

Level 1 water restrictions now in place

With Rocky Creek dam down to 70 per cent and a dry outlook for summer, water utility Rous County Council have brought in level 1 water restrictions, effective from Saturday December 7.

The restrictions will apply to the council areas of Byron, Ballina (including Wardell and Meerschaum Vale), Lismore and Richmond Valley.

Mullumbimby is on level 3 restrictions and is supplied from the Lavery's Gap weir in Wilsons Creek.

Rous County Council's chairman, Cr Keith Williams, said the region will face level 2 restrictions before Christmas if the community does not act now to reduce demand.

He says water consumption across the region is yet to decrease, and was more than 25 per cent higher in October and November than for the same period last year.

What is Level 1?

Level 1 water saving measures for residential urban and rural premises include no watering of established lawns, no water play tools, toys and slides, fitting all hand-held hoses with on/off trigger nozzles. Watering established gardens is permitted with hand-held hoses for one hour every second day, before 9am and after 4pm on odd or even days of the month to match the house numbering system. Topping up swimming pools is permitted before 9am and after 4pm using a hand-held hose. Washing cars with hand-held hoses is permitted before 9am and after 4pm on odd or even days of the month to match the house numbering system.



Dance and theatre gets Sprung!!

Twenty two performers with disabilities seamlessly integrated with the production crew at Sprung!!'s annual gala performance, held at the Bangalow Bowlo on Sunday. The celebration extended across the weekend, beginning with the NORPA 2020 season launch where it was announced that their 2020 major production *O, How I Dreamt of Things Impossible* is joining the schedule. Pictured are Tallula Bourne, Sinead Skorka Brennan, Simone O'Brien, Julie Allen and Kane Shields. Photo Jeff 'Sprang Since 1986' Dawson

Massive land rezoning 'justifiably inconsistent': staff

Hans Lovejoy

A strategy aimed at increasing commercial activity, if adopted at this Thursday's Council meeting, could see large-scale development across Byron Shire, including within areas of high ecology value and flood and bushfire prone land. NSW agencies have raised concerns over some of the land rezoning proposals.

Additionally, there are late

inclusions within the plan, by planning staff, that were not included in the originally exhibited document – raising again the question of transparency and due process within Council.

Byron Hospital land

Council's Business and Industrial Lands Strategy (BILS), say staff aims to provide a 'framework and action plan for guiding business and

industrial land development over the next 20 years in Byron Shire'.

Land around the Byron Central Hospital is inexplicably included (page 82), along with 'knowledge- and creative-industry precincts and co-operative business and innovation hubs'. If adopted, staff would have discretion to approve the spot rezoning of hubs via a 'capability assessment'.

Matt 'Cleva' O'Reilly from

Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS) says that the land area up for grabs is way over what is required by the Council's own expert consultants, 'with a target of 10 ha of land dedicated to employment now, being almost 47 ha of new land'.

O'Reilly says he was also very concerned at the significant changes to the strategy which have not been put on public exhibition.

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Tweed tightens up on water

The Tweed Shire are joining other far north coast councils with water restrictions, coming into effect from Friday December 13.

Tweed Council say the level of Clarrie Hall Dam is at 77 per cent and falling 1.8 per cent a week against an original estimate of one per cent a week. Tweed will be at level 2, while Tyalgum remains at Level 4, the most severe.

The Tweed Water Alliance (TWA) says there is no legislative mechanism to reduce or stop pumping water for the water bottling industry during drought.

Art's difficult road, captured on film



Star of the film *Mrs Lowry and Son*, Timothy Spall, was on hand to answer questions from film critic Peter Thompson and the packed audience at last Wednesday's screening at the Palace Cinema in Byron. The film portrays the artist LS Lowry and the relationship with his mother, who tries to dissuade him from pursuing his passion. Photo Jeff Dawson

Council to provide water delivery

Byron Shire Council is coming to the aid of rural residents who are currently waiting over five weeks to receive drinking water.

Council's director infrastructure services, Phil Holloway says, 'People in our rural areas were in desperate and urgent need of water for their tanks that had essentially dried up – which is pretty dire.

'Council has two water

carting trucks that it deploys for use during roadworks and we saw an opportunity to repurpose one of the trucks to carry potable water for drinking supply during drought conditions to assist our community,' he said.

'Carrying drinking water is a serious business and you need to meet strict health standards and rules that are set by NSW Health, so we have been going through

the process of refitting the truck so that it is safe and approved to be used for this purpose,' he said.

'Council are able to cart 12,000L per trip at a cost of \$350. Council are planning to continue the provision of the service until the drought breaks. Offering this service is one way we can assist the community in drought times. And while we have had some recent rain, Council sees this

as a longer-term way it can help our rural community over what is expected to be a dry summer.

'While we won't be running it as a commercial enterprise, our fee for service will need to be set to cover our costs,' Mr Holloway said.

Council's water carting service will operate until the drought breaks. Bookings can be made by calling 6685 9319 during office hours.

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This year's Lighthouse Run, the 13th, raised \$20,000 for local charities, says co-ordinator and founder Lisa Parkes.

She presented \$10,000 to Mullum Neighbourhood Centre and a legal service last Friday, while she says the other \$10,000 has been donated to Headspace Lismore.

Eight thousand dollars of the money will go to the Neighbourhood Centre's Escape Fund, which assists women and children escaping domestic violence.

The remaining \$2,000 will go towards Barefoot Law for their work with women in crisis. Lisa added: 'Thanks for the sponsorship by Fusion Oriental Botanicals covering the costs - all the entry fees are donated.'



Lighthouse Run donates to DV cause

Lighthouse Run co-ordinator and founder Lisa Parkes, with the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre's Jenelle Bowen. This year's Lighthouse Run raised \$20,000 for local charities. Around 800 runners, walkers and kids took part in the October event. Photo Jeff Dawson

Call to stop logging of koala habitat as bushfires continue to burn

Prior to the current bushfires, koalas were at risk of major population decline through habitat loss and logging.

Yet with significant areas of their habitat being destroyed by bushfire, many of the previously stable colonies are on the verge of collapse, say environmental groups.

Recognising the disastrous impact that the fires are having on koala populations, a call is being put out to

the NSW government to stop logging of koala habitat.

Environmental groups appeared before the NSW Legislative Council inquiry into Koala Populations and Habitat in NSW on Monday, and requested the committee actively call on the NSW government to put in place a moratorium on logging koala habitat across public and private lands. They say an emergency response is needed to

mitigate the loss of thousands of koalas and their habitat owing to wildfires.

North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) spokesperson Dailan Pugh said, 'Since July, as of yesterday, wildfires have burnt out over 1.6 million hectares of the north east NSW bioregion (north from the Hunter River and westward to the Great Escarpment). This represents 28 per cent of the region and 39 per cent of native vegetation.'

