goals and requirements. Our team are all experts in their fields and are willing to give advice and information to our clients.'

If you have been thinking about investing in a granny flat, Backyard Abodes can make your ideas a reality. They provide a full project management service, guiding you through those tough decisions and making the whole design and building process easy and stress free. Their experienced planning team handle all council DA work and their construction team will deliver your project on time, and on budget.

With granny flat designs that are stylish and practical, their floor plans can be revised to suit your requirements.

All of their floor plans are adaptable to all of their facade designs, and they offer a range of finishes to suit your taste and budget.

Each Backyard Abode is individually built from the ground up, on site – nothing is pre-fabricated off site – so even though you may have chosen one of their existing designs, it will be slightly revised to suit your block, making every dwelling unique.

Because they are a fully licensed building company that specialises in all residential building work, their team can help you with all of your building and construction requirements, whether it's building a stand-alone granny flat, attaching your new granny flat to your existing house, or renovating your existing home.

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Affordable Freedom! Off Grid Solar Power for Tiny Houses

Housing affordability is a big problem in the Northern Rivers. As a result, many people are choosing to live in tiny houses on rural properties where smaller, affordable dwellings create freedom from massive debt and rental stress. 888 Solar Tek supports the tiny house movement by providing solar power solutions that fit smaller energy footprints and the budgets of this growing sustainable community.

Do you have a small house, cabin or shed that needs a low-cost power system? 888 Solar Tek have scalable off grid solar systems that provide reliable power for tiny houses so you will never have a power bill again.

Whether you need power for a few lights, computer and small fridge or a larger system to light up your world, **888 Solar Tek are the off grid experts** who can make it happen now.

Need to upgrade your old off grid solar system? We supply batteries, generators, solar panels, charge controllers and inverters to brighten up your nights.

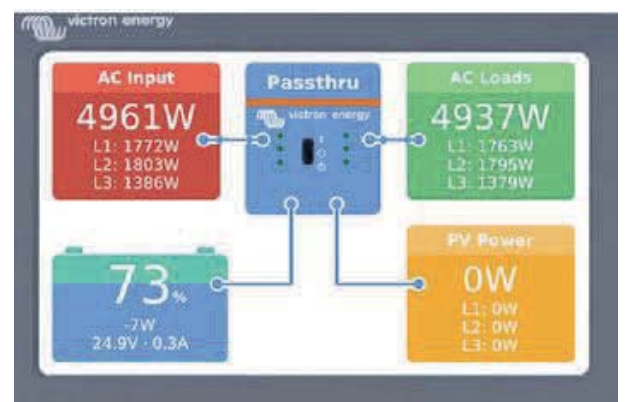


The new Victron Easy Solar off grid system combines an inverter/charger, Solar charge controller and AC distribution board in one smart device.

The Victron Control system communicates to phone, tablet and computer to give instant access to critical battery levels and history. With three different sizes it is ideal for tiny to larger households to make your energy independence dream affordable today.

At 888 Solar Tek we are committed to helping local people create energy independence and do the right thing for the climate and our community.

Take back your power with 888 Solar Tek today...

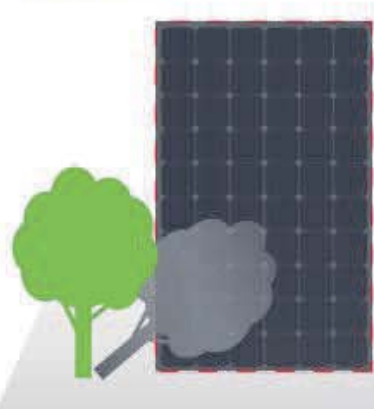


"Living in smaller, more sustainable homes which use only renewable energy can have a huge impact on our environment. I am passionate about helping people take back their power and live freer, more meaningful lives rather than being slaves to corporate need for more economic growth and profit."

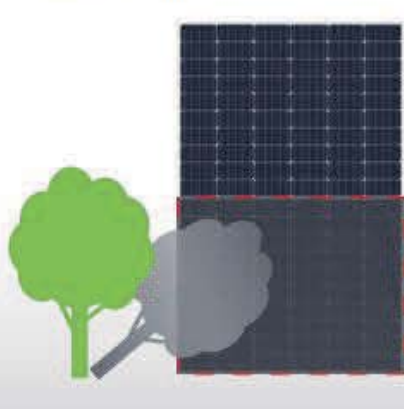


Vincent Selleck
Managing Director
888 Solar Tek

Standard Module



Blade Module



New Solar Panel Technology Increases Power Efficiency Introducing the Blade -Two Panels in One More Power and Better Shade response

Every time a shadow passes over one of your solar panels, power plummets across the whole array. Not with the Blade!

Half of the panel can be shaded and the other half still produces full power. The New Seraphim Blade Module is also designed to capture more light by reducing the space between cells, increasing internal reflection. Our 330W Panels have more power for less roof space than most other panels.

How Much Can a Koala Bear?

Choosing solar power is not just about saving money.

Every time someone puts solar panels on their roof, less coal is burnt, less carbon is released into our atmosphere and less habitat is destroyed. This is really important for our endangered wildlife, like koalas. **Every day in Australia more koala food trees are bulldozed and burnt to make way for mining, livestock, roads and housing.** Unless we change our behaviours and increase available habitat, these iconic Australian animals will be extinct by 2050. Without sustained intervention we are facing a mass extinction event which will annihilate



50% of the genetic diversity in Australia within 50 years.

888 Solar Tek currently donates to The Orangutan Project, Nature Conservation Council and Bangalow Koalas. We are planting more koala food trees on our 20 acres of forest at Federal HQ to

enlarge a koala corridor from Stoney Creek to the ridge. We are proud supporters of Bangalow Koalas to help them coordinate and plant more koala food corridors in the Byron hinterland. This is a great way for private landholders to provide practical relief and more habitat for our dwindling koala population. Already thousands of trees have been planted on hinterland properties with ongoing tree plantings scheduled.

You can help Bangalow Koalas By contacting them at www.bangalowkoalas.com.au or call Linda Sparrow on 0411 491 991.

What you can do to help:

1. Become a member – \$10 or donation
2. Volunteer for working bees and tree plantings.
3. Donate for purchasing of trees – a one hectare stretch requires 3,000 trees which cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000. \$10 will buy one tree, plant and maintain it for three years.
4. Bangalow Koalas Inc. is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible.
5. Grant writers, ecologists, bush regenerators expertise that money can't buy!
6. If you are interested in joining our corridor or wish to plant out trees on your property please contact us.
7. Notify us of any sightings of koalas.

When Does It Make Sense to Go Off Grid Completely? Find out how you can Eliminate Your Power Bill Forever...

I get asked by a lot people about whether it is feasible to go off grid. It does cost a lot more upfront, but most systems will pay for themselves in about 8-10 years. Apart from the financial considerations, there are many compelling reasons why we can't afford to stay on the grid and burn more coal and gas.

Humans are facing the largest crisis ever which will destroy human civilisation as we know it. With threats like climate change, deforestation and mass extinction caused by unsustainable human population growth, the natural systems that provide water, air and food are breaking down fast.

Most people are too overwhelmed by the daily pressures of surviving on diminishing wages, the rising cost of food, energy and housing. They don't have the capacity to even think about these larger issues that will roll over us like a train in the next few decades.

However, there are things you can do to reverse the damage.



You can plant more trees, switch to a plant based diet, grow your own vegetables and fruit, use rainwater and generate and store your own solar power. We can help each other to live more sustainably now.

888 Solar Tek are the off grid solar technology experts. We have helped hundreds of people to empower their lives and make the transition to off grid solar power. We love embracing new off grid technologies which make solar power cheaper and more efficient. We give you free onsite training and support for 12 months after installation. We will also help you set up your monitoring and give you free phone support for life.

We're local and we care about nature. Living a solar lifestyle is a great feeling and we are helping to empower more people to go off grid in the Northern Rivers now.



Animal Agriculture is now #1 Source of Carbon Pollution.

Livestock and their by products account for at least 32,000 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) per year, or 51% of all worldwide greenhouse gas emissions.

Livestock cover 45% of the earth's total land surface and are responsible for the continued mass destruction of forest and habitat resulting in the worst mass extinction event in 65 Million years. **Animal agriculture is responsible for up to**

91% of Amazon destruction. Ten thousand years ago, 99% of biomass (i.e. zoomass) was wild animals. Today, humans and the animals that we raise as food make up 98% of the zoomass. **82% of starving children live in countries where food is fed to animals,** and the animals are eaten by western countries. **World Hunger could be solved today by adopting a plant based diet without clearing more land.**

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Sitting down with Vicki Cooper

After ten years running her own very successful agency on the Sunshine Coast Vicki moved to the Northern Rivers and became an independent sales associate with @realty.

How's it working out?

Overall I'm very happy with the way things are going and confident I made the right decision. And the right move. I'd like to be a little busier but realise it will take time for people to get to know me here.

The @realty network and back-up support is first rate and I have been fortunate enough to have attracted some great clients already.

Why do you feel so strongly that the industry needs to change? Whenever you see research

asking people which professions they trust, invariably real estate agents are languishing at the bottom of the list.

“My clients receive my full attention and commitment, supported by all the latest technology, research, marketing and admin support”

It's time to be honest about this. On the whole we are just not seen to be the trustworthy, reliable people we like to project. And while there are many great, hard working professionals,

it's not uncommon to hear complaints about poor service or high fees and charges. Old ways of doing business are changing. Our clients and customers are looking for something better.

