

'Room for more water carters'

Water utility Rous says they are doing everything they can to help rural residents with access to water cartage as drought continues to impact the region.

Rous spokesperson Andrew Logan told *The Echo* that there are 11 filling stations across the region, with Bangalow, South Lismore and Clunes being the busiest for the 20 licensed water carters to access.

'There is room for more operators', Logan said, adding that Rous are not restricting licences, and are responding to applications within 24 hours.

When asked if rural residents can collect their own water, he replied they couldn't, yet 'Richmond Valley has a public filling point.'

'Other councils are looking at this,' he said, adding there is a Rous meeting planned on December 11 to look at increasing capacity.

Byron Shire Council staff and the mayor are yet to reply to *The Echo's* question: 'What plans are there to address the severe water shortages for those in rural areas of the Shire?'

Protest paddle's clear message:



With one of the few untouched marine environments under threat from Norwegian company Equinor's proposal to drill for oil in the Great Australian Bight, locals turned up on Saturday to join the national day of action and voice their objection. According to the *Australian Financial Review*, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority have asked Equinor a second time to satisfy them that they could 'prevent and manage an oil spill, protect marine life and adequately consult if it is allowed to conduct deep-sea drilling in the Great Australian Bight'. Photo Jeff 'Bighting Since 1986' Dawson

Greens claim hands tied over rural tourist cabin approval

Paul Bibby

A contentious holiday cabin development in Wilsons Creek will go ahead after securing approval from Byron Council, but with a significant reduction in size from what was originally proposed.

The plan to build six one-bedroom cabins on a property at 58 Montecollum Road was approved by a vote of nine to one at last Thursday's Council planning meeting, much to the chagrin of the Wilsons Creek residents who had gathered in the chambers to oppose the plan.

Greens councillor Michael Lyon said he was 'not a fan of these types of developments,' but that Council's hands were tied.

'There are legal requirements that we have to meet - rules that are presented to us that we have to abide by,' Cr Lyon said.

'If this went to court, we would lose.'

'That would cost us a fair bit of money and the original development would be back on the table without the road upgrade works that we've secured.'

After Council refused the DA in August, the property owner Shahar Yishay sought a review and agreed to a reduction in the size and scale of the development.

This included reducing the number of cabins from eight to six, reducing the size of the proposed swimming pool, and removing a proposed pool terrace on the eastern side of the development.

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Water restrictions close to being introduced

With fires, heatwaves and increased water consumption across the north coast up from last year, water utility Rous are close to introducing Level 1 water restrictions across four local Shires, including Byron.

Rocky Creek Dam, which supplies Lismore, Ballina, Byron and Richmond Valley councils, is currently at 74 per cent capacity and dropping, say Rous. Mullumbimby is supplied by Wilsons Creek, and is

already on level three restrictions.

According to Rous's *Regional Water Supply Drought Management Plan*, restrictions are triggered when the dam reaches 60 per cent capacity. Yet at an extraordinary meeting last week, impacted Councils and Rous voted to change the trigger to 70 per cent.

Rous chairperson Cr Keith Williams said, 'Applying Level 1 water restrictions before Rocky Creek

Dam reaches 60 per cent is a signal to the community that we need to make water conservation an everyday part of our lives.'

'It's essential we reduce demand now to prolong our water supply. If dam levels drop further or reductions in consumption are not met, we could be looking at higher level restrictions. We urge people to reduce their water usage now to delay the introduction of tougher

water restrictions'. Cr Williams added that water carters will be unaffected by the restrictions.

What's level 1 restrictions?

While different restrictions apply to residential, rural, private and commercial activities, all users are requested to conserve water wherever possible.

■ For more information visit www.rous.nsw.gov.au.



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Mullum's year 12 glams up



Mullum High School's Kylie Fisher has paid tribute to the 2019 year 12 class, who celebrated the end of their high school studies last week.

She says, 'All too often, in a world fixated on appearances and accomplishments, we can lose sight of the significance of rites of passage, especially for our young and for the people who love them.'

'In this vein, we run the risk of reducing important

ceremonies to simply occasions for dressing up and partying, when in fact they mean so much more than that.

'Dressed in their finery and looking so much more grown-up and glamorous than we'd ever seen them, we – their teachers, parents, and community – watched as they arrived at the Ocean Shores Golf Club.

'We were struck by their postures, their smiles, their joy; by the way they carried

themselves and embraced this celebration.

'They were so much more than beautiful; they were blossoming before our very eyes.'

Rites of passage

'Our world and our young need rites of passage, these moments that embrace and celebrate their journey thus far. It is these rites that demarcate what has been learned from what is to come,

and therein lies the poignancy and the adventure.

'We at Mullumbimby High School could not be more proud of the young men and women who have been our students and friends throughout their academic career with us. We wish them the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives and want them to know that they take with them our sincerest blessings.'

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Conditions

A number of further conditions were imposed on the development at last week's meeting, including upgrading a number of nearby road junctions, further limiting the hours of use for the pool, and tougher restrictions on noise levels.

However, residents living

in the vicinity of the properties remained opposed.

During the public access section of the meeting, neighbour Ben Fawcett said the proposed development was built on the face of a natural amphitheatre.

'Some residents can already hear conversation that takes place on the property owing to the natural layout of the land,'

Mr Fawcett said.

'If you factor in up to 12 people, some of them using the pool, others outside, the potential impact on surrounding residences is very great.'

Councillor Sarah Ndiaye agreed, and was the only councillor to vote against the proposal.

'The devastating part of this is what's happened to a previously cohesive part of

our community,' Cr Ndiaye said.

'I hope that now [with the matter determined] we can start to heal that.'

'It's challenging and I really hope that that can be taken on board.'

The remaining councillors voted in favour, paving the way for construction to begin on the property within months.

Breached policy prompts Bruns DA deferral

Paul Bibby

The residents of Short Street, Brunswick Heads are breathing a little easier after Byron Council voted last Thursday to defer a proposal for a large dual occupancy development in their neighbourhood.

The owner of 16 Short

Street – a Melbourne-based property developer – is seeking permission to demolish the existing single-storey cottage on the site and replace it with two large, double-storey houses, each with five bedrooms and five bathrooms.

The development application came before Council's

planning meeting accompanied by a recommendation from staff that it be approved, on the grounds that it met all relevant planning rules.

However, there have also been 135 letters of objection from nearby residents who say it is completely out of character with the surrounding dwellings owing to its size, which exceeds height plane rules for that part of town.

They also say the development is not two 'family homes' as claimed by the Melbourne-based developer, but will in fact become a quasi-boarding house or 'Airbnb motel'.

On Thursday, councillors unanimously supported a motion from Cr Sarah Ndiaye to defer the application until staff had given further consideration to a number of 'concerning aspects' of the proposal.

These include the building height plane exceedance, the absence of information about the potential

overshadowing of adjoining properties, and the possibility that the houses will be used for holiday letting.

'Unfortunately we don't get to choose the design of developments that come before Council, but in this case there are certain aspects which need more consideration,' Cr Sarah Ndiaye said.

'I can't see any other reason [for the areas of exceedance in the DA] other than the developer saying 'we want it bigger'.'

'That part of Brunswick Heads will become different no matter what.'

'We can't stop that from happening. But this particular DA has some areas of concern.'

A development application for a much smaller dual occupancy dwelling proposed to be built next door at 14 Short Street was passed unanimously by councillors, without discussion or debate.

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Kolletive DA in Sunrise rejected by residents

Hans Lovejoy

Developer Duncan Band from Kolletive has again upset neighbours with his plans to demolish an established home and develop eight units on a small residential block at 6 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay.

Residents have pointed to the lack of parking and bins, along with breaches of Council policy around setbacks and building height regulations.

Over 280 submissions have been sent to Council opposed to DA 10.2019.458.1, resident Cathy Stavert told *The Echo*.

Stavert says, 'This is proof that the community has spoken'.

'They are alarmed at the prospect of this development going ahead, and the precedent it will set for other properties in the area.

'If approved, this development will go against the will of our whole community and challenge the current demographics of this estate'.

Valued at \$1.3m, the DA plans only indicate six carparks and one bin per dwelling, not three.

Meanwhile, Greens mayor Simon Richardson says while he hasn't seen the DA, 'As a general planning strategy, infill developments that provide a diverse housing mix, including smaller units for young couples, or downsizing older locals etc makes more sense than urban sprawl.'

Unsuitable for elderly

Yet Stavert claims the proposal includes spiral staircases and attic style lofts, 'which are unsuitable for the elderly and the disabled'.

Additionally, she says the DA breaches Council policy in regard to minimum floor area of units and minimum



Rob Gibson and Jeff Harrison with fellow Sunrise Beach residents on Saturday. Photo Jeff 'Cross Street' Dawson

private open space.

'Sunrise Beach residents are also concerned about inadequate off-street parking, and a building design which restricts access for the elderly and disabled'.

'We believe that the DA breaches Council's setback and building height regulations. The DA allows for only six resident's car spaces and no visitor car spaces, and only eight bins in total.

'This development will be directly across the road from a busy school children's bus stop, and also with a very dangerous t-intersection close by.

'This residential block is located on a bend on the narrowest street in Sunrise; only 7.6 metres wide, with no footpaths or bicycle lanes.

'This street will just end up another parking lot.

'Take a look at the Kolletive development in Sunrise Blv, which is 11.1m wide and the car parking problem created there. As the mayor would say, "another dog's breakfast" (referring to the traffic and parking problems

in the Industrial Estate)'.
It again raises the issue of the unwanted impacts of high density proposals – and the precedent it brings – for residential amenity in the Shire.

Stavert added, 'Allowing medium density housing to be built in low density residential areas will force a drastic and unwelcome change in the character of this quiet family friendly neighbourhood'.

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residential areas will force a drastic and unwelcome change in the character of this quiet family friendly neighbourhood'.

■ The DA is on exhibition on Byron Council's website: <https://bit.ly/37xjoMY>

Peaceful nurse-in Friday

Mums concerned about the government's lack of climate change policy are coming together to take action this Friday November 29 from 10am, outside the Byron Library. Everyone is welcome to come and support them.

They say they are taking action in an attempt to call attention to their children's future and the government's inefficient and ineffective attempts at mitigating extreme weather events. As mothers, they are also promoting a public breast/bottle feeding nurse-in.

One of the organising mums and botanist Claudia Pigatti Caliarì told *The Echo*, 'Australia has warmed by

0.8°C from 1960 to 2003.

'Heatwaves, fires, floods, and southern Australian droughts are all expected to become more frequent and more intense in the coming decades.'

Caliari added, 'The way the government has been dealing with precious natural resources, like the Murray Darling basin, will be seen as "maladministration" in the very near future, and our kids' natural resources will vanish if we don't change the way we have been doing "politics".'

Referring to the fires and drought, she said, 'This is climate change, and mothers everywhere are concerned for their children's future.'

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Chanting for charity Nov 30 in Mullum

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

A devotional group will be hosting an all day Chanting Festival as a fundraiser for the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre on November 30 from 8am 'til 9pm at St Martins Church Hall.

The House of Bliss organisers say all proceeds from the day are going towards people in need via outreach programs run through the centre.

The program features live music, yoga, meditation, guest speakers and chanting.

The event will close with Amir Paiss and Avishai Barnatan. Half-day and full-day tickets are available on the House of Bliss, Hearts on Fire Facebook page.



Chanters Mukti Moon, Dinesh, Caroline and Hielrick with the Neighbourhood Centre's Julie Williams, pictured centre. Photo Tree Faerie

Barrio restaurant to expand despite neighbour concerns

Paul Bibby

Byron's Barrio restaurant has been granted permission to introduce outdoor dining at its premises in the Habitat complex, and an increase in patron numbers to 216.

Byron Council made the decision - without any amendments - at last week's Council meeting, despite the opposition of a small but vocal group of local residents who are concerned about increased noise.

Barrio, whose owners also run Harvest at Newrybar and Sparrow in Byron Bay, will now expand their dining area into a quadrangle within the Habitat complex.

Under their conditions of consent, Barrio will be required to share the quadrangle with people living, working or visiting Habitat.

The co-owner of Barrio, Tristan Grier, said the restaurant made a significant contribution to the local economy and needed the expansion to ensure it remained viable.

'Forty-one cents in every dollar we make at Barrio goes to the wages of locals,'

Mr Grier said.

'Our business plan has always involved, and desperately needs, this shared piazza [quadrangle],' Mr Grier said.

But David Dixon, a nearby resident who represents the group of concerned locals, said the expansion would lead to a significant increase in noise that would affect residents.

'The best way to cap noise is simply to limit patron numbers,' he said.

He called for patron numbers to be limited to 122, rather than 216 as proposed.

This call was based, in part, on a noise reading recently taken from a nearby apartment which found that noise from the restaurant was already at levels considered disturbing by the World Health Organisation.

Independent councillor Cate Coorey supported additional limits on the expansion proposal, including a cap of 150 patrons and an investigation by Council staff into Barrio's compliance with noise limits.

She moved a motion to this effect, but was only supported by Cr Basil Cameron.

Increased residential density plans opposed by former MLC, mayor

Former Greens mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham has submitted an objection against plans by the NSW planning department to introduce higher residential density across the state.

The *Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code* aims to 'fast track' manor houses and multi dwelling (terrace)

housing in existing residential areas within 20 days.

Byron Shire is one of dozens of councils that have been temporarily deferred from the code, until July 1, 2020. Barham is calling for a complete exemption for Byron Shire, owing to constraints on sewerage capacity and other factors.

She writes that unlike metropolitan areas, 'it's local regional councils that manage sewer, water and road network infrastructure.'

'In the situation for Byron Shire, we have a sensitive environment that has limitations on the capacity to discharge into waterways, and as far as I am aware,

there hasn't been detailed investigations to consider the potential for increased growth.

'To allow increased growth, without investigation of the ability to manage the pressure it will place on infrastructure, does not represent responsible ecologically sustainable development.'

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Turning dreams of tiny homes into reality

Aslan Shand

Finding yourself homeless is challenging, and trying to get yourself back on your feet can seem daunting.

One local group that has formed to get hands on and start tackling the issue is One Roof Byron.

They have registered as a charity and are helping people who are homeless by building tiny homes and are connecting them with local land owners willing to host the tiny home once it is completed.

'I thought, at last someone was actually doing it instead of talking about it, or asking for handouts,' said local woodworker Pat Gregory, who runs Woodwork for Women and is part of the tiny home building team.

Support strategy

'What struck me most is that One Roof Byron had put a whole support strategy into place to ensure the chosen person was empowered and connected throughout the whole process.'

The project brings together a wide range of the community, from builders



One Roof building crews Darren, Jacob, Patt, Duncan and Paul with Genevieve Lee (front) on the foundations of one of their new tiny homes. Photo Tree Faerie

and the shedding community, to architects and designers.

Tuesday night meeting

'Every Tuesday night, people from all walks of life come to meet,' said a spokesperson for the project, Genevieve Lee.

'We all share a meal

afterward cooked by other volunteers and clients. It's the highlight of my week.'

One Roof Byron is an incorporated registered homeless charity run by community members, some of whom have also lived the experience of homelessness.

They have had to satisfy homeless specialists that they are providing an effective service and also work

with local social service providers and the Byron Shire Council.

'We are working toward an integrated response to the housing crisis,' said Ms Lee.

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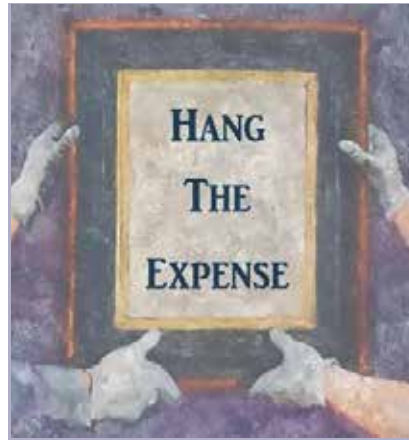
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How to contribute to Rural Fire Service

Aslan Shand

The fire fighters from the Rural Fire Service (RFS) have been out in force over the last few months as fires have continued to destroy animal habitat, threaten homes and businesses and wreak havoc in people's lives.

For the local Byron Bay Rural Fire Brigade (BBRFB), that has meant 450 volunteer person hours on the ground, for the fires at Mt Nardi and Myall Creek/Bora Ridge in the last two weeks alone.

They are joined by the efforts of 20 other brigades in the Northern Rivers and others who have been flown in to fight the fires.

A key message from BBRFB Captain Doug Rowley is to prepare your properties whether or not you are staying to defend. It makes the firefighters' jobs significantly easier when they are not having to try and prepare properties for defence as the flames are bearing down on them.

'Some properties have been really badly prepared,' said captain Rowley.

'At one property, we were defending, the owners had not prepared their property,



RFS NSW volunteer firefighters. Photo RFS NSW Facebook page

so we were fighting three metre high flames, just three metres from the house. We were able to save it.'

Join the RFS

Captain Rowley said there are many ways that people can contribute to disaster response in fires and floods.

'It's not for everyone,' he told *The Echo*. 'But it is a way that people can contribute in their local area. There is the RFS, the Brunswick Rescue Squad, Marine Rescue and State Emergency Services (SES). We don't just need firefighters, we need people on other jobs too. For example, the SES has been delivering meals to the RFS volunteers. There are community engagement roles for schools and Firewise meetings, truck maintenance etc.'

It is freely acknowledged that the average age of the RFS is getting older, and they are keen to get people of all ages to join up. You can join the RFS and SES from the age of 16.

'My whole experience has been a really positive and rewarding one,' said Captain Rowley.

'Anyone who wants to get involved will have the same experience.'

Most RFS brigades train and meet twice a month throughout the year, and they only ask that you put in the time you can afford.

'We understand that people's families and jobs come first. We just ask that people put in as much time to us, as we put into them,' said Captain Rowley.

If you join up and start training you will likely be ready for next year's fire season. You can join up online (<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/Join-the-NSW-RFS>) or drop in, or call your local brigade.

