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Another council strategy under fire

Aslan Shand

The Byron Shire Residents Group (BSRG) have claimed that the Byron Shire Council (BSC) figures used to predict the need for future housing in the Draft Residential Strategy (DRS) are fundamentally flawed.

Since the DRS says 'The Residential Strategy is about urban residential change and growth' it is no surprise that the document has been seriously questioned by local residents and resident groups across the Shire.

According to the Byron Residents Group (BSRG) the DRS (<https://bit.ly/36l12bE>) appears to have failed to recognise the long-running community support for sustainable and environmentally-focused development. Issues of infrastructure including water supply, sewerage and transport have been relegated to, as the BSRG puts it, a "she'll be right" attitude to the provision of infrastructure that is reckless.

The BRG (<https://bit.ly/34vLvJX>) points out that there is only secure water in the region from Rous County Council (RCC) until 2024 and that the predicted increase in housing and visitor numbers has the potential to put the current supply of potable (drinkable) water at risk.

'Mullumbimby's future water supply capacity from the Laverty's Gap weir and from RCC has not been evaluated with an extra 610 persons more than the 30-year capital plan. Climate change and rainfall variability will affect the water supply capacity' noted

Mullumbimby resident Karl Allen in his detailed submission on the DRS.

The claim in the DRS that the increase in connections to the sewage treatment plants (STP) are consistent with the current capital works program is disputed by the BSRG. They highlight that the Byron STP is already operating outside of its approval in regard to the amount of treated effluent released onto farming land and affecting local waterways.

'There is no documentation that BRG could find that details a Water and Sewerage capital works program. There is nothing in the 2019/20 budget, the Operational Plan or mentioned in the Capital Works programs on the Council website,' they state in their submission (<https://bit.ly/34vLvJX>).

'The effects of more development on these watercourses [the Brunswick River, Byron Creek, Simpsons Creek, Belongil Creek and Tallow Creek] is likely to be deleterious and it is essential that Council should regulate development not just to mitigate but to avoid impacts on waterways.'

The concerns over sewer capacity are again highlighted by both the Mullumbimby locals and Mullumbimby Residents Group. They point out the poor state of the stormwater drains in Mullum and pressure on the sewer system.

'The Mullumbimby sewer infiltration issues are well documented and require repair before further town expansion is considered; this issue is putting a large

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Red Rebel Brigade – inspiring the future

Saturday night's *Shout, Pray, Sing* at the Brunswick Picture House featured performances of hope and inspiration for the future of this fragile planet. The red robed, Druidic, Red Rebel Brigade (pictured) moved the audience with their profound, silent, beautifully choreographed performance pieces. Photo Jeff Dawson

Are residents at risk at Feros nursing home in Bangalow?

Paul Bibby

Understaffing at the Feros Care nursing home in Bangalow has become so bad that the care and safety of residents is regularly being neglected, according to staff and people who have had loved ones living in the home.

But the home's management remains adamant that there are no understaffing issues and that care is of a 'high standard' at Bangalow Village.

The Echo has been told that the home is so understaffed that, at times, residents are not getting sufficient assistance to go to the toilet, not having their teeth or dentures cleaned, and not being regularly

turned in bed to prevent bed sores.

Staff also say that understaffing has contributed to a significant increase in falls at the home, and that overall the situation was considerably worse than at other centres where they had worked.

And staff say their repeated complaints have effectively fallen on deaf ears, with Feros Care management so far refusing to increase the number of people on each shift.

All of this was denied by Feros Care CEO Jennene Buckley.

'I am saddened by these claims because all the facts point to our care being of high standard,' Ms Buckley said.

'We take any claims regarding our duty of care seriously and

are examining all our practices at Bangalow to ensure we meet the high standards expected by our residents and their families.'

But former employee Jessica Riddell said understaffing had regularly left her and other staff in tears.

'You'd turn up to work, and when you work out how many staff you've got, you don't know how you're going to do it,' Ms Riddell said.

'You can't plan anything, you just respond. You just run to where the call bells are going off. You're leaving them [residents] in wet beds, you don't have time to feed them properly, there's increased pressure areas (bed sores), falls...'

Ms Riddell's claims have been ► Continued on page 2



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Shake it up for kids with cancer in Bangalow

Eve Jeffery

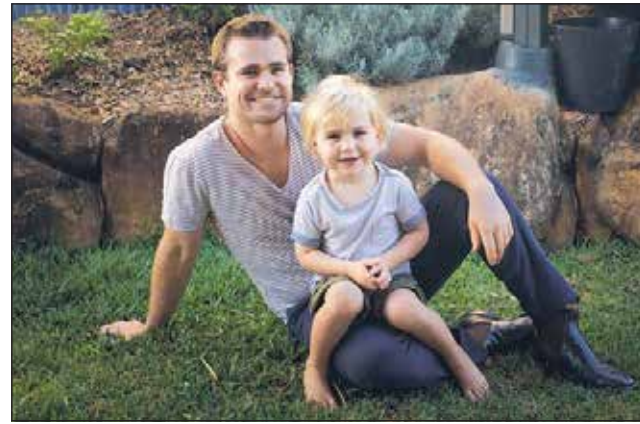
It's hard to be ill but it's heartbreaking when you have a child who is ill, and parents and families need help.

A local dad knows just how that feels, and he is so grateful to some amazing charities who supported his family while his son Arlo was ill, he is now fundraising so he can continue to help other families that might have to go through difficult circumstances.

Arlo's dad Rowan says a little under two years ago his 18 month old son was diagnosed with leukemia.

'Although we are not through our journey, our son is in remission, and treatment is going well. What we have been through no one should have to go through.

'Arlo missed out on being a toddler,' says Rowan. 'He's



Arlo with his dad Rowan. Photo Tree Fearie

had more needles, blood tests and chemicals pumped into his tiny body than most will have in a lifetime. But we are one of the lucky families.'

Rowan is hosting a children's charity luncheon in Bangalow, which he has called Shake It For The Kids.

'I want people to shake their hearts, their minds and their wallets. One hundred per cent of all proceeds from

the event will be divided equally between Our Kids in Lismore and the Kids With Cancer Foundation.

'We will be having massive prize auctions, raffles, music by Cass Eleven and celebrity guests including former Wallaby Jeremy Paul. Local caterers Dine Hinterland will be cooking an amazing two course family style feast and the infamous

Bangalow Lion's Club will be helping out with drinks.

'So many local businesses have been incredibly generous with donations of meat, drinks, prizes, funds, goods and services. The community has really banded together.

'Going through this has shown me how amazing our local community is. This event is my way of giving back so these charities can continue to help families like mine. I hope to see you there and enjoy a beer with you.'

The Shake It For The Kids fundraising long lunch is on 22 November at the A&I Hall, Bangalow from 12.30pm. More info can be found on Instagram at @shakeitforthekids. You can buy tickets directly through the link at Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com.au/e/shake-it-for-the-kids-tickets-72335538543.

Understaffing at Bangalow Feros care

► Continued from page 1 corroborated by three other current and former staff interviewed by *The Echo*.

'If someone called in sick and they couldn't cover the shift we were f****d,' said another former staff member, who asked to remain anonymous.

'You'd have RNs [registered nurses] run off their feet doing meds, helping with feeds, and toileting.

'You'd have afternoon shifts with four or five people. Each resident would get eight mins [of care] in an eight-hour shift.'

'One of my colleagues used to call it an express [incontinence] pad change shift. No love, no talking. Get into bed - slap, bang, done.'

'It got to the point where Care Staff [casual agency staff] wouldn't come and work for us.'

But Ms Buckley rejected

all of the claims. She said that the company's Village Care manager had not received any complaints about continence or dental care, but that management would follow up with families and staff to confirm this.

She said that the average response time for residents wanting to go to the toilet was three minutes, and there were specific plans in place for residents who were incontinent.

She also said that staff at Feros constantly monitored and treated bed sores.

Ms Buckley said falls were a regular occurrence in aged care facilities across the country due to the frailty of residents.

Feros regularly monitored its residents, she said, but 'we do not physically restrain them, giving them the dignity to continue to walk for the rest of their lives if they choose.'

However, staff members

said understaffing had contributed to three significant fall incidents in the past two weeks. This included a female resident falling and breaking her leg - an injury which preceded her death in hospital soon after - a female resident escaping from the centre and suffering a head wound in the carpark, and a female resident falling from her toilet chair and breaking her arm.

'It's basically about having enough eyes,' said a current employee who asked to remain anonymous.

'In all of the time I've been at Feros, they've asked us to do more [work] with nowhere near enough staff to do it. When that happens, things get missed. If someone's going to be resistive then we don't have time to try. We have to give up and move on to the next person who we can do something for.'

In relation to the three falls, Ms Buckley said that staff had responded within one minute and 46 seconds to the woman who broke her leg, and then did everything possible to help before she was taken to hospital.

The woman who fell in the carpark had been let out by a member of the public, and the third woman had not fallen from the toilet but fell in her bedroom and later said she had been reaching for something.

However, staff reportedly wrote a letter to management earlier this year informing them that residents at

the Bangalow home received an average of just 1.7 hours of direct care per day.

That's well below the national average of 2.6 hours and less than half of the 4.6 hours per day that the Royal Commission into Aged Care has recommended.

This was apparently not the first time such a complaint was made to management.

But Ms Buckley said this was incorrect. 'The NSW industry benchmark is 2.3 direct hours of care per resident per day and Feros Care has a higher rate of care at 2.4 hours,' she said.

'The staff rostering policy requires for all shifts to be filled at all times, and the duty registered nurse calls in support staff to fill in gaps when they arise. Should a staff member be ill or cannot come in for whatever reason, Feros Village engages Care Agency staff to supplement the team.'

But Sue Craig, whose mother Ronnie lived at the home until two-and-half years ago said she too had written to Feros Care management about the understaffing issues she had observed.

'They said thank you for your letter, and that was the beginning and the end of it,' Ms Craig said.

'Every day I went, mum would say "they're so short staffed".'

'The staff are wonderful, with no exceptions. They're dedicated, good people, but their hands were tied.'

'They work so hard for so little money, but the management doesn't seem to take notice of what the problems are.'



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Sculpture and stories in Mullum

Three new creative additions along with the innovative Solar Ark will be making Mullumbimby their permanent home. Creative Mullumbimby has been working hard to develop a connected artistic community with the establishment of the sculpture walk in Palm Park.

In collaboration with other community groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, there will now be five permanent works. This includes the recent installation of *Unring* and *Germinate*, two sculptures from last year's Ingenuity festival, and the new work *Elevate*.

On 13 November they are launching these three new works at the second Ingenuity festival, along with a new community asset The Solar Culture Ark. The Ark is a solar powered shipping container, set up to be an off-grid artistic venue and workshop, accessible to community groups.

'This is only the beginning,' says Creative Mullumbimby president Malcolm Price.

At the opening they will launch the Mullumbimby Storytrail, an Aboriginal Storytrail and a Significant Trees Trail, creating a web of trails that add layers of meaning and accessibility to the town.

Youth mentorship takes to the stage for MMF



Six youth and their mentors at last week's announcement of the winners of the Mullum Music Festival Youth Mentorship program for 2019. Photo Jeff 'Dementor' Dawson

Eve Jeffery

A handful of very lucky young musicians have been given a wonderful opportunity as part of this year's Mullum Music Festival's Youth Mentorship Program.

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Hussy Hicks

Vocalist Phoebe Neumann was chosen to be mentored by Leesa Gentz and Julz Parker of Hussy Hicks.

'I think it's such an amazing opportunity and you

can learn so much from a mentor,' said Phoebe.

All winners receive a session with their mentor and a 20-minute performance at the Mullum Music Festival 14-17 Nov with the winner of the Under 15 category presenting at the Opening Night Gala.

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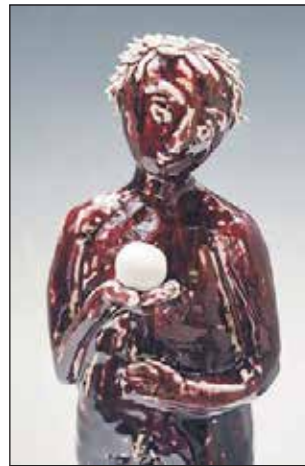
Numero Uno – ceramics show

Hot from the success of the annual North Coast Mud Trail, thirteen ceramics artists are exhibiting at the M-Arts precinct in November.

Numero Uno is the inaugural exhibition by members of the newly formed North Coast Ceramics Group who are an arts collective fostering opportunities for independent artists exploring this medium on the far north coast.

The breadth of technical variety showcased in this exhibition is indicative of the diversity of creative practice across the region.

Visitors will see evidence of fire and flame in smoky raku vessels and wood fired bowls. There are surfaces that shift from stencilled patterns and relief, to naked clay with evidence of the artist's hand in the glaze movement. Some pieces have been thrown and altered on the wheel, yet others have been made more slowly from slabs and built



Boy and Dog by ceramicist Catherine Lane.

Photo supplied

up. There are sculptural, figurative works that invite connection and empathy, human and animal alike, and not-so-traditional vessels to inspire the imagination.

Open now

Numero Uno is running until 21 November at the M-Arts Precinct, Cnr Brisbane St and Proudfoots Lane, Murwillumbah.

Mullum: level 1 water restrictions

Level 1 water restrictions are in effect immediately in Mullumbimby, Byron Shire Council has announced.

This comes after a two megalitre decrease in one week of the water feeding the Lavery's Gap Weir on Wilsons Creek, which supplies Mullumbimby's water.

Byron Shire Council's Manager Utilities, Cameron Clark said the catchment area has only received 5mm of rainfall over the past week.

'The flow into the weir is now under one mega-litre (per day) and it's time to restrict water use,' he said. 'We were hoping there would be some rain last weekend that would have topped up the water level, but while there were a few showers, there was no substantial change.'

What does it mean?

It has been 15 years since water restrictions were in place in Mullumbimby. Mr Clark said the current levels

are some of the lowest flows into the weir since 2004.

Level 1 water restrictions mean: no watering of established lawns using sprinklers and fixed hoses; watering of gardens only permitted between 6am–10am and 3pm–7pm; all hoses must be fitted with on/off nozzles; topping up of swimming pools from hand-held hoses only permitted between 6am–10am and 3pm–7pm.

For business operators, such as nurseries, and rural irrigation it restricts use of sprinklers to two hours per day. Businesses should check Council's website for permitted hours of use. Auto flush urinals on timers are also banned on commercial premises.

Water restrictions are enforceable and penalties apply – they will remain in force until further notice.

Fines of \$220 will apply to individuals, and \$550 for businesses who don't comply with the restrictions.

Draft Residential Strategy under fire

► Continued from page 1 environmental load on the beautiful Brunswick River,' said Mr Allen.

Again in the area of transport infrastructure, the plan has come under fire for predicting a four-lane upgrade to Ewingsdale Road that has not been identified in any of the council's current capital works programs.

'There are no major works "currently underway" to upgrade Ewingsdale Rd to four lanes,' says the BRG submission. 'There is no mention of them in Council's Capital Works Program. There is nothing referencing such works in the Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2019-2020.' They also take issue with

the DRS stating that the Byron bypass will facilitate further growth, pointing out that, 'The works [bypass] are to ameliorate the traffic caused by the existing population – and the growing number of visitors... This is not "anticipating a growing population", it's an attempt to manage the excessive traffic of the current population.'

'The bypass and the possible doubling of Ewingsdale Road can in no way be taken to indicate that Byron Bay can manage yet more population growth.'

Oversupply of housing

In the drive to substantially increase

the amount of housing provided in Byron Shire, the DRS appears to have used housing figures that are at odds with figures supplied to councillors and ABS statistics.

The DRS identifies that since 2016 there have been 235 dwellings approved. However, this is contradicted by data supplied to councillors in April 2018 which stated there were 832 new dwellings.

'Looking only at building approvals since 2016, the figures from the ABS show 800+ building approvals. Even assuming that not every approval has resulted in a dwelling as yet, the disparity in the figures is astounding,' the BRG states in their submission.

'Again... in the DRS the numbers of estimated approved dwellings do not correlate with ABS data or with the data produced by Council elsewhere.'

In fact, they claim, not only has Byron Shire met the supply targets set by the state government but that it has exceeded them.

'In 2006 we were told by the state government that we had to supply 2,600 new dwellings by 2031. By 2017, only 10 years into that 25-year plan, Byron Shire had exceeded that target while our population only increased by 2,789 – basically

equalling one house for every new person to the Shire, when our average household size is 2.3 people per household,' Cr Cate Coorey told The Echo.

'No other council area even met their targets. Now the state government has upped the ante, telling us to provide an additional 3,150 dwellings by 2036.'

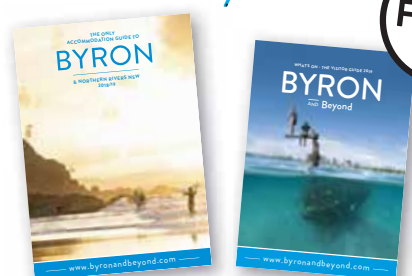
'We already did the right thing and provided more than twice as much housing than we needed for the increase in population. We shouldn't be accepting this order for growth.'