Is there anything you miss about not working in a traditional agency structure?

Well I *don't* miss having business admin tasks distracting me from doing my absolute best for my clients and customers. I *don't* miss trying to find employees who share the same work ethic and values. I *don't* miss the distraction of gossip and office politics. In other words NO... I don't miss it at all.

What do you think are the main benefits for your clients? I am a highly experienced



award-winning sales agent. I have no office to manage, no staff to worry about and I am backed by Australia's most modern real estate organisation. My clients receive my full attention and commitment, supported by all the latest technology, research, marketing and admin support of @realty. All for a fee which traditional bricks and mortar agencies will find very difficult to match.

As an @realty agent you are allowed to work wherever you like, is this a plus or a problem? If the internet did not exist it would be a problem. But the reality today is that I can find out virtually everything about your property and your neighbourhood online... and so can most savvy buyers. If I were looking for an agent to sell my property tomorrow, local knowledge would rate lower on my list of priorities behind attributes like: proven sales ability, outstanding negotiation skills and knowing how to use modern marketing to find the best buyers. I believe the old shop on the high street model is broken. I work wherever the clients are and where the buyers will be.



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As you enter the property, you will be impressed with the size of the home, along with the neat, understated street appeal that offers only hints of the surprises that wait within. Upon entering the home, you are immediately greeted by stunning river views that enhance the large open plan lounge /dining area.

View: By Appointment

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27 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores 719m²

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140 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby 5 3 1

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Inspect
By appointment
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\$1,900,000 to \$2,050,000
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The Pinnacle

23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores
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Inspect: by appointment
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Salem - Circa 1897

60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar
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Inspect: by appointment
Contact: Peter Browning
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- 33 Wallaroo Drive, Burringbar. Sat 11–11.30am
- 62 New Brighton Rd, New Brighton. Sat 12.30–1 pm
- 2 Beach Ave, South Golden Beach. Sat 1.30–2pm

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar. Sat 10–11am
- 10 Old Pacific Hwy, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 74 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 4 Arika Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 6 Burra Burra Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 2–2.30pm

Byron Bay First National

- 1/41 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 2.30–3pm
- 8/21–23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Fri 10–10.30am
- 5/64–70 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. Fri 11–11.30am
- 18 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 8/33–35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 15 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 9–9.30am
- 27 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 4/78 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 7 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 9–9.30am
- 4 Elizabeth St, South Golden Beach. Sat 9–9.30am
- 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 5/64–70 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 85 Skenners Head Rd, Skenners Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 9/58 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 31 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am

- 69 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 11/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/41 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30–11am
- 856 Coolamon Scenic Dr, Coorabell. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4 Kingsley Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 39 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 316 Kings Street, Federal. Sat 11–11.30am
- 276 Piccadilly Hill Rd, Coopers Shoot. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 876 Federal Drive, Goonengerry. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2/30 Byron Street, Lennox Head. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 90 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 19 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 2–2.30pm

Elders Brunswick Valley

- 54 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Thu 4–4.30pm. Sat 9.30–10am
- 60 Heron Road, Burringbar. Sat 10–10.30am

GNF Bangalow Real Estate

- 3 Ballina Rd, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am

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- 3 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 19 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 27 Smith Street, Clunes. Sat 12.30–1pm

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- 23 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11–11.30am
- 901 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 11–11.30am
- 45 Elizabeth Ave, South Golden Beach. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 24 Helen St, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 12 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–1.30pm

McGrath Byron Bay

- 2/13 Azolla Place, Suffolk Park. Fri 4pm
- 77 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 34 Corella Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 34 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4 Coogera Drive, Suffolk Park. Tue 11–11.30am

Raine & Horne Ocean Shores

- 12 Dignan Street, Burringbar. Sat 9–9.30am
- 11 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 5/28 Dorothy St, Murwillumbah. Sat 10–10.30am
- 8 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 3 Glendale Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5 Minto Place, Smiths Creek. Sat 11.30am–12.30pm
- 16 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 117 Kingsliff Street, Kingscliff. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 31 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm

Tim Miller Real Estate

- 20 St Helena Rd, McLeods Shoot. Sun 11.30am–12pm

Vicki Cooper @ Realty

- 67 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am

New Listings

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 6 Burra Burra Close, Ocean Shores. \$710,000
- 14 Omega Circuit, Brunswick Heads. Vacant land 703 sqm. \$550,000

Byron Bay First National

- 15 Matong Dr, Ocean Shores. \$660,000–\$695,000

- 31 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. \$1.65m–\$1.8m
- 5/64–70 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. \$880,000
- 9/58 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park
- 316 Kings Road, Federal. \$1m–\$1.1m
- 990 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. \$2.5m
- 2/30 Byron St, Lennox Head. \$598,000–\$657,000
- 8/33–35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. \$1m–\$1.1m
- 68 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park

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- 175 The Pocket Road, Billinudgel
- 81B/1 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

Auctions

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- 10 Old Pacific Highway, Brunswick Heads. 23 November 11am on-site

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- 27 Smith Street, Clunes. Sat 2 November, 1pm

Katrina Beohm Real Estate

- 26 Pandanus Court, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1 November on–Site 11–11.30am

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- 23 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.30am

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- 5 Minto Place, Smiths Creek. 7 December 2019 on–site TBA time

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CLARE BOWDITCH MY KIND OF GIRL

Often we see successful people and we think that they've never struggled. That somehow their lives were easier than ours. You could be mistaken thinking that about Clare Bowditch – talented, articulate, beautiful. She's a woman who knows how to command a stage.



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She's a fierce advocate for women in the music industry with her mentoring program Big Hearted Business, she's a broadcaster with ABC radio and she's a natural singer and deeply poetic songwriter. As it turns out, she's also a gifted memoirist. In *Your own Kind of Girl* Clare tells the story of her childhood – punctuated by grief, anxiety and compulsion – that later went on to shape her life. In her early 20s Clare's mental health became so precarious she was forced to return home, where she slowly learnt how to navigate her self-doubt, her self-loathing and her belligerent inner critic whom she came to call Frank.

At 21 Clare had a profound realisation about the way she was feeling. 'I realised that it was the story about myself that caused the panic and anxiety. From the moment I knew that, I knew I would recover. I knew that this was a book I was going to write – but I felt like I needed to let time pass so I could slowly, slowly tame my inner critic – so I could pass on what helped me, so that people know they are not alone with their complex grief.'

'I think a good 20 years has allowed me the luxury to process' laughs Clare. 'It's [writing] not a magic wand!'

In writing this book Clare tells the story of her warm and connected family, who faced tragedy when her sister Rowie developed an illness and died. Clare was just 6 years old when this happened and it's clear in her memoir, and in her reflections, that grief and guilt are tightly intertwined. Clare was aware of this and so worked with a therapist at the time of writing to support the more complex trauma.

'I speak of the nature of memory and how it is built up of sights and sounds. I took writing this seriously. Often I didn't know if I had a memory, or I had been told a story or seen a photo. Learning is circular. To love Rowie, I had to let go of my guilt, so I could let her go.'

'In informing identity we are natural storytellers and we want to belong to a clan. We have shared stories, and we want to tell the truth – to allow for ambiguity and memory, and in the process of writing

this, I had to rely on back-up from my beautiful family.'

In *Your Own Kind of Girl*, Clare traces back her sense of exile from her own body when, as a little girl, a boy said she was too big to be a girl. This was a defining moment for her when she suddenly sensed her 'wrongness'. Even though she was only young, it was the seed of what later became an eating disorder where she fluctuated from thin to fat, experiencing the attention throughout with extreme discomfort. Connecting lovingly to her physical presence in the world is a struggle that Clare openly shares with readers. As a woman, it is profoundly reassuring to know that someone else has felt like that too. Even with body-positive parenting and role models it can be hard to give children a robust love of themselves.

'We have half a chance for giving our sons and daughters a framework for loving their bodies, but they are up against a world where they don't always fit – sometimes I am thin and sometimes I am fat – and it's fine whichever I am.'

This is a heart-breaking, wise and at times playful memoir. Clare's own story told raw and as it happened. A reminder that even on the darkest of nights, victory is closer than it seems.

With startling candour, Clare lays bare her truth in the hope that doing so will inspire anyone who's ever done battle with the inner critic. This is the work of a woman who has found her true power – and wants to pass it on.

Byron Writers Festival are presenting ARIA award-winning singer/songwriter Clare Bowditch at the Byron Theatre, 6pm on Tuesday 5 November to talk about *Your Own Kind of Girl*. The event will include a candid conversation with *Dumbo Feather's* Berry Liberman, followed by a live and intimate musical performance.

The event will take place at 6pm, Tuesday 5 November at Byron Theatre.
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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



WHITE SHAME

White people have a lot to be sorry for. Our pale-skinned privilege is the passport I and many others use to glide through life. We see this as our birthright. Every day our pages are stamped with unquestioned approval. We may pass through. Career doors open easily, people smile on the bus when we sit next to them, landlords happily hand us the key to their homes, banks approve our mortgages, police don't do a car search when they pull us over for a random breath test, shop assistants don't follow us when we're browsing, and when we're gathered in a park with our family having a few beers, no one slinks past in fear. It's just a barbecue with some Aussie larrikins, not a mob of 'drunk abbos'.