Donations and fundraising

In the meantime, there are plenty of things you can join the community in doing to help them today. They are regularly collecting donations at local markets, and you can make donations to your local brigade via www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade.

There is an RFS fundraiser at the Middle Pub in Mullumbimby this Saturday November 30 from 3pm.

'This is something that everyone in the community can get involved in,' said

organiser Belle Orton.

'It is a family friendly event and we want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable. We will have the family area out the back, and throughout the afternoon there will be raffles of donated items from various businesses and people. There will be a number of local bands with a big band, yet to be announced, playing from 7.30/8pm.'

Six karma kegs and wine were donated from Stone & Wood, and there will be a sausage sizzle. All the proceeds will go to the RFS.

'This is something we can give as a gift to the RFS from everyone,' said Ms Orton.

A little harmony

The sweet soulful sounds of Isabella A Cappella will also be raising funds for bushfire volunteers and those affected by the fires at their Harmonies on the Hill concert on December 11 at 6.30pm.

'Many are left without homes, or at risk of losing property. In these times of tragedy we are reminded of the importance of community, family, our environment and precious wildlife,' said Dot Moller who is organising the concert.

They will be donating 20 per cent of proceeds from ticket sales. Call 0432 980 855 or email: Isabella.acappella@gmail.com for more information and venue location.

Captain Rowley says support for the RFS has been 'Nothing short of phenomenal!'

'From just saying thank you, to businesses like the Suffolk Park Bakery supplying food, or random people paying for things for RFS members at shops.

'The community has really been recognising the value of the RFS,' he added.

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

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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All landowners included in this Planning Proposal will be notified in writing before 25 October 2019. 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.

PROPOSED VARIATION TO FARMERS MARKET LICENCE CAVANBAH CENTRE (LOT 3 DP 706286)

Council proposes to extend the market licence at the Cavanbah Centre Lot 3 DP 706286, granted to the Byron Farmers Market Inc, for a period not exceeding fourteen months

In accordance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993* interested parties are invited to make submissions about this proposal within 28 days.

Submissions should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Emailed submissions to this address only will be acknowledged.

Submissions open: 13 November 2019.

Submission close: 11 December 2019.

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300.

All submissions will be made public in accordance with schedule 1 clause 4(i) of the GIPA 2009 Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For further assistance contact the Records Team on 02 6626 7113.

AUSTRALIA DAY 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.

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- 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: 4pm Friday 06 December 2019.

Enquiries: Clare Tremenheere on 02 6626 7000.

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 4 December 2019

10.2019.545.1 – Federal, 202 Federal Drive, Federal (LOT: 5 DP: 600770) Mr R A Black, Use of Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.579.1 – Byron Bay, 88-94 Centennial Circuit (LOT: 60 DP: 835249) Newton Denny Chapelle, Change of Use to Recreation Facility (Indoor)

10.2019.576.1 – Byron Bay, 7 Marvell Street (LOT: 9 SEC: 26 DP: 758207) Pace Development Group Pty Ltd, Demolition of Existing Building and New Mixed Use Development comprising of Hotel or Motel Accommodation (Twenty Nine (29) Rooms), Ground Floor Retail Premises, Basement Carpark including Health Spa and Roof Top Platform for Hotel Guest Activities

Exhibition Closes 11 December 2019

10.2019.594.1 – Brunswick Heads, 14-16 Teven Street (LOT: 11 DP: 1016333) Mr M S Stebbing, Alterations and Additions to Existing Recreational Facility (Indoor)

10.2019.561.1 – Byron Bay, 1/6 Byron Street (LOT: 1 SP: 47095) Ardill Payne & Partners, Change of Use to Recreation Facility (Indoor)

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

10.2019.426.1 – Suffolk Park, 49 Armstrong Street

Demolition of Existing Dwelling House, and New Dwelling House, Swimming Pool and Secondary Dwelling.

10.2019.487.1 – Brunswick Heads, South Beach Road

Use of Existing Deck and Alterations and Additions to Existing Tennis Clubhouse.

10.2019.580.1 – Suffolk Park, 34 Armstrong Street

Swimming Pool, Spa and Deck.

10.2019.562.1 – Byron Bay, 23 Brownell Drive

Swimming Pool.

10.2019.569.1 – Suffolk Park, 52 Bottlebrush Crescent

1.8 Metre High Front Fence.

10.2019.568.1 – Mullumbimby, 112 Dalley Street

Temporary Use of Existing Building as Entertainment Facility in Association with Mullum Music Festival 16 and 17 November 2019.

10.2017.146.2 – Ewingsdale, 12 Scenic Vista

S4.55 for Design Modifications and Relocate Swimming Pool.

10.2019.153.2 – Byron Bay, 27 Ruskin Street

S4.55 to Modify Internal Layout and Window Locations for Dwelling House and Secondary Dwelling.

10.2016.763.3 – Ocean Shores, 9 Roundhouse Place

S4.55 to Modify Garage Floor Level and Timber Walkways.

10.2018.6.2 – Byron Bay, 4A Kingsley Lane

S4.55 to Modify Design Elements of Existing Dual Occupancy.

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

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2018.517.1 – Suffolk Park, 14/2 Alcorn Street

Alterations and Additions to an Existing Holiday Cabin.

10.2019.285.1 – Bangalow, 18 Pioneers Crescent

Mixed Use Development comprising Agricultural Produce Industries, Depot, Garden Centre, Childcare Centre, Swimming Pool and Recreational Facilities.

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 at 2pm on 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF COUNCIL CLOSURE

Byron Shire Council would like to advise our Administration Offices and Bayshore Drive Depot will close at 12.30pm on Friday 6 December 2019 and will re-open on Monday

9 December 2019 at normal opening times.

Our Resource Recovery Centre will close at 12 noon on Friday 6 December 2019 and re-open on Saturday 7 December as normal.

For after hours emergencies please call 02 6622 7022.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

www.byron.nsw.gov.au

What's the agenda of Council for Thursday November 28?

Councillors and staff will assemble on November 28 to debate and vote on a 712-page agenda. Two highlights are as follows:

Mayor Simon Richardson will seek councillor support for Council to 'undertake an Investigation Report and Preferred Option Concept Design for a Brunswick Heads to Mullumbimby Cycleway' at the upcoming meeting on Thursday November 28.

He says in the agenda (available on Council's website) that, 'A safe, well maintained and properly designed cycleway that links Brunswick Heads and

Mullumbimby would be a significant transport route in the Shire.'

With claims that bird breeding has declined substantially in recent years in Byron generally, Cr Cate Coorey has suggested that Council move to 'urgently enact stricter dog compliance measures in bird breeding and hatching areas around the Tallow and Belongil Estuaries.'

She suggests, 'committing increased ranger patrols, and enforcing compliance and fines against off-leash breaches.'

■ The agenda can be found at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Art of abandon exhibited



Byron School of Art's second year students have wrapped up their exhibition, *Proceed With Abandon*, held at The BSA Project Space in Mullumbimby. Pictured are Jane Couttie, Sandra McKemmy, Rebecca Cook, Haley Calderon, Lizzie Turnbull, Teresa Ebenstreit and Christina Waterson. Photo Jeff Dawson

Schoolies welcomed in Byron

Paul Bibby

The number of teens coming to Byron for schoolies week appears to have increased this year but they have generally been well behaved, the organiser of the Apex Park schoolies Hub says.

The Hub is a free volunteer-run drop-in service to ensure schoolies are safe.

Hub co-ordinator Niqui Yazdi said Saturday and Sunday nights at the Hub had been among the biggest she had seen in terms of numbers.

'Those nights were huge, but the kids were pretty good,' Ms Yazdi said.

'Each year we find that they have a greater level of maturity. I spoke to one group of young guys from the Blue Mountains, and they were doing alternative nights. They'd go drinking and clubbing one night and then the next night they'd just go and have dinner together.'

Ms Yazdi said that, as usual, the small number of incidents of violence or anti-social behaviour that did occur tended to involve local young people, or those from the surrounding region.

'There was a rumble involving a group of guys

from Suffolk Park and another group,' she said.

'They weren't actually schoolies - I'd say they were in their early 20s.'

Ms Yazdi said that the schoolies and police had generally been on very good terms. However, on one evening it appeared the presence of the police sniffer dog truck had scared some of the schoolies into consuming the drugs they were carrying, to avoid detection.

Sniffer dogs

'The police didn't take the dogs out of the truck, but the kids could hear them barking,' she said. 'Within an hour, we saw an increase in drug-related attendances at the first-aid tent.'

'I can only assume that they had all gobbled their drugs because they were worried about the dogs.'

Tweed/Byron Police District Officer in Charge at Byron Bay, Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe said police would be targeting drug and alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour.

'We aren't here to ruin the fun - our officers will be around and are there for your safety,' he said.

Land acquisition still to be finalised over bypass project

Despite signed contracts, works commencing, and then halting on the Byron bypass project owing to a vulnerable snail in its path, it has emerged Council staff are yet to finalise land acquisition for the project.

According to the upcoming November 28 agenda, staff are asking councillors to agree to the 'acquisition, including carrying out survey work and valuations, entering agreements with the relevant land owners, paying just compensation

and registering the acquisitions.'

There's no mention of why these details were not formalised before works commenced, only an estimation of what they believe the land is valued at and what it will cost to undertake.

Staff believe it will cost \$20,000 to 'conduct the survey and prepare the required plans,' while adding it will be \$30,000 to acquire two parcels of land, which are 20m² from the old Norco building and 49m² from the Mitre Ten building.

Both parcels are to be dedicated as road.

It's also unclear whether staff have even included that cost within the budget. The report concludes with, 'It is envisaged that these costs associated with the acquisition and dedication of land as road has been budgeted for under Council's General Ledger number 45480.'

The Echo previously reported that businesses in the area are concerned they will be impacted by a loss of parking.

Adani, Drought and Australia's Coal Disaster

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36 years being across multiple pulses

In the same year that their eldest daughter Courtney was born –1984 – Rusty and Tricia created their first *Byron Guide*.

Rusty told *The Echo*, 'In those early years, we worked with the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce Tourism Promotions committee on the first Byron Bay holiday guide.'

'The Tourism promotions committee was set up in the wake of the Walkers meat-works closure at Belongil the previous year, putting 300 workers out of a job overnight – that was ten per cent of the town's population.'

'Michael Malloy and the Chamber of Commerce thought to do a publication to encourage people to come here to visit. Hard to believe now, isn't it?'

They worked with the chamber for the first two editions and then struck out on their own.

'What has set us apart over these years, has been the quality writing that is a feature of our publication,' says Rusty.

All about ideas

'We are about ideas. We say we have our finger on the pulse, but there is not one pulse, there are multiple pulses.'

'There is too much going on to have a finger on all of it. While there are many beautiful places in the world,



Rusty and Tricia. Photo supplied

the location combined with the people who live here makes it a unique place.'

In the current edition, they have a theme of inspiring independent thinking and conscious action.

Stellar line up

'The upcoming 2020 edition has another stellar line up of writers: Rob Hirst,

Peter Singer, Kate Veitch, Sean Kelly (former Rudd and Gillard advisor, writer in *The Monthly*, *SMH* and *The Age*), locally born and award winning chef Ben Devlin, and others. Our writers are paid, but many of them forego their payment, which is then donated to their favourite local charity,' Rusty said.

NSW Parliament recognises historic native title decision

A motion put forward by the Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith MP, recognising the Arakwal Bundjalung people as the native title holders of areas of Byron Bay and surrounds was carried unanimously in the Legislative Assembly on November 21.

Ms Smith said, 'This motion celebrates the historic recognition of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung nation as the native title holders of Cape Byron and the Traditional Owners.'

'This is only the second time in NSW history that native title sea rights have been recognised and I

congratulate the elders and all involved in this decades-long process. In late 1994, three Aboriginal elders and sisters, Aunty Lorna Kelly, Aunty Linda Vidler, and Aunty Yvonne Graham began a process that sadly they would never see realised in their lifetime. It is their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will never forget their struggle toward, and ultimate achievement of, native title rights.'

Ms Smith said, 'It was wonderful to see members from all political parties speak in support of this landmark decision.'

'The determination sent an important message that the land was, is and always will be Aboriginal land.'

Ms Smith added 'The words of the Arakwal sisters who started this lengthy process echoed through our House: "Our People, the Byron Bay Arakwal want our children, grandchildren and their grandchildren to know how we once lived and also to be able to use the food from these lands. We want them to know our special places," Linda Vidler, Lorna Kelly, Dulcie Nichols, Byron Bay Arakwal Elders.'

Federal Potters Market this Sat

If you are interested in the handmade, and thinking about Christmas gifts with a difference, come to the Potters Market at the Federal Hall this Saturday November 30 from 9am till 3pm.

This one off event is presented by artists from the very popular North Coast Mud Trail and there are ten different studios participating: Suvira McDonald, Sasa Scheiner, Karen Jennings (Tooheys Mill Pottery), Janet Smith, Catherine Lane, Chez Campbell, Amiten O'Keeffe,

Robyn Porritt, Peter Pine, Jacqui Sosnowski and Jo Armstrong.

Conveniently in the one location, a variety of ceramic styles exploring different surface treatments and techniques from established artists will be on offer.

From useful, earthy functional pots, to whimsical sculptures, there will be something to suit everyone's taste and budget. The Northern Rivers region has a strong commitment to creativity and many people

have an underpinning desire to leave a small footprint with their consumer dollars. Through buying from people who work locally, you will be supporting the creative industries that help make this region so unique.

Everything will be for sale, so bring your shopping basket and your friends and plan to come early, or make it a day trip to the hinterland village of Federal for a delicious lunch at Domo.

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L&E court taking too long resolving disputes, developer lobby group says

The Land and Environment Court in NSW is taking far too long to resolve planning disputes and the government must allocate more resources, including commissioners and judges, says the Urban Taskforce.

The developer lobby group's CEO Chris Johnson said in a press release, 'Many developer members of the Urban Taskforce are finding long delays in getting hearings and ultimately judgments in the NSW Land and Environment Court (NSW LEC).'

'Many councils have become anti-development across Sydney and can take an excessive amount of time to determine an application or in many cases simply do not make a determination. With high holding costs, applicants often have to use the deemed refusal provisions in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to appeal

to the Land and Environment Court for a judgment, but decisions are now taking 18 months or more due to a lack of resources.'

'A quick comparison between the NSW LEC judges and commissioners and the equivalent Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), demonstrates that Victoria has many more judges and commissioners than the NSW equivalent. VCAT does have hearings on a wider range of matters, but most developers find the VCAT system reasonably efficient for Planning and Environment disputes. The opposite is true in NSW where the court process can take 18 months.'

'While the NSW courts encourage an arbitration between the parties at a Section 34 conference, these often do not resolve the issue and the applicant must wait

another six months for a hearing.'

'Some of the delays in the LEC are owing to the NSW government; the spate of challenges to the compulsory acquisition of property related to state infrastructure projects, as well as challenges to strata renewals resulting from the NSW government's Strata Schemes Development Act.'

'So the combination of these issues with the more negative approach to development from councils has increased the LEC workload, but staffing numbers have not changed.'

'The Urban Taskforce believes the NSW government must allocate more Judges and Commissioners into the NSW LEC even if they are acting over the next few years to enable the supply of new homes in Sydney to match the market needs.'

Community College student award finalist



Rosie de Grosbois. Photo supplied

Congratulations Rosie de Grosbois, who has been announced as one of eight finalists across Australia in the Community Colleges Australia (CCA) Community Education Student of the Year Awards.

Rosie, who hails from Indonesia originally, recently completed her Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability) at Byron Community College.



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Tradies to the rescue for The Linen SHIFT

There was a fantastic vibe in the air at the Arts and Industry Estate on Friday when a local team of builders gathered together to give their time and skills to help bring a dream into reality.

The SHIFT Project have been working tirelessly for the past year researching and planning for their social enterprise, The Linen SHIFT.

The SHIFT Project is a Byron-based charity that helps women who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

During the residential educational program that runs for a minimum of 12 weeks, participants have a safe place to live and get tailored counselling and support.

Boutique laundry service

As part of the program, they also volunteer at community organisations like Liberation Larder, and help with the currently small 'cottage industry' laundry service.

Currently boutique laundry service the Linen SHIFT operates out of the residence



James Cornell and volunteers from Balanced Earth and Raw Design Solid Plastering who were fed and watered by Three Blue Ducks and Stone & Wood. Photo Jeff Dawson

and is limited in scope.

By moving the enterprise into its own premises it will be able to grow and provide more employment pathways, work experience and support for residents of the program and other women in need in the community.

They are currently on target to open in March 2020. Michale Leung from

Balanced Earth has been a strong supporter of the project, and put out the call that help was needed.

Twelve local builders, plasterers and painters answered the call, he says.

'I could feel the whole team give it their all with such love and joy, we are grateful our skills can support your life changing

visions,' Michael said.

SHIFT Project founder Anne Goslett was brought to tears with their generosity.

'We feel incredibly humble to have such a wonderful local community,' she said.

A big thanks also to Three Blue Ducks, Stone and Wood, All Press and Sunrise Bottle Shop who kept the troops fed and hydrated.

Break 'n' enter at museum



Volunteer Dave Sharonowitz discovered powder when he opened the Museum Machinery Shed at 7am last week. Photo Jeff 'Sucker Since 1986' Dawson

The Brunswick Valley Historical Society was disappointed to discover that someone had poured a yellowish-green powder, possibly sulphur, through the roof vent of the machinery display shed covering all the displays recently.

They also discovered that a number of the smaller exhibits had been taken.

A representative for the historical society said that some local homeless people had been camping out the back at night, without creating problems; however, as more people joined the camp, with dogs and loud music, fights began to break out and staff started to feel

intimidated.

If anyone has information on the thefts they are requested to contact the police on 6685 9499.

Warrant arrest

Meanwhile, local police say they arrested a woman over a warrant for driving while disqualified around 6.30am on November 21 after discovering 'numerous unlawful camp sites' at the northern end of Sommerset Drive.