'We know all this extra housing has gone to holiday letting. What is the point of building more houses when, just in Byron Bay, 22 per cent of houses are unoccupied? That's over 500 homes that are unavailable for people to actually live in,' said Cr Coorey.

'We have to get illegal holiday lets back into the rental market to provide homes for people. If people want to run a BnB they can apply to Council to do it legally.'

'It isn't fair or sustainable that Lismore, Tweed, and Ballina are identified by the NSW government as the regional centres, but Byron has to provide 600 more dwellings than Ballina and only 200 fewer than Lismore, a regional city.'

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Byron bypass referral open for public comment

Aslan Shand

The Byron bypass referral to the Federal government relates to the presence of the Threatened Ecological Community, that is the primary habitat for the nationally critically endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail, on the proposed bypass route. It is now open for public comment.

The Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) officially placed The Byron Bay Town Centre Bypass, Byron Bay, NSW (EPBC 2019/8562) referral on public exhibition on 30 October and it is open for public comment until 13 November (<http://epbc-notices.environment.gov.au/invitations>).

Missing illustration

An important illustration was missing from the initial submission relating to the area that was surveyed in the lowland rainforest assessment. The document has been updated and an extra day to respond was allowed, making the deadline 13 November.

While there have been further mistakes and omissions identified in the referral no further extensions have been granted.

'The community has a small window of opportunity to have their say about the impact of stage 2 of the Byron bypass on the critically endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail and its primary habitat,' said local Greens MP Tamara Smith. More information is available at: www.tamarasmith.com.au/mitchells_rainforest_snail.

However, local Greens councillor Michael Lyon has told *The Echo* that, 'Attempts by Tamara to influence the process currently underway are misguided. This is a regulated process under the EPBC Act and science will dictate the outcome, not politics and pro-formas. I'd sooner have our state member focus on the vast swathes of land clearing in NSW for crops and pasture, rather than our tiny bit for essential infrastructure right next to the town.'

Transparency

Jan Barham, former BSC Mayor and MLC, said that if the Endangered Lowland Rainforest Threatened Ecological Community (ELRTEC), which is the primary habitat of the critically endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail, had been identified then, it should have raised a red flag for the state government in the biobanking approval process.

'It is unlikely that the state government would have given approval for that route,' said Ms Barham.

Ms Barham has also questioned BSC's choice not to make the documents they were supplying to the DoEE public prior to submission, considering the short time frame allowed

for analysis and response.

'I note that Council received this assessment from Geolink on 28 August 2019, well before the lodgement of the DOEE application on 11 October and failed to make it public, advise the community or report it to Council,' she said.

Ms Barham also highlighted the fact that the community had requested that BSC defer signing contracts for the work on the bypass in April and May this year to allow for the assessment of the area in relation to the ELRTEC.

Original DA was in rail corridor

The original development application (DA) that was lodged in April 2001 for the main bypass was to extend 'all the way down the western side of the rail corridor to cross link with Browning Street through

a Council owned corridor north of Mitre 10' as stated in the BSC ordinary meeting of 24 October, 2006.

'This route would've impacted on a very small area of the threatened ecological community adjacent to the rail tracks and would not have fragmented a larger area of approximately 2ha of SEPP 14 wetland as this route is,' said Ms Barham.

A 6 May 2014 premier and cabinet report looked at the delivery of the bypass, rail and walking and cycling track stating that, 'It may also be possible to include both the rail trail, bypass and proposed Byron Bay Community and Tourist Rail Shuttle within the corridor'.

The DoEE have advised that their decision on the referral is due on 27 November 2019.

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Railway Park, not near a railway

As if crowd control were choreographed by Mr Bean, The Lollipop Ladies were just part of the formalities and informalities that marked Saturday's opening of the reimagined Railway Park in Byron. While some concerns were raised over the position of the children's playground, Council said that this is part of a broader safety plan for the area 'as the next projects in this space roll out'. Beautiful Indigenous art works, a huge playground, board walks and those fabulous climbing Cottonwood trees were enjoyed by our photographer. Railway Park may now be named after a hotel but it is set to be more of a living heart to the town of Byron. Jeff 'Lollipop' Dawson

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Customer service awards open

This year's Brunswick Heads Customer Service Awards are now on, with five categories open for nominations. Vote for your favourite businesses in Hospitality, Retail, Professional, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing and the Byron Shire Council Youth Award (21 years and under).

Nominations close on 15 November and you can nominate online at www.brunswickheads.org.au or pop into the Visitor Information Centre or any participating business, and pick up a form.



Parents assured: 'no misconduct' at BSC child care services

Local parents who use the Mullumbimby Out of School Hours program (after school care), run by Byron Shire Council (BSC), were recently informed that Children Services Director, Janelle Rapley, 'has a criminal conviction for theft of cash from a child care centre in Wagga Wagga approximately five years ago.'

They were clear to point out that 'there has been no misconduct at any of our Child Care Services' and that 'the conviction has no bearing on child safety. The well-being of your children is our ongoing priority.'

General manager of Byron Shire Council, Mark Arnold

told *The Echo* that, 'Council has been made aware of an incident that occurred in Wagga Wagga some years ago and its possible link with a Byron Shire Council employee.

Investigation

'Council has commenced an investigation,' he said.

'I take this opportunity to assure families and friends of Sandhills Early Childhood Centre that the well-being of children is our priority.'

In the letter to parents of children at the out of school hours program, a BSC spokesperson wrote, 'Janelle has proved to be an exemplary employee in her 10

months with Council, many of you have seen firsthand the quality of her work and care for staff and children. We are considering the way forward and for the rest of this week Janelle will not be at work.

'We are supporting staff at all centres to ensure that Child Care Services are not disrupted. I would appreciate it if you would refrain from sharing this information on social media,' the spokesperson wrote.

For parents who are concerned about their children in care at any of the council run facilities they can contact the social and cultural planning team on 6626 7217.

Plans for the Bay's future need rigour

Aslan Shand

What will Byron Bay look like in the future? How will the town be shaped, grow, change and develop?

Two key documents are currently open for comment on how this will be achieved: the Draft Residential Strategy (see p1) and the Byron Bay Town Centre: Review of Planning Rules (<https://bit.ly/2NAC2KB>), also known as the design control plans (DCP). Comment on this document has been extended to 15 November owing to lack of public advertising or media releases on the changes.

One of the key concerns raised has been the idea of removing the floor-space ratio (FSR) that traditionally determines the bulk and scale of buildings in favour of 'design excellence' as the means of assessing future developments.

'There are some good objectives including the pedestrianisation of the town and reducing car dominance,' says Dr Phillip Pollard, who sits on the Urban Design Panel for Lake Macquarie City Council, which uses a similar approach to design excellence. However, he says the document in its current

format is 'a well intentioned but naive document'.

'I'm concerned that the draft won't achieve the stated objectives and could be quite counter productive.'

Independent panel

Dr Pollard, a former Byron Shire councillor who also sits on the state panel for significant developments and advises a number of other councils on planning and design, says that managing development through a design-excellence process can be done but it needs a strong set of provisions for it to work effectively.

'You need a rigorous process to have a hope of achieving design excellence,' Dr Pollard said. 'To achieve that you need a truly independent panel to provide advice to council.'

In particular Dr Pollard said the provisions put into the Local Environment Plan (LEP) need to be strong if they are to stand up in court. 'It needs teeth for the LEP to be held up in court, as it is the LEP that carries greater weight in court than the DCP.'

Former Byron Shire Mayor and state MP Jan Barham said, 'The Masterplan identified that better design of the

built environment is required, and I support that, but it needs to be a fully informed and cautious approach.

The Byron Bay Masterplan Implementation Plan stated that Floor Space Ratio (FSR) would be amended to either remove the need, or to establish a FSR that supports the built form aspirations for the town centre. This hasn't been done.'

The DCP also recommends extending the building height to 11.5m in the area between Lawson Street and Bay Lane (behind the Beach Hotel) stating that this would not affect the view of the town from the beach due to the angle of the land.

Local architect Christine Vadasz has said that on a recent kayak trip in the Bay 'looking back it still has that sleepy town look because it is still low rise' and that it is important to keep the town 'quirky and different'.

'But the town has three ways to go - up, out or in,' she said. 'We don't want to go out or up, so the place has to become more dense. We need to be more creative with open spaces, they don't have to be big but they need to be creative with vegetation, and at a human scale.'

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Bypass Biodiversity Destruction – Part 5

URGENT: Submissions close 13 November



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Byron Shire is located within a Biodiversity Hotspot and for decades this community has proudly vowed to protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity.

The Bypass proposal poses a major threat to biodiversity values.

We are in an Extinction Crisis and the Bypass construction impacts on several Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), threatening the local survival of Critically Endangered species including the **Mitchell's Rainforest Snail** and the Vulnerable **Koala** and **Grey-headed Flying Fox** as well as destroying part of a potential Critically Endangered, **Threatened Ecological Community** (TEC).

At the April and May council meetings this year, requests were made for Council to undertake further investigation of the biodiversity values based on reviews of the Bypass proposal by local ecologist, David Milledge, prior to signing contracts for the construction.

The requests were ignored and Council awarded the construction contracts and commenced works.

Despite Council's initial dismissal of the likelihood of Mitchell's Rainforest Snails in the Bypass area, **snails have recently NOW been found.**

On 28 August, Council announced it was self-referring the Bypass proposal to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (DOEE) for consideration under the requirements of the *Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC). An approval is required from the Commonwealth if the works are likely to have a significant impact and are defined as a 'controlled action'.

Council's consultants, GHD, had previously self-assessed that it didn't need to seek Commonwealth approval as it had determined it was unlikely that there would be significant impact on MNES from the construction.

On 11 October, BSC lodged its application which was published on 29 October.

We only have until 13 November to make submissions.

If you care about Byron Shire's biodiversity, please make a submission.

Love Jan 

If you require an electronic version of submission points, contact: janbarham@bigpond.com

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE COMMONWEALTH

View the BSC Bypass application at: <http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/invitations>

Send your submission to: epbc.comments@environment.gov.au

You **MUST** include your name, address, phone and email contacts.

Also, include your own comments relating to the importance of protecting biodiversity in Byron Shire and other personal views.

You **MUST** list the EPBC Proposal number in the subject line of the email.

The submission points are provided to assist you in identifying the flaws and concerns relating to the Bypass proposal.

You **MUST** make it clear that your opposition relates to the likelihood of **significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)** as identified under Part 3 of the EPBC Act due to the Bypass construction works being a '**controlled action**', requiring the Commonwealth's approval.

Submission – Byron Shire Council Bypass (BSC) EPBC Proposal 2019/8562

The EPBC referral proposal 2019/8562, Byron Shire Council Bypass proposal, is a 'controlled action' as defined by law and will have a significant impact on matters protected by Part 3 of the EPBC Act.

Opposition to the significant impact on biodiversity values

The biodiversity destruction and impact caused by the Byron Bay Bypass construction is unnecessary, and avoidable, and is strongly opposed due to an unacceptably significant impact on the biodiversity of Byron Shire that is recognised as being of National Significance.

The clearing, filling and changes to the moisture regime of known primary habitat of the **Critically Endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail** is unacceptable. This species, also listed on the **IUCN Red List**, cannot withstand any further loss of habitat and especially not in a shire located in a Biodiversity Hotspot, which is the main centre of the snail's distribution.

The presence of subtropical rainforest that is highly likely to comprise a **Critically Endangered Threatened Ecological Community** of national significance, requires further detailed investigation and assessment.

Addressing the presence of koalas in the vicinity hasn't been prioritised despite many records and community sightings in the area. The Bypass poses a biodiversity threat, it falls within a State Significant Wetland and a Regional Wildlife Corridor, neither of which

has been examined in the local context of koala movements.

The koala, is Australia's iconic species and must be protected.

It's likely that koalas will be impacted by the Bypass proposal and **ANY impact** on this species is significant and should be avoided as a priority by all levels of Government.

Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) principles, specifically the Precautionary Principle must be applied for the protection of Byron Shire's unique biodiversity, including the Critically Endangered **Mitchell's Rainforest Snail**, the **Koala** and the **Grey-headed Flying-Fox**.

An alternative route that would avoid and minimise the biodiversity destruction was previously determined as the Preferred Route in the 1998 EIS, recommended by the Species Impact Statement (SIS) informing the EIS as having the least adverse impact on biodiversity. It provided the basis for the BSC Bypass Development Application in 2001; by utilising the rail / transport corridor to avoid biodiversity destruction and fragmentation.

The Bypass proposal represents a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), the nationally recognised biodiversity values, and is avoidable.

A multitude of community concerns with the Bypass proposal and the potential for significant impact on biodiversity are outlined in the

FAILURES of Byron Bay Bypass proposal (current and previous applications); these include:

1. The **failure to self-refer** the project under the EPBC Act requirements for a 'controlled action' prior to gaining approval from the Joint Regional Planning Panel in 2016 and the NSW Land & Environment Court in 2017 due to an unacceptably limited investigation and assessment, leading to a dismissal of the full biodiversity values of the area.
2. The **failure to comprehensively assess and consider the impact on biodiversity** and meet legislative requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to inform a comprehensive assessment; including consideration of alternatives to avoid and or minimise significant biodiversity impact in the Development Application, the EIS and the BioBanking Assessment.
3. A **failure to consider viable alternatives** to significant impact on biodiversity and a failure to apply the 'avoid and minimise' principle by using the previously defined Preferred Route in the rail corridor. The 1998 EIS didn't recommend this current route due to impact on the environment, the Preferred Route was in the Byron rail / transport corridor).
4. The **poor decision to use BioBanking** as a means of gaining approval, rather than undertaking a more rigorous environmental assessment that considered the full range of impacts on all relevant vegetation communities and threatened species, including the impacts on adjoining habitats, the Regional Wildlife Corridor and the fragmentation of adjoining lands.
5. The **failure to conduct adequate and comprehensive surveys** to assess the biodiversity values, including a failure to undertake nocturnal and seasonal surveys, and a reliance on surveys up to 20 years old, resulting in a failure to assess additional more recently established biodiversity values and legislative biodiversity requirements. This has led to assumptions that species were unlikely to be present, and therefore not assessed. (The fallacy of this argument has been exposed by the recent Mitchell's Rainforest Snail discoveries when pre-clearing surveys were undertaken and a number of live snails were found.)
6. The **failure to adequately investigate the likely occurrence of a Critically Endangered Threatened Ecological Community (TEC)**, despite BSC acknowledging Subtropical Rainforest on a 2017 Vegetation Map, in the southern section of the Bypass and not undertaking appropriate assessments to investigate the likely presence of a TEC for the current EPBC application.
7. The **failure to comprehensively investigate the use of the area by other EPBC Act listed species including the Koala and the Grey-headed Flying-Fox.**
8. The **failure to comprehensively assess the impact of the excavation and filling of the SEPP 14 Wetland** and the impact on the flora and fauna and adjoining lands due to Acid Sulphate Soil contamination.
9. The **failure to comprehensively identify and assess** the scale and impact of the excavation and fill in the SEPP 14 wetland, compounded by incorrect information in the EIS that only 4,100 cubic metres of fill would be placed in the wetland, whereas a permit obtained from Fisheries NSW allows for up to 30,000 cubic metres of fill, resulting in the lack of a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative impact on biodiversity.
10. The **failure to adequately assess the potential flooding, and stormwater impacts on the hydrology and soil** on State Environmental Planning Policy Wetlands (SEPP14) and adjoining high biodiversity value areas such as the Cumbebin Swamp, including the Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve, under the requirements of the NSW Wetlands Policy, *NSW Coastal Management Act 2016*, the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and the *Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) Act.



COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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 Email council@byron.nsw.gov.au
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 Emergency after hours 02 6622 7022
 Works Depot 02 6685 9300
 SES Controller 02 6684 3444
 Rural Fire Service 02 6671 5500
 Byron Resource Recovery Centre 1300 652 625
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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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The NSW Government is trialling a new way of helping people on low incomes reduce their electricity bills by installing 3 kilowatt solar systems on their homes.

The program also aims to improve energy affordability by helping households unlock long term savings on their electricity bills, with expected savings of more than \$300 per year.

The trial is only available to up to 3000 low-income households in selected NSW regions, including the North Coast region and certain Byron Shire postcodes.