I have two black sisters – beautiful, strong women who haven't had the easy passage through life that I have. They've experienced racism, whether overt or institutionalised, their whole lives. When I was a little girl I once refused to walk to school with Shirley because I got teased for having a black sister. I crossed the road. My grandmother found out and I got the back end of a wooden spoon. I love her for it. I still feel ashamed that I crossed the road.

White people cross the road every day – we take no responsibility. That's our shame. It's a white-washed world. White people, predominantly white men, control the narrative around culture and identity. They decide when it's Australia Day. They decide that celebrating nationhood, on the day of white invasion shouldn't offend. After all, isn't everyone 'Australian' now? They also define what 'Australian' is. They decide when it's Sorry Day. They decide what to say sorry for. It's 2019 and Ken Wyatt is the first Indigenous Australian to hold the position as Minister for Indigenous Australians. White men congratulate themselves for that – but why has it taken so long? Previous title holders have been people like Mal Brough and Philip Ruddock – just a couple of names in the long list of privileged white men (and women) entrusted with representing the interests of Australia's First Nations people.

In Queensland, until the mid 1980's it was still an offence to be in the company of Aboriginals for what was deemed an unnecessary length of time. Indigenous imprisonment rates are almost twice those of the non-Indigenous community. Indigenous life-expectancy is more than a decade less than non-Indigenous. The story of the trauma of the stolen generations was, in turn, stolen by politicians like Kevin Rudd who nabbed himself a Martin Luther moment with the *Apology to Australia's Indigenous people*. His hero status eclipsed the content. White men congratulating themselves for having the courage and compassion to say 'sorry'.

So how many have embraced the content of that apology? By the crowds gathered to climb Uluru last Friday, on the last day the rock could still be legally climbed – I'd say not many. It's clear Pauline Hanson's statement 'Our country is not based on Aboriginals' is both offensive and true. The Anangu were given Uluru back, 34 years ago, and that's how long it has taken for them to enact 'no climbing' as a law for *all* at this culturally significant site. The hordes of (non-indigenous) people who turned up on the last day showed what absolute disregard many have for the cultures and heritage of Indigenous Australia. Pity we can't be immunised against White Entitlement. We're morally repugnant. A global embarrassment. I suggest we start a movement, in an attempt to repatriate all the harm and hurt we've caused. It would be like Black Pride, but we could call it White Shame. Billboards around the country could show Pauline, stuck between the rock and her hard face. We could also appoint an Indigenous person as Minister for White-Fella Affairs. Just one portfolio mind you. White Shame Day could be every day, but I have the perfect date – 26 January!



CUNNING AND CURIOUS AT BILLINUDGEL

Everyone's favourite dance party is back! But with a difference. CURIOUS – DJ's and Live Musicians creating Cosmic Osmosis – presents an extraordinary night from the team behind Nudge Nudge Wink Wink. Excite your senses and experience shedgasms as DJs and live musicians perform in the best sounding shed and garden in the southern hemisphere. Held at the iconic Billinudgel Hotel, CURIOUS is a chance to ignite your feet with the beats as DJs play soundgasmic sets with live guest musicians.

Start your Saturday off right with the afternoon delight of **Vinyl Richie** – making his shed debut, and ready to get the party started – with a vinyl affair of the highest order as a DJ who likes to party and spin tracks on precious wax.

Your feet won't stop stomping the beat when **DJ Dale Stephen** brings an all-vinyl house set to his collaboration with the master of African drumming, **Gabriel Otu**; DJ Dale Stephen is co-pilot of Solar Love Machine on BAY FM, a co-founder of Cunning Stunts and a resident of CURIOUS. Gabriel Otu is a West African performer, dancer and teacher from Ghana's South Coast who started learning traditional African dance at just 7 years old. He is currently a master percussionist, who sings and also carves djembes. Based in Australia for over ten years, Gabriel's drumming

is renowned. This collaboration is sure to spark multiple ear-and-foot-gasms and get your hands up in the air!

DJ Lord Sut, the founder of Cunning Stunts and Solar Love Machine on BAY FM, will be setting the beats with the most delightful treats for everyone's dancing pleasure. He will be joined on stage by the seductress of sound, powerhouse vocalist **Adaja Black**.

So what's a shedgasm? It's what you'll experience during DJ **Stephen Allkins** 2-hour closing set! Stephen Allkins has more than four decades experience in moving bodies on the dance floor. Dance music royalty, he is one of the true pioneers of dance music in Sydney having played the very first disco clubs and warehouse parties circa 1978 – he's seen and done it all. His studio work with Paul Mac as Love-Tattoo has produced club classics including *History of Disco* amongst others. Stephen was one the first Australian DJ's to program RAGE on the ABC, and to this day his live sets and productions are highly sought after. Guaranteed to corrugate you to your core, his sets always leave you satiated – yet wanting more!

Saturday at Billinudgel Hotel 4pm–11pm! Ticketed 18 plus. Go to cunningstunts.com.au

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“ I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.”

— Billy Joel

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SOCIALIST ACTION MEETS MANPOWER

It started as a bit of a joke – a bunch of mates singing Russian folk songs. Their first repertoire was about three songs. Since then, the men of Dustyesky have been raising the vodka bottle, and the roof, with performances at festivals around the country – and of course Mullum Music Festival. *The Echo* spoke with **Andrew Swain**, the choir director...

Legend has it that the idea for Dustyesky came about after too many vodkas with Glen Wright, Mullum Music Festival Director, who was looking for a Russian Choir for the festival back in 2014 and, being a ‘ratbag’ with a love of vodka and Russian folk songs, you committed yourself to organising just such a choir. How much truth is there in that story?

Of course comrade, there is this thing called ‘truth’. Even leaders of powerful nations in all their great wisdom have difficulty defining this. In Dustyesky we prefer to focus on ‘details’, and as such, you have many excellent details, especially the bit about ‘legend’. And I would like to clarify that there is no such thing as ‘too many vodkas’, and I do not so much ‘organise’, unless that is correct English word for herding cats?

Is it true that not one of the choir members, not even you, the organiser, speak any Russian?

There it is again, that word – truth. We have many true Russian friends and very handy access to Google translate.

That being the case, what was / is it about Russian folk songs and communist anthems that piqued interest for you and your Mullumbimby comrades?

The great and powerful songs and anthems of the Soviet Republic do more than just pique interest. They sweep you off your feet and consume your heart with passion! Through the songs we sing, we find spirit and comradeship, joy, tragedy, and a portal to the unspoken unity that binds us together as humans.

Nowadays you have played at more than just the Mullum Music Festival. Where else have you and your choir performed?

Our collective has had great opportunity to travel your fine country. We have sung in Melbournova, Bondi, Brisbynh and the marvellous Bellingengrad to name a few, plus little festival called WOMAD. And we go back out to the sticks again, at end of year, to sing at little village of Woodford.

Legend also has it that you have received quite a bit of interest from Russian Media. How did that come about, and what did they think of you guys way over here in Australia singing their national songs – without any understanding of, or connection to, their language or their country?

Is not legend – is true! We have been on Russian TV all over the land. They go crazy for us! Maybe they don’t sing songs so much any more, so when they hear us sing *The Sacred War* they get all fuzzy-feeling like snuggling up to grandma’s beard when they were babies.

Has anything come of talk of Dustyesky touring Russia one day?

If Edinburgh Festival is in Russia, then yes, we are going to Russia.

You guys are once again singing at Mullum Music Festival this year 14–17 November. What can people going to the festival expect from your performance?

Beautiful hairy men deliver songs as powerful as the Volga river, as light as the touch of permafrost on the tundra, and cheeky as Putin’s budgie in smugglers.

Is there anything else you would like to let our readers know about Dustesky?

Truthfully, no.

Are you looking for new members? If any of our readers are interested in joining the group, how would they get in contact?

Is very rare that we have space for new men. But good news! At Mullum Festival we are hosting workshop, *Sing Like A Russian*, where you get to join with us, maybe try our special home-made gherkin liqueur, sing songs and get rowdy. Saturday morning, 10.30 at Courthouse Hotel, be there or be Red Square!

Dustyesky perform at Mullum Music Festival. Tix and program info to mullummusicfestival.com

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For the first time ever, Australian powerhouse and five times ARIA Award winner **Katie Noonan** will be performing with **The Australian String Quartet**.

Katie Noonan has commissioned ten stellar Australian contemporary composers to create a song cycle based on the uniquely Australian poetry of Queenslander, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, to be performed with the brilliant Australian String Quartet (ASQ).

Katie and the ASQ will be performing pieces written for them by Carl Vine, Elena Kats Chernin, Richard Tognetti, Iain Grandage, David Hirschfelder as well as Queensland composers Thomas Green, Robert Davidson, Connor D’Netto, William Barton and Katie herself.

The Glad Tomorrow project brings together four distinct worlds. Contemporary Australian and Queensland Composers, the searing poetry of Oodgeroo Noonuccal, ASQ, and Katie Noonan’s unique voice and innate musicality. For the Oodgeroo Noonuccal project, Katie Noonan and ASQ will be performing together for the first time in Australia. Such a unique combination of creative powerhouses will result in a spectacular and spine tingling performance.

Friday 1 November, 7.30pm at Lismore City Hall.