Family pet dog shot by arrow, man to face court

Eve Jeffery

A family has lost their beloved pet after it was allegedly shot by a neighbour in South Golden Beach last Friday morning.

The owner of the dog was out, but the man's sister and her two-year-old son were home alone when the dog was hit by an arrow.

Police say a 59-year-old man has been charged after shooting the puppy with a longbow. He was charged with 'commit an act of aggravated cruelty upon an animal and recklessly

beat and seriously injure an animal'. The man, who is well known in the community, was granted conditional bail to appear at Byron Bay Local Court on January 13, 2020.

The Billinudgel vet who attended to the injury told *The Echo* that the Irish Wolfhound's spine was so badly injured it had to be euthanised.

The dog's owner Kris Thompson says he was walking to the lighthouse in Byron when he received a call from his family. Mr Thomson said when he arrived at the vet he was told that his friend would

need to be put to sleep.

'We got ten minutes with Bucket before they euthanised him,' says Kris.

'This has absolutely destroyed me,' he said. 'It's devastating for our whole family - Bucket was such a lovely dog... playing with my nephews. He was such a wonderful family pet.'

Mr Thompson said he has been overwhelmed by the response of the folk who live at South Golden Beach.

'What has been amazing has been the community support. I can't thank people enough.'



Eight-month-old Bucket was euthanised after being shot in the spine with a bow and arrow. Photo supplied

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Another large Byron DA seeks to breach policy

Paul Bibby

Locals have expressed concern about a \$3m hotel and retail development proposed for Marvell Street Byron Bay, saying a lack of sufficient parking will place extra pressure on the town's already-crowded streets.

The owner of 7 Marvell Street is proposing to demolish the fibro and timber house on the property and replace it with a three-storey building made up of 29 one and two-bedroom hotel rooms, a swimming pool, health spa and shops.

The proposal is smaller than what was previously put forward by the developer, with the number of hotel rooms being reduced



from 32 to 29, and the basement carpark being reduced from two levels to one.

The development application is also outside the existing rules for both height and floor space ratio.

It relies on proposed changes to development regulations for Byron's town centre that have not yet been formally adopted by Council.

The Development

Application (DA) states that getting rid of the basement carpark will reduce the environmental impact of the proposal because it will mean less disturbance of ground water and the acid sulphate soils that exist in that part of the town.

It will also mean a reduction in noise, dust, vibration and truck movements associated with excavation.

Lacks car parking

However, some locals are concerned that reducing the amount of parking on the site will mean that guests will have to park in the already-crowded surrounding streets and carparks.

'If this is approved, you're basically going to end up with a situation where there are just a handful of car parking spaces catering to

29 one and two-bedroom hotel rooms,' the manager of a local accommodation provider said.

'The guests are going to end up taking spots from businesses and others.

'I realise Byron Council is trying to reduce the number of cars in town, but I think there's a responsibility to provide sufficient parking for new developments.'

The DA for the site says that it will provide guests with 'alternative, greener transport options' including the shared use of two electric vehicles and six bikes.

However, the manager of the local accommodation provider said she did not believe providing these options would significantly reduce the number of cars.

'I really can't see guests coming to this hotel without cars. Are they really going to get a bus to the Cavanbah Centre and then ride their bikes with their big suitcases strapped to their backs?

'I think it's much more likely that they'll at least want to drive into town.'

Council is expected to make a decision on the proposal in the New Year.

Sculpture bird art adorns Council foyer



Dev Lengjel has unveiled the latest art in Council's foyer. Photo Jeff 'Donged Since 1986'

Art can be divisive and cyberstalking can be invasive, says local art curator Dev Lengjel.

Speaking at the launch of the Cube's latest artworks on display in Council's foyer, Lengjel says, 'Recent events have shown how one of the most spiritual places in Australia turned a public artwork into an international, event and brought forth the most horrible case of cyberstalking.'

Lengjel is referring to the Ewingsdale sculpture 'Disco Dong' which has since been dismantled.

The aluminium birds from it are now being sold off as

memorabilia.

He says, 'Cyberstalking is a form of online abuse – the terms are often used interchangeably. Both may include false accusations, abusive comments, attempts to smear reputations or threats of physical aggression and more.'

Raise awareness

'We as a community must be better than this. It is hoped that this installation raises awareness that nothing is worth so much negativity that someone has to close their website because of cyberstalking.'

Huge land rezoning before Council

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He says, 'This is residential growth by stealth without service provision such as parking, parks, schools, shops etc – this has happened at the Byron Arts and Industry Estate.

'Byron Council permits manager's residences and caretaker's dwellings on every lot and strata sub-division within IN1, IN2 and B7 zones. Good planning principles don't conflate residential and industrial use. Mixed land uses can lead to conflict if not properly managed.'

Growth focus

While the strategy focuses on growth, there is little mention of other land values in terms of agriculture or environment.

There is also little detail of infrastructure service planning within the strategy.

This is despite Direction 21 of the *North Coast Regional Plan* (page 50) requiring councils to undertake detailed infrastructure service planning, which includes Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity, to support proposals for major new land releases.

Mayor Simon Richardson is

yet to reply to *The Echo* as to why the document is before councillors, considering the public were not informed about these new details.

Senior staff replied on deadline that 'At the June 20, 2019 Council Planning Meeting, in considering submissions and updates to the draft Employment Lands Strategy, Council resolved to add these inclusions.'

They claim the inclusions are consistent with the submission to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment.

Justifiably inconsistent

Remarkably, staff justify support for the entire controversial strategy by claiming it 'is consistent or justifiably inconsistent with State policies and directions and the *North Coast Regional Plan* (NCRP).'

Yet that plan only briefly mentions business and industrial lands and focuses on residential growth.

Regarding whether this strategy meets or exceeds growth targets, it appears Councils are at liberty to

develop as much land as they like.

No growth targets

A spokesperson from the newly formed NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) told *The Echo*, 'The North Coast Regional Plan guides strategic planning for the Byron Shire. The North Coast Regional Plan does not establish growth targets. Rather, it estimates the number of dwellings that may be required to meet projected population growth to 2036.'

Council's Business and Industrial Lands Strategy has not been referred to the DPIE for comment, they say.

Matt 'Cleva' O'Reilly adds 'During the exhibition of the Byron Rural and Residential Strategies, the NSW planning department encouraged Council to combine all rural, residential, business and industrial land strategies into one document.

'It's what Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour have done, and they have also included significantly more information on tourism and infrastructure within their draft strategies.'

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Bypass cost breakdown finally provided

Hans Lovejoy

At last there has been a little transparency around how executive Council staff are managing the beleaguered Byron bypass project.

Slated at \$24m, a costing breakdown has now become available after repeated requests. Currently the project is delayed owing to Council not following proper process.

With no councillor appearing to be concerned at the lack of accountability over the figures, Council watcher John Anderson asked the following question at Council's ordinary meeting, held on November 28, 2019.