For further details and to find out if you are eligible, head to <https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/households/solar-and-battery-power/solar-low-income-households>.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submissions close: 22 November 2019

Enquiries: Steve Daniels 02 6626 7315

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

10.2019.461.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 42 South Beach Road Alterations to existing Community Centre

10.2019.411.1 – BINNA BURRA, 1159 Friday Hut Road Relocated Dwelling including Alterations & Additions, Shed and Swimming Pool

10.2019.142.1 – EWINGSDALE, 2-4 Ivory Curl Court Alterations and Additions to existing Dwelling House, Swimming Pool and Shed

10.2019.440.1 – BINNA BURRA, 530 Lismore Road Shed

10.2019.380.1 – BANGALOW, 8/226 Fowlers Lane Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

10.2019.460.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 32 Corella Crescent Dwelling House

10.2019.214.1 – BYRON BAY, 110 Lighthouse Road Refurbishment of Residential Units

10.2019.518.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 86 Balemo Drive Patio Roof

10.2019.485.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 6/133-141 Broken Head Road Swimming Pool

10.2019.309.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 14 Dalley Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.469.1 – BYRON BAY, 134 Lighthouse Road Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and construction of New Dwelling House

10.2017.405.2 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH, 55 Helen Street S4.55 to Modify Design of Alterations and Additions

10.2014.288.2 – MULLUMBIMBY, 105 Stuart Street S4.55 to Amend Hours of Operation

10.2019.98.2 – MULLUMBIMBY, 20 Morrison Avenue S4.55 to Modify Rear Deck

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

2019-0059 – PARKING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Byron Shire Council (Council) invites Expressions of Interest from companies for services and technology to manage Council's parking schemes. The parking management system comprises of, but is not limited to: pay parking, traffic and compliance monitoring, infringement processing, finance processing, and a permit system.

Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the EOI documentation referred to below.

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

For further details please contact Andrew Pearce at apearce@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Tenders close: 2.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2019

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

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

HAVE YOUR SAY

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

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

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

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

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

Submissions close: Friday 6 December 2019

Enquiries: E Zones Project Support Team on 02 6626 7126

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 Council's 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 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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 20 NOVEMBER 2019

10.2019.537.1 – Suffolk Park, 59 Corkwood Crescent (Lot 266 DP 858554) P Johnstone, Use of and Alterations to Secondary Dwelling and Use of Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.539.1 – Ocean Shores, 70 Balemo Drive (Lot 788 DP 240399) Empire Planning, Use of Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.541.1 – Mullumbimby, 8 Grevillea Avenue (Lot 1 DP 708170) Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Use of Existing Fence and Pool Deck

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

Remembrance Day – 11 November

On Monday 11 November all the RSLs in the area including Mullumbimby, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, and other major towns, will be holding services to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Services start at about 10.30am with one minute of silence at exactly 11am, to remember those who served and gave their life.

Remembrance Day began at the first anniversary of the end of the first World War and now commemorates all those who served in all conflicts since.

Byron's Latin Dance Fiesta turned up the heat



Part of the entertainment at Saturday night's party at the Byron Community Theatre. Photo Jeff 'La Zambero' Dawson

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More than one in four kids in Ballina, Brunswick, and Ocean Shores in poverty

Mia Armitage

Around a fifth of people living in various parts of the Northern Rivers are living in poverty, including up to one in four children.

The latest research on poverty rates from the NSW Council of Social Services shows the official status of 'economically disadvantaged' is rife in the region.

People who are economically disadvantaged have less than half of Australia's median household disposable income, NCOSS says.

The organisation has made the information publicly available via an interactive map online at <https://maps.ncoss.org.au>.

Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores, Tweed Heads, Lismore, and Tenterfield top the Northern Rivers poverty list.

The *Mapping Economic Disadvantage in NSW* report shows nearly 20 per cent of residents in Mullumbimby, Goonengerry, Myocum and Main Arm – around 1,300

people – are officially living in poverty.

Similar figures are reported for Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores and Tweed Heads.

Around a thousand people in the Byron Bay area, including Suffolk Park and Broken Head, and 2,000 in the Ballina area, are suffering poverty.

Low rates

But Lennox Head and Skennars Head have the lowest rates of poverty in the region at less than ten per cent of the population, or around six hundred people.

Further north in Tweed Heads, 19 per cent of the population is living in poverty, and with more people living there, the figure reflects 3,200 individuals.

Around 17 per cent of residents in Murwillumbah, the north-west of Byron, Goonellabah, and east of Lismore, are in poverty.

Out west, 1,100 people in the Tenterfield Shire are also

affected and again, that's nearly 20 per cent of the population there.

Lismore hardest hit by poverty

But the worst poverty rate is in the Lismore inner-city area, affecting 2,700 people, which is more than a fifth of all residents there.

The poorest people in the region are living in North Lismore, Lismore Heights, South Lismore, East Lismore and Girards Hill.

Children and the unemployed the poorest of all

Figures for children and unemployed people specifically are the worst, and result in almost the whole region being flooded in red on an interactive NCOSS map online. Red represents rates of poverty higher than 20 per cent.

Nearly a third of all children in the inner-Lismore and Murwillumbah areas

Man dies, another critical after hang glider crash

Police say a man has died, and another is in a critical condition following a hang glider crash at Lennox Head.

Just after midday Wednesday, 30 October, emergency services were called to Pat Morton Lookout following reports of a hang glider crash involving two men.

Neil Merscham, described by the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia, as an experienced Byron Bay

instructor, aged 67, died at the scene.

The second man, Richard Nicholls, aged 26, was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics, before being winched off the cliff via helicopter and flown to Gold Coast Hospital in a critical condition.

Officers from Richmond Police District established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the

circumstances surrounding the crash.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

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Protect our main asset

The current mantra from many in the community is that, owing to a lack of strategic planning, we have a housing crisis, we don't have affordable homes for our kids, and therefore we need to build more houses. But is that really the case?

What led to Council's de facto moratorium on development in Byron Bay in 1997 was the lack of sewerage capacity to cater for new consents, ie lack of strategic planning. That meant a ten-year stop on new residential subdivisions while the infrastructure caught up with the poo you and I put out.

There has been strategic planning since that time. Part of it focused on managing the nexus between population and tourism. Previous councils made decisions that reduced the pressure to build residential housing to allow for the impact of tourists.

The fact that local housing prices have catapulted into realms beyond understanding is less about supply and more about the perceived desirability of Byron Bay and the surrounding areas. This isn't set to change any time soon. There is too much money invested in properties that are being rented out on platforms such as Airbnb. There are too many people who want to be seen to be here, to be seen to be successful. There are plenty of people who want to move here, and have the money to pay exorbitant housing prices.

Strategic planning isn't all about building more houses, expanding commercial areas of local towns and saying we have to fit more people in because there is no affordable housing. Strategic planning is about looking at where you want to end up, not driven by expansion, though this can be part of it, but by what you see the community as becoming. Affordable housing should be part of this overall strategy and it should be a requirement from Council that all developments, small and large, include a mix of social and community housing.

Many people moved here over the years to escape the city life, the suburbs, to find an alternative way of living. To, as the sign says going into Byron Bay, 'Cheer up, slow down, chill out.'

I know I can't afford to buy a house in Byron Bay, Potts Point or Toorak. I would like to see more affordable housing in all of those places. But more importantly I would like to see the natural environment of this shire protected. The fact that this region is recognised as a biodiversity hotspot is more important to me in the long term than if I can afford a house in Byron Bay or surrounds.

I want to see our strategic planning focus on what ecological areas we see as important, how we are going to preserve them and set them aside in perpetuity so that they are there for future generations – including my children and grandchildren – even if they can't afford to buy a house here.

Put the environment first. Once we have identified all the areas that need to be preserved, we should then look at where and how we can use what's left for maintaining our sense of community.

Aslan Shand, acting editor

Everything is broken

David Lowe

Federal parliament isn't sitting at the moment, but lobbyists and spin doctors never sleep, which is why we've all been facing fresh assaults from our 'leaders' and would-be leaders this week.

In what at first appeared to be a scrap of good news, the Morrison government announced \$1 billion for new clean energy projects, including extra money for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation. They also appointed an expert panel to do something about greenhouse emissions.

Faster than you could say George Orwell, it was revealed that clean energy – in the topsy-turvy world of the amusingly named Minister for Emissions Reduction, Angus Taylor – actually meant gas, and the head of the expert panel was to be none other than Grant King, the former CEO of Origin Energy (aka the people who fracked Queensland and created a spa bath in the Condamine River).

The Prime Minister's other major thought bubble of the week came in a speech to his good buddies at the Queensland Resources Council on Friday, two days after a further 30,000 square kilometres of Queensland was opened to unconventional gas exploration by QRC Chief Executive, and former Coalition Minister, Ian Macfarlane.

According to ScoMo, environmental activists – who are trying to draw attention to business-as-usual's collision course with scientific facts, and the future prospects for life on earth – are 'selfish, indulgent and apocalyptic' anarchists who pose a threat to 'quiet shareholders' and are engaging in acts of 'economic sabotage'.

He didn't elaborate on whether the quiet shareholders were the descendants of Menzies' forgotten Australians and Howard's battlers, but the comparison between these gallant types and the 'noisy minority' of trouble-makers interfering with the resources industry from Melbourne to Queensland seems clear.

Magic happens, but it all seems a long way from the Labor party that got Australia out of Vietnam, saved the Franklin River and gave us Medicare.

David Lowe

Acting Greens leader, Adam Bandt, responded by saying that 'the Prime Minister's commitment to outlaw the peaceful, legal protest of Australian individuals and community groups reads like a move straight from the totalitarian's playbook.'

Former Queensland cop and Home Affairs Minister, Peter Dutton, added some notes to the margin of that playbook (his favourite bedside reading) when he suggested activists should cover the costs of police responses to protests, along with having their welfare stripped and being publicly shamed.

Apparently unaware that civil disobedience was how women and other pesky types got democracy in the first place, Dutton said the protesters 'are completely against our way of life. [They] don't even believe in democracy.'

Instead of Anthony Albanese leaping on all this nonsense and tearing it to shreds, as might be expected from the former attack dog of the ALP and now federal leader, he made a speech in Perth in which he attempted to delineate the ALP as the party of the future, past and present. In this future coal miners would help build wind turbines, for 'cheap and endless energy', together with new training opportunities that would power Australia into a glorious renewables-future of endless growth and prosperity.

That frame was tarnished, just a little, when four federal Labor MPs toured Adani and BHP operations in Queensland this week and posed for smiling photographs – all sponsored by the Minerals Council of Australia.

In a speech to a Labor think-tank,

young frontbencher Clare O'Neil urged people to stop thinking in terms of left and right, but to focus instead on the digital divide and remember 'not every social change is inarguably a good one.'

This was one of a number of pronouncements from ALP figures designed to soften us up for the imminent arrival of their election post-mortem document, which seems likely to herald another lurch to the right.

Magic happens, but it all seems a long way from the Labor party that got Australia out of Vietnam, saved the Franklin River and gave us Medicare. Of course this is also the party born from the White Australia policy, who later let the uranium genie out of the bottle, abandoned East Timor and started the great privatisation rush.

According to Richard Di Natale, Labor has learned 'all the wrong lessons' from its election defeat, but no one is listening to him, least of all the ALP. Despite the nonsense spewed by coal poster-boy Matt Canavan and others, a Green-ALP coalition in Australia seems as remote a prospect as ever.

Meanwhile the country burns, towns are running out of water, indigenous Australia's voice is unheard, debt is skyrocketing, the interim report of the aged care royal commission has described a 'shocking tale of neglect', and more than a few Australians have become quiet because they've fallen completely into despair.

Feeling unrepresented, many young people in particular have withdrawn completely from the political process. If the Liberals and the IPA succeed in destroying GetUp! and non-violent civil disobedience is outlawed, then there will be nowhere left for them to turn, except inward, to self-destruction, or outward, to revolution.

But would the majority be too numb, distracted or indebted to respond?

Perhaps it will take a picket of breweries, pokies, Netflix and the banks to spark any really meaningful change in 21st century Australia.

■ Mungo is convalescing; he will be back soon.



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Kevin reads Mandy

Mandy Nolan is right about the enormous challenges facing Indigenous people, but she's dead wrong about the history of the Apology to Indigenous Australians in 2008.

Far from 'stealing' the stolen generations' trauma, the Apology was recommended by the Bringing Them Home inquiry co-lead by Mick Gooda, a Gangulu man from central Queensland, with his indigenous and non-indigenous co-commissioners. It should have been given in 1997 except for John Howard's indifference to the pain of his fellow Australians. The Apology was never intended as a feel-good moment, but a genuine act of contrition and a step towards healing.

Since meaningful apologies are backed by action, we secured the first intergovernmental agreement to close the gap in life expectancy, child mortality, education and employment. The Prime Minister of the day must regularly report to parliament and stand accountable for their government's progress towards these targets. Since leaving office, I have established the National Apology Foundation for Indigenous Australians to keep holding politicians' feet to the fire.



Cartoon Gary Cavanagh – Instagram: @gary_cavanagh

Nolan casts me as a modern Martin Luther, but the only miracle of the Apology wasn't that it was given; it's that it was accepted by Indigenous Australians.

Although true reconciliation remains far away, it starts with telling the truth and admitting our wrongs. On that, I hope we can all agree.

Kevin Rudd
26th Prime Minister
of Australia

Frantic carers

Staffing levels are too low at Bangalow Feros Care facility,

especially as it is a high care home with 65 beds. As a previous employee of five years at Feros Bangalow I know that each one of these patients needs to be toileted, showered, pads changed, dressed and taken to the dining room and their beds made up. Then at the end of the day 65 people need to be put back to bed.

Sometimes there are only six carers and one nurse to take care of everyone in the afternoon and evening. It is often such a rush to get everything done in time that

accidents happen.

I would suggest to Feros Bangalow that they change the staff ratios; 1 to 5 would be ideal, currently it is more like two care staff to 25 patients, or 6 to 65.

The carers are exhausted and spent at the end of each day while management sit in their air-conditioned offices. Downstairs residents' rooms are not air-conditioned and have reached temperatures of up to 42 degrees. It is time to spend some more money on your residents, wages and staff Feros.

Name withheld

Bob's story

My name is Bob Maughan and this is my story.

I am refusing to pay my rates whilst living in the ghetto.

Drug addicts fighting in the early hours bringing police and the ranger. Homeless people using the public toilet block to charge their mobile phones.

The rubbish behind the council site includes six cars, a caravan, and a number of tents. Evidence of home invasion includes smashed screen door and window.

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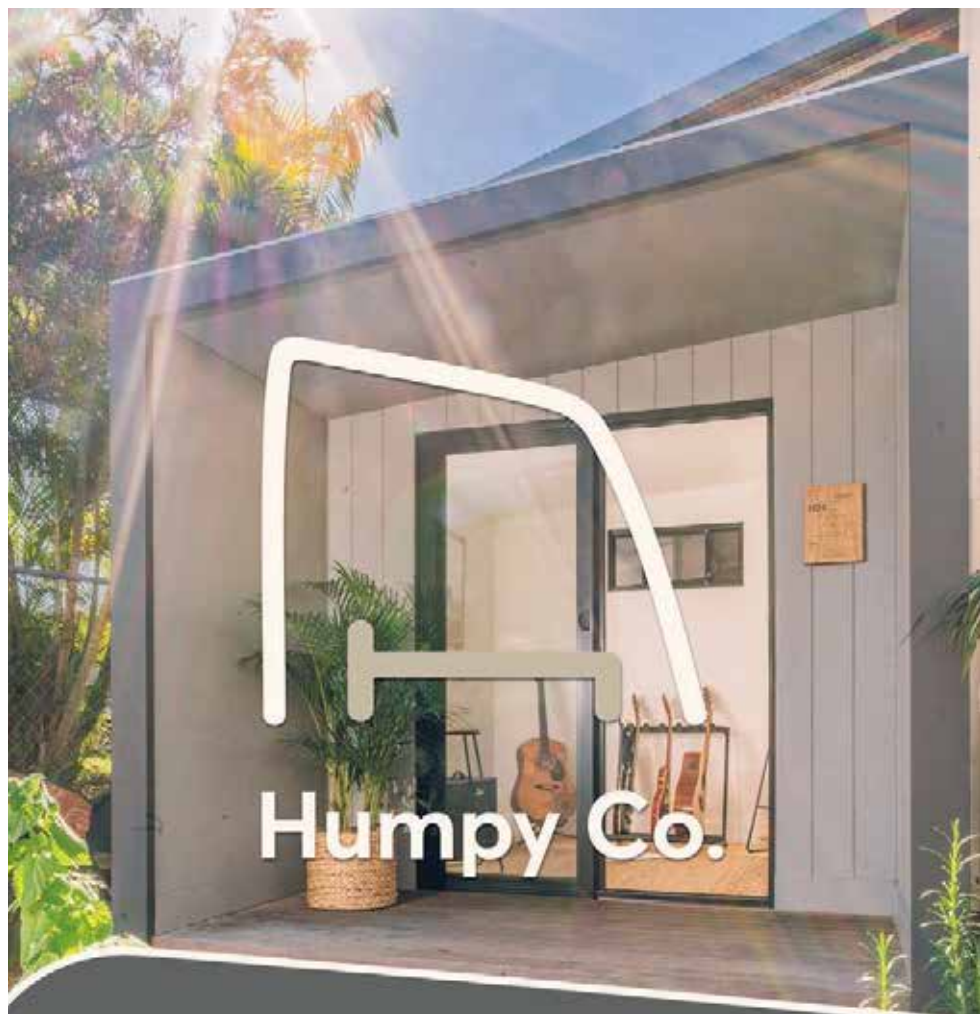
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RDA's Bosco off to the Ballina High formal

Riding for the Disabled Ballina and District Branch has had an unusual request from a rider who's been in the saddle for 13 years.