Tix \$25–\$70 at norpa.org.au

WOMEN LEARNING TO DJ



Sydney’s DJ, tastemaker and curator, **Luen**, has had a bright and varied career across the Australian music landscape from supporting the likes of techno DJ Peggy Gou, to hosting Triple J’s Mix Up and House Party. To celebrate the release of her debut self-titled EP she is setting out on an epic summer tour of club shows — and running free DJ workshops for aspiring female (and female-identifying) selectors. After having taught more than 1,000 women, she’s looking to expand the series to more regional territories.

She will be running sessions at Locura in Byron Bay on 31 October, 6–7pm and 7–8pm.

To register your interest go to luenfree.com

FAB 4 ON THE 4 STRING

Scrrrrreeaaaam!!! For the final Ballina **UKE NIGHT** of the year, Miss Amber and Stukulele will be leading two sets of songs by The Beatles at the Ballina RSL. There will be performances from local uke groups, and prizes for best dressed. Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeeeah!!!

Ballina RSL – 7.30pm, Thursday, 7 Nov, \$15. You can book online at ballinarsl.com.au



FIESTA TIME!

For the past 14 years, the Byron Latin Fiesta has brought the Latin Love to town. And it's happening again – celebrating our vibrant Latin loving community – with invited teachers and dancers and people who just can't stop moving! Festival Director, Sky Blue, spoke with *The Echo*.



What are the highlights for this year's Latin Fiesta?

International artists, Kim & Geo, are coming all the way from Canada to teach and perform Bachata and Mambo. Two fantastic live bands: Bachatame, Australia's only 100% Bachata band, playing on the Friday night; and El Timbon, a 12-piece Cuban Salsa and Timba band, playing on the Saturday night. The addition of lots of Brazilian Zouk due to local interest and popular demand and, for the first time ever at the event a Tango Milonga on the Sunday evening.

How has the program changed and grown since your first year?

It has changed and grown a lot and will keep growing and changing. When the event started back in 2006 we hosted local and national artists only, after a few years we added the international element and increased our reach with national artists, bands and DJs. It started as a three night and two day event, and then we added a pre-party to make it a four night event, plus after-parties to cater to everyone's hunger for social dancing. The number of dance workshops has doubled, and the event now has 40 workshops over the weekend, plus master classes, and an immersion workshop. We added a beginners' hub to entice more first-timers, or those new to dance to attend. And, for this year we have added a Tropical Pool Party and a Tango Milonga!

Tell me about the Latin community here...

In the Byron Shire the main Latin groups are Sassy Salsa, run by Daniela, the Latin Dance Collective run by Leyla & Robert, Wild Things Zouk run by Joe. There are also some Cuban groups on in Mullum and Lismore, Salsa Caliente, and north coast Casinero's and there is a Tango community. Additionally, there is a new lady, Mina, teaching Caribbean dance. There are also pockets of Latinos who run socials. It's quite vibrant. Some long-term teachers, and a bit of new blood. It's relaxed, it's fun and it's welcoming.

What is it about Latin dance that draws people in?

There is a great energy with Latin music and dance, you have fun and meet new people. I believe the rhythms capture you and take your soul on a journey; they can help to take your troubles away when you get lost in the dance moment, and it's also good for fitness. Latin music such as Salsa and Reggaeton is upbeat and energetic, while Bachata or Kizomba for example is a bit more mellow and sensual. So people can be drawn to the energy, the connection and more.

Who is attracted to Latin dance? Can anyone come along? Do you have to know the dance styles already?

People from every different culture you can think of, and all age groups. Dance is universal and anyone can be

attracted to it. Everyone can learn to dance. If you have not had dance in your culture or upbringing you can still learn, you just need the desire and the will. At festivals like the Byron Latin Fiesta it's a good idea to try out some beginner dance workshops if you are new to dancing, you might be surprised where it takes you.

Can you tell me about some of the classes?

At the Byron Latin Fiesta we have dance workshops for beginners through to experienced dancers, in many different styles. There is Cuban Salsa, Mambo, Bachata, Kizomba, Zouk, Tango, Reggaeton, Afro and more. The Workshops run for one hour each and there are 40 on offer throughout the event. You can get a Full Event Pass and dance to your heart's content, or try as few as three workshops in a day to test your skills.

What should we expect for the Latin Fiesta?

An opportunity to indulge your Latin passion with four nights and two days jam-packed full with Latin dance workshops and parties. Great energy and good fun.

The event is run at the Byron Theatre & Community Centre plus feeder venues throughout Byron from 31 Oct – 3 Nov. Tickets available online, or at the event until sold out: byronlatinfiesta.com.au/tickets/

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ENTERTAINMENT

WINNERS AT BYRON BAY FILM FEST

The 2019 Byron Bay Film Festival (BBFF) came to a spectacular close with the announcement of the winners of the **BBFF Best Film Awards**.

The event, now in its 13th Year, attracted entries from all over the globe.

BBFF Director **J'aimee Skippon-Volke** said, 'Whilst our programme featured a number of the strongest Australian titles to be in the festival circuit of 2019/20, we have decided it is important to bring BBFF back to the roots that independent festivals were born from. It is for this reason our nominees are made from independent films that are not represented here in Australia by local distributors. This allows our awards to support these filmmakers as they continue on the festival circuit, and bring more attention to the work they do.'

The winner of both **Best Film** and **Best Documentary** was the powerful and enlightening

In My Blood It Runs which offers a rare and compelling insight into the life of 10-year-old Arrente and Garrawa boy, Dujuan. The audience was moved to laughter, tears and horror as they watched Dujuan navigate his role as both a traditional healer; and child beholden to the Australian education system.

The Winner of **Best Dramatic Feature** was taken out by Australian filmmaker **Josephine Mackerras** whose debut feature, *Alice* addressed a host of ethically fraught questions around society's relationship with prostitution.

After writing the film in English, Ms Mackerras decided she didn't want to wait any longer for funding, or to deal with the restrictions of the Australian Film Industry.

Ms Mackerras got the script translated into French, shot the majority of it in her own

apartment, using her son and other first-time actors – who gave astounding performances – and delivered a finely tuned debut. *Alice* previously took out the SXSW Grand Jury Prize.

The Winner of **Best Experimental Film** was *Continuum 01 – South in Self Exile*. The visual and sonic essay drew mixed responses from the audience, leaving few people unmoved.

Directed and produced by Byron Bay landscape artist **Jack Bailey** the film was described by some as, 'Mesmerising, like nothing I've ever seen before,' whereas a vocal minority caused controversy amongst the otherwise appreciative audience.

The locals award for **Best Byron Film** went to **Angus McDonald** for *Manus*.

This short film shows the plight of refugees who have been detained on Manus Island in PNG by the Australian Government for the past six years.

Ms Skippon-Volke said, 'The Byron Film category is awarded to a film that encapsulates the spirit of our region and the strength of our local filmmaking talent. Human rights is an important issue to our community and Angus is an artist who uses his gift well in highlighting these issues.'

Brothers **Jack** and **Peter Thompson** also received an award honouring them for their work supporting and boosting the Australian Film Industry.

The announcement of the winners was followed by the Australian Premiere of *The Cave* – **Tom Waller's** dramatisation of the rescue of the Wild Boars football team from Tham Luang Cave, in northern Thailand.

Mr Waller was in attendance to introduce the film, saying 'I'm really excited to be showing the film to an Australian audience here at the Byron Bay Film Festival. It was a remarkable story of ordinary people, who became heroes.'

SHOUT PRAY SING! CHOIRS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The world sat up in shock when we witnessed Greta Thunberg's primal howl at the UN Climate Conference – 'How Dare You... You have stolen my dreams'.

Shout Pray Sing was the surprise hit of this year's inaugural Festival of the Voice, with its show-stopping voices and creative production. The **Brunswick Picture House** is proud to bring it back by popular demand. This time with a very poignant theme; presented by **Festival of the Voice**, and conceived, directed and choreographed by **Janet Swain, Christine Olsen** and **Philip Channells**.

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Together they will perform a curated selection of powerful and personal songs. Each one exploring the conversations we find ourselves in the midst of as we slowly wake-up to some hard truths about our world, and our place in it.

When asked where the idea came from, Janet Swain said: *Shout Pray Sing – A Minute To Breathe*, is the first in a series of exciting and diverse musical productions to be presented by Festival of the Voice. This festival plays an important part in the wonderful mixed tapestry of musical dialogue present in our richly talented Northern Rivers community and beyond. It is a celebration of the voice, a platform for expression and an opportunity to entertain and educate. *Shout Pray Sing* is a fundraiser for the Festival of the Voice, enabling it to grow and prosper in the years to come.

As part of preparations for the ambitious show, *Shout Pray Sing* at Brunswick Picture House, **Red Rebel Brigade** from Lismore will be presenting their first local introductory workshop in the ways of this powerful theatrical movement. The workshop will be facilitated by Red Rebels **Cindy Vallet, Cait Fitzgerald** and **Simon Ennew**, and they will cover philosophy, costume, movement, expression and composition.

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the Ocean Shores Country Club this Sunday for their annual **Family Fun Day**.

With free entertainment out on the back deck for members and guests, a visit from the Bruns Fire Brigade, jumping castle, inflatable slip and slide, face painting, art and craft activities, golf (of course!) and use of the pool – with life savers in attendance.

There will also be fairy floss, snow cones and popcorn for sale, and Spice it Up is open for a delicious lunch!