Anderson asked, 'Will the Council finally realise that the issue of costs for the bypass is not going to go away and accordingly provide ratepayers with a fulsome breakdown of actual and proposed outlays in terms of legal costs, consultants, construction, noise, insulation etc so that the total of \$25 million doesn't invite ongoing speculation and suspicion about bad faith?'

The question was taken on notice by the mayor, and Council's director of



The bypass project remains on hold. Image byron.nsw.gov.au

Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway later replied in a statement – which is available online at Council's website. The breakdown did not appear to include the cost of acquiring lands at the end of Jonson Street.

Cost breakdown:

The project budget is as follows:

Concept Design, Environmental Assessment, Detailed Design, JRPP, Land & Environment Court Case: \$2,018,045.

Planning, Approvals, Survey and Design (including design, management and planning costs): \$600,000.

Design update and pre-construction documentation:

\$135,000.

Civil Construction Contract: \$13,575,023.

Service relocations and new services: \$1,809,500.

Additional works, including noise mitigation: \$2,069,600.

BSC Internal Administration and Project Management: \$435,121.

Construction Contract Management and Administration: \$490,500.

Contingency \$2,867,211.

Total: \$24,000,000.
The project is behind schedule despite Council refusing a request by former mayor and state MLC Jan Barham to delay the accepting contracts to investigate the ecological impacts.

John Anderson told *The Echo*, 'The answers provided by Council staff are hardly fulsome; they avoid detail and raise more questions than they answer'.

Further questions have been put to Council staff and *The Echo* will publish them should a reply be given.

Further questions

They are: 'Does this amount include GST? What are the 'additional works' where noise mitigation is claimed to be \$2,069,600? What are 'Service relocations and new services'? Is it laying of electricity cables and the like? If not, what are they? Will a further breakdown of 'BSC Internal Administration and Project Management \$435,121' be available, ie, how many staff are involved and what their roles are? Why aren't those general costs undertaken by staff? Is cost for the delays in the project coming from the contingency breakdown of \$2,867,211? Can contingency please be defined? *The Echo* understands that contingency for similar projects is generally around 10 per cent, yet this is a higher figure'.

Police accused of aggressive behaviour over RDT

A woman who refused a random drug test is appealing to the public after what she says was unnecessary police violence against her.

Belinda Doonar told *The Echo* that on October 1, she was pulled over by police on Lawson Street, Byron Bay for a random breath and drug test.

'I was happy to provide them with a breath test, which was negative,' she says.

'But I refused to provide a drug swab test. It was then that the police became violent towards me. I was physically dragged out of my car, put in handcuffs, which resulted in injury causing bruising and blood to my wrist.'

'I felt intimidated and bullied. The police officers who were the most aggressive were from Tweed Heads, and not identifiable by name badges. They wore reflective sunglasses. There were quite a few people filming me being arrested,' she says. 'I am hoping anyone who has footage and remembers the dress I wore can contact me to help with my case.'

The reason she refused the drug test, she says, was because she is a health care



Belinda Doonar in the dress she was arrested in. Photo Hans Lovejoy

professional who works with medicinal cannabis.

'I feel like I am a target because of my activism,' she adds. 'It's time we stood up as a community and said "No" to this type of behaviour. I am asking for legal help with my case and are hoping to connect with others who have been a victim of police harassment'.

Doonar's court appearance is set for December 16, where she says she will plead not guilty to refusing the drug test and resisting arrest. Her phone number is 0432 679 012.

■ Police were contacted regarding this story.

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Local scriptwriter wins Emmy Award

Paul Bibby

A local scriptwriter has received a prestigious International Emmy Award as part of the team that produced the SBS mini-series *Safe Harbour*.

Mullumbimby resident Belinda Chayko and her colleagues clinched the award for best mini-series at the November 25 event.

The four-part thriller explores a moral dilemma centred around an asylum seeker vessel found floundering off the Australian coast.

‘The premise of *Safe Harbour* asks a very simple question: what would you do if you came across a group of

people in the middle of the ocean who needed help?’, Ms Chayko told *The Echo*.

‘It’s about a tragedy that occurs during that event, and the way two groups grapple with the consequences.

Obligations

‘I was drawn to the project because Australia’s offshore detention program has been very effective in removing the question of our nation’s obligations to asylum seekers – out of sight, out of mind.’

The idea for the series came from Brisbane writers Simon Kennedy and Phil Enchelmaier.

‘As they were both new to



Belinda Chayko.

television, Matchbox Pictures asked me to come on board to guide the development of the series, as show runner and lead writer, working with Phil and Matt Cameron,’ Ms Chayko says.

‘In the scheme of things, it was a small production. But

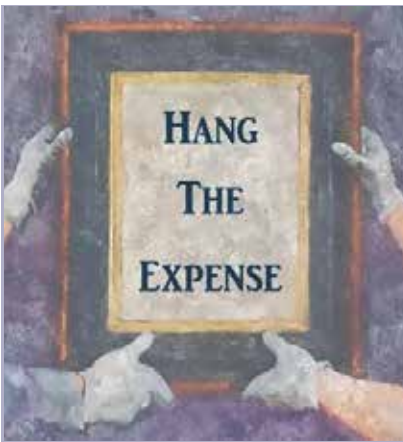
it’s managed to go a long, long way. I’m stoked.’

She said it was much easier to have a film and/or television career while living in a regional area than it had been in the past. More and more writers were leaving the city and living regionally.

‘However, it’s really important to make contacts in the industry,’ she said.

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Future of Mullum still struggles with flooding

Aslan Shand

The Mullumbimby Masterplan (MMP) is up for adoption at Thursday’s Byron Shire Council meeting, and while there are a range of positive proposals, there are some contentious issues still surrounding it.

The ideas of the Burringbar Talking Street, improved pedestrian and cycle accessibility, and more trees under a comprehensive street tree plan were all received well by the community.

However, it appears that the report has struggled to address flooding concerns in the area recommended for development on the southern border of the town.

An area identified as Precinct 4 in the draft MMP, now identified as the Salt Water

Creek Precinct, has come under fire from the Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) who have highlighted the serious flooding issues of the area.

Council staff have acknowledged in their report to Council that, ‘Much of the feedback received over the course of the exhibition period related to the suggested new release housing areas contained in the Byron Shire Draft Residential Strategy (DRS), which was exhibited in the weeks prior to Our Mullumbimby Masterplan.’

Planning confusion

Bringing the two plans to the community so close together has created confusion for residents over where to respond to have their

concerns heard.

A Byron Shire Council spokesperson confirmed with *The Echo* that any responses received by the MMP in relation to flooding will be provided to planning staff, who are considering feedback on the DRS.