Sarah Carriage is completing her HSC this year at Ballina High. For a long time she's had a dream of riding a horse to her year 12 formal being held on the 12 November at Ballina RSL and RDA is happy to oblige.

'I began riding with RDA at age four,' said Sarah. 'I have mild cerebral palsy which was the catalyst for beginning the journey at RDA.'

'Although my disability can make me insecure at times, RDA has really helped me gain a sense of confidence'

'It's been really great to have an ambition that you can keep building towards and learning about. It's given me my own sense of power and it is so freeing to be able to express yourself on a horse and learn with them.'

'Horse riding requires teamwork with you and the horse, and you need a great level of trust. RDA has helped me build bonds and inspire a passion for riding.'

'I want to continue learning and developing my skills and hopefully one day I'll be able to care for a horse of my own. I wouldn't dream of having the skills I do if it weren't for RDA.'

RDA horses are exceptional as a general rule, and Bosco is a shining example of what is required in a therapy horse.

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Sarah Carriage and Bosco will be arriving at the Ballina High formal in style.

nature, he cares for his riders with confidence and keeps them safe.

RDA Ballina was extremely lucky when a local farmer left his gorgeous 115 acre property in Teven to them as a bequest.

Volunteers have worked extremely hard raising funds and building infrastructure so that lessons for riders living with disabilities can be conducted every week, and new

volunteers are always welcomed.

Donations to the centre are tax deductible, and all money raised goes directly into supporting their wonderful herd.

Sarah will be riding Bosco along Grant St Ballina to arrive at Ballina RSL at 5.45pm, joining all her school friends arriving in their special cars for this wonderful event celebrating their final year at school.

CHES by Ian Rogers

The World Junior Championship, an under-20 tournament, was once a marker for future World Champions – Spassky, Karpov, Kasparov and Anand all won the title in decades past.

However, as the age of success in chess has gone down, the reverse theory now applies: if you are still playing in junior tournaments at age 19, you will definitely not be World Champion. (At that age Magnus Carlsen was already world number one.)

The 2019 World Junior, completed last week in New Delhi, saw the open event won by Ukrainian Grandmaster Evgeny Shtembuliak, while Russian Polina Shulova edged out Mobina Alinasab from Iran to take the girls' title.

Australia sent two representatives to the open division and both did better than most Australians have done in this event for many years.

Temur Kuybokarov tied for ninth place in the 94-player field, though the Perth Grandmaster had likely hoped for an even better result. However, it was Canberra's Albert Winkelman

who shocked the pundits. Seeded 82nd, Winkelman beat three International Masters, drew with the Iranian top seed Amin Tabatabaei, and eventually finished with a 50 per cent score in a tie for 41st place, while not having met a single opponent rated less than 180 points above him.

Winkelman's most spectacular win came against local hope Saha Neelash. In the diagrammed position Winkelman, Black, has sacrificed a pawn for attacking chances, but only when his opponent unwisely grabbed a second pawn with 21.Nxd5? was the Australian able to break through. The game continued 21...Qd6! 22.Ne3 Qxa3+ 23.Kb1 Rxc2!! 24.Rxa3 Sad but necessary. 24.Kxc2 allows mate after 24...Qxb3+ 25.Kc1 Ba3+, while 24.Qxc2, Rxb3+ loses the queen and the game. 24...Rxd2 25.Ra2 Rxb3+ 26.Ka1 Ra3 27.Rxa3 Bxa3 28.Bf3 Bb2+ 29.Kb1 Bxd4 and Winkelman converted his endgame advantage 17 moves later. 0-1



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Nightly there is yelling and foul language, impacting my mental health. Multiple trucks enter and leave the council site – the water truck comes eight times a day. The police, council or rangers won't help.

Daily papers cover what celebrities are up to, but nothing about this, all just one block from the Rails.

This has been my home for 40 years, I'm mourning for the peace I have lost. The wetlands and all that are in distress. My home has become a construction site.

So many questions and no answers.

Bob Maughan
Byron Bay

That's a bad thing?

The Echo, 23 October has yet another article by a rave 'festival' corporation's spokesman, threatening to leave our state.

We will have to live without prolonged hideous thumping, local and home phone services disruption, temporary 5G microwave towers, acres of litter, drug overdoses and stoned drivers etc.

And just what are these so-called festivals (proposed to be held weekly, year-round,) celebrating? Other than

industrial deafness and drug-induced disorders, that is.

Perhaps the Psychedelic Porn Crumpets and Amyl Sniffers are 'modern culture'? To me, this is a judgement on an ungodly nation.

Stop crying wolf. Depart for another state, the far distant one. Let us enjoy harmonious music, which has a melody.

Vyvan Stott
Mullumbimby

Replying to Geoff

Bensley's letter *The Echo*, 4 Sept – Considering his take on the fake Byron bypass through Butler Street; you said it Geoff, there will be a sigh, but no relief during the summer months when Jonson and Lawson Streets are totally jammed.

Geoff, it's okay living the life at Lennox Head mate, but you're wrong about the pretend bypass giving relief on Ewingsdale Road, leading into Byron Bay at any given time, let alone in summer.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

Careful careful

We must all be very careful! A new method of social control and manufacturing political social compliance is being assessed by the Morrison government. We have the

'polite' quiet voters. Those tucked away 'quiet' communities who depend upon Conservative governments to speak for them.

Now we have the Morrison Government urging businesses to support laws to criminalise the protests of Extinction Rebellion, on behalf of their 'quiet' investors! A gold star in the middle of the head for the 'quiet.'

It would appear that questions stemming from robust democracy and the 'right to know' are not considered 'polite' in authoritarian modern politics.

Secrecy reigns, and requests for Freedom of Information take a long time and reveal heavily redacted scripts. This is not an issue residing in the world of macro-politics, but exists on a local level.

It was truly shocking to read in *The Echo* that the Mayor threatened to close down the Council meeting because former mayor Jan Barham was challenging Council on the right of citizens to access time to speak to Council. This decision [to limit citizens' speaking time] was made by Council without previously informing the public.

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Obviously prepared for maximum toxicity Jan placed black tape over her mouth. This statement speaks large to all women... 'be quiet'... (or far worse consequences await thee).

Maybe Council collectively needs a revision of how it operates its community relationships? It helps. Sexism and hubris trigger more questions in the minds of the thinking, such as – what is there that must remain secret?

It's a time for working together and openness.

Jo Faith
Sunrise Beach Byron

Railway heritage amiss

On Saturday the 2nd of November I was privileged to attend the reopening of Railway Park Byron Bay.

Railway Park was originally created to service the railway: people waiting for passengers, passengers waiting to begin their journey or breaking their journey. Over time it became a well patronised public amenity for generations of locals, especially local Aboriginal people.

Yet, it has been neglected and overlooked by visitors and locals in more recent times.

From a railway

perspective the access enhancements to Railway Park draw more attention to the heritage Byron Bay Rail station, now dormant – leased by the council, which faces an uncertain future.

However, there is no signage or artwork indicating Byron Bay's, and the Northern Rivers', rich railway history. Nor indeed any sign or banner indicating the name of the park. This is a sad omission for a park with Railway in the name, that owes its very existence to the railways.

Garrett Fitzgerald
Ocean Shores

Ask no questions

Only a few weeks ago I had to admit to myself that Simon Richardson has a warm, gentle and solicitous side to his nature that comes out especially when he has to deal with an aged or infirm person during public access.

Then someone suggested to me that Simon is only considerate to anyone who seeks favour, i.e. who is a supplicant playing to his status. That's probably a bit unfair, but really the key test of character is what one decides to do when the chips are down.

And lately Simon is becoming more petty in response to his critics.

It's long been a complaint of mine that Council staff deliberately avoid answering questions put to them and instead deliver a response that at first glance appears to address the issue, but in fact answers a question that I did not ask.

In response to this I sometimes broke down my next question into specific elements to make it more

ABC Friends warn of future threats

Professor Ed Davis, National Vice President ABC Friends says that while the ABC is a national treasure, highly regarded and highly trusted, it remains under serious threat.

Professor Davis was addressing the AGM of ABC Friends Northern Rivers in Bangalow last Saturday.

Davis said that the current drastic cuts of another \$84m to ABC funding over the next three years, the loss of further jobs and the recent AFP media raids were major causes of concern.

'The AFP raids have sparked outrage across the media and resulted in a "Your Right to Know" campaign



supported by the ABC, News Ltd, Channel 9 and other major media outlets.'

On a more positive note, Professor Davis expressed optimism about

Ita Buttrose's appointment as Board Chair, despite the fact that ABC Friends had previously registered grave concerns about making another 'captain's pick'.

difficult to avoid the issue. Simon's response then was to complain my question actually consisted of multiple questions!

At the last council meeting I asked this question: Do councillors Lyon, Ndaye and Richardson intend to nominate for Mayor next year, if so, will they nominate as independents, rather than Greens?

According to Simon, this is actually two questions; so he elected to answer only the first part. I suppose next he'll be claiming that asking two questions of three councillors amounts to six questions. I probably shouldn't have put the idea in his head.

Now the code of meeting practice says that a person or an organisation may address one item per agenda. This used to be two, but Simon recently pulled the trick of citing the code not via public debate but by exploiting the

low-profile anonymity of the committee system such that the change went through unnoticed. He pulled the same trick a few years ago when he banned public questions, not for open debate, but by exploiting the committee system so that the change went through unmarked by the public. No doubt it was because my questions were seen to be undermining the good governance of the Shire.

It never seems to have occurred to simple Simon that those who hate questions have something to hide. A point the Australian print media have been hammering the last couple of weeks in the face of government secrecy. From my point of view, every question that Simon or the senior staff deliberately failed to answer indicates my question has hit the mark.

At the last council meeting, Simon ruled that one person can only ask one question at a meeting, regardless of whether the person is talking as a person or on behalf of an organisation. This is not in line with meeting practices, and is indeed legally incorrect.

Council's lawyer, Ralph James was asked by a councillor about the rights and wrongs of the approach; looking suitably shamefaced, Ralph skillfully avoided clarifying the matter, implying that as long as Council followed the correct procedures it couldn't be faulted. No way was Ralph going to undermine Simon Richardson, the right-wing's greatest asset – if he only knew it. During one exchange I accused a councillor of 'fudging' his response so Simon jumped up and alleged that there has been at 'breach of the code of conduct'. I assume that Simon misheard the word 'fudged', but that doesn't excuse his ignorance: I am not an elected councillor and I am therefore not bound by any silly code of fake niceness.

Besides, Simon himself is increasingly in breach; before every meeting he preaches about being 'respectful', yet increasingly he leans towards councillor Cameron and exchanges some whispered hilarious snigger at the expense of myself or Jan Barham.

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Bay FM wins two national awards at CBAA ceremony

Byron's only community radio station, Bay FM, will need a bigger trophy cabinet soon – the regional station has picked up another two national awards and chances are you helped.

The Byron Shire Echo partnered with Bay FM and community renewable energy advocacy group COREM to host Ballina Meet the Candidates in the lead-up to this year's state election.

The live Q&A forum was held in the Byron Community Theatre and broadcast live on air and online.

Ballina electorate voters

were invited to submit questions to Ballina candidates prior to the event.

Topics were varied but represented typical concerns of people living in the region, such as development, the environment, tourism and public transport.

Bay FM's Community Newsroom played a key role in organising the event along with several other volunteers from the station and former ABC host Angela Catterns, who MC'd on the night.

The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia awarded the station

with Excellence in Outside Broadcasting for the event. Bay FM's Mia Armitage says the accolade is a reflection of the Byron community spirit.

'Bay FM is determined to keep its relationship with the local community loud and strong,' she said, 'Events like this, our presence at major festivals in the Shire including the upcoming Mullum Music Fest and our commitment to regional news, media and arts are important expressions of that relationship.'

Ms Armitage said it was an exciting time to be part of

Bay FM as the media industry experienced dynamic changes and people recognised a need to re-engage with their communities.

The station promotes regional and independent media more broadly and Ms Armitage's work regularly appears in *The Echo*.

Armitage recently received the CBAA award on behalf of Bay FM at a gala event in Melbourne, along with Excellence in Journalism for the second year in a row, for her work reporting on the controversial clothing-optional beach in Tyagarah.



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The program aims to promote healthy, active living for all, and identify four Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander participants, who will fly to Uluru in May 2020 to participate in a 5km

race around the famous monolith.

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Dr Jon on plaque

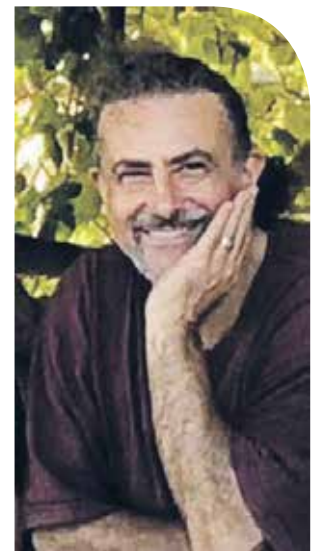
Plaque in the mouth is an accumulation of bacteria that, if not removed, can cause dental infections and other complications in the body.

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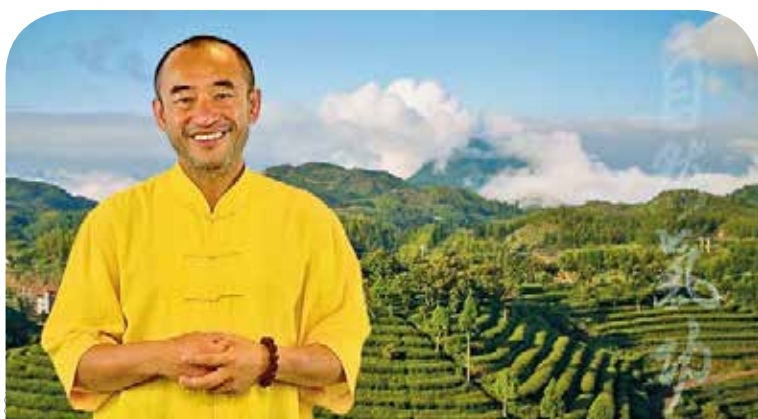
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Being Vegan: Let me tell ya 'bout the birds and the bees (Part 2)



Eve Jeffery

The buzz on bees

As I've one of the questions I get asked a lot is: why don't vegans use eggs and honey?

Again, my personal reason for being a vegan is because I believe all the earthlings on the planet deserve equal rights.

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

It's all about us – isn't it?

A funny thing happened on the way to writing this story. I was having a discussion with one of the elders in my life about this very question – she just couldn't understand why honey was something I wouldn't consume.

It was her understanding that bees made honey in the hives and we turned up all decked out in netted gear and smoke puffers and took the honey, and the bees smiled benevolently at us like something out of a commercial for spring.

When I asked her point-blank why she thought bees made honey, her response was: 'Well they make it for us don't they?'

Now, there was a twinkle in her eye when she said it, but this is the true problem with food today. Milk comes in bottles, meat comes in plastic wrap (drained of most of the blood), and honey comes in a squeezable bottle. Just turn it upside-down and voila!

She was being deliberately silly with the nutty vegan, but where there's smoke there's fire and a lot of the time humans do think that animals produce things for us.

Well, newflash – they don't!

The experts say

Another funny thing happened on the way to writing this story. I got in touch with several bee experts

and upfront I told them I was vegan.

The thing is, many (not all) bee experts are wedded to the honey industry – the two are inextricably linked and getting information for a vegan article from the bee experts is difficult because they know which direction I'm heading in.

I spoke to Dr Katja Hogendoorn, Senior bee researcher at the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine for the University of Adelaide.

Dr Hogendoorn was really helpful giving me information about bees and wanted to note that, while the honey bee industry supports her research, she is one of the few honey bee researchers who remain independently critical (e.g. by stating that managed hives have no place in conservation reserves until it has been unequivocally shown that their presence does not do harm).

The questions I asked Dr Katja were:

About (or actually) how many species of bees are there?

20,000 in the world, about 2,000 in Australia, about 1700 described in Australia.

About (or actually) how many species of bees produce honey?

In Australia: harvestable honey is produced by the European honey bee and three species of native sugarbag bees (stingless bees).

How long does a bee live for?

Honey bees: queens 2-7 years, workers 6 weeks. Native bees: between 4 weeks and 4 years depending on the species.

For the bees who make honey, how much would they produce in that life span?

I have no idea – Google it.

Dr Google said 12:1 teaspoon (yes folks, next time you put a teaspoon of honey in your chai, that's the life's work of 12 bees).