Ocean Shores Country Club, 1-4pm on Sunday.



Red Rebels are a group of performers founded by Doug Francisco as part of the Invisible Circus in the UK, and now Extinction Rebellion – they are described as 'a group of druids dressed in blood red with their faces painted in white, who advance to the space between the police and the protesters. They make no sounds, give no speech and open their hands towards the police, who seem to not know whether to be amused or irritated.'

Friday 6.30-8.30 at The Brunswick Picture House. \$10 donation (to cover venue hire). For more information contact Janet Swain, sdynastymusic@gmail.com or Red Rebel, Cindy Vallet - cindylouvallet@gmail.com

Anyone can come along to this workshop to take part in the concert on Saturday at 7pm.

HOT SHORTS!!!

The **Drill Hall Theatre Company** are proud to present another season of cutting-edge and oh-so-new shorts. So hot, we cannot wait to let go of them – to be viewed (and judged) by you, the viewing audience. *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 and showcase some of the best theatrical talent the region has to offer.

All the short plays are written by local people, each with something to say on so many levels (tempting, teasing and tantalising the imagination.) They have been carefully selected (eight finalists from thirty six entries) and are now ready to be performed, viewed and judged. As previously, audience members will get to vote for their favourite plays, and prizes will be awarded at the final performance.

Deep-diving and thought provoking, this season's Hot Short finalists are on show at the Drill Hall 1-3 November and again 8-10 November. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7.30pm, with Sunday matinee performances at 2pm. Tix at The Bookshop Mullumbimby or online at drillhalltheatre.org.au

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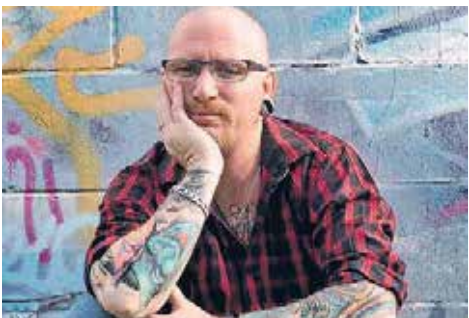
Originally hailing from Adelaide, with more than 20 years stand up comedy experience, and multiple television and radio appearances, **Steven J Whitely** has toured everywhere in and around Australia and overseas. Nicknamed *The Bogan Prince of Australian Comedy*, because of his laconic, fair-dinkum jokes and matter-of-fact attitude, Steven J is a crowd favourite throughout Australia and New Zealand. He has performed with the likes of Stephen K Amos, Ed Byrne, Adam Hills, Steady Eddy and Jimeoin, to name just a few. He now performs extensively on cruise ships around the world, but likes to tour Australia when he’s back on home soil.

Steven J is the writer and performer of a number of highly successful Adelaide Fringe and Melbourne International Comedy Festival shows, aptly named *Natural Born Komedian* and *Natural Born Komedian 2 – Born Again*, which attracted the attention of Mary Tobin, who asked him to compere one of her productions ‘The Best of the Ed Fest’, with Stephen K Amos and Ed Byrne.

After a two year break from performing, Stephen J returned to the stage in 2010 to critical acclaim. His natural style and off-centre observations on almost every topic; including facebook, Australian town names and even

dinosaurs, have had audiences everywhere roaring with laughter. Regularly travelling to Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and regional Australia, Steven will be sure to be performing near you soon, don’t miss the opportunity to check out this very original comedian.

He is supported by two-time Melbourne International Raw Comedy QLD finalist, and local girl, **Lisa Sharpe**. Lisa will surprise and resonate with you as she shares her life stories and home truths with hilarious honesty. She dishes out the dirt on those she loves the most – and that could be you. Lisa grew up in Ballina and is very excited to be performing in



her home town. Lisa has been a support act for Kat Davidson, Mel Buttler, Ting Lim, Bev Killick and Ellen Briggs.

Mandy Nolan is the resident host – Thursday at the Ballina RSL, for free!

STARS
BY LILITH

Mercury retrograde in Scorpio and Venus in Sagittarius, makes this week’s best accessories a sense of humour and a thick skin...

- ♈ **ARIES:** As November takes the gloves off, competitiveness increases and tension could erupt in shared ventures. So do what you do best: widen your viewfinder to broader perspectives and adventurous solutions. Make use of this excellent transit for research to refine whatever you’re presenting: whether that’s ideas, verbal pitches or something more tangible.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** This week’s strong propensity to argufy, a word meaning argue aimlessly with no result, needs the famous Taurean patience to be hauled out of the closet, dusted off, and given the director’s chair. Your reward is Venus currently playing a very vivacious vixen; full forward and flirty – but also flighty.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** While Venus is in quite a frisky, fun mood, the next three weeks of Mercury retrogrades’ interpersonal and technical hiccups need you backing up files, making duplicates and taking no risks. If this feels like being overly cautious or paranoid, it really is worth taking every precaution during this fractious transit.
- ♋ **CANCER:** Sorry Crab clan, but this is a particularly itchy/scratchy week when what can go wrong, will, along with other things you hadn’t even imagined. So shift focus away from the squalling chorus of glitches and bitching to Venus in socialising, party mode: cook up some practical magic in your favorite venue; entertaining at home.
- ♌ **LEO:** Of course you’re a person, actually more of a personage, but this week suggests if Mercury retro-vibes have you moody, super sensitive and easily offended – not to take everything personally. Ease up on the sense of urgency, dial down the drama, get out and about because Venus is in a very friendly and frolicsome mode.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** With Virgo’s personal planet mentor upending your communication headquarters you can’t be too careful how you express yourself: verbally, virtually, via writing, even body language. It’s too easy to give unintended offence, so if you need to vent or rant (and who won’t this week?) write it out and save to drafts. *Do not press send.*
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Venus, your planet manager in Sagittarius, is festive, fun-loving and extravagant. Which could clash with Mercury retrogrades’ tendency to suddenly come up with unexpected expenses that stretch the budget to uncomfortability. But why stress when, who – if not you – knows how to do life beautifully without it costing a bomb?
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Mercury retro in Scorpio for the rest of your month-in-the-sun isn’t the ideal birthday scenario. But since it’s what you’ve got, how to make the most of it; By being aware of the need to tread super-carefully – like walking on eggshells in stilettos – in all tricky, delicate situations. And treating all situations as tricky or delicate.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Mercury’s retrograde is in the sign of secrets, so don’t believe everything you read, hear or even think – this week’s information needs checking. Avoid exercises like jumping to conclusions, making assumptions or delivering ultimatums. And the good news? Venus, the planet of popularity, is in Sagittarius, so even if you do all of the above – you’ll still be loved.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** Project manager Mercury shifting into reverse kick-starts three weeks of scrambled messages, misread communications, interpersonal misunderstandings and general disgruntlement. Silver lining? Venus in your house of healing-transitions is saying slow down, rather than push forward, because a gracious, graceful response to bickering and glitches will best serve you and everyone else.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** If reverse Mercury has impetus draining out of an initiative like air from a balloon, projects stalling, slowing down or which just can’t seem to gain traction – go back to the drawing board and see what could be rejigged. An application of Venusian respect, affection, generosity and consideration usually oils the machinery of the social carousel.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Suffering star-charts! Three weeks of Mercury retrograde irritations, frustrations and delays just when you least expected and most don’t need them! People saying one thing and doing the opposite, unpredictable outbursts – what’s the antidote? Venus lightening all this intensity with invites to end of year festivities and functions...

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HUSTLERS

Directed by Lorene Scafaria, starring Constance Wu and Jennifer Lopez, and based on an article by Jessica Pressler. The article detailed a true-crime story in NYC – where former strip club employees banded together to target the pockets of a group of sleazy Wall Street clients. You can still access the original article if you are interested in reading it.

Jessica Pressler admits, while writing the article, that her main subject – known as Rosie – didn’t always tell the truth. And although this is a true story, it is hard to gauge how much of it is true, if based solely on the article.

The film focuses on the exhilarating manipulation of the Wall Street brokers, and the high-flying life that the theft enabled the strip club employees to live. However, it doesn’t really explore the emotional nuances for each protagonist, in terms of how they felt during the whole process, and it glosses over the final outcome and consequences of it all. Although the performances are good – especially from Lopez. If the story had dug a little deeper into the inner workings of each character, it would have elevated the movie.

Having said that, it is without a doubt, a feel good (in an illegal sort of way) film, that highlights female power and bold ambition. A very entertaining film.