However, the MRA have stated that the inclusion of this area in the MMP indicates that this ‘area is an accepted and integral part of the plan and it is going ahead once the flood issues are investigated and solutions found.’

They say that the inclusion of this area ‘was a last minute add-on to the plan from the [DRS]’. They also highlighted that concerns regarding flooding have been raised by NSW Department of Planning Industry and

Environment (DPIE).

‘This precinct should be removed from the [Mullum] Master Plan until the [Draft] Residential Strategy has been finalised and all the relevant flood studies have been completed and peer reviewed,’ they said in their response to Council’s changes to the MMP following community feedback.

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Bibi's tale of pro skater exploitation

Hans Lovejoy

Bibi Bradbury has a tale to tell younger kids wanting to be a pro skater – be wary of the career as the corporations that promote the sport are not particularly supportive of their talent.

Born at Mullum Hospital, Bibi says he was skating around Bruns and Mullum at six years old.

'I built a career around skating, and had corporate interest from age 13'.

'Sponsorship meant shoes, clothes, national tours and media exposure.

'Over the years, I became more well known as a pro skater. Yet there were no wages, only what you collected as prize winnings.

Cutthroat business

'At age 18, it became clear that corporate sponsorship is just tokenistic, and I started feeling exploited'.

As for any camaraderie with other skaters, Bibi says it's a cutthroat business so skaters don't discuss their contracts between themselves.

He says, 'You really need



Bibi is much happier now after finishing up on the pro skate circuit. Photo Jeff Dawson

to speak up and defend your worth'.

One example where he says the corporate sponsorship failed to support him in a time of need was after a serious head injury from an accident.

Head injury

'I was on a New Zealand trip with a company, collecting footage for their

promotions and I took on a 17 stair handrail and miscalculated. I ended up landing on my head and was knocked unconscious for around a minute.

'I was taken to hospital, but there was a four hour wait, so we eventually left. I know other skaters who have experienced similar treatment. If you clash with the top execs, you are out

of the industry. There's no insurance, very little pay and high risk. Eventually you get spat out.

'One notable exception is of course Tony Hawke, who managed to build a personal brand'.

Now retired at 25, Bibi runs the All Aboard skate school and teaches kids after school and on weekends. His number is 0478 104 516.

Council considers TAFE campus this Thursday

Paul Bibby

The Byron Arts & Industrial Estate could become home to a TAFE learning centre under a plan being developed by Byron Council and TAFE NSW.

As job prospects for young people in the Shire continue to dwindle, Byron Council will, this week, vote on a proposal to negotiate a non-binding agreement with TAFE NSW to build a Connected Learning Centre on Bayshore Drive.

A Connected Learning Centre (CLC) is a space where students undergo training and classes through various digital platforms.

In the leadup to this year's state election, the NSW Coalition promised to establish CLCs in a number of regional areas, including the Byron Shire.

A formal commitment is expected in 2020.

This announcement will determine whether the project progresses or not, and it is understood that a preliminary agreement between Council and TAFE is a prerequisite for any

commitment to be made.

Initially the old Byron Hospital site had been the favoured site for the Byron CLC.

However, this site has been found to be unsuitable without significant demolition and rebuilding – something which contradicts the desire of both Council and the community to adapt the existing building for future uses.

Preferred site

Lot 12 in Bayshore Drive has now emerged as the preferred site for the CLC.

This is a sizeable, undeveloped, Council-owned site next to the IGA shopping area on Bayshore Drive that Council staff say is 'likely to become available for development in the next couple of years'.

Byron Council staff have recommended that councillors vote at this week's meeting to authorise the General Manager to negotiate a non-binding Heads of Agreement with TAFE NSW for the Connected Learning Centre at Lot 12.



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Homelessness getting worse, say frontline workers

Aslan Shand

The number of rough sleepers in Byron Shire has continued to increase, with the most recent count seeing an increase of 18 per cent.

This makes it the area with the highest number of people who sleep rough per capita in NSW, outside of Sydney.

Responding to concerns about rough sleepers and homelessness, local NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith and officer in charge of Byron police station, Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe, brought together 25 frontline workers to discuss the ongoing crisis of homelessness and rough sleepers in Byron Shire.

Ms Smith says, 'Well meaning folk keep talking about homelessness and rough sleeping in Byron Shire, but very little has changed in the last five years for people experiencing homelessness in our community, or for the front line workers and volunteers who are trying to support them.'

'In fact the opposite is true – the number of people and their needs keep increasing, while the services available to support them steadily decrease.'

While an outreach pilot program being trialled in Tweed Shire has been running since August, and Byron Shire Council appeared keen to make inroads into the issue, frontline workers said the conditions on the street



NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith and John McKenna from North Coast Community Housing. Photo supplied

were getting worse.

'From a policing point of view I'm not seeing it [improvements],' said Inspector Kehoe.

'The volunteers and community groups are doing an exceptional job, but with 150 rough sleepers at the last count, and I think that is an under representation, we are going to see more incidents for the homeless, both for victims and offenders.'

Local Ambulance Inspector James Porter agreed, saying that the ambulance services are facing competition for limited resources. Jobs in relation to people with mental health concerns and rough sleepers are affecting their capacity to respond effectively to medical situations in a timely manner.

'I've come up here to see that there is nothing [in this area] working after hours. Once everyone goes home, it is all left to the police and ambulance,' he said.

It can take police or the ambulance three hours or more to assist someone on the streets who has mental health issues into acute services in Lismore and Tweed. And during that time, local service provision is severely restricted.

Resources stretched

The Byron police are assisting people into appropriate services up to 25 times a month. This often involves people being transported in the back of the paddy wagon.

'The police should be the last line for these types of services,' said Inspector Kehoe.

Mr Porter said that as part of the success of the Sydney assertive outreach program, he was involved in setting up temporary accommodation, and out-of-hours services such as mental health workers and alternative transport services. This eased the pressure on police and ambulance.

'We uncovered a real disconnect between what some services say they are offering, and what police, ambos and rough sleepers say life is like on the streets – particularly after business hours,' said Ms Smith.

A key outcome from the meeting was looking at how to define the needs of rough sleepers and those who are homeless in Byron Shire and how these needs can be addressed. 'This think tank, with over 25 frontline services represented, was a big step toward defining a Byron model for solutions that I can then take to the Minister to resource,' Ms Smith said.

Connections Week

'We have also started planning Byron's first Connections Week.'

Deb Stafford from Byron Shire Council explained that a 'Byron Shire Connections Week event would see local workers and volunteers connecting with people sleeping rough, to get to know people by name, and understand how to provide the right support to each person.'

Ms Smith highlighted that, 'The information gathered through the Connections Week will be vital for rolling out the right support on the ground, in terms of identifying actual need, but as a collaborative process across a huge number of organisations, it will also humanise clients and promote better collaboration between services.'