Why do bees make honey, that is, what is the purpose/s of the honey they make?

To have reserves for bad times.

Do they make more than they need? If so, why?

Nature is a cutthroat business, and food is often in short supply for bees in general. And that is the most stressful issue for bees, because if there is not enough food they cannot feed the larvae/produce their offspring.

– Dr Katja Hogendoorn,
Senior bee researcher, University of Adelaide

If they have room in the hive and nectar is available, they can store more.

Beekeepers give them heaps of room for honey production, compared to the space in natural hives inside tree hollows.

Mind you, the European honey bee is an introduced species in Australia (1820s), and one of the most invasive at that. It takes a lot of nectar and pollen out of the system, uses nesting hollows that are needed by birds and mammals and it is my view (says the expert) that feral hives should be eradicated. Unfortunately, this is unfeasible. Managed honey bees are a farm animal.

Is it hard work? I mean, it seems like hard work but maybe for a bee it's not?

No, they are rather lazy, and spend most of the day on their backs in the frame.

If bees have a supply of honey and that supply is compromised, do they feel compelled to make more or do they cut their losses? That is, if their honey is taken away, do they stress about having enough? Do they work extra hard to make that honey back? Do they get anxious about producing enough and having excess in storage 'in case'?

The beekeeper gives them the space for overproduction. He leaves them with enough to get by, normally. So no.

Is it stressful for them to have contact with other earthlings?

Yes, because they defend their hive. The other way is also stressful (honey bees stinging innocent passersby and bears).

I can see where you are going with this: 'Let's get up in arms... beekeepers stress the bees, and steal their honey...'

However, beekeepers give their managed hives ample support: They transport the bees to the honey sources; they leave them enough honey because they want healthy hives; managed hives are given ample room to expand and produce honey, feral hives cannot store that much – they get stressed during lean times and die, often during summer. Managed hives are fed sugar or protein for example if they encounter a shortage in the landscape – and sugar is healthier for them than many kinds of honey. Diseases get treated. Feral hives do not get that cushy treatment.

Nature is a cutthroat business,

and food is often in short supply for bees in general. And that is the most stressful issue for bees, because if there is not enough food they cannot feed the larvae/ produce their offspring. Many bees in nature (honey and solitary native) are encountering this, wild hives probably more so than managed ones that are transported and fed.

If you want to do something for bees, or for nature in general, campaign for habitat restoration and against deforestation, rather than against honey consumption and production.

I try to use the popularity of bees, and honey, which I have a profound dislike of, (says the expert!) to convince councils, community groups and people in general of the need to plant and maintain bee food. This serves to support all kinds of insect life, which then provides food for a wealth of birds, reptiles and small mammals – most of whom are also not vegan. It sends out a positive message and gives people simple directions as to how they can make a real difference. And this message is able to convince people from many walks of life.

It is cruel to farm animals, (see, she said it and she's not even vegan), but unfarmed animals are also stressed. It is cruel to take food for wild animals [out] of the landscape. But that's what we do when we grow plants to eat.

However, I think the cruelty of honey harvest is not something to worry about, as the honey-producing managed hives are having quite a cushy existence compared to the feral ones.

What I say

I have reproduced Dr Hogendoorn's answers in full – she was concerned I'd put words in her mouth but I have given her free-range. She had plenty of damning things to say without my help.

But I am going to pick her answers apart from a vegan's point of view.

If a bee makes one 12th of a teaspoon of honey in their life, you can be damn sure that honey isn't meant to go on toast.

'Bees make honey to reserve for bad times and they make more if there is room in the hive', said Dr Katja. Naturally, there's only room in the hive for a small amount of extra honey, but beekeepers give them 'heaps of room for honey



production.' That means the bees do fill that extra space with honey. No extra space, no extra honey making = bee holiday.

Honey is made for them not for us. Is it hard work? Dr Katja said 'no they are rather lazy', but the phrase 'busy bee' doesn't come from nowhere, and the way we see bees buzzing around, I kind of like the idea of them being lazy in their time off.

Dr Katja said 'it is cruel to farm animals, but unfarmed animals are also stressed'. That's right. All animals are stressed. As part of their natural lifespan animals, bees and humans are all stressed, but farming animals, including bees, adds cruelty to the mix and bees do die producing honey, bees that wouldn't ordinarily have died in 'feral' beehives.

'I think the cruelty of honey harvest is not something to worry about', said Dr Katja. Well, I do!

I challenge any beekeeper, from the backyard enthusiast to the major commercial operators, to deny that bees die in the harvesting of honey for human consumption. And you can argue all you want that bees die anyway – of course they do, we all do, naturally, but any extra bee who dies in the commercial making or harvesting of honey, honey that they provide for themselves, not for humans, is one bee too many.

Bees already do enough for humans by pollinating about one-third of our plant food. They don't need us to survive but we absolutely need them.

So why do bees make honey (if it isn't for us)?

I asked Dr Google – Why do bees make honey?

The answer? 'Honey bees make honey as a way of storing food to eat over the cooler winter period, when they are unable to forage and there are fewer flowers from which to gather food.'

It's bee food. Not human food. Stealing it dismisses their earthling rights and enslaves them to produce food for us when what they want to do is make food for themselves. Even beekeepers use the term 'rob' in regards to honey harvest. Pretty much says it all.

Anyone who produces honey and says they care about bees, what they actually mean is, they care about honey and if you're not convinced, ask a beekeeper this question: have you clipped your queen's wings?

Oh yes they do!

Oh yes they bloody do!

I rest my case.

Now, maple syrup...

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Mullumbimby High School Hospitality students will be catering in the main food hall and there will be many food vans around the show over the weekend.

The pavilion is hosting a vast variety of competition pieces created under the theme: Repurpose, Recycle, Reuse. All manner of arty, crafty and produce-growing folk will have their wares on display, including; needlework, photography, painting, drawing, ceramics, recycled/refurbished items, woodwork, horticulture, fruits and vegetables, and

traditional culinary items such as preserves and honey and the three-ingredient fruit cake – a.k.a 'Depression cake'.

Select items from the pavilion will also be auctioned on Sunday afternoon for charity at the main stage from 2pm. Be sure to tick the box on your entry form or let the pavilion stewards know if you would like to donate your pavilion e to the charity auction.

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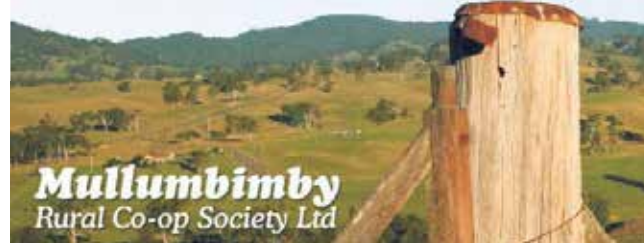
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One of the highlights of the show are the **main ring horse events**. There are four rings of horse classes for breeds, hacks and hunters on Saturday 9 November, and two rings for Australian stock horse classes at the main ring on Sunday 10 November.

For a chance to see the horses put through their paces, there will be **Official Classes of show jumping** (EA Members) on Saturday, and Sunday sees the return of Unofficial Classes (open to non-EA Members) to the main ring.

With two days of **Trotting Displays**, plus sporting events run by Mullumbimby Pony Club (on Sunday), there is something for all horse lovers and spectators to enjoy.

Nominations for showjumping will be taken at the showjumping marquee, while this year nominations for all other events will be taken at the green Mullumbimby Pony Club shed – just adjacent to the main gate for main ring. If you are competing, to avoid delays on Show day, please print and complete a copy of the waiver available with this year's horse program.

A great line up of chickens, ducks and turkey classes are available to look at, and the **Pet Show** is always a fun, family-friendly event. Do you have a superstar dog that you will be bringing to the 2019 Mullumbimby Agricultural Show? There is no cost to enter your special furry or fluffy family member in this relaxed competition on Sunday morning, with great prizes, across a variety of categories, on offer.

For those who like some tunes with their Show experience, **Mangrove Jack**, who have been a Mullumbimby Show staple for the last two years are back due to popular demand. And if you like your guitar-rock with a groove, **The Swamp Cats** are playing three sets on Saturday – you're going to love these guys!



Sunday, the Show will host **Paul Hatwell** – from a background of acoustic covers, this exciting solo artist delivers a performance sure to keep the showgrounds grooving and moving into the afternoon program.

The 2019 Show 'n Shine will be held on Sunday morning, and at the other end of the vehicular scale, the **Demolition Derby** will begin at around 3pm in the main arena.

After the fun of the 2018 inaugural **Tug-O-War** competition, it's on again! Register your team of four on the day for a chance to win a **\$300 cash first-prize**. The Chincogan Store is also giving vouchers for the **best-dressed team and fancy-dress team**.

Entry is free, with the warm-up being held at the main arena on Saturday at 6.15pm, and heats and finals on Sunday from 10am. Both the heats and finals are highly anticipated events. Who will be crowned the Champions this year? Will it be Mullumbimby Giants Rugby League? Mullumbimby Bakery? Mullumbimby Netball Legends? Byron Mullumbimby six-a-side Soccer? Bridglunds? The SES or the RFS? Or *your* team? It's friendly and fun (and a little bit serious) so join in this great local community event.

Other seriously sinuous attractions are the **Steve McEwan Reptile Show**, the **Spaghetti Circus** performers, and what sort of show would it be without a **sheep shearing** demonstration? And last, but definitely not least, the ever-popular **Rural Youth Ambassador** – who will be this year's winner?

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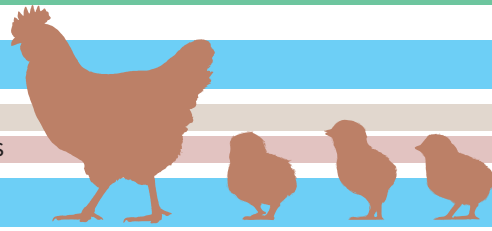
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FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

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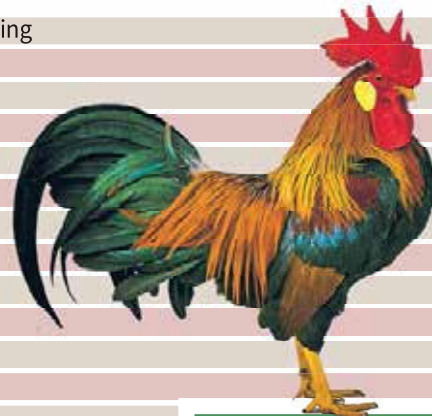
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

6.30am Gates Open – Horse, Show Jumping and Poultry Competitions Start.
7am Horse Entries Open
8am Horse Classes, Show Jumping and Poultry Competitions Start
8.30am Beef Cattle Judging Starts
9am Viv's Farmyard Animal Bottle feedings (Open from 9.00am to 8.00pm)
10am Welcome, Sponsors Thank You (Ring Announcer John Norris)
10.15am Ray Essery, Slim Pickins & Clelia Adams
10.30am-5.00pm Trotting display
11am-4.00pm Steve McEwan's Reptile World
11 & 12.15pm Spaghetti Circus Show (\$5 entry)
11.45am-12.45pm Swamp Cats (Guest Band)
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3-6pm Mechanical Bull Ride
3.45pm Truck Show Charity Auction
5-8pm Mangrove Jack (guest band)
5.30pm Lawrence Williams Chainsaw/Fence Post Cutting Demonstration
5.30pm Viv's Farmyard Animals – Baby Bottle Feeding
6.15pm Chincogan Store Tug 'O War – Warm up
8pm Fireworks

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

HORSE ENTRIES OPEN

8am Sporting Horse Classes, Stock Horse Judging, Show Jumping
9am-3.00pm Viv's Farmyard Animals (Bottle Feeding 9am)
9am Pet Show
10am Show 'n Shine
10am Miniature Goat Judging
10am Chincogan Store Tug 'O War - Heats & Finals
10.30am-3.00pm Trotting Display
11am Farmers Challenge
11am-3.00pm Steve McEwan's Reptile World
12.00pm Athol Essery Working Dog Demonstration
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1-3.00pm Steve McEwan's Reptile World
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3.30pm Demolition Derby



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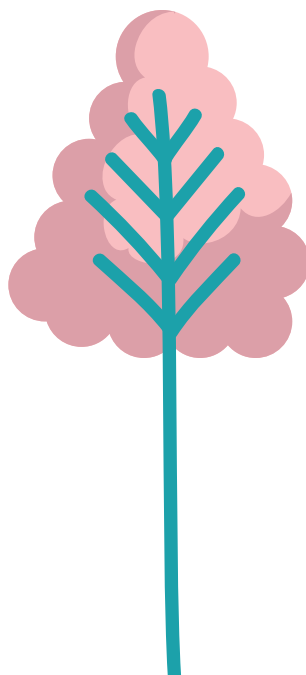


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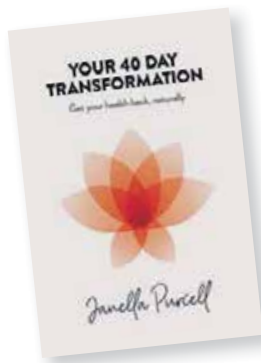
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By S Haslam

Unless you're a serial reader of self-help books, most people would expect a true health transformation should take a reasonable period of time. It is an attractive concept that we can wash away the sins of a lifetime without exercise on a short stroll down the road to Damascus, but even after you've 'seen the light', keeping true health requires some discipline.

Janella Purcell has released a book called 'Your 40-Day Transformation' following the philosophy that, quoting from the back cover, 'When we allow our body time and the right circumstances to do its job, healing will most often occur naturally.'

Whilst fasting for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert seemed to work for Jesus, the book does not recommend this strategy. Instead the 40 day reset program 'includes recipes, monthly planners and strategies to achieve your optimal health.'

Janella has a property in the Byron hinterland, on which she hosts retreats, and whilst she's been a naturopath, herbalist and nutritionist for 20 years, she says she is best known as a wholefood chef via Good Chef, Bad Chef, The Biggest Loser and morning TV.

One of the good points Janella makes emphasises the need to combat stress. 'You can eat all the kale and reishi smoothies you like, yet if there's a chronic stress in our life (physical or emotional), the inflammation from that heightened situation must be addressed and reduced before healing can begin', she says. Having a healthy gut biome, connecting with your tribe and working with your sacred cycles in 'connection to the feminine principles' are also explored in the book.

You can find out more or buy her books at janellapurcell.com



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By S Haslam

A recent trip to see friends on the Gold Coast sharpened my appreciation for just how lucky we in Byron. If you like Irish pubs, Bavarian restaurants and food courts try the Goldie: 'How good is it?', as our PM might say, philausophically.

Thank goodness in Byron I can just wander off the Main Beach and soak up the Byron vibe above Jonson St, with a bit of a sea breeze and a beer, or a cocktail like the Amaretto Sour, in the stylish and very relaxed interior of a place like Loft Byron Bay.

If you were on holidays it would be the perfect place to settle in for the afternoon and sample the really excellent cocktail and wine list. As it was, I contented myself with the Spring Pea Risotto – mint pesto, Byron Bay mozzarella and garlic croutons this time. But I'll be back!

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Spring pea risotto with Byon Bay mozzarella.

Fig Tree burns

Owners of The Fig Tree Restaurant and Rooms in Ewingsdale say they are urgently calling customers and relocating weddings after fire destroyed the main building over the weekend.

Fire and Rescue NSW said fire-fighters received a call about a fire at the premises around 3:15 Saturday morning. It took crews 45 minutes to put out the flames.

Brigades from Byron Bay, Bangalow, Brunswick and surrounding RFS Brigades reportedly worked hard to stop the fire from spreading to surrounding guest accommodation and houses but were unable to save the restaurant.

Authorities praised venue owner Che Devlin for immediately evacuating guests from The Dairy, which they said was only 25 metres away from the fire.

The Devlin family said on Facebook they were in complete shock and the impact on the venue and their family home was heartbreaking.



The devastating fire engulfs the Fig Tree Restaurant.

Photo: Fire and Rescue NSW FB

The most popular time for weddings is spring and summer, and the venue owners have been relocating weddings booked for the hilltop restaurant, including one booked for the day of the fire.

No one was hurt, and authorities say they are investigating the cause of the fire.

The venue's namesake tree reportedly survived and the Devlins have told media they plan to rebuild.

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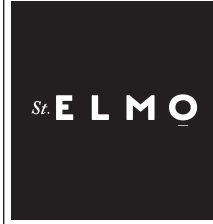


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Big Ideas, Tiny Houses

In last week's *Echo*, there was a lift-out called Big Ideas, Tiny Houses.

It showcased a number of builders of tiny homes and granny flats who service our local area.

It is amazing the innovative designs that have emerged for secondary accommodation on our residential blocks. For some, tiny houses are not merely extra accommodation or an extra stream of income, but a lifestyle choice where smaller is better for the planet, and therefore for everyone.