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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **SOPHIE OZARD**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY - FEATURE STEVEN J WHITELEY + LISA SHARPE, MC MANDY NOLAN**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **LEMAIRE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5.30PM **SPOOKY FAMILY HALLOWEEN NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**

FRIDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **HALLOWEEN WITH A.SWAYZE & THE GHOSTS, BOING BOING, THE SQUIDICKERS AND CHILLI GOMEZ, MY HAPPY PLACE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 9.30PM **THE VAUDEVILLE SMASH**

- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **THE REGIME + THE NIC CAMPBELL EXPERIENCE**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARTIN LARTIGAU**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 6PM **GREG HODGSON - EVERYTHING IN ITS RIGHT PLACE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JOSHUA TREE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **14TH ANNUAL BYRON LATIN FIESTA - WELCOME PARTY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JASON AYOLA-SPARE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **BIG MUSIC**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HOT SHORTS**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 7PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH VOICEWEAVERS CHOIR, LADIDAH MONDAY, FLYNN JONES, LOST BELONGINGS, HUBCAP STAN AND THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ VIC**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE 7.30PM **AMY VEE "SAME SKIN" ALBUM TOUR**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **ABORIGINAL PERFORMERS NIGHT**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADYZ**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **KATIE NOONAN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **DAVE BARRY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **PINK ZINC**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **PISTOL WHIP**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **DANIELLE GOULLET PRESENTS**, 4.30PM **THE WET FISH**, JUNIORS 5PM **JJ ADAMS**, THE STAGE 9PM **THE ABBY SKYE BAND**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **BLACK RABBIT GEORGE**

SATURDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **CROCODYLUS, ISRAELI CHICKS, PERVE ENDINGS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EL SCORCHO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **THE FULL COURSE - DJ EVENT**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 10AM **14TH ANNUAL BYRON LATIN FIESTA - WORKSHOPS**, 7PM **14TH ANNUAL BYRON LATIN FIESTA - DANCE PARTY**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL **NATHAN KAYE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SKY EATER**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **FESTIVAL OF THE VOICE PRESENTS SHOUT, PRAY, SING!**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **KENT EASTWOOD**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 4PM **5G AWARENESS FUNDRAISER**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **CROAKER & THE HONEY BEE**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HOT SHORTS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.15PM **JOSEPHINE BOYD FUNDRAISER**, BOARDWALK 6.30PM **JAMES PALMER**

- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- CORNDALE HALL 7.30PM **CORNDALE COMEDY NIGHT - FEATURING JONATHAN ATHERTON**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **THE INSOMNIACS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**, 8PM **BJORN AGAIN**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **KARAOKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **GLEN SHIELDS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **44 RED APPLES**, 4.15PM **BLIND WILLIE WAGTAIL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE FERAMONES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **STEVEN LOVELIGHT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **AMBER ROSE**, 7PM **TIN PARLOUR**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 9AM **BRICK EVENT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **POINT BLANK**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **GLEN SHORROCK & BRIAN CADD**, THE STAGE 9PM **THE ABBY SKYE BAND**

SUNDAY 3

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NATHAN KAYE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES**, 7.30PM **TIM FUCHS**, 10PM **GEORGE SMEDDLES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 5PM **KALLIDAD**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 10AM **14TH ANNUAL BYRON LATIN FIESTA - WORKSHOPS**, 7.30PM **14TH ANNUAL BYRON LATIN FIESTA - CLOSING PARTY**

- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SARAH GRANT**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **FAMILY FUN DAY - JOHN DIXON**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 2PM **HOT SHORTS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM SWAMP CATS **JAM SESSION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **OKA**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 11AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 4PM **LUKE HAYWARD**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 10AM **PLAYSCHOOL CONCERT**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **MISH SONGSMITH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **SCOTTY MARRIOTT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **GRUNT**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 9AM **BRICK EVENT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **FLOORBURNERS**, JUNIORS 2.30PM **JEFF CAMILLERI**, THE STAGE 6PM **THE ABBY SKYE BAND**

- WARDELL SPORT AND REC CLUB 2PM **OPEN MIC AND JAM SESSION**

MONDAY 4

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **LUKE YEAMAN**
 - RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
 - WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
 - KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **DAVE BARRY**
 - TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SARAH GRANT**
 - OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **FAMILY FUN DAY - JOHN DIXON**
 - DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 2PM **HOT SHORTS**
 - MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM SWAMP CATS **JAM SESSION**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **OKA**
 - CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
 - BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 11AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
 - HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 4PM **LUKE HAYWARD**
 - LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 10AM **PLAYSCHOOL CONCERT**
 - SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **MISH SONGSMITH**
 - RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **SCOTTY MARRIOTT**
 - KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **ADAM BROWN**
 - CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **GRUNT**
 - SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 9AM **BRICK EVENT**
 - TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **FLOORBURNERS**, JUNIORS 2.30PM **JEFF CAMILLERI**, THE STAGE 6PM **THE ABBY SKYE BAND**
- WARDELL SPORT AND REC CLUB 2PM **OPEN MIC AND JAM SESSION**

TUESDAY 5

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM **SATIN**, 5.30PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **CLARE BOWDITCH: SPEAKING FRANKLY**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS FUNK TRIO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **HIP-HOP HOORAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3.30PM **OOZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 12PM **RONNY LINDSAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 11.30AM **RISE LIKE A GIRL**, 5PM **MERCY MERCY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **FOLLOW THE FOX**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**

WEDNESDAY 6

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CARLY & ROO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **DALLAS JAMES DUO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **RADICAL REELS TOUR 2019**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1.30PM **ABOUT FACE**, 6.30PM **A BAND CALLED TWANG**

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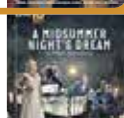
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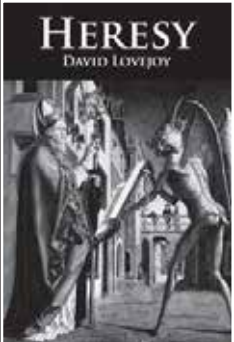
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☾ New moon	28 Oct	2.38pm

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

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MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Bruns Heads	6628 4495	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC		5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	0457 471 583	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
		Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	1800 656 463
LIFELINE	131 114
MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

☾ First quarter	4 Nov	9.23pm
☾ Full moon	13 Nov	12.34am
☾ Third quarter	20 Nov	8.10am
☾ New moon	27 Nov	2.05am

NOVEMBER 2019
Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	F 0553	1905	0904	2319	1215 1.65	0515 0.26; 1852 0.38
2	S 0552	1906	0956		0020 1.05; 1303 1.56	0556 0.37; 1953 0.45
3	S 0552	1906	1051	0013	0115 0.96; 1357 1.46	0644 0.47; 2058 0.48
4	M 0551	1907	1146	0101	0229 0.92; 1458 1.39	0746 0.56; 2201 0.48
5	T 0550	1908	1240	0144	0354 0.95; 1602 1.35	0907 0.61; 2300 0.45
6	W 0549	1909	1334	0222	0504 1.03; 1704 1.34	1028 0.60; 2347 0.40
7	T 0549	1909	1427	0257	0558 1.13; 1757 1.36	1134 0.56
8	F 0548	1910	1519	0329	0641 1.23; 1842 1.38	0027 0.34; 1228 0.50
9	S 0547	1911	1611	0400	0719 1.34; 1922 1.39	0101 0.29; 1313 0.44
10	S 0547	1912	1703	0431	0755 1.44; 2000 1.38	0131 0.24; 1354 0.39
11	M 0546	1913	1757	0502	0830 1.52; 2034 1.36	0200 0.20; 1433 0.35
12	T 0546	1913	1852	0535	0906 1.59; 2110 1.33	0230 0.18; 1512 0.33
13	W 0545	1914	1950	0610	0943 1.64; 2145 1.28	0300 0.17; 1552 0.32
14	T 0545	1915	2049	0650	1021 1.68; 2223 1.22	0331 0.18; 1634 0.32
15	F 0544	1916	2148	0735	1100 1.68; 2303 1.15	0405 0.21; 1720 0.34
16	S 0544	1917	2246	0825	1143 1.67; 2349 1.09	0443 0.26; 1811 0.37
17	S 0543	1917	2341	0921	1230 1.63	0526 0.32; 1908 0.40
18	M 0543	1918		1021	0045 1.03; 1323 1.59	0617 0.39; 2013 0.41
19	T 0542	1919	0032	1124	0154 1.01; 1425 1.56	0723 0.46; 2119 0.39
20	W 0542	1920	0119	1228	0315 1.05; 1531 1.54	0842 0.49; 2223 0.34
21	T 0542	1921	0201	1333	0432 1.14; 1638 1.53	1002 0.47; 2319 0.27
22	F 0541	1921	0241	1437	0537 1.28; 1740 1.53	1116 0.43
23	S 0541	1922	0319	1542	0633 1.43; 1837 1.51	0008 0.20; 1222 0.36
24	S 0541	1923	0357	1646	0725 1.57; 1929 1.48	0051 0.14; 1322 0.30
25	M 0541	1924	0436	1751	0813 1.69; 2016 1.42	0132 0.09; 1418 0.26
26	T 0540	1925	0517	1857	0859 1.77; 2102 1.35	0212 0.08; 1511 0.24
27	W 0540	1925	0602	2001	0944 1.81; 2146 1.26	0250 0.09; 1602 0.24
28	T 0540	1926	0650	2103	1027 1.80; 2230 1.18	0328 0.13; 1652 0.27
29	F 0540	1927	0742	2200	1110 1.76; 2312 1.11	0406 0.20; 1742 0.31
30	S 0540	1928	0837	2252	1151 1.69; 2356 1.04	0445 0.28; 1830 0.36

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Mullum Auxiliary

The Return and Earn recycling machine in Mullum will provide the option to donate your recycling dollars to the Mullum Hospital Auxiliary between 26 August and 24 November. The recycling machine gives the option to donate to not-for-profits and select Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary who raise funds to support the Byron Central Hospital.