The police report claims plain clothes police checked on a vehicle parked next to the camp site and located the 47-year-old female owner, who had an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

Teens tackle abuse through new play, *Under Your Thumb*

Why is there so much open abuse in public discourse?

This is one of the main questions posed by Byron Youth Theatre's (BYT) latest production, *Under Your Thumb*.

The performance is this Thursday November 28, at the Brunswick Picture House from 6pm.

Exploring issues

Director Lisa Apostolides says, 'Youth audiences from previous BYT productions nominated that we devise a show exploring issues of abuse, in relationships, social media and in our wider world.'

'They are looking for answers, how we can change.'

The performance includes live music, dance, dramatic scenes and slam poetry.

It contains content that some people may find triggering and is most appropriate for those aged 15 and over.

BYT's Emily Wilson says, 'The process we take when devising a production involves lots of research, connecting with related



Young actors from the new BYT production. Photo supplied

organisations, interviewing all sorts of people, and sharing our own personal experiences.

'It gives us such a supportive and creative environment to pose questions and produce new theatre on important issues, by young people, for young people

and our community.'

Organisers say the production will tour local high schools, supported by representatives from the Women's Resource Service.

The development and production was made possible from government, NGO and philanthropic funding.

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Trust in governance

If you had never heard of Byron Shire and the eclectic bunch that inhabits it, you may well have been persuaded by everything Greens mayor Simon Richardson said about his triumphs in the field of engagement, trust and connection with this community, recently in Sydney.

His speech at the IAP2 conference (a ratepayer-paid junket?) on October 30 is tabled in the upcoming agenda for the November 28 meeting.

The mayor describes how his embattled Council had found themselves with a trust deficit after just one year in office.

And according to him, the problem of a trust deficit was addressed by outsourcing it to a solutions panel.

First he explained why he thought a trust deficit had occurred: '...Over time, you start to notice that Council decision making develops a bias towards the outcomes lobbied for by the most vocal people – regardless of whether they represent the community interest'.

OK, so there's the problem right there. Was that issue addressed? That's not mentioned, yet it's not just Council that are to blame for the loss of trust – it's apparently the community's fault too.

He told the IAP2 audience, 'Individuals begin acting as agitators. Insulting Council is seen as being "colourful and passionate". Media outlets then take up this agitation as injustice. And all of a sudden, there's so much noise, mostly negative, coming from the same groups and individuals, that you can't hear anyone else.'

The mayor then lamented that around two years ago, 'despite all our hard work, just about everything Council announced and said was met with negativity – if not contempt.'

The solution? Meaningful reform? No – a solution panel of course! It cost \$30,000 of our money to employ a specialist organisation to run a panel of randomly selected locals, who were primed about all the good stuff Council does. They were even given special powers to direct ratepayer money to specific projects. Direct, one-on-one engagement without third party advice or a filter. Sounds fun!

Apart from the initial admission Council were only listening to a few 'influencers', the speech contains no self-reflection or any attempt to address the structural issues that plague Council. There are, however, plenty of jabs at the mayor's detractors.

Did the panel restore public faith in local governance?

The mayor concluded that it did, and claimed without providing any supporting evidence, that his detractors disappeared or eased off after the panel was engaged.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Whatever you do, don't mention Hitler

It is an observation so universally acknowledged that it has its own name: Godwin's Law.

It refers to the inevitability of Hitler being invoked in the course of any heated political discussion. The first disputant to resort to the ad Hitlerum argument loses.

So therefore, at the outset, let us make it clear that there is no Hitler lurking in our western democracies. However foul Trump, Johnson and Morrison may be by ordinary human standards, they are no Führers. An argument can be made for Hitler-like tendencies in the presidents of Brazil, Poland and the Philippines, but for now the anglophone countries at least are not run on National Socialist principles.

And yet, we are uncomfortable. A self-congratulatory meme that spread among the nations victorious in the last world war was: 'We would never allow what happened in Germany to happen in Australia [America, England, etc]. Unlike the compliant Germans, we Australians [Americans, Englishmen, etc] would resist the rise of Nazism'.

For almost twenty years the LNP in Australia, unopposed by Labor, has been introducing laws that restrict freedom under the guise of 'national security'.

At least half of our mainstream media has been willing to accept, and even encourage, these attacks on civil liberty. Twenty years is a long time for the frog to get used to the rising temperature of the water; the whole Fascist era in Europe lasted only twenty years.

So without political opposition and without effective media resistance (until very recently when repressive laws actually began to impinge on journalists), authoritarianism has begun to creep into our national life.

We are tending towards authoritarianism. We are not there yet. Peter Dutton is not a reincarnation of Heinrich Himmler, although he shares that creature's naked thirst for power. The LNP as a whole has not completely surrendered to the philosophy of 'might is right', although most of its

members behave as if that is what they believe.

But every erratic far-right thought balloon launched by Morrison, and not immediately shot down, moves our politics further away from democratic norms established over many years and into the cult of whim and personality – and ultimately, autocratic rule.

Putting together repressive laws and an out of control police force is a recipe for civic disaster.

David Lovejoy

When those first discordant notes of authoritarian government are sounded, what percentage of the people need to recognise what is happening in order for it to count as resistance?

This is where the old comforting meme of 'it couldn't happen here' needs re-examining. During Hitler's reign (the Law strikes again!), between one and three million Germans, depending on which sources you consult, spent time in prisons or concentration camps on political grounds or for resisting the regime. The larger figure represents nearly five per cent of the population of that time.

Taking that larger estimate, over a period of just twelve years almost one in twenty Germans gave up their freedom, and in many cases their lives, to resist the tide of Fascism taking over their country.

But not only was one in twenty not enough to overcome Nazi rule, it was not even enough to overcome the false perception that the German people were all compliant with it.

Now, in Australia, we face laws that are designed to protect the government from scrutiny, to punish those who blow the whistle on official corruption, to prohibit protest and dissent, and to render even the reporting of such matters a criminal offence.

Meanwhile the police forces in Queensland, NSW and Victoria have been allowed, if not encouraged, to become brutal, racist and non-responsive to civil checks. Decent members of the police are not yet in a minority, hopefully, but they appear to be powerless to affect the dominant culture.

Putting together repressive laws and an out of control police force is a recipe for civic disaster. Bad laws have to be resisted, but vicious policing ensures that non-violent protest is virtually impossible. Assuming that there is a rationale behind this wilful attack on civil society, and it is not just to foster the tabloid optics of demonising any opposition to government, we can discern the outline of what an authoritarian regime intends to deploy to keep public order; once the effects of climate change – drought, fire, food and water shortages, etc – become even more serious. These are rehearsals for Armageddon.

Morrison and his ilk are not Hitler, and never intended to be like Hitler.

However, convergent evolution sometimes creates similar organisms by very different routes.

Clinging to the economic status quo, which brings the current government and its cronies great political and financial rewards at the expense of almost everyone else, also entails the denial of climate-change, the rejection of science and the refusal to allow an orderly transition to a carbon-free economy.

With no plan but holding on to power for its own sake and by whatever means, it is not surprising that the LNP has begun to resemble the monsters from our past.

The important question is, what proportion of the population needs to conscientiously resist in order to avoid history repeating itself? In this sense the activities of striking schoolchildren and Extinction Rebellion are valuable beyond compare.

Such groups, like the brave five per cent of Germans, have made their choice, and we need many more people to emulate them.

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Slow down for ducks

I am so sick of begging cars to stop and wait for the ducks to cross the road at the Mullum Golf Course and surrounds. In fact some even speed up. I don't get it.

I have asked Byron Council to put up signs regarding ducks crossing, but they don't have any. But hey, they said if I put them up they won't pull them down – so thoughtful... So many times on the way to morning school drop off my child has had to nurse or hold a dying bird, duck or swamp hen on Wilsons Creek Road and the roads into Mullum.

Over the years I have asked Byron Council, begged them, to put up speed limit signs and signs to slow down for wildlife, hitchhikers and cyclists. Their response? Signs don't make a difference.

Our apparent Green Council reflects the selfishness that is growing in our community – they don't give a damn about our environment, it's just about themselves. It is so disappointing to see the decline of our once ethical community. It has gone – just like our wildlife. This is the new Mullumbimby.

Rebecca Ingram
Wilsons Creek



Cartoon Craig Scanlan

Beach Hotel

Ah knew Beach Hotel when it were nuthin' but tin shed. Try telling that to young people these days. They wouldn't believe you.

Bruce Tindale
Ballina

Working longer

The Federal Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, announced recently that the over 60s may need to retrain so they can keep working to 70 and beyond. A noble sentiment that, unfortunately, is completely devoid of any workable reality.

Especially in Byron Bay!

As a mature age person (over 60, with recent Tertiary qualifications) and seeker of ANY part-time work, I have sadly come to the view that Byron businesses, in general, are ageist. There is every possibility that this is not just confined to Byron. No-one will admit to age bias but the face to face contact here leaves me with not many other conclusions.

One fortyish business owner said to me 'I've never employed anyone older than myself'. Others have hinted at it by deflecting to

the handy get-out line, 'we have a lot of heavy boxes to be lifted'.

Employing the young is a fine sentiment. They seriously need to be employed. But only employing the young restricts the business's growth prospects because the young, while they do mature, only mature slowly and therefore the benefit to the business, year on year, is small. The right mature age person can add the extra

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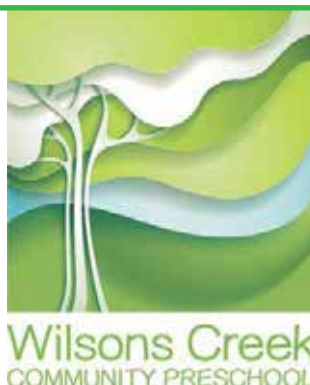
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CLIMATE CHANGE... WILL IT LEAD TO
MORE POTHOLES...??



The kids are alright... and we believe in change

Anjali Dutton

Teenagers get a bad rap in the media – self-absorbed, argumentative, lazy, withdrawn, social media obsessed, irresponsible – but I’m here to tell you, as a young person, that the kids are alright. In fact, more than alright. I advocate that given the opportunity, we’d do a better job of leading than the ‘adults’ in the job currently (looking at you, Scott Morrison).

I am 16, and have lived in Byron Shire for 12 years. I love, and am so proud of this passionate, vibrant community.

Our people have shown me the power of social activism – to stand up and hold ground. I have learnt to fight for what is right, both individually and socially. However, I feel disillusioned with those in power – their lack of honesty, transparency and action for equality. I often wonder what the world would be like if young people had a voice and a platform to enact social change. What action we would take, and why?

Seeking change

I asked for a little help from my friends via an Instagram survey (social media can be used for good!) seeking to better understand what other young people care about and what change they want to see in the future.

They responded with a passionate plethora of ideas, ranging from solving global hunger to authentic government in Australia.

My friends told me what



Carl Parry, Lealah Shostak, and Anjali Dutton raising funds for Sea Shepherd. Photo supplied

mattered most to them, which included worldwide issues like LGBTIQ+ representation and gender equality – ‘Feminism does not mean women are better than men and should be more privileged, it’s the belief that all humans should have equal political, economic and social rights’ (Sienna).

Others focussed on national issues such as support for Indigenous Australians and closing the income gap: ‘I strongly believe that closing the gap is an important part of how our country grows moving forward’ (Oliver).

Some stated that welfare issues like domestic and family violence support services, and drug and alcohol assistance for young people need to change. Daisy advocated for animal welfare: ‘I would love for veganism to become a normal thing... It would help the environment and have a huge impact on saving animal lives’.

Time for action

My friends want a better and sustainable future. More than 100 young people told me they wanted the Australian government to take action on the climate crisis.

This issue isn’t unique to Byron Shire, with over a million students attending climate strikes around the world in September. My friend Gigi from Sydney was one of those and contributed this: ‘Our government refuses to put holds on our national fossil fuel emission levels because of the financial benefit... we struggle to see the adversity that faces us in the future’.

Young people everywhere are speaking out and standing up.

It’s not too late

What do I want? Not to live in a world that is burning and on the edge of extinction. I would like to live in a world where politicians prioritise serving the people

over serving themselves, where we are all treated as equals, regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, socio-economic status, beliefs, age or disability. I want to see a world where inner heart is valued over outer appearance. A world that values kindness above all else.

I hear my friends when they tell me they are scared for their future, for humanity, for the planet. I believe it is not too late. I believe we can stand, as one, and make beauty out of uncertainty. However, we need you to listen. We need you to hear our voices, our rallying cries, and take action.

The fires are burning. The planet is warming. The oceans are higher and hotter than ever before. For many, a sense of hope is dying. But we, as young people, have a message: we believe in change. We believe in our future. It is time to change the story: we are passionate, engaged, progressive and we are brave.

We will take direct action. We will fight for our future and for our planet. We will continue to take to the streets, to pressure our politicians, to strike for our hope. This is not about politics. This is about people – about us. And our future is now.

I invite all young people to engage in social action and shape our future. Join School Strike for Climate, Sea Shepherd, and Clean Coast Collective. Join together for change.

■ Anjali was an *Echo* work experience drudge.

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Here in Byron I assume that the young are mainly backpackers, (read cheap and easily gotten rid of when necessary). It doesn’t augur well for the long term economic viability of places like Byron when some catastrophe puts the brakes on tourism. There doesn’t appear to be a Plan B.

The Treasurer may not have made his announcement had he first spoken to businesses in Byron Bay.

Neil Matterson
Byron Bay

Bushfires

As they constantly fill up with flammable material surely it is time to consider building houses without roof guttering and replace gutters with drains dug under the drip line.

Admittedly this makes the collection of water by gravity more difficult, but it’s not an unsolvable problem.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Juxtaposition extraordinaire

Only in *The Echo’s* Letters to the Editor!

One from Sapoty Brook with a tongue in cheek forecast of a dystopian future after climate change, followed by one from Jane McLean bemoaning a ‘woeful loss’ of baked scones from the ladies of the CWA.

Ian Blair Hamilton
Byron Bay

Water buy back

One two-year-old beef steer weighs around 544kg. About 47 per cent is used for human consumption.

One steer needs 45 litres of water per day which is around 32,850 litres over a two year period. Therefore to produce 1kg of meat it needs 128 litres of water.

Compare this to cotton which needs 10,000 litres per year to produce 1kg of cotton. Which industry is more efficient? On the cotton growers’ website they talk about expanding the industry. Also they mention the USA is expanding their industry. The trend due to climate change is high rainfall in mid-USA from Atlantic storms. This causes major flooding of the Mississippi River – lots of extra water.

Can we get our Federal agriculture minister to talk to US cotton growers, and say that if we ban cotton growing here, it will stop a world wide glut from happening; in exchange, they talk their government into importing more Australian beef?

Bernard Hinchcliffe
Mullumbimby

Echobook

You people are fantastic! Yes, that is my fingerprint on page 13 (November 20). I can’t wait for the first edition of the *Echobook*.

To see my life in print is imperative and I’m sure every reader will be overjoyed to have access to it. My stories of course are better than everybody else’s – and stories like over-development, council and potholes can fit on the Backlash page with all the ads.

People stare at me, fascinated, whenever I share my wonderful tales. And that story about my neighbour’s sister-in-law’s cat, the one ► Continued on page 16

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Over dinner in Sao Paulo in 2011, Viswanathan Anand bemoaned his fading memory.

Anand, who will turn 50 next month and remains by far the oldest active player in the top 20, explained that he had come to this realisation at the end of a lengthy training camp with his seconds in Germany, shortly before his 2010 world title defence against Veselin Topalov.

‘At the end of the Bad Soden camp, as usual, my seconds asked me to find the best moves in key opening variations we had analysed,’ said Anand. ‘I found that not only could I not remember the best moves, I couldn’t work them out either. That’s when I realised I was getting old.’

Unbeknownst to Anand, his seconds had reached a totally different conclusion. As revealed in the new book, *The Anand Files* by Michiel Abel: ‘The team thought it was not Vishy’s memory that had deteriorated. Instead it was clear that the amount of knowledge he needed to remember was growing exponentially. More and more lines were being analysed by strong engines that

didn’t exist a few years earlier.’

Anand admitted to many other moments of surprise when reading *The Anand Files*, which interviews all Anand’s seconds in the three title matches that he won in 2008, 2010 and 2012.

The most remarkable example of the Anand team’s preparation came in the second playoff game against Boris Gelfand in 2012.

The game started (Anand is White) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.b3 e5 6.Nxe5 Qe7 7.d4 d6 and Anand eventually won. Before the game, second Surya Ganguly showed Anand what to do against 7...f6. Ganguly’s idea was 8.Nf3 Qxe4+ 9.Kd2! with the follow-up 9... Qf5 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.Kc3! c4! 12.Kxc4!! (See diagram) planning to meet 12...Qa5 with 13.Kd3 Ba6+ 14.c4 d5 15.Ke2! dxc4 16.Kf1! cxb3+ 17.Kg1! and White’s king is safe. Remarkably, Anand agreed to play this ridiculously risky line but, to Ganguly’s regret, Gelfand varied and the position never arose.

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Pregame analysis, Black to move


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Lyon's Byron bypass blues reverberate

■ Wasn't it sad to read about accountant Michael Lyon's trauma over the loss of funds due to the delay of his Bypass project. Absolutely no mention of his concern for critically endangered animal species, protected wooded wetlands, the habitat of many other sentient beings, the desires of his community and Commonwealth law.

Just like his federal political counterparts who are intent on approving countless earth shattering mining projects, and the continued destruction of our beautiful country for profit, he pushes for destruction of our local environment.

Q: How do these politicians (local, state and federal) get away with such acts? A: We let them. Time for a community vote of no confidence for Mr Richardson and Lyon – fast! Business as usual ensures our Extinction.

Morgan Knoesen
Brunswick Heads

■ Councillor Lyon's letter (20 November) seems to bemoan a lack of general enthusiasm for the recently reopened Railway Park,

as well as lamenting some perceived hindrance to the Butler Street bypass construction.