Of course, having a secondary dwelling on your block will add value to your property. How much? According to local agents, that depends on what the accommodation has to offer and how much rental return the owner is likely to receive. Katie, who owns a four-bedroom home in Ocean Shores decided to add

a granny flat to her block late last year. Originally she was going to rent it out, however on reflection she was living on her own, so it did not make sense for her to live in the larger house when her granny flat was a delightful haven. Renting her four-bedroom home made sense financially and also gave a family the opportunity to live there.

The granny flat cost approximately \$140,000 including council fees and fit out and Katie also did some significant landscaping to create privacy. She had an agent come and make an assessment, and it would seem that the granny flat has added approximately \$300,000 in value, plus she is receiving the

rental return for her home, making the granny flat a very positive investment. 'I feel very fortunate to be in this position,' said Katie, 'and I am glad that the family who are living in my house were able to find a home in the area. I did have a concern about whether I would adjust from living in a four-bedroom home to a one-bedroom granny flat, but it has been terrific. Less housework, lovely trees with lots of birdlife. It couldn't be more perfect – and I have great neighbours!'

Many of the tiny houses and granny flats featured in *The Echo's* lift-out have display homes that are open for inspection. They

are well worth a visit.

Northern Rivers Tiny Homes (northernriverstinyhomes.com.au) have an open day on 30 November in Clunes. They have two designs on display. You can just turn up, but if you register via the Eventbrite link on their website you will go in the draw to win a weekend away at Wooli.

The builders are giving a talk at 10am and the draw will be held afterward.

There are nine tiny house/granny flat builders featured in the lift-out whom you can contact to see an example of their work. Some, like

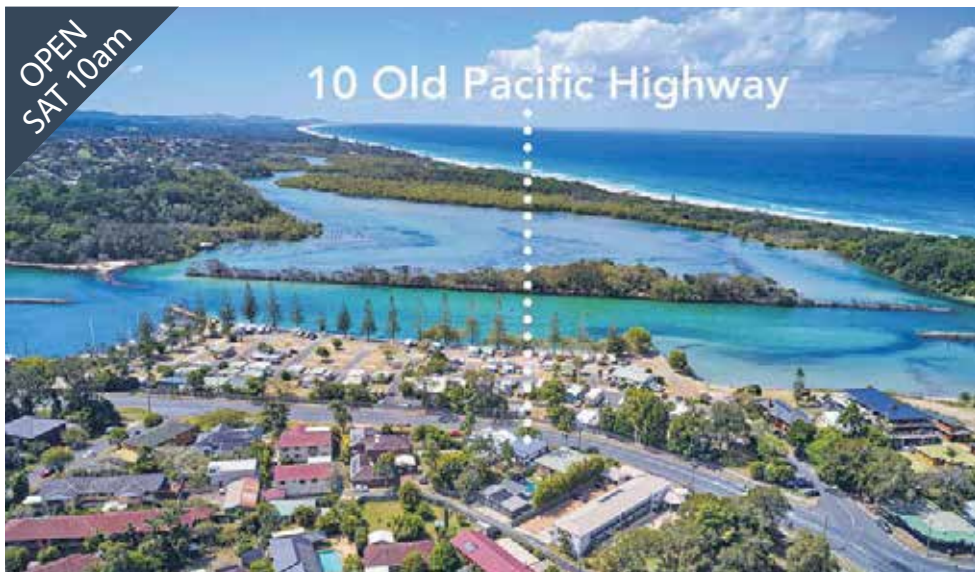


Humpy Co and Backspace, have a permanent display set up. Check the websites.

Find the *Echo's* Big Ideas Tiny Houses liftout at www.echo.net.au/issues/3421/

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11am on site

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Price
\$755,000

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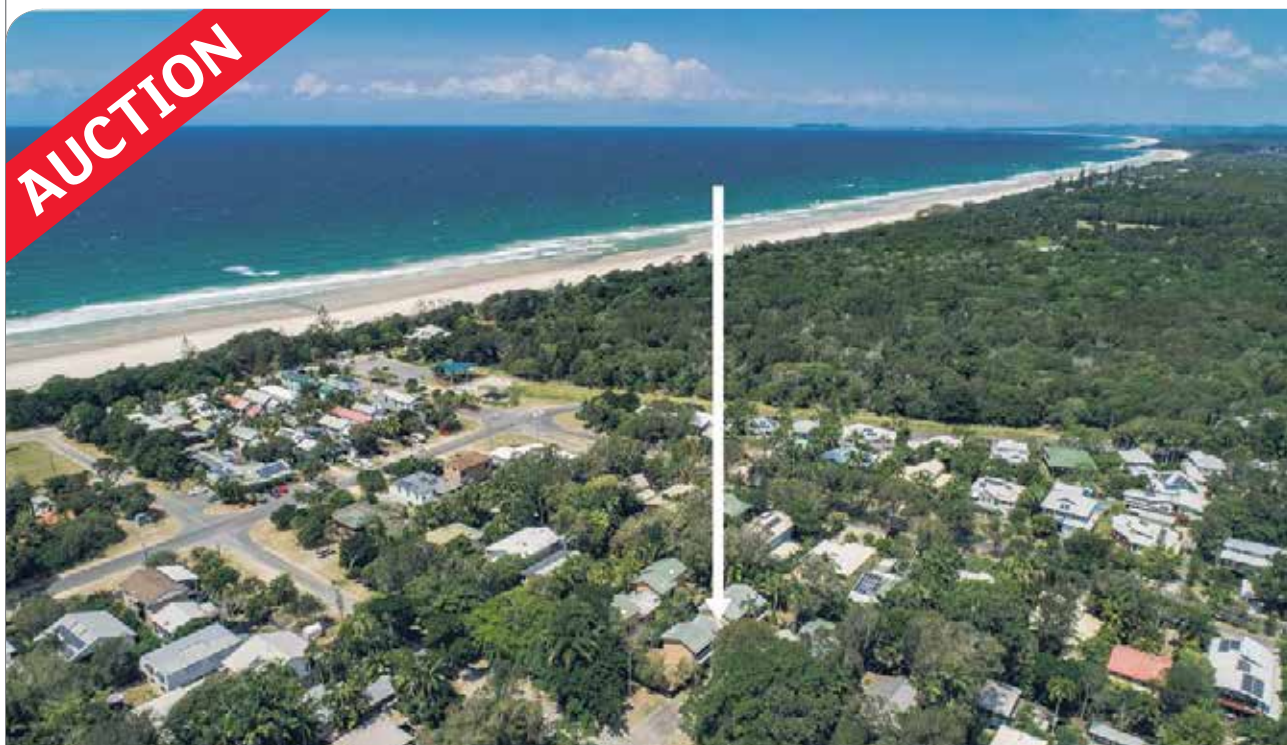


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60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar

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Auction



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The property was the home of the first Mayor of the newly formed Tintenbar Shire – Captain William Harold Fredericks. He and his wife Ama Isobel Fredericks built the home in 1897, primarily from Eastern Teak which was harvested and milled on the original 185 acre farm.

Auction: 23rd November 11am on site
Inspect: Saturday, 10.00 – 11.00am
Contact: Todd Buckland – 0408 966 421
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Rolling Green Acre

1 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby

4 2 2

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- 60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar. Sat 1-2pm
- 10 Old Pacific Hwy, Brunswick Heads. Tues 10-11am. Sat 10-10.30am
- 74 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am

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

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- 18 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm.
- 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 2.30-3pm.
- 11/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Wed 3.15-3.45pm.
- 856 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Wed 5-5.30pm.
- 81a Stewart Street, Lennox Head. Thur 10-10.30am.
- 876 Federal Drive, Goonengerry. Thur 1-1.30pm.
- 19 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Thur 3-3.30pm
- 8/21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Fri 10-10.30am.
- 5/64-70 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Fri 11-11.30am.
- 27 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am.
- 15 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am.
- 116 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am.
- 9/58 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am.
- 16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am.
- 90 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am.
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- 11 Mia Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3 Glendale Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am

- 16 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah, Pinnacle Estate. Sat 12-1pm
- 117 Kingscliff Street, Kingscliff. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 31 Warrambool Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm

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Byron Bay First National

- 12/124 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. \$760,000.
- 38 Paterson Lane, Byron Bay. \$4.5m.
- 856 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. \$2.55-\$2.75m.

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Auctions

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar. 4 bed, 2+ bath, 2 car. Sat 23 Nov, 11am on-site
- 10 Old Pacific Highway, Brunswick Heads. 3 bed, 3 bath, 1 car. 23 Nov, 1pm on-site

Elders Brunswick Valley

- 54 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 9 Nov, 10am



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THE THORNEY STORY OF KITTY AND FRANK

Lucie Thorne has made an extraordinary new concept album. *Kitty & Frank* traces the wild true stories of young frontier woman Kitty Walsh and her lover, the charismatic bandit and bushranger, Frank Gardiner. The story had Lucie from hello!

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'I first heard the wild true tales of Kitty and Frank on *Blind Freddy's Bushrangers* tours with Craig Lawler – Craig regaled us with all these incredible stories of the 1850's and I was captivated! I didn't know anything about Frank Gardiner or Kitty and her sisters, so I was entranced. I got one of those immediate lightning bolt feelings, I knew I was going to write a song for these two lovers, and from Kitty's perspective – it's a wild story with an almost Shakespearean pitch!', says Lucie.

'I drove back to Melbourne and that first song formed itself in my fun little songwriter's mind! I thought – done! There's the song. And then the story wouldn't leave my brain, so I wrote another one. Then nothing for ages...'

It was a little later down the track that Lucie decided she wanted to write more about these outlawed lovers.

'I reached out to Craig, he's a bushranger nerd, so he got excited. I did research too – there was shitloads about Frank, but nothing about Kitty. It's so hard to know women's stories because our received written history is so patriarchal. The mentions she gets are usually character assassination about her being a wanton hussy.

'So this is when the idea morphed into a concept album – because there was very little about any of the women. I went to a writer's retreat and I went, okay, let's get to work and see what you can turn this into! I knew the arc – I wanted to make a record where I told the story chronologically.'

So in a nutshell... this is the story;

'Kitty and both her sisters were married off in their teens, and they lived on the Lachlan River before gold was discovered. In 1860 gold is discovered either side of where they were living. Within 12 months the population went from 200 to 20000. This was an amazing gold rush scene! One new resident was Frank Gardiner – fresh out of jail. Kitty and Frank meet, fall in love, and they have this wild romance. All the coppers are after Frank and he is turning into a successful bushranger. They run away together and make it to Rockhampton and set themselves up with a fresh life, as Mr and Mrs Christie, running a general supplies store, and they live this straight life.

'They live happily for 18 months but Frank gets recognised, and shipped off to Darlinghurst prison – sentenced to 32 years. Kitty can't visit because she's another

man's wife. She goes to New Zealand with a man who is drunk and abusive, and within 6 months of being there she shoots herself with Frank's gun. It was his parting gift to her. Frank ends up being released after 10 years. He ends up in San Francisco running a bar called the Twilight Star Saloon. Kitty was dead by her mid 20s.'

This is a tragic romantic story that now inhabits a sonic world.

'There are many things within the songs; there are lots of actual historical events or places that I have woven into the lyrics, but I am not writing an historical essay – and because there is so little about women's experience, I ran this imaginative experiment and flipped the lens and wrote from her perspective. Only about 3 songs on the album are in Frank's voice.'

In the process of giving Kitty a voice, Lucie gave herself one too. Instead of composing and playing the guitar – her comfortable 'go to' instrument – she composed and played on a keyboard, something she had to then learn to take to the studio, and then to the stage!

'Something incredibly freeing and liberating happened approaching these new songs on a new instrument' says Lucie.

'For all the records I have made so far – where I wrote songs, played them on the road, knocked them out, and then put them on an album – this time, I sent it to my dream team (Hamish Stuart, Chris Abrahams and Dave Symes). We spent a couple of days throwing ideas around, and then went in and tracked both sessions live to tape. It was a risky approach and in some ways it doesn't get much fresher than that for me! There is so much love and trust and affection for those beautiful players!'

For Lucie, there's been a sense of vulnerability taking on a new instrument.

'After I made the album, I had to work out how to deliver it as a show. I have been practising – even playing the scales. My 43-year-old brain doesn't form neural pathways that easily anymore, and practise works! I am happy to say we're half-way through the tour and it's going really well. I'm no longer terrified. It makes me appreciate how long I have been playing the guitar – because I don't have to think!'

Lucie Thorne plays *Kitty & Frank* at Mullum Music Festival, 14-17 November. Tix and program info on mullummusicfestival.com

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A VEGAN XMAS

I've never understood why we celebrate the birth of Christ with a leg of ham. Wasn't he Jewish? His mum was Jewish, so even though Jesus was to go on to become the CEO for the Christian church, he wasn't a ham man. I like ham. Just not a whole leg. The idea of having to remove everything on the top shelf of my fridge to house the leg of a dead animal for a few weeks makes me feel a bit queasy.

What's happening to me? Have the vegans won? With two out of five of my kids vegetarian and the other two vegan, the whole turkey-ham-fest of Xmas is just a waste of flesh. No barn animal needs to die for our baby Jesus. (We're not really Jesus people, but we do like the public holidays.)

This year I'm going to attempt a Vegan Christmas. Maybe I'll stuff an eggplant with... eggplant. A bowl of nuts and a green salad and you have a vegan Jesus situation. Fortunately some wine is vegan. I feel like the vegan theme kind of fits with the whole Virgin birth scenario - I mean Mary wasn't into meat either... It's not just the mindless consumption of cold meats that I am questioning - it's the mindless consumption of everything.

It seems ironic that we celebrate the religious significance of a humble birth with a corporate Christmas orgy of eating and gifting. We gift each other with shitty unwanted products mass-manufactured overseas by factory workers on \$2 an hour, or T-shirts made by third-world children for our first-world children. Now isn't that the spirit of Christmas!? The exploitation of the world's most disenfranchised. But hey - their suffering is good for our economic growth! Can you smell the third-world poverty? It's the toxic reek of new plastic. The suicidal stench of your new iPhone. I am not buying-in this year.

I think a vegan Xmas has to go the whole hog (please pardon my meat-based metaphor - it's just hard to find a vegan vocab alternative. I could go the whole capsicum... easier to change our diets first I guess, and then language will follow). So, I'm going for a fair trade Xmas; and that means nothing will be purchased from a department store. I won't be snapping up any blood-tinged bargains from the clothing factories of Bangladesh. Every purchase I make will be conscious of where the item has come from, what resources were used, who made it, and how they were paid. That's why I have to start now. If you want to make change you have to be a slow consumer. You have to do your research. You have to read labels. You also have to consider the need for your consumption, and the environmental cost across the entire journey of the item. It's so exhausting being conscious!

But you can't hear Greta's call-to-arms and go back to Kmart. Even for the Santa photo. I mean where was that middle-aged man sourced? What's his beard made from? We need to start using real old fat men with real white beards. Where possible, all purchases should be sourced and/or created locally. And what I buy shouldn't be meaningless. It should have meaning, and be something the recipient is actually going to use. I have many adult daughters - they all have very active uteruses. Christmas is ostensibly about the 'fruit of thy womb Jesus' - so I'm thinking of menstrual cups. After some Ecosia'ing (the tree-planting alternative to Google), I found a company that makes them here in Australia! Eco-friendly, medical grade silicone. I can't wait to see their faces!

There's local market stalls. There's ceramics and jewellery made by local artisans. And there's the op shop. When you limit your consumption to eco-friendly locally produced, or fair trade products, it makes you a lot more mindful about what you buy. And what you wrap it in. Generally Xmas morning in our house is a three garbage bag ordeal of collecting discarded boxes, excess packaging and piles of cheap coloured paper. This year we'll be wrapping gifts in banana leaves, brown paper and string. Or maybe the felt I've made from the hair I pull from the plughole in the shower - all my girls have long hair. So do I. It's a naturally occurring renewable resource. So if Mandy Nolan is going to attempt a socially conscious fair trade vegan Xmas - why don't you? If we all did it we'd make a significant impact and send a message that the corporate growth machine needs to be derailed. If I pull this off it will be a miracle. Perhaps if I'm very very good I'll get a halo for Xmas and you can all address me by my new title 'The Vegan Mandy'.



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IT'S ALL IN THE SHIRT

Sydney-based funk, soul and R&B act **Winston Surfshirt** have released *Apple Crumble* the second full-length release, following on from their applauded 2017 debut, *Sponge Cake*. The hit album bound together brass, hip-hop sensibilities and airy vocals to receive nods from international tastemakers, including Beats 1 host Zane Lowe, Sir Elton John, Jason Bentley (KCRW), Huw Stephens, Phil Taggart (BBC Radio 1), Lauren Laverne (BBC Radio 6), and as a triple j feature album.

They have developed a cult following for their smooth style and raucous live shows, but the band's unique blend of funk, soul and hip-hop originally emerged as the solo project of singer/rapper/producer Winston Surfshirt, before organically adopting other local artists and snowballing into what is now a musical collective, filling each stage they grace to the brim.