Drought fundraiser

BACCI will be holding their final exhibition for the year in conjunction with the Ballina Country Music Festival. Paintings, pottery, woodwork, jewellery, carvings, weavings, scratchboard and more will be on display. See buskers, demonstrations, a pop-up café providing Devonshire tea,

or coffee and cake. Great raffle prizes, and a lucky door prize. All works will be for sale. This is a fundraiser for the North Coast Drought Appeal. Members will be getting into the ‘country spirit’ dressing to the theme. Masonic Centre, 56 Cherry Street, Ballina. Opening night is Friday 1 Nov, 6pm. Open Saturday and Sunday 9am–3pm. Free entry.

Federal Exchange

The Spring Federal Exchange is on Saturday 2 Nov at 10am in the Federal Park Playground. This is an all-weather, family-friendly, cash-free community event. Bring along any garden fruit, veg, herbs, cuttings, seeds, eggs, bulbs etc to swap and share. See FB group The Federal Exchange for details or email thefederalexchange@gmail.com.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Alison will take us in the footsteps of the Vikings from Dublin to Tromso, when she presents her talk on Tuesday 5 November at 10am in the RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby. Enq 6680 7350.

U3A

The Suffolk Park Progress Association will be holding its AGM on Tuesday, 19 November at 7pm at the Suffolk Park Community Hall. All welcome to the meeting, which will be followed by refreshments.

Fair Trade Fair

Bangalow Uniting Church is holding its annual Fair Trade Fair. There will be lots of Fair Trade stalls, Fair Trade tea and coffee and eats, plus Raise the Roof Choir performing. All on Sat 9 November, 8am–1pm.

Euthanasia group

Exit International is a voluntary euthanasia group who meet quarterly. Meetings are held at the Robina Community Centre. Next meeting is on 8 November. Attendees must be Exit Members. Further information on our website www.exitinternational.net or phone Local Coordinator Elaine 0421 796 713.

BEC AGM

The Byron Environment Centre is holding its AGM and General meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 12 November at 6 Bunjil Place, Byron Bay. Please note: no parking in Bunjil Place, parking nearby –15 steps at entrance. All members are invited to attend. For more info call 6687 1538.

One in Six

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire invite you to the launch of John Saunders ‘One in Six’ – the understanding of trauma, healing and recovery from childhood sexual abuse. Byron Bay Library, 12 November, 5.30–7pm. Refreshments provided. A gold coin donation evening. RSVP byronbayfol@gmail.com or 6685 8540.

AGM ABC Friends

ABC Friends Northern Rivers (NSW) Branch is holding its Annual General Meeting at 11am, Saturday 2 November, 2019 at Heritage House Bangalow. Our guest speaker is Prof Ed Davis, NSW/ACT President of ABC Friends. Members welcome and also members of the community who are interested in joining us. ABC Friends is an apolitical, Not For Profit organisation which supports an independent ABC. Enquiries to Jennie on 0431 958 991.

History Society

The next meeting of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society will be held on Saturday the 2 November at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street Ballina, 2–4pm, the guest speaker will be Greg McNamara who will be presenting his topic *The History of Norco in the Northern Rivers*. For further information please contact Don Howell 6687 4279.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Sue will follow the footsteps of the Vikings from Dublin to Tromso, at 10am in the RSL meeting room, Mullumbimby on Tuesday 5 November. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Bruns Progress

Association AGM

The Brunswick Heads Progress Association will hold its AGM on Monday 4 November at 7pm at the Community Centre, after which the General meeting will follow. All Brunswick residents welcome.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby branch of the Country Women’s Association (CWA) meets Wednesday 13 November at 10am at the CWA Rooms. New members are always welcome. Come and see us in the pavilion at Mullumbimby Show and check out our display at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club to mark 75 years of service. Info: Jenny Barlow 0427 847 282.

Business advice

Free small business advice sessions. Do you have an idea for a small business? Are you an entrepreneur or just starting out? Get on-on-one help with local business advisor Ellie Corley to help launch and grow your creative enterprise or business idea. Free service, but bookings essential and spaces limited. Wednesday 13 November from 10am–12pm Contact the library on 6685 8540.

Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday, 2 November, from 9am –1pm, at the Brunswick Crown Land site Lot 428, just south of the Surf Club. We are working just behind the front dune removing dense Bitou Bush seedlings.

BSCFL volunteers are also asking for extra help from the community and support of Crownland, Council and National Parks to clean up a large area of rubbish. Please wear boots, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, a hat, gloves and bring water, and some morning tea. Tools and first aid kit will be provided. Please call on 0478 272 300 if you can’t find us.

Bruns Valley Probus

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 5 November 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. There will be no guest speaker that day as it is Melbourne Cup Day. Enquires ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

NR Carers

Caring for someone with Dementia? We’d love to see you at our new monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is at a Mullumbimby cafe 10.30am–12noon, Monday 11 November. Please call or text Karen 0412 911 613 or email: dementiafriendly@byronrespite.com.au for our café location. We intend on situating the meetings close to carers. It’s your club, and we are open to your suggestions. Bring your questions. Bring your concerns. Let other carers know what works for you, meet new friends and expect to get great support!

U3A DVD

U3A DVD and DISCUSSION GROUP for science, history and other interest topics, Thursday, weekly 10am–12 noon. For details phone Beverley 0474 943 601.

Mungo’s Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. And the first shall be the last (8)
- 5. Climb up the backside, as Americans would say (6)
- 10. Earnest digger unearths Apollo gestation (15)
- 11. Spiv holds back knight, and takes a trip (7)
- 12. Mistake article in the last working day – designed for speed! (7)
- 13. Great work for monarch with real problem (4,4)
- 15. Eagles nest sounds weird (5)
- 18. Lodgers abandon front and back but go in anyway (5)
- 20. This poem is beyond speech (8)
- 23. Science in confusion, but still in good odour (7)
- 25. Decoration of ribbons is locked in repetition. (7)
- 26. Stones’ memorial album, perhaps, is a study for 10 across (3,6,6)
- 27. Finish the measure before the sound of the bell (6)
- 28. He estimates idiots, with a short pain (8)

DOWN

- 1. Presumptuous, and risen above sorrow (6)
- 2. Hebrew scholar to reluctantly admit lust (9)
- 3. Chinese dynasty embraces Oriental alien in assembly (7)
- 4. Up and down rule (5)
- 6. Affliction produces swelling, firm inside (7)
- 7. Heath and Jong? (5)
- 8. Dined, ate, suffered: now locked up (8)
- 9. Finds skeletal remains around a tree – signals for help (8)
- 14. Number one man in the oil company gets a coffee. (8)
- 16. Responses about lawsuits (9)
- 17. Shrink from insult? (8)
- 19. Called Sellers, we hear, in Myanmar (7)
- 21. Blue view of Russian river (7)
- 22. Contortionist goes on a spree (6)
- 24. There’s chromium upriver, that’s the belief (5)
- 25. Radio for parts for the expensive car (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Final, perfect (8)
- 5. Climb, rise (6)
- 10. Expert on fossils (15)
- 11. Tripper, traveller for pleasure (7)
- 12. Very fast Italian car (7)
- 13. Tragedy by Shakespeare (4,4)
- 15. Eagle’s nest (5)
- 18. Go inside, penetrate (5)
- 20. Rural, especially of poetry (8)
- 23. Eastern perfume used in church (7)
- 25. Bunch of ribbons used as decoration (7)
- 26. What 10 across studies (3,6,6)
- 27. Finale, conclusion (6)
- 28. Estimator, especially for insurance purposes (8)

DOWN

- 1. Pushy, cheeky (6)
- 2. Scholar of sacred Hebrew writing (9)
- 3. Assembly, gathering (7)
- 4. Rule, doctrine (5)
- 6. Punish, afflict (7)
- 7. The heath bush (5)
- 8. Prisoner, one under restraint (8)
- 9. Blazes lit as signals or celebrations (8)
- 14. Italian coffee (8)
- 16. Responses, reverse movements (9)
- 17. Put down, denigrate (8)
- 19. Capital of Burma (7)
- 21. Offensive, pornographic (7)
- 22. Drinking spree (6)
- 24. Belief system (5)
- 25. Buns served with a meal (5)

Last week’s solution N308

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Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

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

Drug support groups

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

Support after suicide

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

Breast Cancer Support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay meets at the RSL Services Club in Jonson St, Byron Bay, 12–2pm, every third Wednesday of the month. For information about support for partners and families please call 0431 207 453. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay or call 0431 207 453.

Choirs

Bay Singers meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10–11am. Ukelele class at 11.45am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Uniting Church, corner Dalley Street and Whian street, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@raisetherooofsinging.com 0417 277 211. **Brunswick Valley Choir** Monday nights at Bruns Bowlo, 6.30pm ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Picture House Choir** - quick sing fix at Brunswick Picture House on Monday mornings 9.30am till 10.30am Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Rebel Rebel Girls Choir** for ages 8 to 12. Meet Friday at 4pm, Ocean Shores. Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Time to Sing** Sundays, 10am at South Golden Beach Community Hall. Call Linda: 0415 412 514.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Free ESL

Free English as a Second Language classes suitable for beginners to advanced learners. Brunsick Heads 6672 0834 or Kingscliff 6674 7267.

Byron Gem Club

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

Carers’ support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers’ Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@gmail.com. From 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Berri 0490 026 840.