Cape rescue success

On Sunday afternoon, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked to Tallow Beach after reports of two missing surfers. After the young men were located at the base of Cape Byron in rough seas, they were winched to safety. Luckily, they only suffered minor cuts and abrasions. Photo Jeff Bee

Salvos partner with Bruns for bushfire initiative

The Salvation Army have partnered with an initiative by the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre and volunteers which aims to provide much needed rest, relaxation and recuperation to people who have been severely impacted by the November bushfires.

The Bushfire R&R project aims to provide a one week free holiday in Bruns, provide welcome packages on arrival full of vouchers and free experiences, 'and shower our guests with love and pampering during their stay after their terrible ordeal'.

Spokesperson for the Bushfire R&R project Kim Rosen says she's thrilled the Salvo's are on board, and their role will be to match recipients with the appropriate accommodation during their stay in February.

Rosen says, 'Accommodation providers, local businesses, community groups and residents responded

immediately and have been incredibly generous.'

She says the Salvation Army will liaise with co-ordinator Sam Pedlow.

Holiday packages

'Holiday property owners have been so supportive of the project,' said Ms Pedlow.

'In less than a month, 40 holiday packages have been pledged, and we are hoping to reach 50 in the next week,' she said.

Rosen says welcome pack co-ordinator Valerie Hardy will, 'tailor make the packs to suit the recipient families, as soon as they are advised by the Salvation Army'.

Ms Hardy says, 'Donations of dining and shopping vouchers, free activities, and invitations to host breakfasts and BBQs for the welcome packs, to be given to guests on arrival, have been pouring in.'

'Pledges of cash from

individuals and from fundraising by Quota, the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce and CWA have been received.'

'We are hoping to provide each guest with \$200 cash to cover their petrol and living expenses while they are here,' said Ms Hardy.

'So cash donations to one of the local service clubs (like Rotary, Lions or Quota) to pass on would be most welcome.'

While the Salvation Army is now involved and the project is moving full steam ahead, the Bushfire R&R team says there is still much to do.

They are looking for a community group to co-ordinate an R&R Bazaar, 'Where guests can select free summer beach and activity gear, such as hats, cossies, towels, boogie boards and the like, when they arrive'.

Rosen says The Brunswick Heads Red Cross has offered

to be one outlet and one other is being sought.

'As soon as the R&R Bazaars are finalised, the community will be advised and donations of these items can be dropped off to this organisation.'

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

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

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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COUNCIL SERVICE CLOSURE NOTICE

Byron Shire Council wishes to advise the following service closures across the Christmas and New Year festive period.

Please contact our after hours service for any urgent matters on 02 6622 7022 during this time.

COUNCIL OFFICES

Closed from 4.30pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will re-open 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

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CLOSED:

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Wednesday 1 January 2020

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Friday 27 December 8.00am to 4.00pm
Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 December 8.30am to 11.30am
Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December 8.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 2 January 2020 8.00am to 4.00pm

We wish our residents and all visitors to the Shire a safe and enjoyable festive season.

PROPOSAL FOR NAMING OF PARKLANDS IN SUFFOLK PARK

Council has resolved to support a community initiative to name the parcel of land informally known as the Suffolk Park Recreation Grounds as the **Linda Vidler Memorial Park**.

A tribute to Linda Vidler and the community proposal can be found at this link: https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/11/OC_28112019_AGN_1001.PDF. The relevant section will be found at 13.13 (Page 62) *A Community Proposal to name land at Suffolk Park as Linda Vidler Memorial Park*.

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

Submissions close: January 8 2019.

Enquiries: Andy Erskine 02 66267240 or aerskine@byron.nsw.gov.au

SECTION 356 DONATIONS GRANTED

Under Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993* – "A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions."

Council wishes to advise that at its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 November 2019, it resolved to grant the following Section 356 Donations to community organisations. The donations are granted following successful application to Council's Community Initiatives Program 2019/20 Round 2.

Name	Purpose	Donation Amount
Queer Family Project	The Queer Family Project aims to improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation and provide opportunities for connection and community for the LGBTQIA+ residents of the Byron Shire. Specifically, funding is to support the creation of safe spaces, events, workshops and other opportunities for queer people to connect through our Queer Family 2020 calendar (Jan-June).	\$5000
Bangalow Billycart Derby 2020	Support the event by reducing the amount expended on monitoring the road closure and traffic management for the Billycart Derby 2020.	\$1250

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry, Community Project Officer 02 6626 7316

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

10.2019.424.1 – COOPERS SHOOT, 272 Coopers Shoot Road

Change of Use of Secondary Dwelling to Dwelling 2 of Detached Dual Occupancy, including Alterations and Additions and New Carport

10.2019.511.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 18 Omega Circuit

Dwelling House

10.2019.544.1 – BROKEN HEAD, 433 Seven Mile Beach Road

Tennis Court, Pavillion, Pergola and Landscaping

10.2019.373.1 – BYRON BAY, 399 Ewingsdale Road

Change of Use Shed to Office

10.2019.399.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 39 Matong Drive

Studio with Deck

10.2019.509.1 – MYOCUM, 59 Kingsvale Road

Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Swimming Pool

10.2019.452.1 – THE POCKET, 594 The Pocket Road

New Dwelling to create Dual Occupancy (Detached)

10.2019.573.1 – FEDERAL, 201 Federal Drive

Swimming Pool

10.2019.300.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 174 Broken Head Road

Secondary Dwelling, Carport, Use of Garage as a Bedroom and Tree Removal One (1) Tree

10.2019.349.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 14 Short Street

Stage 1: De-commissioning of existing Residential Flat Building to form One (1) Dwelling and Construction of New Dwelling to form a Dual Occupancy. Stage 2: Alterations & Additions to existing Dwelling

10.2019.345.1 – EWINGSDALE, 46 Bay Vista Lane

Subdivision of Five (5) Lots into Four (4) Lots

10.2019.403.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 38 New City Road

Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House including Demolition

10.2017.733.2 – BYRON BAY, 4/28 Childe Street

S4.55 for Design Amendments to Dwelling House

10.2018.330.2 – MYOCUM, 43 Benloro Lane

S4.55 to Modify Shed

10.2018.428.2 – OCEAN SHORES, 2 Whitton Court

S4.55 for Design Modifications to Dwelling House

10.2019.337.2 – BANGALOW, 3 Paddys Court

S4.55 to alter Condition 1, Delete Conditions 3, 4 & 11 & Notes and Amend Secondary Dwelling Plan

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

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

10.2019.363.2 – BYRON BAY, 5 Don Street

S4.55 to Modify Conditions 3 and 16 Regarding Coastal Erosion and Delete Condition 12 Regarding Stormwater Dispersion

Local News

Developers free to submit almost anything to Council

With a plethora of large development applications (DAs) being submitted that exceed height and floor space ratio policies, is there an internal mechanism whereby staff pre-flight a DA and confer with developers so that the DA is more likely to be closer to what will be accepted?