As the correspondent seemed securely ensconced, well away from the scene, I thought there was some irony in this.

If anyone might well sing the bypass blues, it is surely those who are directly affected by the current upheavals, the mess and noise. Those who know how intolerable the ongoing noise disruption, fumes, pollution etc will certainly prove. Let alone the ripping out of bush that at least provided some screening from the noise-making in town.

Perhaps someone will suggest the future erection of a noble figure cast in bronze to commemorate persons linked to these benisons of capitalism's tools to the benefit of capitalist interests? Heaven forbid!

Sings: 'Woke up this mornin' with an awful aching head (repeat). 'Cos all that noise, mess and destruction weigh my spirit down like lead'.

David Morris
Byron Bay

■ A few months ago I put in a public question [to Council] asking for a breakdown of costs re the bypass. As usual the Council's reply consisted of evasive waffle; all we learned was that so far \$3 million had been spent. Whether that was just for the construction, we weren't told.

Looking at the propaganda video above the councils front counter, I noticed a claim that \$17.5 million had been set aside in the 2019/2020 budget for the bypass. This is repeated in a brochure. That figure may not include the large amounts of pre-spending on lawyers and consultants that I previously referred to – for example \$450k on a court hearing that should have cost only \$50k.

On the other hand the contracted fee for actual construction is \$14 million. We only know because, by law, Council is obliged to reveal the outcome of the tendering process. Yet when I again asked Council last week about an aspect of those costs, the senior Council staff member asserted again that the total cost of the bypass is \$25 million. There is a

huge gap between \$14 and \$25 million. You would think Council, acting in good faith, would go out of their way to clarify the figures.

Don't of course ask the Greens to nail the stuff down; Simon Richardson won't hear anything of challenge to his good mates the senior staff. That's why we still don't have any explanation for those ridiculously inflated legal fees I've complained about for over two years.

Last year I approached Simon during a break at a council meeting and tested him with the proposition that he was a bit like Ian Kingston and Tom Wilson. He reacted negatively. His reaction shows that he is aware that Ian and Tom made large mistakes and came into disfavour. Has he ever understood though the nature of those mistakes?

Well Simon, the basic mistake both of them made, was to get too cosy with senior staff.

Think about that and the old proposition that those who forget history are bound to repeat it.

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Don't give up

David Lowe

Is it all too late? Is the end nigh? Has the fat lady sung? Is the human race run? Lots of us seem to have jumped straight from saying 'she'll be right, there's no need to do anything', to 'we're all going to die! It's too late to act.'

Both of these responses to the climate crisis are passive, and play into the hands of those who have put life on earth into this precarious situation.

Doing nothing is against our national character. However much Scott Morrison enthuses about 'quiet Australians', these are not the people we remember, or mythologise. What we love, as a nation, is heroic failure. We admire people who fight against overwhelming odds, especially if they die in the process. This is what 'having a go' means.

Think about *Breaker Morant*, *Gallipoli*, *Phar Lap*, the Soccerroos, Gough Whitlam, Kate Miller-Heidke at Eurovision. If they'd won and lived happily ever after, they would be in the same box as our victories at Beersheba in WWI and at the America's Cup in 1983 – soon forgotten.

And failure is never inevitable. None of us know what's going to happen. The only surefire guarantee of failure is giving up, and waiting

for the tide of history to drown you. Certainly the science looks very grim. The tipping points are accelerating, and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are under starter's orders, but these are not good reasons for inaction, or continuing business as usual.

A few years ago, failure seemed inevitable at Bentley as we waited in the darkness for hundreds of riot police to arrive. Only one person I spoke to thought we'd win. If the people of the Northern Rivers had been passive in the face of the threat from unconventional gas, we would now be living in a gasfield.

We stood up because it was the right thing to do. History is full of examples of people who didn't give up, in spite of the overwhelming odds against them.

In 1942, 21 year old Sophie Scholl and her brother began distributing White Rose pamphlets inside Germany, resisting the Nazis. They knew exactly what risks they were taking, but they didn't wait for someone else to act. A few years after these young people were executed, the Nazis fell.

In 1965, Charlie Perkins and his fellow Freedom Riders had their bus run off the road and were assaulted when they drew attention to the apartheid-like rules governing out-back Australia. The Freedom Riders didn't give up, or shut up. Today,



A painting by Dale Marsh from the War Memorial showing the final moments of ordinary seaman *Teddy Sheean*. 'Kind of sums up the way it feels sometimes,' says David Lowe.

the Moree pool where Aboriginal people were forbidden to swim has a mural proudly detailing that history, and Charlie's film-maker daughter Rachel is doing the Boyer Lectures on the ABC.

In the UK, the suffragette, Emily Davison was arrested nine times, went on hunger strike seven times, and was tortured in prison. In 1913 she died after being struck by the King's horse. For most of her life, Emily's cause was considered hopeless, but women gained the vote in the UK not long after her death.

The Brazilian rubber-tapper Chico Mendes fought to preserve the Amazon rainforest and the human rights of those who lived there. He was told he'd be killed if he didn't stop, but he continued speaking out, and fighting for what he believed in. He was shot dead in

1988. His beloved forest, the lungs of the world, is now more threatened than ever.

Closer to home, a young Tasmanian sailor named Teddy Sheean found himself on a corvette called the *HMAS Armidale* in 1942, off the coast of Timor. After the ship came under attack from Japanese fighter planes, the large crew made it to lifeboats, but the fighters came back to strafe them. Wounded, Teddy strapped himself to the machine gun on the sinking ship's deck and managed to shoot down one of the planes and save the survivors, before going down with the ship. If he'd chosen to give up, everyone would have been killed.

57 years later, the people of nearby East Timor went out to vote for independence from Indonesia, although they knew many would be

murdered by militias for expressing their views. They went anyway, because it was the right thing to do.

Giving up was not an option for any of these people, and it shouldn't be an option now.

Australians love to play the victim, but the truth is we are the luckiest, richest people in the world. The average Australian is far wealthier in terms of practical things and information than almost any human in history. True, the people of the past didn't have cat videos to distract them, but that's no excuse.

So far, the climate crisis has been disproportionately affecting the poor, the marginalised and non-human earthlings, but now it's biting us. It is our responsibility to use our wealth, education and position in the world to fight for what is right, just like we did in the Northern Rivers during the gas crisis.

In WWII Winston Churchill didn't say 'we shall give up on the beaches, we shall give up in the fields and in the streets'.

The volunteer firefighters who have been risking their lives to save our homes aren't giving up.

The inspirational students who have been standing up around the world, in ever-greater numbers, to confront the climate crisis aren't giving up. And neither should we.

Please join the students in solidarity when the next call comes, and think about what you can do to make a positive difference.

Just don't give up.

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► Continued from page 14 that sat on a piano keyboard and played an etude from Chopin, well that cat used to belong to that woman who sold flowers in Jonson Street in 1996. You know her? She had long blonde hair and wore a blue sarong. Maybe it was 1986. It was the year after... no, no it was 1996.

But um, well... I need to show readers the eggs I had for breakfast and the cute shots of me wearing my beaut shorts in the bathroom. Maybe that could go on page 3 of the 23,200 copies of my stories?

Now, the week after? Just stay with me, I reckon stories of me is all Byron's literary elite need. Congratulations *Echo!*

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

History of genocide

The Dustyesky Choir sang at the Mullum Music Festival, in front of a hammer and sickle backdrop.

As a Ukrainian Australian, I find this extremely distressing. The Soviet regime accounted for the deaths of over 6 million Ukrainians, through starvation or execution. The gulags were full of Ukrainians, including relatives of mine who died there.

This choir, singing its Soviet era songs is not quaint or amusing. It is tasteless and cruel. If it was a choir singing Nazi songs of the Holocaust in front of a swastika, people would be rightly outraged. Dustyesky Choir just glorify a different genocide.

Oksana Waterfall
Mullumbimby

No cash?

Dear Woollies, please explain how anyone thought it was a good idea to replace the card/cash machines with card only ones?

That person should be demoted. An everyday example of the chaos this has caused is where 15 people are in the queue waiting for the cash machine while the card machines are vacant.

People in the queue are grumbling, upset and angry, which is not the way people want to feel when they are spending their money. Happy and satisfied would be much more likely to bring customers back.

You changed for the worse overnight; hopefully it will be as quick to switch back.

Jay Carney
Mullumbimby

Winners, losers, equality

How many losers around the world do you think are created when one person steps up onto the rostrum to accept a single gold medal?

Multiply that by the number of gold medals given at a single Olympics and I suggest it would be in the millions.

How does one believe in winners and losers and yet also believe in equality? Am I missing something here? Maybe it's the old fake news again perpetuated by newspapers like yours.

The song for accompaniment to this little tale is *The Logical Song* by Supertramp.

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Is it our Moment to Shine, Byron?

In her landmark work *Doughnut Economic*, economist and author Kate Raworth outlines an alternative economic model to the current one – which has cost us so dearly over the past decades, in terms of social inequality, ecological disaster and economic instability.

As she outlines in the work, it was self evident long ago – to Marx and others – that there is really no such thing as a ‘free market’ and that there were ludicrously gaping assumptions in the suggestion that markets, left to their own devices, would self-correct and achieve stability over time.

What in fact happens, is exactly what Elizabeth Magie intended to demonstrate when she created the game that would later go on to be re-named Monopoly – that free markets intrinsically create radical inequality over time, by their very nature.

I mention all of this because many in our unique community of outliers, dissenters and black sheep have been saying such things about the fundamental flaws of capitalism for decades. The problem too often

though has been the lack of an actionable solution being brought to the table.

It’s been easy to suggest that pushing the needle all the way to the other extreme and embracing socialism was the answer. But of course socialism (in its pure form at least) also failed as a model long ago. Indeed the success stories of ‘socialism’ (primarily in Scandinavian countries) are all hybrid models – an a la carte mash-up of socialism and capitalism.

In the doughnut economic model though, we have the first truly new system put on the table in over half a century – at least inasmuch as feasible and viable social / political models go.

The first step of course is to redefine the KPIs – how we define success, and what it is that we consider worth measuring. A re-boot of fundamental social values, if you will.

I get excited about an opportunity as grandiose in scope as this, primarily because in a world of so much anxiety and angst with the way things are, there is an invitation for us to focus upon the kinds of paradigm shifts such radical

new solutions that such a time can be a catalyst for.

Indeed no band-aid solution, incremental innovation or legislative amendment is going to fix what is broken right now. We’re going to need to embrace the creative destruction of redundant models and try something entirely new.

I believe that we as a community are natural leaders in role modelling just this kind of new model, and indeed many amongst us are already making great strides in areas of focus, including: the circular economy, impact investing, micro-finance, regenerative agriculture and generally transitioning out of an inequitable, perpetual-debt-based system – one which requires perpetual growth that we can no longer facilitate or afford.

So, be encouraged – our community of exceptional out-of-the-box progressive thinkers – that there are practical, actionable solutions for moving us all toward the kind of world we would like to inhabit. And the entire world is very much open right now to having those solutions role-modelled for them.

It’s our moment to shine Byron – let’s embrace the opportunity to role-model a more equitable and sustainable way forward for humanity.

Proud Byron community member Todd Sotheren. President, Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.



Todd Sotheren

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Device Trader (formerly iRepairs Byron Bay) are taking a new approach to consumer electronics with their Trade in, Repair, Refurbish and Resell business model. When speaking to *The Echo*, founder Duane Tutchen said ‘The purchase of refurbished electronics has increased massively over the past couple of years. Basically, for a lot of the population there has been a shift away from the need to have the latest and greatest electronics. We believe there are a few reasons for this. The price tag plays a huge factor (refurbished can mean up to 50% off the original retail price) but also, devices that are only a few years old are still more than capable of doing the job that most people need them to perform.’

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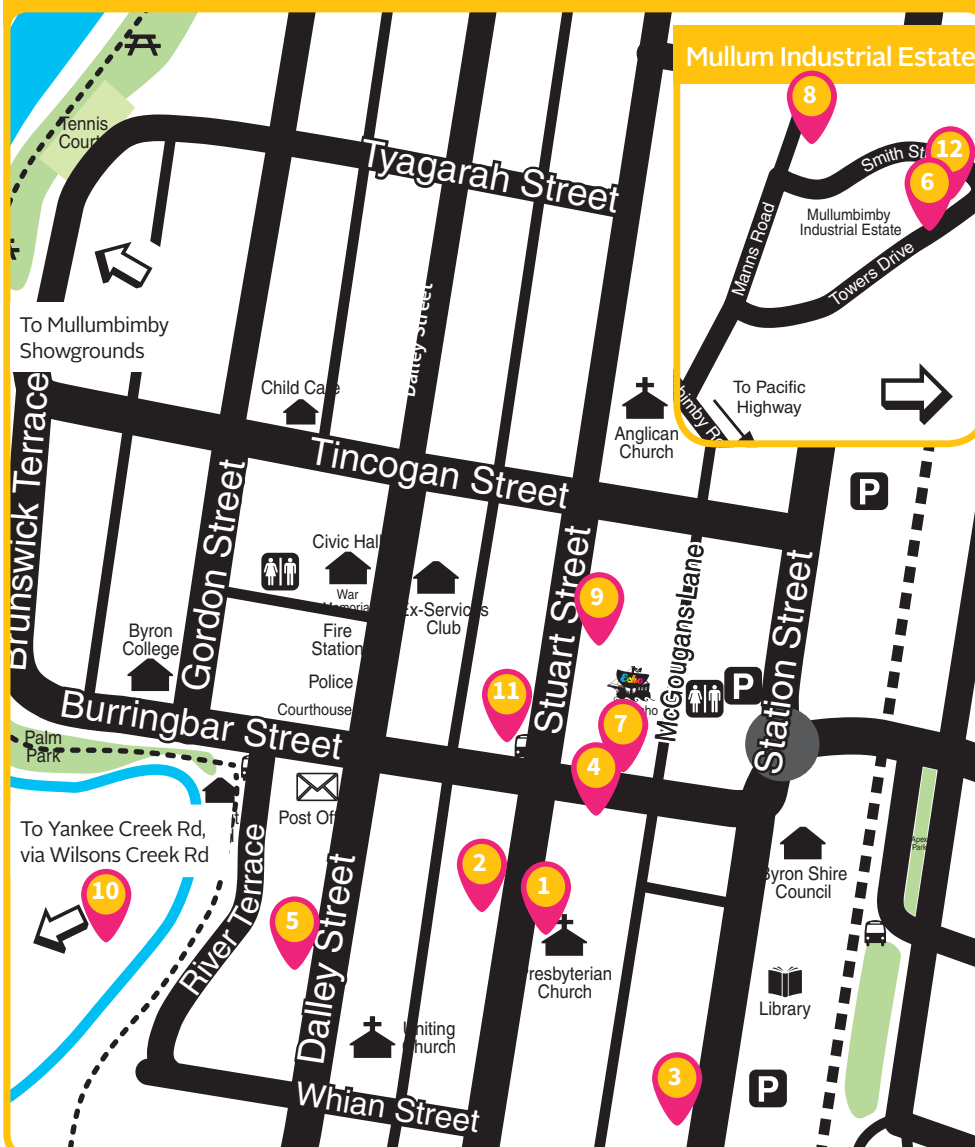
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Festive Season

Mr Simple

Mr Simple is your menswear destination for summer. Utilising premium organic and recycled fabrics, their emphasis is on building modern classics that will last through years of wear. Their Tanner short is the most comfortable summer short you'll ever own. Made with premium organic linen which stays cooler in summer, they feature a relaxed fit with a tie-up waist. Combine these with one of their classic organic tees or shirts for a classic summer style that lasts.

With a clothing shop on Fletcher St in Byron and the Dept. by Mr Simple in the Arts & Industry Estate's Habitat precinct, which features a barbershop, eskies, BBQs, shoes and knick-knacks - they've got you covered.

4/15 Fletcher St, Byron Bay (Byron Store)

41/248 Bayshore Drive, Arts & Industry Estate, Byron Bay. (Department)

Bookworms & Papermites

Our favourite fiction for 2019:

City of Girls, by Elizabeth Gilbert: -don't be put off by *Eat, Pray, Love*. EG is writing some really great fiction, and *City of Girls* is a wonderful romp through the rough streets of New York at the end of WWII. The story has a gutsy female narrator retelling her life story to a woman who wants to know more about her father. Highly recommended.

The Scholar; This novel by Irish born, Perth-based author, Dervla McTiernan, is the second in her series starring Cormac Reilly. It's a police murder mystery with loads of threads and great characters. It can be read alone or you might like to

start with *The Ruin*.

Boy Swallows Universe; This debut novel from journalist Trent Dalton is loosely based on his own dysfunctional upbringing. It's been winning awards and kicking goals all year - if you haven't read it yet, get yourself a copy for the holidays.

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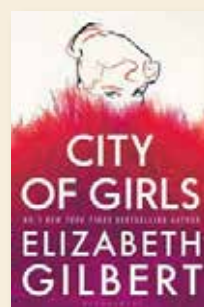
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BOOKWORMS & PAPERMITES

If you are wondering what to buy your friends and loved ones this Christmas, books make the perfect gift.

Here are some more recommendations from the Bookworms & Papermites team



CITY OF GIRLS
Elizabeth Gilbert



BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE
Trent Dalton

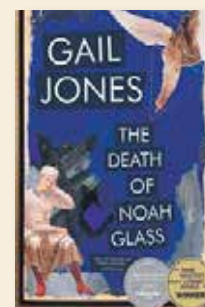


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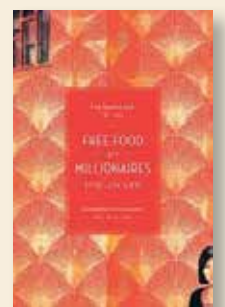
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Ballina Fair will be holding Sensory Santa on Sunday 1 of December, between 9am and 10am at Santa's headquarters. Sensory Santa is a period of time where

special needs children are able to come and visit Santa and/or have a photo with Santa in a low stress environment.