STEVE WITH A SIDE OF DRIVE

After a sellout show at the Byron Theatre earlier in the year and a recent gig at The Byron Guitar Festival, **Steve Banks and the Sidemen** return for a summer session - bringing live music back to the Bangalow Bowlo.

Steve has banded together with other Byron locals, Greg Lyon, Rick Fenn and Grant Gerathy - as well as Bruce Haymes and Jeff Burstin.

The sole purpose of the show is to focus on the sidemen who are, according to Steve, the engine room driving any band.

See Steve and the Sidemen dish it up at the Bowlo this Friday, 8 November at 8pm. Tickets \$36.00 at www.eventbrite.com.au



GET IT RIGHT WITH WONGO

Producer, DJ, label head, radio-show host, former international breakdancer, full time funnyman, Gold Coast-bred party-starter Wongo is no one-trick-pony.

With a big few years under his belt, by now you've probably already cut shapes to **Wongo** tunes. He's even been tasked with crafting official remixes for Beyoncé no less than three times, as well as flipping folks like A-Trak, Confidence Man and Yolanda Be Cool.

The Byron Brewery, Saturday 9 November, 5pm with Cha Lee + Sunny Day + Bean Dip + more! Tix \$20 on the door.

DZ DEATHRAYS

DZ Deathrays say 'We started at a house party... we will most likely end at one. We used to be called DZ now we are DZ DEATHRAYS. We hope to one day party with Andrew W.K.'

You can catch them at The Byron Brewery, 15 November, from 7pm. This is a free event.



Tickets online at stevebanksandthesidemembangalowbowlo.eventbrite.com.au

Steve BANKS and The SIDEMEN

LIVE ON STAGE at the Bangalow Bowling Club
Friday - 8 November at 8:00pm

STEVE spotlights The SIDEMEN with an invitation to call the tune - songs of their own or songs they just wanna...

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Dave Gilmour * and more...

What's their story?

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A COM- PLEX WOMAN

Sydney musician Montaigne, aka Jess Cerro, is *Complex*. It's the title of her impressive second album – an album in which she digs deep into her inner monologue through songs that deal with: an ex-boyfriend with a literal Messiah complex, gas-lighting, body image, critical loneliness, long distance love, intense self-loathing, being a people-pleaser, gaming, sex robots, gender pay imbalance, burn-out, environmental issues and a serious health battle. At just 23 years old, Montaigne has a wisdom and humility that is beyond her years. She's really quite astonishing.

'I find every single day of my existence an attempt to work out how to go deeper' she tells me. She's currently reading *Codependent No More* by Melodie Beattie, the seminal text for anyone trying to break their addictive patterns in relationships – particularly women who have an addiction to 'bad' men, those whom they want to fix!

'I think women are conditioned to have those tendencies' says Montaigne. 'You feel you have to look after the other person. We are seen as caretakers. You can care, but in doing that you shouldn't have to sacrifice your own needs. I learnt that making an album can be a similar process.'

One of the tracks *Because I Love You* deals with her ex boyfriend with a Messiah complex. A friend of her ex sent her a message after hearing the song;

'He thanked me for writing the song, because it said everything his friends needed to hear and say,' Montaigne explains. 'He explained that after we broke up, my ex became really religious, started calling himself a Prophet, asking his friends to call him Messiah and moved to Israel to become a holy man. It was super weird, but also makes complete sense in the context of our relationship. He's an extremely interesting human – a character in the full sense of the word. He's trying to be a good person, he's trying to figure it out.'

'He was a complicated person. Very charismatic. He could be generous and kind, but I think he had a lot of deep insecurities and not a good deal of self-awareness. He certainly couldn't read my emotions at all. I am only starting to get used to asserting my needs and wants. When we were together, we fed into each other's most destructive tendencies. Now I am in a new relationship – it's only been two months but it's someone I have known for four years. It has instantly raised my insecurities, so now when I write about relationships, the songs are about me – I'm working with all those old internalised patterns.'

So how does a young woman become so emotionally articulate?

'I was always self-aware' says Montaigne. 'We can be self-aware, but not insightful, and the state of insight is almost unsettling – I think for me it started when I turned 17. I had a bad year at 16 with my friends, the next year I thought – I'll study hard and be an active participant. I got into eastern spirituality and had a tumbler dedicated to Eckart Tolle and became vegan. I had a connection to nature and the earth, and I felt like I had this connection because I didn't feel like I belonged to the other groups.'

Montaigne, on stage, in the studio, and in her life is clearly a seeker. She's a lover not a fighter.

'There is a book called *How Should A Person Be?* and that was sitting on the shelf when I was in LA, and I saw the title of the book and I said "Yes please! I need that book!" It didn't give me the answers – I am still trying to triangulate the point where I sit, and where I feel normal... I feel there has always been this battle around my worthiness, nothing I do is my right or normal thing... that's how I felt. Then I found out everything I do is normal!'



Montaigne is not your average 23 year old, as she notes in her lyrics.

'I didn't go to Schoolies, I don't like drinking, I've never taken a single drug and I don't want to,' she says. 'I like to go to sleep early, I like meditating, I like reading, I like to focus on politics, I like Dungeons and Dragons.'

Montaigne chose the album's title to represent how complicated relationships are – both with ourselves and others.

'As well as the psychological complexes we find ourselves with, owing to emotional repression,' she explains. 'I also like to visualise each song as a distinct gallery room in a museum complex, often containing contradictory furnishings, but which all combine to make up one big museum (me) that people (listeners) can inspect as curated art spaces (songs).'

Montaigne is a featured artist at Falls Festival this year – Byron, 30 Dec-1 Jan.

For tix and details go to fallsfestival.com

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THE NUTCRACKER

The **Byron Ballet** once again brings the world's most popular ballet, *The Nutcracker*, to **Byron Theatre** with a stronger cast than ever before.

Tchaikovsky's musical score is sublime, instantly recognizable and a perfect introduction to classical music. Young audiences will be mesmerized by this coming-of-age story and children will be delighted as The Christmas party mysteriously transforms into a battleground between the mice and toy soldiers.

IN ACT I, it is Christmas at the Stahlbaums' house and their annual Christmas party begins. Clara is given a magical Nutcracker doll by her mysterious Godfather, Drosselmeyer.

Unknown to Clara, the Nutcracker is a young prince who has been turned into the doll by the wicked Mouse King. Clara is drawn into a magical battle where she must help to break the spell and release her beloved Nutcracker Prince. Her room is transformed, toy soldiers come to life and enormous mice invade. The Mouse King is defeated and Clara and the Prince travel through a land of dancing snowflakes.

IN ACT II, Christmas Angels celebrate the arrival of Clara and the Prince to the Land of Sweets.

The Queen of Sweets welcomes them and invites them to dance. They are entertained by a kaleidoscope of dancing treats.

In hundreds of towns and cities across the globe, *The Nutcracker* is performed annually to packed houses. Why? It is simply the best and most accessible ballet in the world.



FLEABAG ENCORE

See the hilarious, award-winning, one-woman show that inspired the BBC's hit TV series *Fleabag*, recorded live for the big screen from London's West End and Presented by National Theatre Live there is an encore screening of *Fleabag* this weekend.

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

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

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

9 November, 7pm Byron Theatre. Ages 15+. Full \$25 | Concession \$23 | Byron Theatre Club \$20 | Student under 18 \$15 | Group of 10 or more \$15.



VOICES FOR THE EARTH, POETRY AND MUSIC FOR A LIVING PLANET.

Dangerously Poetic will be presenting a benefit poetry reading for the Mullumbimby Community Gardens on Sunday. All are welcome to come to the gardens.

The **Biggest Little Town Choir** led by **Peter Lehner** will open the event with songs for the Earth. Featured readers will be **Lilith Rocha**, **Kien Hannah**, and **Susan Hayward**.

Local singer, **Joselai Morris** will perform some of her original songs in her folk-rock acoustic style, inspired by nature. The audience are invited to bring along an original poem on the theme of love poems for the Earth, or a piece by someone else that you admire for the open section.

Seating is limited so bring a lawn chair! Suggested donation: \$10. Sweet and savoury treats will be available for purchase to benefit the gardens. Mullumbimby Community Gardens on Sunday, 10 November, 3pm.



Come and celebrate this masterpiece of dance and music. Special guest – principal dancer Michael Braun.

Byron Theatre, Friday 15 November, 7pm, Saturday 16 November, 2 & 7pm, Sunday 17 November, 5pm. Tickets: Adult \$33 | Child U18 \$22 | Family of 4 \$88 | Children ages 1–2 years free, seated on lap.

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SUPERHEIST CRUSH THE COAST

After crushing stages across Australia earlier this year alongside Alaska's 36 Crazyfists as part of the inaugural HeistFest Tour, Australian monoliths of nu-metal, **Superheist**, have announced a short and ferocious tour to celebrate the recent release of their critically acclaimed fourth studio album *Sidewinder*.

This is your chance to witness the energy and earth-rumbling wall of sound synonymous with a Superheist live show right here in Byron Bay.

Catch them at the Byron Brewery, Thursday 14 November, 8pm. Tickets \$25 from oztix.com.au.



THE STARS ARE RISING

The **Rising Stars Youth Concert** presented by **Byron Music Society** is on this weekend. Support local young performers and their dreams by attending the Byron Youth Concert.

Share the experience when some of the most outstanding young musicians from our region perform at the Byron Theatre. These enthusiastic and talented young performers also reflect the dedication of many fine and inspired teachers in the area.

The culture of performance and creativity is very rich amongst local youth today, so don't miss this wonderful showcase.

10 November, 1pm at the Byron Theatre. Adult \$16.50 | Member, Concession & Student \$11.50

Cinema

TERMINATOR- DARK FATE

Directed by Tim Miller and starring Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mackenzie Davis, *Terminator: Dark Fate* has stirred mixed reviews amongst critics – most of them negative. The movie follows Sarah Connor (Hamilton) and the 'augmented' human, Grace (Davis), who must protect a young girl from a

newly modified 'Rev-9' liquid-metal terminator (Gabriel Luna).

With a plot that is too similar to the second *Terminator* movie, *Dark Fate* saves itself by bringing back the characters of Sarah Connor and T-800/ Carl (Schwarzenegger); and new characters, such as Mackenzie



Davis's hybrid cyborg, are a breath of fresh air.

You can't help but feel the film is trying desperately to be a worthy sequel, and although Hamilton and Schwarzenegger help – it falls short. Johnson Thomas from mid-day.com says '*Terminator: Dark Fate*

has really long, boring stretches, that make the drama of saving the earth for a future seem passé.'

The movie does hold its own as an action film, being well directed with the action sequences fun and well thought-out. So, if you are not going in there as a Terminator fan expecting it to be as good the first two films, then you should enjoy it. Having said that, *Terminator: Dark Fate* is one of the better sequels in the franchise – but still doesn't hold up to the first two films.

STARS BY LILITH



Mars in Libra, Venus in Sagittarius and Mercury retro in Scorpio turn this week into an interpersonal boot camp on graceful negotiation and conflict resolution...

♈ **ARIES:** Mars/Pluto dustups are highly flammable, and this week the coolest head wins. If someone's withholding information or pushing your buttons, silence is definitely the best response. Withdraw from the gameplay, reframe your approach, visualize the outcome you want, aim for achieving the highest good all around.

♉ **TAURUS:** The edgy chemistry of Venus, feisty and fiery, Mars nitpicky and fault-finding, Mercury cutting and critical could heat this week to a simmering casserole of emotional tension. So ease off rushing into dummy spits or judgy mode, but if the situation's crying out for raw authentic honesty, then let it rip.

♊ **GEMINI:** Think of this week as a volcano whose stress fractures could erupt suddenly if buried issues surface. Ground rules? Let gossip stop with you, don't spread or extend it. Slow down, resist multitasking. Proceed systematically, step by step, first things first. Be extremely kind to yourself – and everyone else as well.

♋ **CANCER:** Thought last month's messages were mixed and muddled? With murky Mercury muddying November waters, if you're inclined to speak your mind, be advised that opinions or advice are more likely than usual to be misconstrued. Refraining from sarcasm and snarkiness will limit collateral damage. Channel Crab-Charming.

♌ **LEO:** Step away from power struggles and the urge to micromanage. Aim for the fine balance between clarifying, spelling out details clearly and checking that everyone's on the same page. This week's good news brings synergistic sparks, kindred spirits and excellent parties. Retrogrades are nostalgic, so look up old friends – revisit something, someone or somewhere you enjoy.

♍ **VIRGO:** The upside of this week's difficult dynamics is that they rocket you out of gray areas into what you stand for, what you want, and what you definitely don't want. Concerning which, it's worth remembering that in the centre of the word heart is the word ear, and the way to someone's heart is to hear them.

♎ **LIBRA:** How can Libran niceness cope when the present retrograde unearths less-than-lovely attitudes in us all, including you Venusians? This week provides precisely the right blend of poise and penetration you'll need, so strive for the grace/grit balance by firmly agreeing to disagree rather than argue a point.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Scorpio style naturally tends more towards tightlipped than gushing geyser, but you're this week's attraction magnet. You're also masters of cool, so should an innocuous comment bring the trolls out, don't take the bait. Or let ruffled feathers muffle your daring sharing of full-bodied ideas. Just resist using the sting.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Venus in Sagittarius is generous. This week mightn't play nice, but that needn't stop you figuring out what stressy, angsty types need, and if you can, giving it to them. Or using any leftover energy to organize relief packages for fire and drought ravaged humans and animals. Good on you, Archers.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** If you need to take the lead in mediating or negotiating this week, don't hold back on playing bridge over troubled waters. Capricorn compassion has the capacity to morph eruptions of submerged emotions into deeper, stronger bonds, so if you feel capable, take the lead; may your results be rewarding and heart-warming.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Quite a sparky week on several levels: socially combustible, preachy people getting under your skin, plus a rich mix of creative compost fermenting away below the surface. Offer your best thinking outside the box (What box?), and your genius for creative problem-solving could make valuable new friends and connections.

♓ **PISCES:** November's introspective retrogrades of Mercury and Neptune can be confusing, confronting and challenging. Also illuminating, clarifying, and through their hard truths – ultimately liberating. Think of this week as a crash course in deleting what's no longer needed, but don't neglect to back up files, confirm arrangements and take extra care on the road.

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 Happy New Year, Colin Burstead (MA15+) Thu 8:30pm
 Horrible Histories: The Movie (CTC) Fri 1:45pm
 Calendar Girls (PG) Fri 4:00pm

Fisherman's Friends (M) Fri 6:20pm
 Official Secrets (18+) Fri 8:45pm
 The Professor and the Madman (CTC) Sat 1:15pm, Mon 8:40pm
 Hope Gap (CTC) Sun 1:00pm
 Citizen K (CTC) Sun 5:45pm
 Mrs Lowry & Son (CTC) Mon 1:45pm & Wed 4 Dec 6:30pm (Includes Q&A)
 Don't Look Now (MA15+) Mon 4:00pm
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- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **LA LATIN - LATIN MUSIC TAKE OVER**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **SHIRE CHOIR**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **UKE NIGHT - THE BEATLES**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **IRISH MUSIC JAM**
- EAST LISMORE BOWLO 6.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE EASTY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **THE FLAME**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **SOUTHWALL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **SEVEN SISTERS AT HOUSE OF BLISS**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHECK 2**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **PROGRESSO**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **FOLLOW THE FOX**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **BENNO & KESH**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JASON KAFOA & BLACK PEARL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **CLIENT LIAISON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7.30PM **BRETT HEALY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **DANIELLE GOULLET PRESENTS**, 4.30PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**, JUNIORS 5PM **MUDSLIDE**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE BOOTLEG BEATLES**, THE STAGE 9PM **THE RETRONOMES / THE BEACH BOYZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **FOLLOW THE FOX**

FRIDAY 8

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE VIOLENT MONKS + WHITE BLEACHES & AUNTY LEO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOUL'D**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOSH HAMILTON DUO**, 9PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **THE STEELE SYNDICATE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **WORLD TOUR WITH GANGA GIRI BAND**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **MOSES PARKER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ ALEX CRUZ**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **PHIL & TILLEY**

SATURDAY 9

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **STUMPS + GRACE TURNER & RATTUS RATTUS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DALE 'NUDGE NUDGE' STEPHEN**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 5PM **WONGO + CHA LEE + SUNNY DAY + BEAN DIP + MORE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**, 7PM **FLEABAG - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**



- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **BSYDE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- FEDERAL HALL 4PM **FEDERAL KIDS FILM CLUB - THE PEANUTS MOVIE** 6.30PM **THE FAVORITE**
- SHOWGROUNDS, MULLUMBIMBY, 10AM **RAY ESSERY, CLELIA ADAMS, SLIM PICKENS, KATHRYN JONES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **LADI ABUNDANCE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **SHORT AND CURLY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **STU BLACK**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **DJ CORNELIUS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **PUSH**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **THE RAIDERS**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE, 7.30PM **FLY AGARIC & THUNDERGOD OF THE MULTIVERSE + HDM & FILTH WIZARD**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **FABIAN**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8.30PM **FOLLOW THE FOX**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **FOZZY BROS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **BACK TRACKIN'**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE DISCO DICIPLES**

- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **NEW ORDIO**, 7PM **DUBARRAY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **PLUM LOCO**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **MARK VINCENT & TONNY FLEMING**, THE STAGE 9PM **THE RETRONOMES / THE ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **ALOHA BABY**

SUNDAY 10

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **WHEN HARRY MET SWANNY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BYRON LIGHTHOUSE BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**, 7.30PM **RACHEL MAY**, 10PM **ILLYUS & BARRIENTOS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **BAREFOOT BEATS W/ TIMBOLETTI + MOONTIDE + 3000 GRAD + MORE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **RISING STARS YOUTH CONCERT PRESENTED BY BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MANOA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **VYBEZ**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **QUEENIE VAN DE ZANDT - BLUE: THE SONGS OF JONI MITCHELL**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **KATHRYN JONES AND FRIENDS**

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SWAMP CATS JAM SESSION**
- MULLUM COMMUNITY GARDENS, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DANGEROUSLY POETIC - VOICES FOR THE EARTH**
- CRYSTAL CASTLE & SHAMBHALA GARDENS, MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DAY OF THE DEAD CEREMONY**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **STORIES IN THE CLUB - SURF, SOIL & SOUL**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 4PM **JESSICA MAREE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **ADAM BROWN**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 12PM **DARK BLUEGRASS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM **LARA AND KEENAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **ALYSHA BRILLA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 1PM **DEZZIE D & THE STINGRAYZ**, JUNIORS 2.30PM **KAFOA MCCOY**, THE STAGE 6PM **THE GYPSY CLOVERS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **REMEDY**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TIM STOKES**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 5PM **QUACKERS LIVE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **RADIO BIRDMAN WITH THE STEMS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS LOS CHICOS**, 8PM **GALACTIC EMPIRE AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2019 WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**

MONDAY 11

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARVEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **KIRBY VS. SCHLINK: JUDGES ON LAW, LETTERS AND LIFE PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL & SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MONSIEUR DIOP (DJ SET)**
- TEMPLE BYRON 6PM **SHRINE RIVER KIRTAN WITH ALICE MIYAGAWA**

- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**, 6.30PM **MARK WILSONS DANCE NIGHT**

TUESDAY 12

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **HIP-HOP HOORAY LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE VEGAS LEGENDS SHOW**, THE STAGE 1PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING**, 6PM **WDAVE J**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**

WEDNESDAY 13

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTERAUNT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- TEMPLE BYRON 6PM **SHRINE RIVER KIRTAN WITH ALICE MIYAGAWA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **ANARCHY HEARTS**
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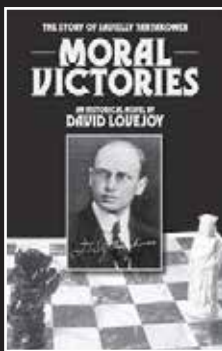
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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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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.

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

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.

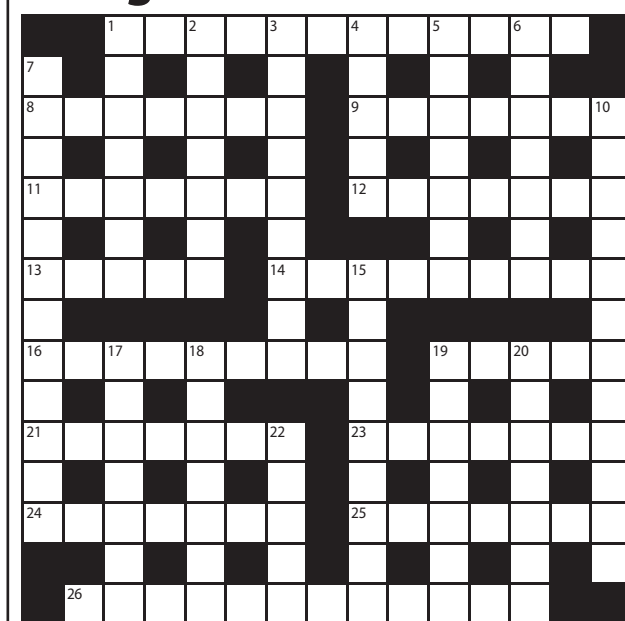
Euthanasia group

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.

Mungo's Crossword

N017



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Desanctify wicked secret deacon (12)
- Get back together; Grundy to pour out (7)
- Sour expert caught after breaking rib (7)
- Take vehicle, be in debt - Santa's kind of transport! (7)
- Painting, perhaps - skill for master (7)
- She keeps the lists - not the Queen! (5)
- Kill the game - it's a dangerous passage (9)
- Amusing, or badly under-educated? (9)
- Straightforward country singer James (5)
- Absurd English icon, so absurd Romanian playwright (7)
- A toff, the French king - not as rough (7)
- Designer information turns black (7)
- Popular soft drink for Spanish princess (7)
- Questioned when old gun found concealed in grave (12)

DOWN

- Wrong deity rises at a steady pace (7)
- There's a big bird sitting on the pub - take a big lever! (7)
- Greek character, one loony writer up for element 93 (9)
- Cat leaves Median capital for Hulk actor? (1,4)
- About about about about about ten? Go back inside! (2-5)
- Publication for account of sad, short sex-drive (7)
- Requirement to quietly overhaul (12)
- Pundits provide observation, song and tea, by the sound of it (12)
- Surprisingly, soigné gay is unconcerned (9)
- Figure no horse working (7)
- Baronet returns alone for a meatball (7)
- Good gamble over misleading fine (7)
- Smooth but uninsulated (7)
- Maybe wiser, unlike 20 (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Annual declaration of holiness, desanctify (12)
- Come together in a pack once more (7)
- Bitter, caustic (7)
- Reindeer (7)
- Mode of artistic expression (7)
- One who keeps records (5)
- Passage across gap in a glacier (9)
- Uneducated person, idiot (9)
- Direct, not sharp (5)
- Playwright of the absurd, Eugene(7)
- Kinder, less rough (7)
- Pertaining to a black person (7)
- Spanish princess (7)
- Questioned aggressively (12)

DOWN

- Steady pace between walking and running (7)
- Large iron lever (7)
- Element with atomic number 93 (9)
- Initial and name of Hulk actor (1,4)
- Go inside again (2-5)
- Small newspaper size, not broadsheet (7)
- Requirement to state in advance (12)
- Collective noun for critics and columnists (12)
- Carefree, untroubled (9)
- Nine-sided figure (7)
- Meatball (7)
- Do good to, be of service (7)
- Without wrinkles, smooth (of a face) (7)
- Of a greater age (5)

Last week's solution N016



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!

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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.

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.

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.

PROBUS

The next meeting of the Hastings Point/Tweed Coast PROBUS Club will be on 19 November at 10.30am at Tricare Retirement Community Hastings Pt. The main speaker will be Rod Preston who returns to tell us more about Australia's fascinating history. His topic is Pigeons, Spies and Secrets. Visitors welcome. Enquiries: Jean 6670 4072.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

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.

Supporting fire victims

The Uniting Church OP Shop on the corner of Dalley St and Whain St Mullumbimby will donate their takings on Saturday, 16 November to the Rappville/Casino area to help rebuild community after the devastating recent fires. We welcome cash donations and these can be dropped at the Op Shop which is open each Saturday 8.30am till 12.30pm. Please rally around to help this worthwhile cause.

Reminiscing the Past

Come and celebrate Reminiscing the Past, with an hour of reflections, words and music at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Federal Drive, Eureka on Sunday, 10 November at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea at the Eureka hall. Our last afternoon service for the year is hosted by the Anglican parishes of Mullumbimby and Bangalow. Enquiries 6687 1046.

First Fleeters

The Northern Rivers Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters' next meeting, and Christmas celebrations, will be held on Sunday 24 November at the Cherry Street Bowls Club, Ballina at 11.15am. Our guest speaker will be Sue King and all visitors are welcome. If you wish to attend please contact Karla on 6688 4306 or rojokarla1788@gmail.com.

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View Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will be holding their next luncheon meeting at Brunswick Bowling Club on Thursday, 14 November, commencing at 10.30am. The guest speaker will be Donna Lavety; her topic Aged Care in Your Home. Apologies to Margaret 0412 246 310.

BVU3A

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum, 12 November, 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads. Des Wann presents his research on the history, language and content of The Ladies Diary 1704-1840. Visitors and new members welcome. Enq 6685 1732.

Newrybar Hall's 120th

We are having a celebration on 9 November from 12 midday till 2pm for the hall's 120th birthday. The guest speaker will be doing a performance, and we will have a few local speakers followed by an old-school country hall style lunch of sandwiches, scones and tea accompanied by some beautiful acoustic music. All are welcome and gold coin donation is appreciated.

Table tennis

Table tennis is on at the Bangalow Bowlo at 3pm, Sundays. All welcome. Margot, 0412 394 932.

Chilli steps up to make it four in a row at the BJJ championships

For the fourth year in a row Chilli Harel has won a gold medal at the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Pan Pacific Championship held in Melbourne two weekends ago.

The 13-year-old Chilli took on an extra challenge this year by moving up an age group to fight against 14-year-olds.

In the finals he came up against the 2018 defending champion and the current national champion for this age group.

Chilli won the match 6-0 and was seconds away from finishing a submission he had set up towards the end of the match.

Luisa Santucci (15) also won a gold medal in her division after finishing her final with a submission win.



Chilli Harel enjoys another strong victories and continues his run of championship wins.

Milli McCourt (19) won a silver medal.

'We are very proud of our three Byron Bay athletes and their amazing achievements,' Raz Harel said.

The Pan Pacific Championship is the biggest

competition in the southern hemisphere and takes place once a year in Melbourne.

The next event is a local one: the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Australian Open on Sunday, November 17, at the Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay.

Scores locked in top-of-the-table SYL encounter

Christian Layland

Byron Bay FC remains undefeated in the Summer Youth League after a tight 1-1 draw against South Lismore in their top-of-the-table clash last week.

With both teams without a loss in the SYL, the contest lived-up to expectations of a fiery encounter.

The game in front of a big home crowd was a see-saw affair in the opening minutes, with both sides feeling each other out. As the match went on, Byron began to take the ascendancy and in the final few minutes of the half they made it count.

Pressing high up the pitch, the Rams' defence won the ball in the attacking half. With the South defence out of position, Zahi Addis took full advantage to open the scoring with his third goal in three games.

The second-half started just as the first did, with both sides coming out with high aggression.



Diego Vazquez weaves through Souths defence in their 1-1 draw last Friday.

This time though, that aggression was misplaced as a Byron defender fouled the opposition in the penalty box with Souths equalising from the penalty spot.

It was a goal that roused South Lismore as they began to attack further, turning the match into an end-to-end affair with both sides having chances to score the winner.

It was a match the Rams feel they should have won.

While it was not a win, the

result keeps Byron near the top of the table and within striking distance of a third consecutive SYL title.

Meanwhile, the Spell & The Gypsy Wildcats won their second match in a row, beating the previously undefeated Lismore Thistles 1-0.

Byron's season continues on this Friday when they take on Casino RSM at Weston Park in Goonellabah. Kick-off is 8pm. Wildcats kick-off at 6.30pm.

Karate expert guides black belts in Bangalow



Karate students, including 16 black belts, worked hard under the guidance of international instructor Arie Farcas Sensei, 7th Dan Kase Ha at the Kase Ha Shotokan Karate Do and practical self-defence seminar in Bangalow showgrounds last week.

Mikey rides high and wins WSL tournament in big WA waves

Crystal Cylinders

Lennox Head's Mikey McDonagh has won his first ever WSL QS event, the Cape Naturaliste Pro, when he mastered the powerful surf of Yallingup in Western Australia.

On the fourth and final day of competition a powerful groundswell combined with clean offshore winds to provide an exciting conclusion to the Western Australian Pro Surf Series for 2019.

The men's final of the World Surf League Qualifying Series 1000 event was an all Australian match-up between Noosa's Cooper Davies and McDonagh.

The whole south-west coastline was being pounded by swell and Yallingup provided groomed 1-1.5 metre



Mikey McDonagh working at Yallingup. Photo Majeks/WSL

waves that McDonagh tore to pieces on his way to victory.

Opening with a near-perfect 9.00 (from a possible 10), McDonagh was in sync with the ocean and his equipment.

After threading a deep tube McDonagh posted a backup 8.65 to amass a whopping combined heat total of 17.65 (out of 20).

Mikey's maiden WSL QS win comes off the back of a

tough 2019 season plagued with injuries and poor results.

'I'm lost for words, I don't really know what to say,' he said. 'These conditions suited my surfing and I can't remember ever having a final in waves as good as these. I love Yallingup so much this place is amazing, and getting my first QS win here - obviously it means even more to me now.'

Mullum's Marielou comes second in state tennis championship

Marielou Baudouin from the Mullumbimby Tennis Club made it into the U/12 girls final of the NSW Junior Closed Championships held in Sydney two weeks ago.

Marielou beat the number two seed 6-0 6-1 in the semifinal, but then lost the final to the number three seed 6-0 7-5.

'It was a great result. From what I heard she played fantastically the whole tournament,' tennis coach Steve Gort said.

Marielou also played her way into the U/12 doubles semifinals.

The championship was the culmination of the 2019 Junior Development Series.



Marielou with her trophy.

Rainbow Dragons paddled for gold on the Clarence River

Monica Wilcox

All three of Lennox Head's Rainbow Dragons teams got a top three finish, with the women's team winning in the finals at the Grafton Dragon Boat Club's annual regatta last weekend.

The Clarence River threw up chaotic paddling conditions as it forced competitors to deal with strong currents and erratic wind gusts that played havoc with the starts.

These conditions saw the Rainbow women start their first heat from an awkward and reversing angle while the other boats were out of the start blocks. Still they went on to win the race.

This kept the team fired up so they won their second heat, and then went on to win the final.



The Rainbow Dragons are fit, fabulous and have an improved competitive edge.

The men's team, a composite of six Rainbows' and six Flamin' Dragons' (Port Macquarie) crew, paddled together for the first time and placed second in both their heats and finished third in the finals.

The mixed team placed second and third in their heats and finished the final in third place.

'The improvement in

everyone's fitness and technique has certainly improved our competitive edge,' said Jan Wright, club president.

In other club news the head coach, Mary Davis, has been selected as the 2020 divisional coach for the NSW Far North Coast regional squad who will contest the April 2020 Australian Championships in Sydney.



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Northern Rivers Animal Justice Party member Cathy Blasonato says the party is calling for a royal commission into the horse-racing industry. Ms Blasonato told Bay FM's Community Newsroom last Friday she doesn't believe it's possible former NSW premier Barry O'Farrell, now Horse Racing NSW CEO, didn't know the extent of horse slaughter in the country. ABC's 7.30 recently revealed thousands of horses bred for the racing industry end up at knackeries every year, while official figures showed around one per cent were slaughtered. Ms Blasonato says too many horses are being bred. 'America has a gun problem, Australia has a gambling problem,' she told Bay FM listeners.

Glyphosate (you'd know it as Roundup) is classified as 'probably carcinogenic to humans' by the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). There is currently a parliamentary petition to request the Lower House to join growing international action to ban or restrict the use of glyphosate, to develop a consistent set of national guidelines, restrictions and regulations on how glyphosate is used until a viable alternative is found. You can sign here: www.aph.gov.au/petition_sign?id=EN1082.

The Guardian is running a Bird Of The Year competition and Adani mine protesters from the Galilee Blockade want you to vote for the Black Throated Finch to highlight the effects mining will have on this little feathered earthling. To add



The deathly car appeared abandoned in a local field in Byron Shire following All Hallows Eve leaving locals in fear of what the mischievous spirits from the Otherworld had been up to in the night. Photo Aslan 'Spookiest-editor-eva!' Shand

your name follows the links on The Guardian's website: www.theguardian.com/au.

One in Six by John Saunders is a book for survivors of child sexual abuse, their therapists, family and friends, and anyone seeking to better understand the plight of the one in six men and one in three women who experienced sexual abuse as a child. The book will be launched at the Byron Bay Library, Tuesday 12 November at 5.30pm. Gold coin entry.

In this week's edition of Everybody Reads the Echo, the 26th prime Minister of Australia has outed himself as a fan (or not) of our dear Mandy Nolan and her column Soapbox. That's right, Kevin Rudd took time out of his busy whatever-he-does-now-schedule to pen a few words about Mandy's last offering - White Shame. It seems K Rudd thinks Mandy is right about the

enormous challenges facing Indigenous folk, but, 'she's dead wrong about the history of the Apology to Indigenous Australians in 2008'.

If you'd like to see what the Rudster thinks about Ms Nolan's POV, backup to the letters on page 11 - he's first cab off the rank.

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