That question was put to Council's Director of Sustainable Environment & Economy, Shannon Burt.

She replied, 'Council acknowledges the community is concerned about some aspects of development in the Byron Shire.'

'Many people do not realise that Council is unable to refuse the lodgement of a development application, provided it meets the requirements of schedule 1 of the EPA Regulation 2000. It does not need to comply with planning controls to

be lodged, so this means we have to accept it when it is submitted, regardless of the quality of the DA or the information it provides.'

Non-compliant risk

'Applicants who do submit a DA that does not comply with policies run the risk of it being refused for being non-compliant. Our Development Support staff and planners are available to talk to people and provide advice on the information required for DAs.'

'If an applicant provides all the necessary documentation for the DA at the time of lodgement then notification of the DA (to neighbours etc) happens'.

Burt concludes, 'A merit assessment of development applications occurs according NSW laws, and recommendations are made accordingly'.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 18 DECEMBER 2019

10.2019.599.1 – Bangalow, 15 Granuaille Crescent (Lot 243 DP 1231365) Mr B C Campbell, Use of Existing Rockwall

10.2019.603.1 – Byron Bay, 23 Jonson Street (Lot 1 DP 713659) Planners North, Shop 7 Refurbishment Works to Existing Shopfront

10.2019.595.1 – Bangalow, 7 Station Street (Lot 1 DP 359227) Bangalow Lions Club, Alterations and Additions to Existing Kiosk Building

EXHIBITION CLOSES 15 JANUARY 2020

10.2019.610.1 – Eureka, 18 Taylors Road (Lot 50 DP 1099747) Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.560.1 – Byron Bay, 3/75 Bangalow Road (Lot 3 SP 86774) Ardill Payne & Partners, Stage 1: Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House Stage 2: Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

10.2019.611.1 – Suffolk Park, 43/31 Hayters Drive (Lot 4 DP 271003) Mr B G Gray, Use of Sauna

10.2013.587.7 – Byron Bay, 98-114 Jonson Street (Lot 6 DP 619224, Lot 7 DP 619224, Lot 8 DP 617509, Lot 9 DP 617509) Mercato on Byron Pty Ltd, S4.55 for Minor Changes to Approved Plans and Amendments to Easements

10.2019.617.1 – Byron Bay, 310 Skinners Shoot Road (Lot 12 DP 590825) Town Planning Studio Pty Ltd – Use of Existing Structure as a Recreation Facility (Indoor) Ancillary to Existing Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and for Storage

Council's consent condition on Byron sewage plant under investigation

Hans Lovejoy

It has emerged that for the past 18 years, Council staff have not been tracking the urban sewage loads that it approved for connection to the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

The Echo understands that development consent for building the STP in 2002 required that every development consent after 2002 in the Byron Bay sewerage catchment be matched with an equivalent amount on effluent re-use. This was to ensure that no new sewerage load enter Belongil Creek.

At their November 14, 2019 meeting, the Water Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee (WWSAC) advised Council that it needs to 'report on Byron Bay STP Catchment sewerage load resulting from development consents after 9 December 2002 (or similar).'

The staff report on the Committee recommendation advises councillors that the additional work 'to develop this large set of historical data... will take a full time Council employee away from

Poo factory fun facts:

Byron Shire is serviced by four sewerage treatment plants (STPs). The largest is the Byron bay STP, followed by Bruns Valley (Vallances Rd) STP, Ocean Shores STP and the Banglow STP.

core operational duties'.

WWSAC member and former councillor Duncan Dey told *The Echo*, 'The issue here is a consent condition imposed, in December 2002 on the Byron Bay STP, requiring all new developments since 2002 to be matched with reuse equivalent to the amount of the new sewerage load'.

'This consent condition was to ensure no increase in flow of treated effluent into Belongil Creek. Every litre of waste was to be matched by a litre of reuse. Sadly, Council ignored their own consent condition. Reuse may have expanded since 2002 as required, but no one has been monitoring, so we don't know if it's a match'.

He says the issue highlights Council's dual roles in this case, where it operates as both the developer and

the consent authority.

Dey says, 'Council hasn't done the job of enforcing compliance on its own condition of consent.'

Both developer and consent authority

'Council should obey all conditions applied to its own developments, and set a decent example to the public.'

'Development approval is granted, contingent on certain Conditions. If a Condition is not met, the approval has vanished. It looks like the BBSTP may be operating without consent. I hope Councillors agree that obtaining the data on whether it is in breach of its own consent is an urgent matter.'

■ Senior staff told *The Echo* the report for January is on track to meet the deadline.

Ready for tiny house villages?

Paul Bibby

A tiny house village providing homeless people with long-term housing and access to services would be set up in the Byron Shire, under a plan being pursued by Council.

Mayor Simon Richardson recently met with NSW Planning Minister Rob Stokes to discuss the legislative changes needed to clear the way for the construction of the village on either Council or Crown land.

'He was really open and receptive to what we were sharing [and] cognisant of Byron's unique housing predicament,' Cr Richardson said.

Pilot project

'I think he recognised that this could be a pilot project that could pave the way for other similar proposals across the state.'

Cr Richardson said the village could provide three-to-five year tiny house leases for homeless people, as well as access to support services such as counselling and medical care.

They would be integrated with other groups, both advantaged and



Boneyard Studios, a demonstration tiny house village in Washington, DC. Photo Boneyard Studios

disadvantaged, to create a healthy, sustainable community.

Laws won't allow

However, creating such a community is currently impossible because of the state's planning laws.

'If you're looking at fixed tiny homes, they're basically considered a permanent dwelling under the planning laws and so they can be very time consuming to get approved and then built,' Cr Richardson said.

'If it's a tiny home on wheels then there are limits as to how long it can stay in a certain place and how many you can have in one place.'

Council is seeking an amendment to the Local

Environment Plan (LEP) so that it includes provisions for its tiny house village development to occur, including eligible land and dwellings that can be included in such a project.

It is also seeking a commitment from the Planning and Local Government departments to form a working group with Byron Council that would look at how this type of development could be achieved more flexibly and permanently.

During the recent meeting, Minister Stokes asked Council to come up with a more detailed proposal for the tiny homes village and to include this in its local planning statement next year.

SECRET SOUNDS & M15 PRESENTS

FALLS FESTIVAL

BYRON: 30 DEC • 31 DEC • 01 JAN • 02 JAN

THE FALLS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL is being held at North Byron Parklands (Parklands), Wooyung, on the 30th December (10.00am to 2.00am), 31st December 2019 (9.00am to 2.00am), 1st January (9.00am to 1.30am) and 2nd January 2020 (9.00am to 1.00am). Please note, music will commence from 11.00am each day. Bands will cease operation at midnight each evening with the exception of New Year's Eve at 1.00am. Audio testing will take place for the main stages on Monday 30th December between 5.00pm and 8.00pm with a mandatory minimum one-hour sound check to test audio systems.