You can also bring your pet along to have their photo taken with Santa too!

To book visit the website: www.ballinafair.com.au

**Cnr Kerr and Fox Street, Ballina
02 6686 8555**



Christmas at Loft

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From *The Echo*:

The Echo grew up around here and we're proud to support the Shop Local campaign, because those of us who've chosen to live here love it. You can walk down the street with your kids and they'll know people in the shops. When you buy something, you know your money's staying local - you can see the local owners supporting the schools and other local businesses. It's probably been like this for a hundred years: now there may be more cool cafes, organic stores and artisan collectives; and it's a bit harder to get a park, but you can still see your friends from the hills shopping in Mullumbimby's main street or at the music festival. There's a great sense of community here that we can support by shopping locally.



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- Byron College

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- Courthouse Hotel
- Devine Quality Meats
- Hooked & Cooked
- IGA Mullumbimby
- Main Arm Store & Bottl-o
- Mullum Asian Grocer
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- Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club
- Paseyo
- Santos Organics
- Societa Bistro
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- The Empire Cafe
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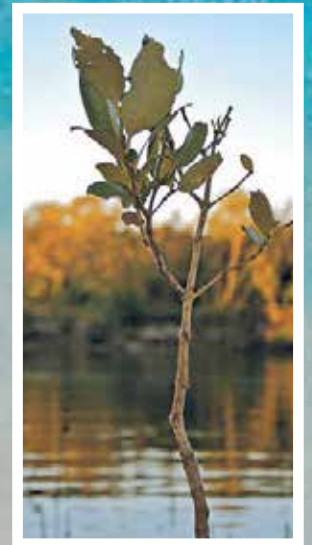
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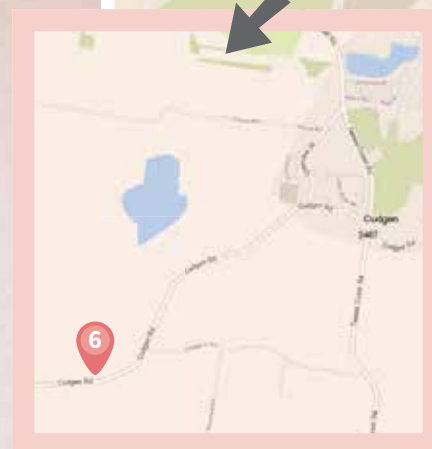
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If you're planning to decorate your house with a Christmas theme for the holidays, think about taking inspiration from nature with a view to minimising our footprint on planet earth.

A really wonderful Christmas tree idea is to use a fallen branch, with or without leaves, and decorate it. Of course stockings and wreaths can be handmade. A very beautiful centrepiece can be some tall white candles surrounded by green foliage from the garden.

Wrapping can also come from nature: use fallen gum leaves as gift tags, long grasses as string, banana or other large leaves as wrapping paper. Of course, old newspaper is also great for wrapping.

Alfresco living with Bridglunds Furniture Zone

Just in time for Summer Bridglunds Furniture Zone has secured a special purchase of quality outdoor furniture direct from the importer. The range includes one of a kind outdoor lounges and dining suites that you won't see at any other store. Purchasing in bulk means Bridglunds have locked in big savings which they are passing on to their customers.

Bridglunds Furniture Zone's outdoor furniture showroom display is now overflowing with stock, with some in the bedding showroom, and even spilling into the main furniture showroom, and upstairs.

To see the huge range on offer wander through Bridglunds Furniture Zone's showroom at 69 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby and go across the laneway to the outdoor furniture showroom.



Coca Mojo

With a desire to do something creative, Monique has gone from selling cushions from the back of her car to owning a high quality textiles brand. Coca Mojo's unique designs are not just being enjoyed here in the Northern Rivers, but all over the world. They have retailers all around Australia as well as in New Zealand and Singapore.

In every Coca Mojo design there is a story. Their textiles are designed in collaboration with talented and dedicated artisans. Monique is inspired every day by the creative individuals she works with and the colours, textures and drama that they create with fabric. Their unique designs and strong passion for the work melds to create a range of products that Monique and her colleagues would be proud to own themselves.

Address: PO Box 107, Kyogle

Phone: 0403 207 399

E: mon@cocamojo.com | cocamojo.com



Backspace Living

Long time friends Trent Robinson (owner) and Josh Perry (director) have teamed up to create Backspace Living, an end to end construction company offering forward-thinking families a modern lifestyle solution in the form of affordable, custom designed Backspaces. With many of them not requiring council approval, you're assured of a seamless, controlled and timely build.

Recently taking out the title for Affordable House in this year's HIA

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

To see the Backspace difference for yourself, visit the display on Saturdays or by appointment at

20 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay
backspaceliving.com

FB & Instagram: [backspaceliving](https://www.facebook.com/backspaceliving)



Sustainable gift-wrapping and decorations can still be beautiful. Why not try wrapping in fabric, a technique known as Furoshiki in Japan. Wrap it in a tea-towel, and it's a win-win!



Succulents and peat moss make for a gorgeous living table arrangement or wreath.



Northern Rivers Tiny Homes

Northern Rivers Tiny Homes is proud to introduce their locally made contemporary tiny homes, offering a functional alternative to conventional housing at a fraction of the cost. Their intelligent design allows comfortable living in a much smaller, easily relocatable space which can function completely off grid.

Come and explore two completed tiny homes at their Open Day on Saturday 30 November at the Clunes Hall!

Commencing at 9am, refreshments will be available to purchase and there will be a jumping castle! Register your interest via the website, and go in the draw to win a weekend away at a beach house in Wooli. The prize will be drawn after the talk, which starts at 10am. You must be registered via the Eventbrite link and present for the draw in order to win.

northernriverstinyhomes.com.au

Kingscliff Nursery

Set in the luscious Tweed hinterland, Kingscliff Nursery are expert growers of both native and exotic plants. They are a family owned and operated nursery, priding themselves on being the cheapest nursery on the coast. Their extensive plant range, expert knowledge and friendly service will help you create your dream garden. They stock a wide range of plants including palms, lillipillis, native plants, flowering shrubs, groundcovers, grasses, border plants and large container trees. Not only do they have everything you need when it comes to plants, but their nursery also has panoramic views of the natural surroundings – from Mt Warning to the west, and the Tweed coastline to the east. Make a day of it and come for a stroll through their unique nursery.

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Shelter Lennox

People love the coastline and community around Lennox Head. There are not only more visitors, but more people are moving there too, with the number of dwellings in some areas such as Skennars Head, Cumbalum and Tintenbar forecast to double in 20 years to 2036.

No one likes more people in their surf break, but a growing population often brings a better choice of restaurants, of which the neighbourhood gem, Shelter, is a good example. It's been a fast and successful two years since their opening, with the relaxed, coastal restaurant gaining a hat in the SMH Good Food Guide after the first year, and now experiencing a surge in demand for weddings and functions.

'There's been a lot of development near Lennox', says co-owner and front-of-house Andrew Love, 'which means that we have to continually embrace new people and welcome them into the community, and learn new names and faces. We really want to be a place that locals can be proud to bring their friends when they are on holidays, but where everyone will feel comfortable. We're going for an approachable, yet polished, vibe', he says, laughing.

The new 'gem' at Shelter is the glass-fronted Cupola, a 2 bedroom fully self-contained luxury spot above the restaurant. It's understandably popular for weddings. Last weekend the bride got ready upstairs, the wedding was across the road on the beach, the reception was

downstairs at Shelter and then the lucky couple 'retired' upstairs.

Since you can order room service, it's got views of the famous Lennox point from its all-glass front, and it has the sort of tasteful styling most potential spouses appreciate, it's not hard to see why it's popular – increasingly so with couples who are looking to Lennox as an alternative to Byron.

'We're proud of Cupola', says Andrew, 'but downstairs you can still expect our usual offering; we still have the same head chef (Dennis Baker) and the basic attitude to good service and good food. What has changed is that I feel we've gone from being the new kid in town, to being embraced by the community, which is important to us, as we are here for the long haul'.

Shelter seems like a good place to work, and indeed all the staff have been there for more than a year, surely something of a record in the transient hospitality profession. 'That's good for us', says Andrew, 'as it's the staff that make the restaurant, and they get to know the locals... but I think we'll need some more staff over



The Cupola has tasteful styling and views of the ocean!

summer, it's getting busier and busier', he adds.

Andrew, who in addition to sharing front-of-house duties with co-owner Troy Noonan, manages the wine list, is a firm believer in supporting the smaller, independent producers, and says that limited availability can be a good thing, as it keeps the wine list changing.

But for all the changes, the one thing that still seems to be fun is running the restaurant. 'Yes, it's a lot of work, but we still enjoy running the restaurant together', laughs Andrew, 'we feel that it's just going to keep getting better in Lennox'.

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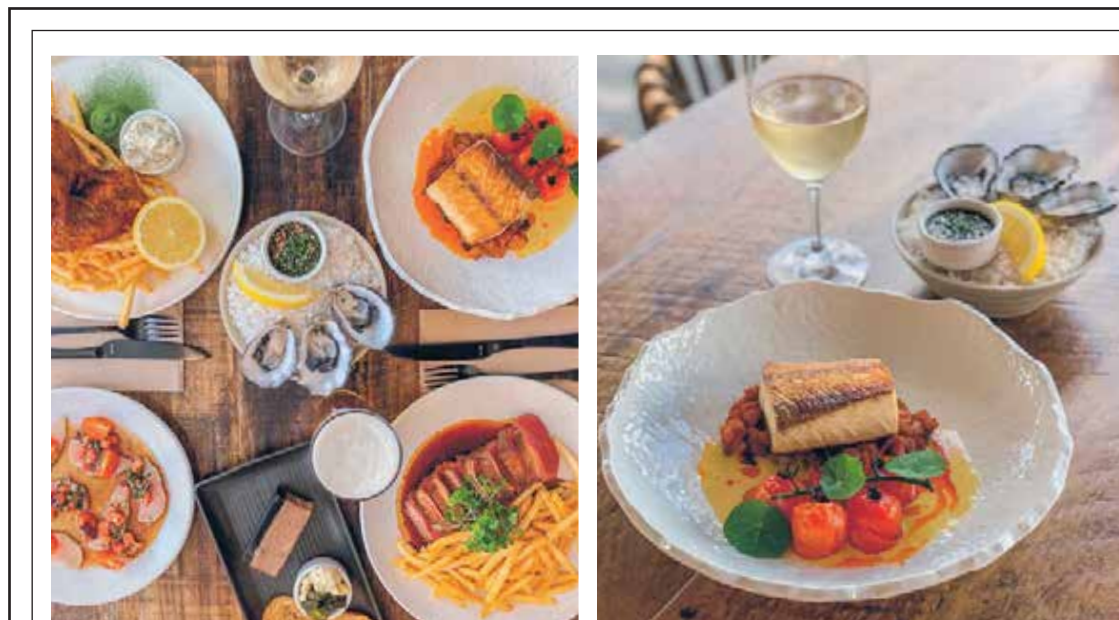
Byron Bay Brewery raises \$21k for bushfire victims

Byron Bay Brewery will donate \$21,760; all proceeds from their Premium Lager launch party held on Friday 15 November to Australian Red Cross, supporting bushfire-affected communities in NSW, QLD and SA.

'The brewery has been under a thick smoky haze from the immense fires in the region. It felt like a strange time to be organising the launch party with shifting gale force winds accelerating the damage and evacuation stories starting to be heard from nearby towns. We wanted to do something to help the fire-fighters as well as our friends and family that are being affected by this catastrophe. We hope that our humble donation from the Premium Lager launch will help support our community and those risking their lives to save others', said Head Brewer, Alastair Gillespie.

Organisers and guests stated that it was a great success, and one of the best nights ever at the brewery as locals were full of energy with hip hop outside, rock inside, delicious beer, tasty food and good vibes all around.

More than 160 Red Cross emergency personnel – mostly volunteers – have been on the ground in 35 relief and evacuation centres across NSW, QLD and SA. The proceeds from the Premium Lager launch event will sponsor people at evacuation centres and recovery hubs, providing psychological first aid and offering information and practical support.



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It's the vibe at Yaman Mullumbimby

When you're a local, there's nothing better than walking into your local café, having them know your name and how you like your coffee. As a Mullumbimby local, I also like the Middle Eastern/North African music, the upbeat vibe and the authentic food at Yaman – with the owners and their children always around for a chat, you also feel like you're part of the community, well a nice part of it anyway.

For the two couples who run Yaman Mullumbimby, this is what it's all about; making a meeting place for people because they believe that their food connects people and builds life-long friendships. Eliran (or Eli as he's known in the cafe) and his wife Tina had joked for a while with their friends Yaron and Zohar about one day leaving Melbourne for Byron Bay. With his background as a chef, Eli had what he calls 'this crazy idea of opening a restaurant'. Yaron with his Yemenite roots connected to the concept of Yaman and the restaurant has been under their management since June 2018.

They are quite high energy people, and they need to be, because not only have they been making constant little improvements to the restaurant and adding new dishes, they're also there 364 days a year.

'If you want a business to run really well you have to be here yourself', says Eli. 'We're open 7 days a week to provide a meeting place for locals to enjoy good music, coffee and food'. They only shut one day a year – for Yom Kippur (the 10th of Tishrei, 9 days after the start of Rosh Hashanah, in case you're worried that you might miss out on your traditional Yemenite shakshuka with green paste zhug that day).

They've made up a few surprising dishes. For example, they have taken the traditional



Yaron and Eliran (Eli) are happy to work 364 days a year

Yemenite pastry the malawach and added a crispy chicken schnitzel along with green tahini, salsa, Israeli salad, pickles, sauerkraut and zaatar to make a Schnitzel Roll. Another innovation is the 'Fawaffle', a traditional falafel baked as a waffle served with hummus dip, Israeli salad, eggplant, pickles, tahini and amba (a spicy mango condiment).

The fawaffle is one of my favourites, along with the shakshuka of course, and the 'VIP hummus plate', served only on Wednesdays, that has a particularly wonderful eggplant accompaniment. Whilst I was there I also got the word

that new grilled Yemenite chicken skewers are coming out, along with a refreshing and traditional new dessert for summer.

Middle Eastern food is healthy enough that you could eat it every day, and if you'd like to make it at home, Yaman Mullumbimby have quite a range of traditional spices, breads and condiments that you can buy to make your home cooking that bit easier.

Malawach is vegan, as is a lot of the menu, and they also have some great sugar-free drinks along with their homemade lemonade, but of course if you want beef and lamb kebabs you



Baklava



The 'Fawaffle': a traditional felafel baked as a waffle

can have them, along with super sweets like baklava as a treat. And the restaurant is BYO!

Funnily enough, although they talked about moving to Byron, it was 'always Mullumbimby' that was going to be their home, they say (the Byron Yaman is run by different owners). It's nice when people like the vibe of their hometown.

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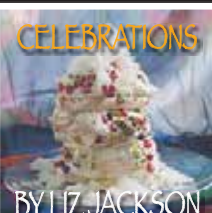
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On the first Tuesday of every month, except January, the RBA board meets to set the cash rate and discuss monetary policy matters.

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When the economy is strong, the RBA might decide to raise the cash rate to ensure inflation stays within an optimal range (the current consumer price inflation target for Australia is between 2-3 percent, on average, over time). When the economy is weak, the RBA might lower the cash rate to stimulate the economy and encourage spending.

How do cash rate cuts affect borrowers' wallets?