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

ManTime

Calling all fellas who as a boy or man went on a Pathways, Making Men or Men2B Rite of Passage camp: weekly Monday night men’s group 7–9.30pm at the CWA Hall Mullum. Email mantime.mullum@gmail.com or call Karim 0403 755 192.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

Bosom Buddies

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Julie 0499 550 757 or Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby’s Repair Cafe at the Mullum campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Timebanking

Timebanking can help you build a network of support within your community through sharing skills. For more: Northern Rivers Community Gateway 6621 7397.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations. Info: 6621 7397

Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at the Ocean Shores Country Club, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors welcome. See bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html or for partner ring Phyllis Keyte 6684 1103. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club. Play resumes Saturday, January 6.

Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at http://emerge.org.au/.

Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

Homeschool teens

Get together with other teens and their families for regular meet-ups and activities in and around Byron Shire homeschooling families. For more information join our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/byronbayteenhomeschool/.

Men’s Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men’s groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

Byron Bay tennis aces state award



Andrew Bates with the Tennis NSW award at the Byron Bay Tennis Club. Photo Jeff Dawson

Byron Bay Tennis Club has been named the Most Outstanding (Country) Tennis Club at the 2019 Tennis NSW Awards held last week.

The accolade was recognition that the club has put a renewed focus on becoming a community facility from 2012.

This led to securing major investments in the facilities, as well as boosting membership and participation across the board, club coordinator Andrew Bates said.

‘Over this time registered players have gone from 60 to over 2000, and we have 200 children playing on a weekly basis,’ he said.

‘The club has invested over \$100,000 on upgrades to the clubhouse and with Tennis NSW and Byron council we were able to obtain a grant for \$150,000 to

upgrade, resurface and fence the whole facility,’ he said.

This year the club hosted the Todd Woodbridge cup and 90 players from local schools participated in the event. Eight students from St Finbarr’s have gone on to compete in the finals in Sydney.

The club also hosted a Pro-Am event with Sam Groth, former Davis cup player and record holder for the fastest serve in the world. ‘The event was a huge success,’ Andrew said.

‘Our Adult Social play has been an incredible success and is booked out every week. All in all, the club has become a great community hub for all the local community to come and play tennis.’

The Tweed Heads Regional Tennis Centre was also nominated for the award.

Byron Bay cricketers earn double victory

The Byron Bay cricket club remains undefeated across the seniors as both grades collected wins last Saturday.

In the Coastal League, second-grade were sent in to bat playing away to Terranora, and scored 5/334 off 40 overs with M Bear top scoring with 101 n.o.

M Loane supported with 79 runs.

Best for Terranora was A Colivas who picked up 2/73 off eight overs.

In reply Terranora scored 4/240. The openers started strongly with S Harris scoring 91 and D Russel adding 61, but first and second drop couldn’t make meaningful contributions and the innings came to an end with M Sutton on 42

n.o and J Singh 21 n.o.

Best bowling for Byron was M Irwin with 2/40.

In the Ballina District Cricket Association third-grade fixture at Byron Recreation Grounds, the home team won the toss and sent Mullumbimby/Brunswick into the field.

Byron scored 9/323 led by L Clayton (98 n.o.) and captain M Larsson (95).

In reply Mullumbimby/Brunswick reached 7/243 in their allotted 40 overs.

The win puts Byron’s thirds on top of the table above Alstonville Leftovers and Bangalow, while Byron second-grade is on top, ahead of Lennox Head and Terranora.

Mullumbimby swim meet draws 200



Competitors launch into their race at the Petria Thomas Memorial Pool last Sunday. Photo supplied

Over 200 swimmers from 15 clubs took part in the Mullumbimby Swim Club’s Halloween Qualifying Meet held at the Petria Thomas Memorial Pool last Sunday.

Competitors came from as far as Grafton, the Gold Coast, Twin Towns, Casino and Brisbane, as well as local clubs including Alstonville, Kingscliff, Lismore and Murwillumbah.

Swimmers were aiming to qualify for the North Coast championships in November. Mullumbimby swim club

had 13 swimmers competing, with several personal-best times recorded. The team included Georgina Morley-Miller, Natasha Fraser, Davide Irace, Zara Morris, Pia Brittain, Sara Irace, Leon Weir, Rio Carter, Grace Creighton, Daniel Irace, Jonti Beale, Mira Brittain and Asha Brittain.

Mullumbimby swim club is a small and friendly club and always welcomes new members.

The club will run a second carnival in March 2020.

Byron FC beat Hornets to stay on top of SYL



Ethan Archer (white) was a midfield rock for Byron Bay FC against Goonellabah. Photo supplied

Byron Bay FC have kept up the undefeated start to their title defence as they defeated Goonellabah Hornets 2-0 in round three of the Summer Youth League.

Going into the match, it was critical Byron Bay got maximum points with both South Lismore and Alstonville also undefeated.

The Rams got off to a perfect start, getting the lead in one of their first attacks of the match. With the ball in the front third, Goonellabah committed a foul allowing Diego Vazquez to score his first goal of the competition: a free kick into the back of the net.

It was a well-needed early goal and before Goonellabah knew what hit them, Byron had doubled their lead when Zahi Addis was dragged down in the penalty area. He converted

the spot kick.

Shell-shocked, the Hornets went into damage limitation mode: shutting up shop to avoid any further goals conceded. From that point on, the match turned into a battle with no team giving the other any space to play.

Goonellabah worked hard to stop Byron creating any more goals but in doing so they sacrificed their own ability to create opportunities with Byron’s Ethan Archer easily cutting off their attacks and winning the ball in midfield.

In the end it was a comfortable win for Byron Bay.

The Rams play their first home match of the season this Friday against rivals South Lismore. All welcome at the Byron Memorial Recreation Grounds for an 8pm kick off.

Nation’s best bowlers in town for Ocean Shores Classic Fours



Classic Fours winners (L-R): Matthew Phillips, Brett Hughes, Andrew Chapman and Keith Smith. Photo supplied

A team from Northmead (Sydney) has topped a stellar field of bowlers to win the Great Northern Classic Fours presented by the Ocean Shores Country Club.

‘The annual event has become a must in the calendar of many of the country’s top bowlers,’ the club’s bowls director Janine Howell said.

‘Many Australian and State representatives from all over the country were in the field of 28 teams, including current Australian

Open Singles Champions Aron Sherriff and last week’s \$100,000 Everest of Bowls winner, Nathan Rice,’ she said.

Eventual winners, after a very challenging two days of bowls, were the team from Northmead Club.

Runners-up were; Scott McLachlan, Joshua Lark, Jason Heath and Sean Baker from Brisbane.

‘It was another great weekend of bowls at our club, we look forward to next year,’ Janine said.

Lennox local in California surfing for Australia



Nyxie Ryan in a warm-up session at Huntington Beach in California (USA). Photo Ben Reed/ISA

Crystal Cylinders

Nyxie Ryan from Lennox Head is representing Australia while competing at the 2019 VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championship held at Huntington Beach in California.

The 16-year-old Ryan is a member of the twelve-strong Australian Team and is their top-ranked surfer in the women’s U/18 division.

More than 340 surfers from a record-matching 44 nations make up the championships.

Nyxie is the seventh seed in the field of 78 surfers

in her division. Seeding is based on the final position of each team in last year’s championships where Team Australia finished third, with teams in overall seeding order and then in order of individual surfers within their team.

Looking through the list of Ryan’s competitors it appears she has the credentials to be comfortably in the top ten performers and potentially a finalist. Historically, the ISA has served as a glimpse into the future stars of the sport with several professional world champions on the winners roll.

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Well there is no denying that the Murray-Darling River system is one whopping great mess. The question is, who's responsible and how is it going to get sorted out? For those who believe the best way forward is a Royal Commission into the management of the Murray-Darling basin then it is time to get online and sign the Australia Institute petition at: <https://bit.ly/2MWO8ia>.

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Did you know that there is a purpose to the fart? Well at least for manatees, who use flatulence to balance and stay buoyant. Perhaps it is due to all the sea grasses that they consume, that they rely on digestive gas to keep themselves afloat. Then they either store, or let it rip, to sink or float at will. If they get constipated then they end up tail-up and lose the ability to swim properly.

It turns out Byron Shire Council is not the only council concerned about the extracurricular activities of the companies they hire. Darebin Council is apparently threatening to pull out of its contracts with

GHD over its involvement in the controversial Adani coal mine.

A human chain was formed from the North to the South of Lebanon last week to symbolise the country's unity. The 170km chain was to send a message that the Lebanese reject 'sectarian affiliation'. Protests aimed at driving change in the elite political system have been taking place since 17 October.

Viola Smith, the world's oldest drummer, is still playing at 106. According to openculture.com she 'played with the NBC Symphony Orchestra, performed for Harry Truman's inauguration in 1949, and played in the Kit-Kat Band in the first Broadway run of *Cabaret* from 1966-70.

Many say that we can't afford to have a free health care system, compensate our Rural Fire Service (RFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers, or look after refugees – but hey what's \$150m between mates? ScoMo has recently promised his mate Trump that he can have \$150m of your dollars to go towards the US mission to Mars!

Queensland has predictably cracked down on climate activists, passing new laws that criminalise locking-on devices. Many of the claims made by the government in support of the law changes have been debunked, or weren't supported with evidence in the first instance. The Greens MP, Michael Berkman, was the only MP to vote against the laws.

A little reminder from one of our readers who sent in this photo of a random sign in the Shire. They said it was time for everyone to keep a close eye on your pets so our wildlife can flourish.

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