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS INCLUDE:

- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h along Tweed Valley Way between Yelgun Road and Jones Road, and off-ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- The majority of Festival patrons coming from the north to the Festival site will travel via Mooball using Cudgera Creek Road, Pottsville Road and Tweed Valley Way. The majority of Festival patrons coming from the south to the Festival site will travel via Brunswick Valley Way.
- Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road and Jones Road at Tweed Valley Way.
- Traffic control personnel will also be in place at the intersection of Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road.
- Please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.
- Festival camping patrons will begin to arrive at Parklands from 8am Monday 30th December 2019 and depart by 2.00pm Friday 3rd January 2020.

PARKING & ACCESS

There is NO PARKING along Tweed Valley Way or in the streets surrounding Parklands. Special Event Parking restrictions will be in place and Council Parking Rangers and NSW Police will be on patrol throughout the event. Fines will apply. Camping or sleeping in vehicles within the Byron and Tweed Shires is not allowed. Maximum Penalty exceeds \$1000. Council Rangers will be on patrol throughout the event period enforcing this regulation.

There is NO PEDESTRIAN access into Parklands. NSW Police will continue to issue significant fines to any persons trespassing and/or entering the event without a valid ticket.

Local residents wishing to drop off or pick up Falls Festival patrons must use the event's drop-off and pick-up zone located in the Northern Car Park via Entry Gate C. Use of the Yelgun Rest Area is prohibited for this purpose. There will be no inbound vehicle movement allowed into Parklands between 6.00am and 1.00pm on Friday 3rd January 2020.

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

An event Community Hotline will be in operation from 8.00am Monday 30th December 2019 to 5.00pm Friday 3rd January 2020. The Hotline will be attended during the approved event hours of operation.

THE COMMUNITY HOTLINE NUMBER IS 02 6680 4049.

Local residents with parking, noise or litter concerns during the Festival should contact the Hotline and we will send our Community Response Team to assist you. Residents can also email community@northbyronparklands.com

We thank you for your patience and understanding, and wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE FALLS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

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Did not vote for this

What awaits the unsuspecting public this Thursday at Council's December 12 meeting?

There's 2,690 pages of agenda to digest – really.

And there appears an urgency about it, which was similar to when the last Council majority faced their election in 2016.

It's unclear why councillors elected largely on a platform of Green or left values are now pursuing a Nationals Party agenda of development at all costs. It's been happening for a while.

What we learned this week is that NSW councils are largely free to develop whatever they like, and ignore growth targets (see page 4). Wahoo! That seems to suit this council.

It also suits wealthy developers of course, and impacts on those who value residential amenity and the (diminishing) high value biodiversity of this area.

Over-development is problematic for this region given the limits of the Shire's four sewage treatment plants. They are a key to how much development can occur. Longtime readers would be aware of a sewerage moratorium that lasted nine years, until 2006. Such considerations appear missing from much of what is being thrown at the public at present. Instead we are presented with big, bold visions of economic growth underpinned with glossy pictures.

If approved this Thursday, Council's Business and Industrial Lands Strategy (BILS) would rezone vast tracks of rural land to commercial use. This means speculating developers could submit large major 'significant' projects that then get considered under the dubious unelected Northern Planning Panel.

It's worth pointing out the NSW government are wanting to fast track as much development as possible too.

Enabling documents like these make it hard for future Councils to defend such unwanted DAs in court.

The Business and Industrial Lands Strategy is a mess in terms of process and alignment with other plans.

The Echo understands a Local Growth Management Plan is being requested by the state government, and that it should precede other plans and strategies like this.

It's actually all an embarrassment. Will all this land become residential too, like it has in the Arts & Industry Estate?

These 'plans' all cost rate payers money. Poor planning documents may suit bureaucrats, as revisions give them endless activity. Poor planning documents suit nobody else.

This plan is similar to the rural strategy submitted in the dying days of the 2012-2016 Council majority. That Council tried to foist massive inappropriate planning documents for approval onto the state government. Thankfully that rural strategy was rejected, along with other inadequate plans, such as the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP).

Does rezoning huge swathes of the Shire reflect the wishes of the community? And will councillors continue to defend planning staff over these types of plans? We'll see on Thursday.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

How good is the Pentecostal climate apocalypse?

Determined to share the pain of their recent humiliation with the rest of the country, the Morrison government finished the 2019 parliament with a spate of behaviour that was Grinch-worthy in its awfulness.

With the support of Tasmanian Senator Jacqui Lambie, they demolished the Medevac legislation pushed through by Dr Kerryn Phelps during her brief stint as the member for Wentworth.

This means decisions about urgent medical care for refugees in offshore detention will no longer be made by medical professionals, but by functionaries of the ever-growing, Kafka-esque empire of Peter Dutton.

There are now real fears that the twelve people who lost their lives under the old system will not be the last. And this, despite the fact that multiple polls showed the Medevac laws (or something better) were supported by a majority of Australians.

Although she took most of the heat, Senator Lambie's vote was only one of 37 to repeal this legislation. The four medical doctors who are members of the government (including a paediatrician and a child psychologist) appear to have traded Hippocrates for hypocrisy.

Jacqui Lambie shed tears at the time of her vote, but refused to tell anyone what deal she had done with the government.

Apparently the details were a matter of national (or at least Tasmanian) security. Optimistic pundits hoped this might mean refugees would be allowed to take up New Zealand's offer of resettlement, but Jacinda Ardern says if that's the plan, no one has told her.

In other authoritarian news, the government pushed the latest version of their anti-union bill through the lower house, and gagged all debate.

Afterwards opposition leader Anthony Albanese was livid, saying the Prime Minister 'is not prepared to allow for the proper functioning of the Parliament. He regards democracy as an inconvenience.'

Albo continued, 'When the Prime Minister speaks about quiet Australians... what he wants is silent Australians. He wants the whole of Australia to just shut up and listen to him.'

As infernos raged across the land, Scott Morrison's cheery news was that he would be pushing his Religious Discrimination bill.

David Lowe



The Greens' Adam Bandt was also gagged in the house, tweeting: 'This is how democracy dies.'

Having the two progressive parties on the same page was a pleasant contrast to a few days earlier, when the ALP attacked the Greens of ten years ago for failing to support their old carbon pollution reduction scheme. For some reason this was suddenly much more important than attacking the actual government of 2019 or focusing on the many crises besetting the nation.

Former Greens co-deputy Scott Ludlam fired back in memorable form, tweeting 'We voted down the CPRS because it was garbage drafted to get Ian Macfarlane, Barnaby Joyce and the coal industry over the line. Soon as we kicked them out of the room we got the clean energy act done with Gillard instead. *Please* can we move on. This is getting dull.'