Banks take into account the cash rate when setting their home loan interest rates. A change in the cash rate may be passed on to variable

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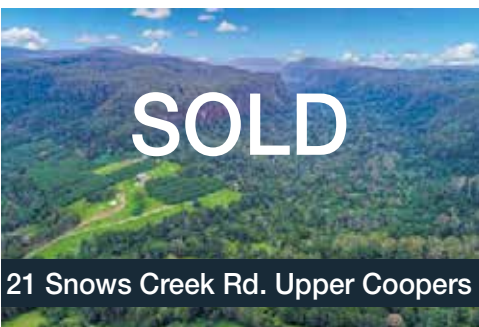
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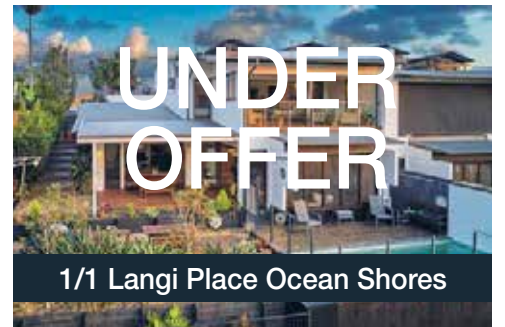
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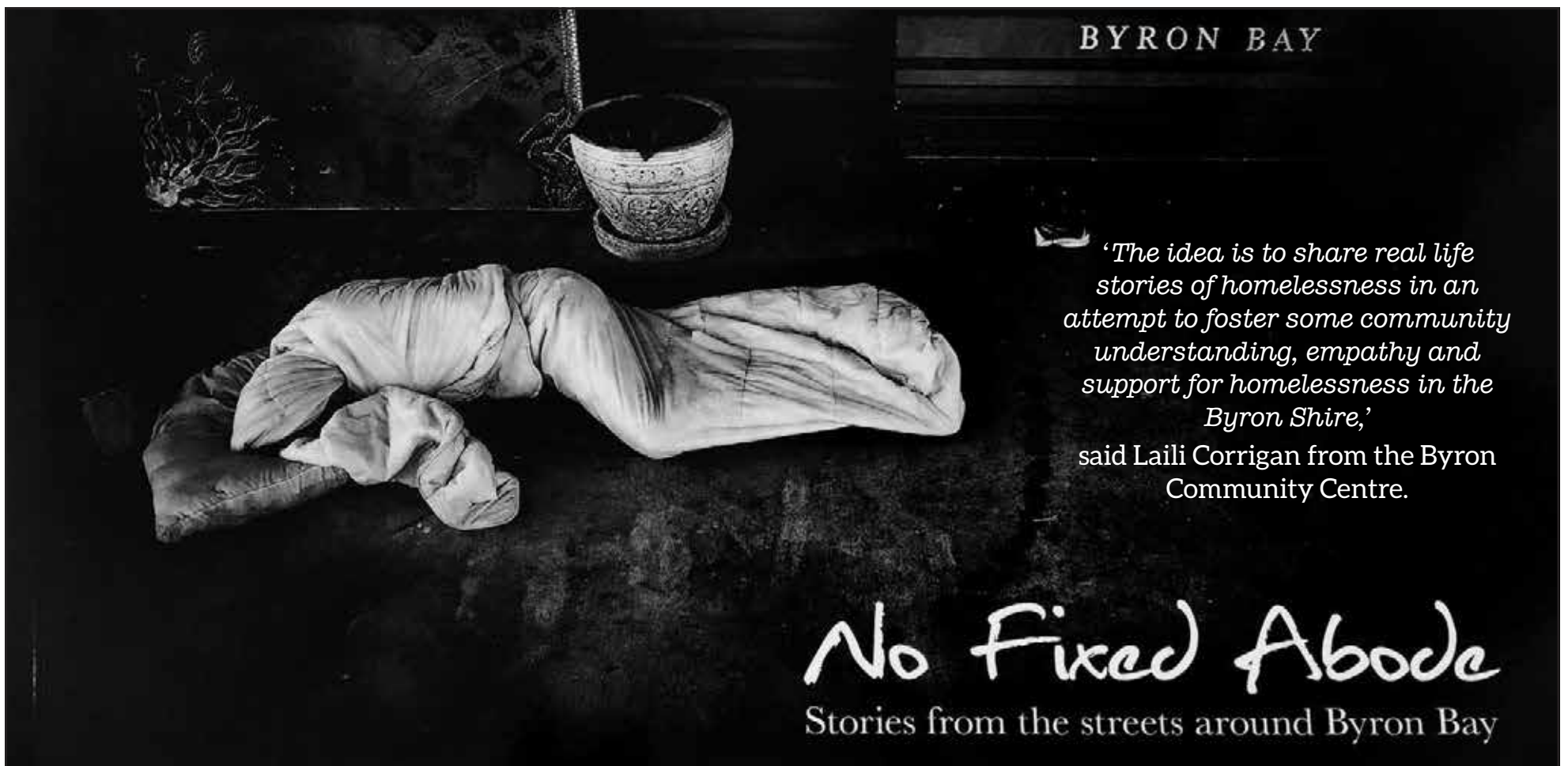


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- 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah, Pinnacle Estate. Sat 11.30am–12.30pm

- 16 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am

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E N T E R T A I N M E N T

GETTING CURIOUS ABOUT DALE STEPHEN

The good people at Cunning Stunts know how to throw a party. And this time they're doing it to raise money for NSW Rural Fire Service. With their upcoming event featuring the DJ prowess of Scott Pullen, James Scott, Lord Sut and Dale Stephen... *The Echo* had a chat with Dale about all things DJ!

I see you've been a professional musician and/or DJ since the '80s. What led you to change musical careers - after 15 years as a Rockabilly Double Bass player, to DJing - 20 years ago?

I had always loved dancing to music in nightclubs in the '80s and a chance opportunity to DJ at a party in Adelaide in '96 inspired me to master the art of using records to 'move a room'.

Can you elaborate on how you change the vibe on a dance floor - how do you do it?

Different tunes create different moods, and watching and observing a room gives the DJ an understanding of where they feel the atmosphere should be, or want it going towards.

What does it mean to be a DJ?

I truly love the art of DJing and being given the opportunity to shape and transform people's dancefloor experiences, and indeed, their evening out.

What's your 'go to' music and why?

I'm a confirmed sucker for a big vocal track, I love disco vocal bombs, or guaranteed floor fillers, and as a dancer there really is nothing better than a huge vocal uplifting hands-in-the-air moment on the dancefloor with a bunch of your best friends around you. That's why we dance!

How have your sets changed over your career?

In the early days, I played a lot of US house music, but slowly gravitated towards original and re-edited disco tracks. Now I proudly fly the disco flag and continue to source and drop classic and obscure disco and soul/funk tunes.

Tell me about Cunning Stunts from a DJ perspective?

The birth of Cunning Stunts and the subsequent parties put on by us, Nudge Nudge and Curious, really are a DJ's dream gig. Our charity-driven events at the Billinudgel Hotel are now regarded as world-class parties, as experienced by all the DJs that have played for us. The open-mindedness of our dancers, combined with an amazing sound system in an open-air shed is a joy to behold.

What was your favourite gig thus far, and why?

Our second birthday celebrations for Nudge, on 2 December 2017; where Lord Sut (co-founder and resident) and myself were the only DJs for the whole event, that was probably my fave. It really was a perfect storm, pre-fenced Nudge days with a thousand plus guests gathered around the shed and spilling into the surrounding Billinudgel Pub carpark.

What will people experience at the next CURIOUS you're playing on 7 December?

The 7 December Curious will be our fourth birthday celebration party, and we are extremely proud of that achievement. It's shaping up to be quite amazing as we are returning to our roots and giving all profits to the hardworking RFS crews that have saved our communities of late. A Nudge/Curious fave, DJ Scott Pullen, is flying in from Bali to rock the shed as only Scott Pullen can. Another Nudge/Curious fave, DJ James Scott, will also be laying down the best in deep disco and house tracks, and Lord Sut and myself will provide support as in-house residents. Throw in a wickedly diverse bunch of party people, a killer sound and light show, some birthday surprises and giveaways from our amazing sponsors, and you really can't miss it.

Saturday 7 December, at the Billinudgel Hotel. Tickets on sale from www.cunningstunts.com.au/event/curious-07-12-19-4th-birthday/

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



HIPSTERS ARE DEAD. WHAT'S TRENDING NOW...

With apologies to anyone who's been giving up their weekends to grow a turmeric beard or bang up a palette cot for their newborn... the hipster movement is over. The slow cooked meat, eating your eggs from a breadboard and macraméing your pubic hair into a stubby holder for your craft beer era is over. Thank you. You've given me more than you know. Not just endless jokes at your expense, but damn it if you don't run a fine cafe. You made flannelette shirts so expensive, farmers had to start wearing hi vis instead. I would like to thank you for really improving the general appearance of chinless men, and for making my tattoo-free body something unique. You see, clean skin is the new tattoo – I'm now graphically deviant. Years from now, young people will gasp at the shocking sight of my un-inked arms. They'll recoil muttering 'how disgusting.' They'll know I was an old lady with a story.

The hipster trend has been at peak zietgeist for well over a decade. It's clearly time for a new trend. Who decides? The young. They decide. They have always decided. As soon as old people start adopting your trend, it's dead in the water. I don't really do trends anymore – it's too much effort, and I'm too worried I'll look like a try-hard.

Unfortunately, being a try-hard has never been on-trend, otherwise Christians would be cool. There was a time however when I was a shameless trend follower. Trends are usually about fashion, music, haircuts and lifestyle choices. It's never just fashion alone. My first major trend adoption was a three week attempt at being 'punk'. This involved buying lace-up black boots and hand drawing an Anarchy sign on them, dying my hair black and shaving the sides and wearing lots of eyeliner. I joined an Anarchist group who met at a place called Annares; named after the planet in Ursula Le Guin's Hainish Cycle, which was settled by Odionian separatists in exile from its double planet Urras. This ambiguous utopia was populated by surly-faced Brisbane punks, who knew a Queensland Summer was too hot to wear rubber, but pushed on. Makeup sweated off faster than you could apply it. I also did the typesetting for an anarchist publication – the only article I remember was about why it was our duty to shoplift to bring down capitalism. I could overthrow David Jones one stolen g-string at a time but I lost interest... well, I got caught subverting the dominant paradigm.

So I tried being a mod. This meant having to watch Quadrophonia and relate to angst-ridden postal workers – hence the Vespa. Girls sat on the back. Mod boys were too small to contend with a girl like me. When I sat on the back, the front wheel no longer touched the street. So I became a grunge-swampy-feminist. A Goth. It involved growing armpit and leg hair and telling everyone to get fucked. I was a natural. Except, staying pale was a problem because I have naturally olive skin. Oh how I longed for the pallid complexion of the unwell. I learnt how to dance in a lurching backwards forwards motion, and I got to listen to Nick Cave, which I actually liked, and a whole bunch of bands I used to pretend to like. I secretly loved Bruce Springsteen. Trends are exhausting and have this cult-like effect of curating your hair, your mind and your mix tape. So what's post-hipster? Urban creatives? (Yuccies) Cutesters? They're adults who dress like little kids wearing beanies and teddy backpacks. What about Normcore? That's mum jeans and slippers, and unfashionable outdated bumbags and pyjamas. Hang on... I still wear that shit...

I have a trend prediction. I've seen a lot of young people in mullets. I have to admit they look good. Old people in mullets look like they're on parole, young people look like they're on a Paris catwalk. It's soft bogan. Bogan Goth. Eco-Bogans. What do you think? What is your trend prediction for 2020?

Live Music

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CWA – THE COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION FIRST MEETING!

Welcome to the inaugural first meeting of the CWA! The (dis)organisation everyone's been waiting for! The Country Witches Association! Tired of waiting for change, creative women around the world are getting ready to stir the political cauldron – bringing comedy and music to the boil, to facilitate dangerous dialogues and uncomfortable collaborations!

Irish troubadour and Country Witch founding member **Aine Tyrrell** says, 'If you're not doing something the church would have burnt you for 400 years ago, then you're just not witching properly... or enough... or at all!'

Comedian and co-founder **Mandy Nolan** believes it's time for a movement for busy women who love tea but can't be bothered baking cakes. 'As performers we



get a bit tired of sticking to the rules, so the idea of the CWA is to unleash our more deviant selves. This is a creative space to navigate topics at a deeper level than you'd do in a traditional pub format. Everyone in the entertainment industry has to play it safe but we don't want to. Playing it safe is boring. And it just won't bring change. We really want to stir the pot on stage and in the audience.'

The CWA First Meeting format invites the audience to participate by becoming members and suggesting

topics for the Agenda, for Mandy and Aine to discuss.

This will be one of the show's highlights as it has an unscripted, improvised format decided by the audience. The content will form the basis of the CWA podcast, to be recorded as part of this innovative live show at the Brew House Theatre, at the Byron Brewery on Friday 20 December. Limited tickets – \$25. Doors open 7.30pm, show 8pm. Tickets on mandynolan.com.au or ainetyrrell.com

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BLISSING OUT AT THE CHANT FESTIVAL

Warning: Chanting is a powerful medicine known to eradicate unwanted mental anguish and cause extreme states of joy and deep inner peace.

Now in its 7th year, the **House of Bliss Annual Chant Festival** brings the community together for one epic day of music, chanting and uplifting celebration. This Saturday the chanting is happening right in the heart of Mullumbimby, at **St Martins Church Hall** with 12 hours of kirtan, featuring some of Australia's most well-known mantra-loving musicians, such as **Murray Kyle, Edo Kahn, Lulu and Mischka** and the **House of Bliss Band**.

Kirtan is the name given to the singing meditation practice from the tradition of Bhakti Yoga, the Yoga of Devotion. It has derived from India, but nowadays with the popularity of yoga spreading across the world, Kirtan has become popular and is practised in the West. Join your community when they chant for change and come together to raise money for the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre.

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THUNDA MENTALISTS

Ten years deep into their career, Thundamentals' reputation is undeniable. In 2008 they released their debut self-titled EP and in 2012, a landmark, Triple J, Like A Version of **Matt Corby's Brother**. In 2017 their acclaimed, ARIA and J Award nominated fourth album *Everyone We Know*, led to relentless touring across Australia and Europe. This included supporting A Tribe Called Quest, Macklemore and Big Boi, not to mention performing at almost every major music festival in the country along the way. The band has innovated musically, inspired lyrically and become one of Australia's most exciting and powerful live acts. DJ Morgs chats with *The Echo* ahead of their Falls Fest shows.



You guys are more than 10 years into your multi-award-winning career with a number one album debut, a number eight in triple J's Hottest 100 in 2018, four studio albums, and over 50 million streams worldwide! Do you sometimes just stop and think, 'Wait, what the fuck? How did this all happen?'

Constantly checking myself on how we ended up where we are now. It's been a long ride and it doesn't feel like it's stopping anytime soon. The feeling of seeing people singing the songs back at us never gets old and is always super humbling, even to this day. I'm always in awe at the responses we get, the feeling really never goes away.

How did it all begin for you guys? Is there a creation story?

We were basically just a bunch of young hooligan/skaters from up in the mountains who shared an interest in hiphop. We had a few of our peers who were coming up at the time and an awesome local venue that harboured these talents. The likes of Down Under Beats crew (who won triple j's first ever unearthed I believe), Hermitude (the kings) and other artists like Cloud Control and Clever Austin - who is now the drummer for Hiatus Kyote. Having all this talent up in there allowed an awesome environment for learning, improving and experimenting with our crafts. The band officially started when the local radio station ran a competition to win some studio hours, so our first song was born. Then we scored a support slot, opening for Muph N Plutonic in the home town and had to come up with a name quick, alas, Thundamentals was conceived.

Your most recent album release in 2018, *Love Songs*, debuted at number one on the Aria - Australian Artist charts. What a fantastic entry to this album, which is a bit of a transition for you, showcasing your lyrical abilities and musicianship. What prompted the shift in focus on this release?

I don't believe we have ever focused too much on trying to 'change' or differ from previous sounds. We are all constantly learning and trying to push ourselves, so change and advancement is gonna happen naturally. The formula is still basically the same as since day dot, I think we are just able to write more refined music these days and accomplish sounds we may not have had the ability to in the past.

The love theme is strong on the album, but the theme goes far beyond that for you guys. You have been spreading the love and raising money for social organisations in local areas in inner Sydney via your Got Love initiative. What was the inspiration behind creating this organisation and what causes have you been supporting?

I like to think we recognise the importance of the position we are in, and our ability to try and give back positively and thoughtfully. I suppose we have chosen to raise awareness for the underdogs generally. [We've been] raising awareness and donations for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Newtown, the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, and Koori Radio, to name a few.

You're coming up to Byron to play Falls Festival this year - which is rad! What can your fans expect from your show?

We have been moving into a larger stage show over the last couple of years, and with all the talent that Falls Festival brings, we will be trying to add some additional musicians and/or guests for the show. We definitely like to make it feel like a big party during our sets, but also have plenty of warm-hearted moments in there too. Ha, sounds funny saying it, but that's kind of how our set is working out these days; party and love.

Thundamentals play Falls Festival in Byron 31 Dec-2 Jan. For tickets and program info go to fallsfest.com.

Culture

DRAWING NUDES FOR VICTIMS OF FIRE.

The last few weeks of fires in our community have brought people together to brainstorm what they can do to help. *Sketch Appeal* at **Brunswick Picture House** is fighting fire with the inspired, by donating money raised from life drawing sessions to National Parks and Wildlife, Animal Rescue Craft Guild (they make pouches etc), and the local Fire Brigade.

On **Wednesday, from 6-8.30pm and Thursday, 10am-12.30pm** everyone is welcome to turn up to draw! In the spirit of the event Mandy Nolan has offered up her nude body as one of the eight that artists will get to draw! You don't have to be a pro - just do it for fun!

Please **RSVP to art@followyourart.net.au if you intend to come - this will assist with setting up adequate space, tables etc. Pay on the night/morning, \$20 one session, \$30 both.**

NORPA LAUNCHES THEIR 2020 SEASON WITH A PARTY!

NORPA is throwing a launch party and they want you to crash it! The theatre company is set to reveal all the fantastic shows they're presenting and creating in 2020, and they're celebrating with a party on **Friday 6 December, 7pm at Lismore City Hall**. Enjoy live performances, music and food as Artistic Director **Julian Louis**, and special guests, take you through NORPA's 2020 program.

'2020 is set to be one of NORPA's biggest seasons ever - it's packed with exciting collaborations celebrating local performers, animating the stories of our region, and bringing the best of live performances to the Northern Rivers. Come and celebrate with us and find out more about what we've got in store for you next year!' says Artistic Director Julian Louis.

On the night, and to keep the fun times rolling, **NORPA** teams up with **Dusty Attic** and **Kate Stroud** to present an exciting series of live music and performance evenings in NORPA's recently upgraded Studio venue.

The first Studio Session will feature the foot-stomping fun of 5-piece **Sofiella & The Handsome Husbands**, and they kick off directly after NORPA's 2020 Season Launch party - so the celebrations will continue well into the night! Whereas the Studio Sessions will be ticketed events going forward, this one is free entry to celebrate the launch of the collaboration.

'This exciting collaboration means activating a valuable and untapped facility for the Lismore music scene, further strengthening Lismore's cultural landscape by providing opportunities for artists to perform in a high-quality venue and providing a great space for audiences to come together to enjoy live music,' said Kate Stroud.

Join Sofiella & The Handsome Husbands in the NORPA Studio, directly after the NORPA's 2020 Season Launch for some sweet harmony-heavy front porch folk, and foot-stompin' hillbilly barn-burners!

Free event, RSVP to boxoffice@norpa.org.au to let them know you're coming!

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DANCE YOUR MESS AROUND

Dance This Mess Around is the title of the **Byron School of Art's 2019 Graduate Show**.

It conveys something about the complex, sometimes joyful and frequently difficult process of learning how to become an artist.

The eight graduating students whose work comprises painting, printmaking, drawing, photography and installation, have all been willing to question themselves deeply, and in the process, have unearthed the motifs of their own personal experiences and histories.

BS'A Teacher **Emma Walker** says, 'They have all challenged themselves by investigating materials and techniques, as well as developing the capacity to think creatively. The results of this sometimes-messy dance are works of great depth that are rich with meaning and demonstrate each artist's commitment and ability to push, explore and persevere.'

The exhibition runs from 10am to 2pm. Open night 6pm, Friday 29 Nov-Saturday 7 Dec, at the BSA Project Space, 112 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby until 17 Dec.



MAN TELLS STORY

In *Manbaggery*, **Mark Swivel** gives a warm hearted response to an ex wife's memoir... a remembering of a mate who died, and some stories from the community. A natural storyteller, Mark is able to walk that line between humour and pathos. In this **fundraiser for Barefoot Law**, his low cost legal service to assist DV and homeless clients, he is joined by **Smokey Fields**, and his mates **James Dods** and **Mat Gulliford** doing their *Woodstock Revisited* show.

Monday 2 December at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby, from 7pm. Tickets \$20 at the door or from mdnc.org.au

BRUNS' GOT TALENT, SEASON 2

Can You Fart the National Anthem? Then the Brunswick Picture House want to hear from you! Got a weird pet, or a party trick? If you're ready to see your name in shiny lights, then it's time for a chat with the good people at the Bruns Picture House. Come and check out this show - it promises to be one wacky night of entertainment!

Saturday at 7pm - Tickets are \$20-25, a family of four for \$80.



BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE LAUNCHES A LONG HOT SUMMER PROGRAM!

This Friday, the Brunswick Picture House invites culture lovers to their **Garden Party**, celebrating the launch of their biggest Summer program yet - a whole bunch of shows that you just wouldn't expect in sleepy Bruns! Bay FM is broadcasting live from 3.30pm. With entertainment, the barbecue fired up, and their good mates at **Brun Surf** and **SJS Custom Surfboards** throwing in an SJS Surfboard (worth \$900) giveaway for one lucky guest who is present on the day.

Be there at Brunswick Picture House from 3.30pm!

ALL ABILITY ALL STARS

The All Ability All Star Cabaret returns in 2019 to the Brunswick Picture House to celebrate the unique and special abilities of local residents of the Northern Rivers with disabilities. Celebrating a smashing debut in 2018, this year's All Abilities cabaret features circus performances, duo acrobatics, dance, and an inclusive workshop activity.

The All Star Cabaret celebrates International Day of People with Disability 2019 as a fundraiser for the All Ability All Star integrated circus program. This program has been delivered by Spaghetti Circus, a leading regional circus, operating from Mullumbimby for 25 years, in partnership with United Disability Care, a local disability service provider in Brunswick Heads for over five years.

Tuesday 3 December at Brunswick Picture House -10.30am, \$10.



COMEDY VIRGINS!

Come and catch some of the funniest new comics in the Shire. From Wendy, the matriarch of the group - who is wonderfully outrageous - to Matty, a well known Byron Bay surfer and local, to Liam, a respectable school teacher, to Cameron... a Jetstar pilot. Over the last six weeks 14 fabulous people have shared their stories, searched fearlessly for their defects and downloaded on the world.

Catch their first performance at The Virgin Sacrifice on Monday 9 December. Doors open 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets \$10/15 at the door or from mandynolan.com.au.

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BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE

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OPEN SCREEN FOR FILMMAKERS

Filmmaking is one of the most challenging of the creative fields. Very often creators can spend years developing a project that doesn't come to fruition, or get funding.

Very often creators are at the whim of funding bodies. Under that kind of pressure it's easy to lose heart. Especially when you've poured your heart and soul into a project. One of the lines I remember most is from *Hearts of Darkness* – the film made by Eleanor Coppolla when she was documenting her husband Francis Ford Coppolla making *Apocalypse Now*. He says something to the effect that in the future, with the way technology is evolving, some fat little girl from Idaho will be able to make an Oscar winning film, and the need for all this money and industry to make great art will end up falling away. Well that hasn't quite happened but the essence rings true. With *Alice* winning SXSW Juror's choice, it's evident that you can make powerful films with (almost) passion alone! That is the ethos of **Open Screen and The Salon** – film making and networking groups that have kicked off at the **BSA. Open Screen** is a non-competitive and inclusive **Open**

Mic Night for Filmmakers. There are no gatekeepers – if you've made it, they'll screen it. But the film must be presented by one of the key creatives involved. This is a chance to share your work in a venue full of interested people, on a biggish screen.

The first Open Screen is at the BSA in Mullumbimby on Thursday 5 December, at 7pm. After that comes the regular networking night of The Salon. The Salon aims to build a collaborative network. To that end, it is a relaxed, open forum, offering a sounding board and networking opportunity to give and get feedback from other creatives interested in filmmaking. A bit like speed dating for filmmakers, the conversation moves from screenplay, to casting, to production and post-production. The Salon forum is all about the process and offers a chance to screen works-in-progress, screen films to inspire technique, or take part in script read-throughs, listen to scores, or perhaps cast and crew the next short. The Salon often includes guest speakers and filmmakers showing off their skills.

NEVER SAY NEVEN!

Mick Neven has done everything, and been everywhere a comedian can, it seems; TV, radio – numerous comedy festivals around Australia and Europe – he just can't keep up with the crowds wanting to see him perform. Sharp, insightful and with a quick wit, Mick dazzles his audiences with his unique take on everyday life and the world. Like all great comedians his mind works differently to 'normal people's' – active, moving, probing, searching for the setup and punchline in the everyday events the rest of us don't even notice.

It's this comic gift which has seen him perform in almost every high-end comedy room and dusty, rundown tin-shed pub across Australia, winning multiple awards and accolades along the way. Mick has been the author and performer of four solo shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, eight solo shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and twice his show has been nominated for Best Comedy at

Fringeworld Perth. Mick has also completed three tours of duty to entertain Australian, British and American Armed Forces serving in the Middle East.

This month, Mick is coming to perform at **Country Club Comedy**; a real treat for the audience to have someone as accomplished as Mick Neven come along and bring his unique and hilarious comedy to The Club. Don't miss this opportunity to see Mick live on stage before his tour takes him far away to other adoring comedy fans.

You can catch Mick Neven when he headlines the Big Gig at the Ballina RSL with MC Mandy Nolan, and Ellen Briggs as support, on Thursday at 8pm (Free show), or at Country Club Comedy, Ocean Shores Country Club at 7pm (also for Free) with Mandy as MC, and Jeremy Saxton as support.

STARS BY LILITH



As sun, new moon and Jupiter in Sagittarius meet Neptune exiting its foggy five-month retrograde, this week sees clearly, speaks fearlessly...

♈ ARIES: While Neptune disperses the smog in your house-of-hidden-agendas so you know where you stand, visionary new moon illuminates a great idea, unexpected insight, expansive understanding or fresh way forward. And Venus moves long term friendships, alliances and extended family from shifting sands to more solid ground.

♉ TAURUS: New moon raising temperatures in your house of intimacy suggests getting very, very honest with yourself. That thing you're postponing, avoiding addressing, thinking that if you put it off long enough it'll go away, takes more energy not to do than to make a decision. Is it time to step up and move on?

♊ GEMINI: New moon writes a fresh chapter in your book of love while down to earth Venus takes romance for a walk on the wild side this week. Coupled-up Geminis could take their connection to new lengths, heights or depths, while business and creative mergers also get a boost of celestial blessing.

♋ CANCER: Follow this week's new moon prompts to clean up your act, get affairs in order, tick off the to-do list. As sweet Venus in your partnership realm inclines you to be more tolerant, and watery Neptune moves forward out of retrograde, plans that have been languishing on the backburner start to regain momentum.

♌ LEO: While this week's entertaining new moon presses the refresh button to get your play engines revving, Venus reminds you to take care of your health, the way you look, your presentation – because beauty's an inside job. And more good news; it's easier to deal with trust issues around finances now that Neptune's back on track.

♍ VIRGO: Well, look who's frisky and flirty as the love planet sashays into your celestial palace of play, and Neptune's stopped operating the fog machine – which may have clogged relationships over the last five months. Now people and partnerships can be seen distinctly and without distortion, expect positive turnarounds in your domestic setting.

♎ LIBRA: Been wanting to speak up about something important? This week's new moon in your communication corner supports going the big ask, initiating the brave conversation. As your prima planet Venus moves into Libra's emotional support sector for the seasonal leadup, traditional festivities, family gatherings and hosting at home start to look increasingly appealing.

♏ SCORPIO: As Venus sweetens your conversations; this week's new moon could be a moneymaker for Scorpios looking to move into a new career, workplace or income stream. But wait, there's more! Hazy Neptune out of its five month hibernation is already jazzing up your love life and friendships with a spring spritz.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Neptune's forward spin lifts off the mists enshrouding family affairs for the last half year, to begin untangling domestic misunderstandings. Jupiter, Sun and your new moon of self-renewal in Sagittarius shine a clarifying light this week on hidden areas of self-sabotage for you to undo.

♑ CAPRICORN: While Venus moving into Capricorn for the coming month sets you up beautifully for the seasonal lead-in, it's worthwhile considering what you really don't want to take into the next decade. This week's new moon asks what do you need to let go of so you can have what you really want.

♒ AQUARIUS: The new moon of satisfying alliances suggests Aquarian control enthusiasts go easy this week, backed by Venus adding that you can't make others do it or feel it your way. If you want to engage or convince people, lead by example. Bonus? Neptune out of retro removes the lock on cash flow and money-making offers.

♓ PISCES: Neptune, your ruling planet, stops messing around in retrograde and heads forward again in Pisces, bringing a boost of clarity and confidence. With new moon adding a lunar lift to your professional ambitions, long range plans and public image, give some thought to how you want to be known in the wider world.

Cinema

JUDY



Judy is the story of legendary film actress and singer, Judy Garland. The movie is set when Judy (Renee Zellweger) arrives in London to perform shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub. This is 1969, thirty years after she came to fame with her starring role in *The Wizard of Oz*. While still famous and adored by her fans, her career is on the slide since her time at MGM studios, and the gig in London is an opportunity for her to reclaim her name and earn some much-needed money, as she is battling addictions.

Zellweger's performance is captivating, and many pundits have said there is no doubt she will receive an Oscar nomination for the portrayal. 'Zellweger gives an incredible, heart wrenching performance' (*Plugged In*)...Zellweger's Judy can feel like a butterfly we're waiting to get pinned for display while it's still alive and wriggling.' (*Vulture*)

The supporting cast equip themselves well; Judy's soon-to-be next husband, Micky Deans is played by Finn Wittrock, and her long suffering assistant Rosalyn is played by Jessie Buckley.

This biopic tells the story of a tragic life – therefore it comes as no surprise that, unlike the films Garland starred in across her career, there is no 'and they all lived happily-ever-after' here.



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Starting 5th December: The Good Liar, The Addams Family

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 28 Nov - Wed 4 Dec

WESTERN STARS 83 min Special Event Wed: 7:00PM	MRS LOWRY & SON 91 min (PG) NFT Thu, Sat, Mon, Tue: 10:10AM, 2:15, 6:30, 8:30PM Fri: 10:10AM, 2:15, 6:30PM Sun: 10:00AM, 2:10, 6:20, 8:15PM Wed: 10:10AM, 2:15, 8:30PM Wed 6:30PM Q&A with Timothy Spall	JOKER 122 min (MA15+) Daily except Fri, Sun: 10:40AM, 3:45, 6:15PM Fri: 10:40AM, 3:45, 8:30PM Sun: 10:00AM, 3:00, 5:30PM
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PAIN AND GLORY 114 min (MA15+) Daily except Sun: 1:20, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40PM Sun: 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00PM	HAPPY SAD MAN 93 min (M) Daily: 10:30AM	MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL 119 min (PG) Daily except Wed: 10:30AM Wed: 2:15PM
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THURSDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAY HOAD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **WILL SPARKS & GUESTS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY, 7PM **STREET LEVEL PRESENTS DOV1**
- THE FARM, BYRON BAY, 6PM **IAN NOE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SKY EATER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **THURSDAY TAKEOVER WITH DJ REFLEX + FRIENDS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **BYRON YOUTH THEATRE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG FEATURING MICK NEVEN + ELLEN BRIGGS & MC MANDY NOLAN**
- LISMORE **THE (UN)USUAL FESTIVAL 2019**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **MONICA FRANCES**
- EAST LISMORE BOWLO 8PM **THE CLIFFHANGERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **SOCIAL NEW VOGUE DANCING, 6PM BODY & SOUL**

FRIDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **SAN MEI + DAISY BRAINS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **WEISS & GUESTS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 3PM **BOOGS & MARKET MEMORIES**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **THE KINGS OF COUNTRY ROCK TOUR - EAGLES SHOW VS CREEDENCE SHOW**
- LOAN GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, **COLLAB COLLECTIVE - REDINC & CLUB LANE MULTITASK,**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, **YACC - LOCAL DJS, 8PM YACC - LOCAL DJS**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **'DANCE THIS MESS AROUND' - BYRON SCHOOL OF ART'S 2019 GRADUATE SHOW**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE, LEVEL ONE 7PM KATIA**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **ROUS UNPLUGGED**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- LISMORE **THE (UN)USUAL FESTIVAL 2019**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 6PM **KABARET**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **JIMMY DOWLING**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **JASON AYALA SPARE**

- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **IS MAN KIND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **BRAD MARKS**
- TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY 6PM **VICKI STAVROU - EXHIBITION OPENING - 'COASTAL MUSE'**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **PUSH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE MEANIES & TUMBLEWEED**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **DANIELLE GOULLET PRESENTS, 4.30PM EUREKA FUNK, JUNIORS 5PM JJ ADAMS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM LEE KERNAGHAN, THE STAGE 9PM FUNKY MONKEYS**

SATURDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE DREGGS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM AND 9PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **DRAPHT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **A VERY KRANSKY CHRISTMAS**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SID BERRY**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **JAMES SCOTT - LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BRUNS' GOT TALENT - SEASON 2**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 8AM **HOUSE OF BLISS CHANT FESTIVAL**
- LULUS CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **ONE FOR THE HILLS - FIRE FUNDRAISER**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **SLIM PICKENS, LEVEL ONE 8PM NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **CATH SIMES BAND**
- LISMORE **THE (UN)USUAL FESTIVAL 2019**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **PINK VS GAGA**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **THE MUSTANGS TRIO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS **MR TROY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JOSEPH BROWN AND SATISVIBES**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **MICK ALBECK & HAMISH DUTTON, 7PM JESSE MORRIS**

- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4.30PM **WALLY & THE GATORS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM LEE KERNAGHAN, THE STAGE 9PM FUNKY MONKEYS**

SUNDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ADAM HOLE BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **STEVE EDMONDS BAND, 7.30PM MVMT. SUMMER SERIES, LIVE DJS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **KAISER SOUZAI**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM AND 5PM **CELESTIAL BEINGS PRESENTED BY ENCORE PERFORMANCE STUDIO,**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS JEZZA J AND VINNIE LADUCE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **SECRET SHOW**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **OOZ**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 5PM **VINYL RICHIE**
- WARDELL SPORT AND REC CLUB 2PM **OPEN MIC AND JAM SESSION**
- LISMORE **THE (UN)USUAL FESTIVAL 2019**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **LISMORE JAZZ CLUB**
- EAST LISMORE BOWLO 3PM **AL AND THE UPSTARTS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **SAM BUCKINGHAM WITH JESSIE & CHOIR**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **LISA HUNT**

MONDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DAN CLARK**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, **MANBAGGERY + SMOKEY FIELDS AND FRIENDS**

TUESDAY 3

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **GREG KEW**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
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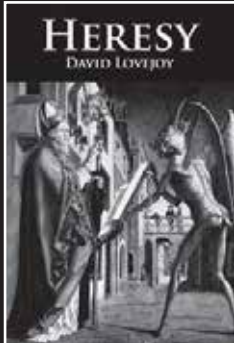
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38 MYOCUM DOWNS DVE, MYOCUM. Sat 8am. Final clearance, cheap prices. Furniture, fishing, 100's books plus more

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DEATH NOTICES

KENNETH JOHN 'HOPPY' HOPKINS
Passed away in Brisbane, 11/11/2019, aged 73 years, late of Byron Bay. Loved father and father-in-law of Alan & Julie, grandfather of Jayden, loved brother of Val O'Brien (Brisbane), loved uncle of John, Caren and Ann. He was farewelled at Sandgate on 18/11/19. May he rest in peace.

WAKELY, LAINE

23.11.1926 ~ 21.11.2019
Passed away peacefully at home in Brunswick Heads. Loved wife of John (dec). Much loved mother of Annette and Graeme. Loved by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Laine will be missed by all who knew her.
A private cremation will take place as per her wishes.
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IN MEMORIAM

CARLEY METCALFE
29/11/2017
Loved and cherished Mum, daughter, sister, granddaughter, aunty and friend. We miss you so very much.

FUNERAL NOTICES

TAYLOR, DANNY CHARLES

Much loved husband of Minda. Loved father of Joshua (dec), Justine & Andrew and Miken. Loved grandfather of Lina, Vincent and two expecting. Danny will be sadly missed by all family and friends.
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral service to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on THURSDAY (November 28, 2019) commencing at 11.00am followed by Burial at Mullumbimby Cemetery.
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PETS

Smokey has the prettiest coat, an unusual blend of black & greys. She's young & a bit on the skinny side at the moment but with love & affection, she'll plump up beautifully. Smokey is affectionate & hopes you'll pop in to give her a cuddle.
To meet Smokey, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.
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Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

Molly is a de-sexed female 8-month-old Border Collie x Bull Arab who was abandoned at a Northern Rivers beach and left to fend for herself. Molly is affectionate, sweet natured and playful. She gets on very well with other dogs and loves an off-leash gallop on the beach. She will need continuing discipline & training to curb her scent-hound instincts.
If you can provide Molly with a mentally stimulating, loving and dependable home, please phone Shell on 0458 461 935. MC: 982126052676066

PETS continued



Roxy is an 18 month old desexed female German Shepherd x. She is a smart girl who will make a good companion dog and would be best as the only dog. If you can give a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on **0421 017 461**. Microchip number 953010002521582 ABN 83 126 970 338

Visit friendsofthepound.com to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.



ZEN is the four year old sister of last week's beauty Luna. A little bit shy at the moment given the trauma of living in an institution instead of a home, but very quickly she demonstrates that she is a loving, snuggle-thirsty cat, who will certainly brighten the home of the wonderful person who adopts her.

All cats are desexed, vaccinated and microchipped. No: 982009104362439

Please make an appointment **0403 533 589 • Billinudgel** petsforlifeanimalshester.net

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Climate nurse-in

Byron mothers will hold a 'Nurse-in' for climate action in front of the library at 10am next Friday, November 29. As sit-down actions in solidarity for bushfire victims are planned around the country, local women will take it one step further as they provide nourishment for the babies whose futures are threatened by our governments' irresponsible inaction on climate change. All are welcome in this peaceful demonstration of love for children and future generations.

Oneness

Living in Oneness Consciousness in a quantum world. Sound interesting? Contact Jay on 0421 726 797.

Baby café

Bubbamummas baby café drop in mornings, Thursdays from 9.30am at New Space, Shop 2 next door to Target 86 Rajah Road Ocean Shores. Morning tea, discussions, guest speakers. Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA). Details 0431 477 445.

Breast cancer support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month. On 18 December we'll meet socially in Bangalow for lunch at 12pm. Previous members welcome. The following meeting will be on 19 February 2020. For more info call 0431 207 453, or see Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay.

BV Probus

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 3 December, from 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is John Wilcock from Marine Rescue. Enquires to Margaret on 6680 3316.

Mullum CWA

A fundraising afternoon tea for the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service is on Tuesday, 3 December at the CWA Rooms and starting time is 2pm. Entry is \$5. All welcome. CWA catered for the Rural Fire Service on 11 November. Devines Quality Meats and Mullumbimby IGA gave donations of food. Mullumbimby CWA also gave books to Rappville School to replenish their library after the bushfire and a pamper pack to a CWA member who lost her home in the Rappville fires. Info: Jenny 0427 847 282 or email johndandjen6@gmail.com.

Parkinson's Support

Northern Rivers Parkinson's Support Group is meeting on Friday 6 December, from 10am at Crowley Village activity centre, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina for morning tea and Christmas lunch. RSVP by 28 November on gmtelfer@gmail.com or phone 427 042 607.

Free digital mentors

If you know how to use a computer or mobile device, you could be a digital mentor for seniors in your community. Northern Rivers Community Gateway is providing free training in Lismore on Friday 29 November to give you the skills. It's fun, free, you can do it in a day, and it includes free morning tea and lunch. For more information call 6621 7397.

AGM: BPA

The next Bangalow Progress Association General Meeting will be at 7pm Tuesday December 17 at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. The meeting will include an update on potential development and infrastructure plans for Bangalow, covering the implementation phase of the Bangalow Village Plan, the new Residential Strategy and NSW initiatives for higher density development.

Christmas lunch

Join the free community Christmas lunch held in Ballina on Christmas day. If you are interested in volunteering on the day call Chris on 0431 630 900. Christmas dinner will be between 12 and 2pm in the Ballina Presbyterian hall, on the corner of Cherry and Crane Street. This is an alcohol free event.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

☉ First quarter	4 Dec	5.58pm
☽ Full moon	12 Dec	4.12pm
☾ Third quarter	19 Dec	3.57pm
☀ New moon	26 Dec	4.13pm

DECEMBER 2019 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 S	0540	1929	0933	2339	1232 1.60	0524 0.37; 1918 0.41
2 M	0540	1929	1029		0045 1.00; 1316 1.51	0609 0.46; 2008 0.45
3 T	0540	1930	1124	0020	0143 0.97; 1403 1.43	0704 0.55; 2101 0.46
4 W	0540	1931	1218	0056	0255 0.99; 1458 1.36	0811 0.62; 2155 0.45
5 T	0540	1932	1310	0129	0408 1.05; 1557 1.32	0927 0.65; 2246 0.42
6 F	0540	1932	1402	0201	0511 1.14; 1655 1.29	1042 0.64; 2331 0.38
7 S	0540	1933	1454	0231	0601 1.25; 1749 1.28	1148 0.61
8 S	0540	1934	1547	0302	0645 1.36; 1837 1.27	0011 0.33; 1244 0.55
9 M	0540	1935	1641	0333	0725 1.48; 1921 1.26	0046 0.27; 1332 0.49
10 T	0540	1935	1738	0408	0804 1.58; 2002 1.25	0120 0.23; 1416 0.43
11 W	0541	1936	1837	0446	0844 1.67; 2044 1.24	0153 0.19; 1500 0.38
12 T	0541	1937	1938	0529	0924 1.73; 2125 1.21	0229 0.17; 1544 0.34
13 F	0541	1937	2038	0618	1005 1.78; 2208 1.19	0305 0.17; 1629 0.31
14 S	0541	1938	2136	0713	1047 1.80; 2253 1.16	0345 0.18; 1715 0.30
15 S	0542	1939	2229	0813	1132 1.79; 2343 1.13	0429 0.21; 1805 0.30
16 M	0542	1939	2318	0917	1219 1.76	0516 0.27; 1857 0.31
17 T	0542	1940		1022	0038 1.11; 1310 1.70	0611 0.34; 1952 0.33
18 W	0543	1941	0002	1126	0142 1.11; 1403 1.63	0713 0.41; 2049 0.33
19 T	0543	1941	0043	1230	0254 1.15; 1501 1.55	0824 0.48; 2145 0.31
20 F	0544	1942	0121	1333	0407 1.24; 1603 1.47	0943 0.51; 2241 0.29
21 S	0544	1942	0157	1436	0515 1.35; 1706 1.40	1100 0.51; 2331 0.25
22 S	0545	1943	0234	1538	0615 1.49; 1808 1.34	1214 0.48
23 M	0545	1943	0313	1642	0710 1.61; 1905 1.29	0019 0.21; 1319 0.42
24 T	0546	1944	0355	1745	0800 1.71; 1958 1.25	0103 0.18; 1417 0.37
25 W	0546	1944	0440	1847	0845 1.78; 2045 1.22	0145 0.17; 1509 0.33
26 T	0547	1944	0530	1947	0930 1.81; 2130 1.19	0227 0.17; 1556 0.30
27 F	0547	1945	0623	2041	1011 1.80; 2212 1.16	0307 0.19; 1639 0.30
28 S	0548	1945	0719	2131	1050 1.77; 2251 1.13	0345 0.23; 1720 0.32
29 S	0549	1946	0816	2214	1128 1.71; 2330 1.11	0423 0.28; 1800 0.36
30 M	0549	1946	0912	2253	1203 1.64	0501 0.35; 1838 0.39
31 T	0550	1946	1007	2328	0012 1.09; 1240 1.57	0543 0.42; 1916 0.42

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



Mungo's Crossword

N311

Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
- Shore reveals child's plaything (7,5)
 - Mutant hen, foal – an equal part (7)
 - Sparkling Asti, right one, cold; meant to be amusing but can be offensive (7)
 - Porky feathers – have a rest! (3,4)
 - Bud, record new material on old tape (7)
 - Show off if big, but not the queen (5)
 - Blair Shelley, forest worker (9)
 - Spin dream about superhero (9)
 - In the direction of a road? Cheers! (5)
 - A complex blind king in the old story (7)
 - Class turn – the French recipe (7)
 - Former head embraces one to atone for error (7)
 - Grant Sandra, a ring in (7)
 - Ape chameleon roculo? (6,6)

- DOWN**
- About the Spanish, caught in alien surroundings – choose again! (7)
 - Shellfish, our rage (7)
 - Popular, powerful in a single time – then hesitation: after an ad, it goes on forever! (9)
 - Burst of wind? Nothing to relish (5)
 - Over in this place – or, the French say, in that place (3,4)
 - Torture deforms slavery (7)
 - Notes for Mick Jagger (7,5)
 - Skilled artisan forms administration (7,5)
 - Some faint attempt at a political platform (9)
 - Dip, then revise: thorough and comprehensive! (2,5)
 - Formerly unadorned – now elaborate (7)
 - Rent a party, and storm (7)
 - Rent, like below ground (7)
 - Find a root in Stockholm (5)

Quick Clues

- ACROSS**
- Child's riding toy (7,5)
 - 50 per cent (3,4)
 - Ironic, like a lampoon
 - Relax, become recumbent (3,4)
 - Record over existing track (7)
 - One who takes records (5)
 - Lumberjack (9)
 - Comic superhero (9)
 - Cooked bread (5)
 - Tragic Greek hero who married his mother (7)
 - Scientific recipe (7)
 - Make repentance, gain absolution (7)
 - One who takes the place of another (7)
 - Alter hue (6,6)

- DOWN**
- Pick the same candidate again (7)
 - Uproar, ruckus (7)
 - Going on forever (9)
 - Vim, zeal (5)
 - Away in this place (3,4)
 - Slavery, bondage (7)
 - Mick Jagger, for instance (7,5)
 - Maker of fine furniture (7,5)
 - Statement of intent, political agenda (9)
 - Profoundly, comprehensively (3,5)
 - Elaborate, make clear (7)
 - Wild wind storm (7)
 - Torn apart (7)
 - Root vegetable (5)

Last week's solution N310

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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.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

Alateen meeting

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

ACA

Adult Children Of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meet in East Lismore Fridays 10-11.30am corner 215 Dibbs St and Wyrallah Rd in small Quakers hut next to Community Hall.

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.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meeting held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

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3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150
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SOCIAL ESCORTS

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Grants awarded to local juniors

Recipients of round two of the Local Sporting Champions program have been announced by MP Justine Elliot.

The program provides financial assistance of up to \$750 to young people aged between 12 and 18 years to compete, coach or umpire in their chosen sport.

'Taking children to sporting activities costs a significant amount of money. This grant helps with the cost of sending our local sporting stars to state, national and international competitions; but the feedback I've received is that every bit helps.

'Sport is important in the development of young people: it teaches them life-long skills like teamwork, keeps them fit and healthy, and allows them to excel in something they love and enjoy.

'The achievements of these young sports stars are testament to the hard work of both themselves, and their family. I wish them all the best of luck for their



Youngsters received their Local Sporting Champion Certificates recognising their achievements. Photo supplied

future sporting endeavours,' Justine said.

Round three

Round three of the 2019 Local Sporting Champions grant program is now open with applications closing on 31 December 2019.

'I encourage any budding champions out there who have the opportunity of competing at a state, national or international event to apply for a Local Sporting Champion grant,' Justine said.

Local round two

recipients include: Rino Lindsay (Lennox Head, surfing), Aaron Spry (Bangalow, football), Juniper Harper (Lennox Head, surfing), Rhett Walshaw (Lennox Head, Athletics), Touma Cameron (Suffolk Park, surfing), Nyxie Ryan (Lennox Head, surfing), Niamh Sharpe (Lennox Head, surfing) and Matilda Vial (Mullumbimby, athletics).

For more information on the program, visit https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions.

Byron Bay down Richmond Rovers and go to top of the table

Christian Layland

Byron Bay FC have played their way to equal first on the Summer Youth League ladder after an important 2-0 win over Richmond Rovers.

The three competition points put the Rams equal with South Lismore, with only two matches left.

Needing to win to stay in premiership contention, Byron started the match in good form: with lots of possession and fluid ball movement.

Their early domination paid dividends when Zahi Addis put the Rams in front. A Santiago Bolo free kick was met by the head of Diego Vazquez who put the ball back across goal for Zahi Addis to score.

Going behind early, Rovers began to resort to physical tactics; looking to intimidate the young Byron players with strong tackles.

The Byron players showed



BBFC midfielder Harry Barlow (orange) won plenty of ball during the team's win over the Rovers. Photo supplied.

experience beyond their years and focussed on keeping their shape and playing football, with Harry Barlow and Marley Turnbull both showing strength in winning the ball and starting attacks.

With good shape and structure, Byron's ball movement opened up the Rovers' defence allowing Ethan Archer to play a penetrating pass to a streaking Addis who finished for his second goal of the match - and seventh of the season.

Rovers were left with a difficult task to rescue the match shortly afterwards when they were reduced to ten men after a nasty challenge left Byron midfielder Harry Barlow bleeding from the head.

From there Byron played smart; suffocating Rovers in possession and then maintaining possession to seal the win.

The Rams take on Eureka at the Recreation Grounds from 8pm this Friday.

Locals take second at Kingscliff triathlon



True Wheel Cyclists: (L-R) Mick Donnelly, Alex Evans, Will Bradley, Victoria Garden and Brian Woods. Photo supplied

Members of the True Wheel Cycles team Alex Evans, Will Bradley and Brian Woods came second in the mixed Olympic relay team event at last Sunday's Kingscliff Triathlon.

The event had its biggest turnout of its ten year history with over 1,750 competitors.

There were the usual Olympic, Sprint, Tempta, Pinkys, Intermediate, Big Kids and Juniors races, and a new AquaBike event that involved just the swim and ride.

In the major event, Kieran Storch came close to

hanging on to his winner's title from the March race, but was just minutes off the pace and had to settle for third on Sunday with a time of 1:51:17.

Lindsay Wall came first (1:29:19) ahead of Banora Point's Travis Coleman (1:50:03).

The first women over the line was Jessica Bemrose (Upper Coomera) with a time of 2:04:07, just one second ahead of Holly Grace (2:04:08) from Redcliff and Yeppon's Victoria Gillies (2:06:12) who came third.

Mixed-fours winners crowned at Ocean Shores



Mixed-fours winners: (L-R) Brian Howell, Lee Roberts, Janine Howell and Judy Williams. Photo supplied

Last Sunday six teams vied for mixed-fours honours at the Ocean Shores Bowls club.

After some close games, and a few upsets, Brian Howell, Lee Roberts, Janine Howell and Judy Williams came through as the eventual winners.

On the previous Friday in doubles, the teams of F Collins and G Collins got the better of L Wickham and B Linabury, while J Williams and M Bertoli had a draw playing against J Busch and G Johnston.

Playing a consistent game this week H Rowland held a good lead throughout to defeat M Enright. The

final between Heather Rowland and Janine Howell will be played next Friday.

Byron Bay

At the Byron Bay Bowling Club's Fours played last Thursday; Paul Bezrouchko, Mark Brown, Craig Johnson and Paul Clark defeated Phil Boyd, Ian Burston, Toby Schott and Bulla Burton.

In the other match, Dean Dhnaram, William Green, Steve Hammond and Aaron Richter-Steers were defeated by Martin Berger, Syl Reid, Peter Lofts and Gavin McPhail.

The Club's Mixed Pairs games are pending.

Good waves for the Lennox Longboarders



Plenty of smoke on the water for the final Lennox Longboarders event of 2019. Photo supplied.

Crystal Cylinders

Lennox Longboarders final club round for 2019 was a perfect spring day with off-shore winds, good longboarding waves and a mid-morning high tide.

All the elements came together to provide a great November round but with smoke filled skies there was a purplish brown haze over the ocean.

Winner of the voucher from Lennox Surf went to Jake Ryan.

Results

Firsts: Aaron Smith, Jackson Cochrane, Eleanor

Robertson, Wayne Booth, Rob Rye, Brendan Cahill.

Seconds: James Foster, Jemma Osbourne, Lee Middleton, Matt Durkin, Gary Alford, Greg Gover.

Thirds: Tom Steele, Taylor Hessian, Tasman Cahill, Fiona Duncan, Una Fahey, Toby Ryan.

Fourths: Terry Kay, Meg Smith, Veronica Silver, Peter Regan, Kate Ashdown, Will Petrie.

Fifths: Jake Ryan, Grant Ryan, Lachlan Jones, Steve Fosterling, Liz Petterson, Damian Anderson.

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In last week's story 'Bruns partners with disaster relief', an email address was published incorrectly. Those wanting to contact Kim Rosen regarding the Bushfire R&R in Bruns can email kimsrosen@gmail.com.

Cr Michael Lyon lamented in last week's letters the cost to ratepayers of the delays around the bypass (see resident's reply, page 15). It raises the question – whose responsibility is it? If Council failed to take into account a vulnerable snail in the path of a bypass, then it's Council's fault it's costing rate/taxpayers. *The Echo* looks forward to Council explaining how much this is costing, who is responsible and what consequences there are.

Eight Environmental Defenders Offices (EDOs) across Australia are merging. CEO David Morris says, 'Together we are creating the largest public interest environmental legal centre in the Australia-Pacific – a truly formidable powerhouse of expert lawyers and scientists, all using our unique skills to tackle the biggest environmental challenges of our time'. For more visit www.edo.org.au.

If bushfires won't convince politicians mesmerised by their fossil fuel donations to act on the climate



Taiko Drummer Hiro Akiba pictured at Byron's recent Japan Festival, held November 17 at Byron's Main Beach Peace Pole. Photo Riku Kuroda

emergency, perhaps our one shared and universal religion will. We refer, of course, to sport; sport is threatened by the drier, hotter climate being brought to us courtesy of fossil fuel, and when the electorate wakes up to that, the government will be in trouble. Cricket will be the hardest hit as the game requires players to spend long periods in the sun. So the Australian Conservation Foundation is launching a campaign to get Cricket Australia to join the resistance to Morrison's eyes-shut, fingers-in-ears climate denial policy.

Online political satirist the Friendly Jordies, aka Jordan Shanks, has given NSW Liberal premier Gladys Berejiklian a spanking over the fires and her government's lack of preparation and cuts to essential services, such as fire management officers who carry out hazard reduction burning. The hashtags #Berejiklianbushfires and #koalakiller are trending and now fill Berejiklian's tweet

feeds, as the public become more aware of a government held to ransom by vested interests and idiocracy.

Think we have it tough? Tenterfield Council are

looking at building a water filtration plant for recycled water and have implemented level 4.7 water restrictions. Level five was deferred owing to pressure from worried residents.

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