Meanwhile coalition frontbencher Angus Taylor was digging himself deeper by attacking Naomi Wolf.

The American writer promptly skewered the minister by Skyping his office and putting the whole embarrassing exchange on YouTube – (no, she didn't know Angus at Oxford and yes, she loves Christmas).

This was just one of many scandals engulfing Mr Taylor, including; running interference for his wife against her opponent in Sydney politics, Clover Moore; the Taylor family poisoning endangered grasslands to increase profits at their farm in the Monaro, and Angus's involvement with millions of dollars of federal water money sloshing to the Cayman Islands via Barnaby Joyce – all hanging offences in the good old days – but PM Morrison's only comment from his parallel Pentecostal universe was that he still had full confidence in his energy minister, and that 'The policy performance of Angus

Taylor is not under question'. Well done Angus.

In the midst of this, a convoy of farmers and irrigators descended on Canberra urging the abandonment of the Murray-Darling Basin plan, Tim Costello and concerned Christians from Australia and the Pacific were in town urging an increase in foreign aid, and members of the National Firefighters Union brought a fire truck to the front

door of parliament, calling for an urgent national response to the fire crisis.

But Morrison, the marketing genius, flung all this aside and gladdened the hearts of stationery suppliers everywhere when he amalgamated a bunch of government departments instead.

Environment would now be subsumed by its nemesis Agriculture, and Arts would become part of the Transport and Communication Department, which makes perfect sense. After all, most arts workers in Australia are already driving Ubers to survive.

In the same week Angus Taylor lived to fight another day, multiple senior public servants lost their jobs for doing nothing wrong, their departments were thrown into disarray, and power was further entrenched in the Prime Minister's office.

Close to the final bell of the 2019 parliament, One Nation returned to form, after their brain explosion of niceness last week, by blocking a humanitarian amendment from Centre Alliance Senator Stirling Griff that would have forced aged care providers to reveal how much they actually spend on food, staff, and other costs of delivering care.

What could be more 2019 than attacking the people who elected you?

As infernos raged across the land, and species were sacrificed out of sight and mind, Scott Morrison left us with the cheery news that he would be pushing his Religious Discrimination bill (Newspeak, remember) as soon as he comes back to work in 2020.

This news came via a dinky video, shot in front of the Morrison Christmas tree, taken handheld to make it look like it was made by one of his kids, or perhaps an elf.

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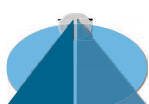
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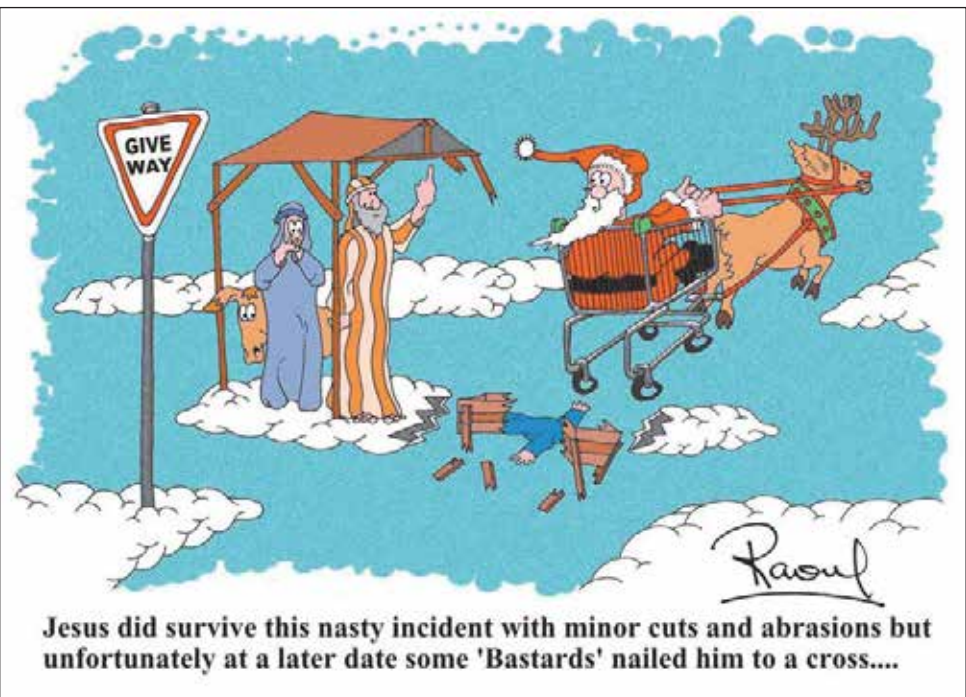
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N Beamish
 South Golden Beach

Hands off our lane!
 We are residential land owners and our homes are already encircled by commercial land and activities at the Jonson/Browning Street intersection.
 Not being commercially zoned greatly restricts our ability to counteract excessive development application (DA) proposals. In the past, developers have sought four storeys to tower above us. They also sought to commercialise our narrow residential laneway access with a busy two level underground carpark entry/exit, a waste removal station and a loading dock.

Fortunately the first DA was conclusively rejected by the Northern Joint Regional Planning Committee in November 2018. At the time the Mayor and other councillors voiced their opposition to this DA. We need their support again.
 The latest planning proposal now being considered, again seeks the commercialisation of Ruskin Lane for a 125 car capacity underground car park entry/exit, loading dock and waste removal facilities.
 It is an enduring feature of developers to seek to commercialise public facilities

for their own profit, ignoring residents' existing rights and their need for protection from intrusive noise and loss of privacy.
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Annette Feletti
 Byron Bay

No new oil
 Fight for the Bight? Yeah right. Worrying about an oil spill in the Bight is like worrying about the baby's nappy while s/he is drowning in the septic tank.
 How about 'No New Oil!' After all, it is a climate emergency, isn't it? Just because you may happen to be driving a fossil-fuelled vehicle is no justification for going soft on oil.
 To justify my stipend from the FFI (Fossil Fuel Industry) I'd better throw some doubt

into my letter...
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Sapoty Brook
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Not just Greens
 The headline, *Greens claim hands tied over rural tourist cabin approval* (*Echo* November 27) was misleading. Of the nine councillors, eight voted for Cr Lyon's amendment, which tried to get a better outcome for the neighbouring residents. Only Cr Ndiaye (Greens) voted against. Two Labor, one National, two independents and three Greens voted to support the amendment because it sought to remedy a bad situation.
 We knew we had little chance of winning if a refusal meant the developers would take us to court. We did refuse the development application the last time it came before us because we felt we could win. The proponent then reduced the size of the development substantially and addressed several of the key concerns.
 We work with the tools we have, but sadly, councillors cannot vote everything undesirable away and we

cannot vote against what something *might* turn into in the future, such as a wedding venue or noisy party house. It is a problem of the planning regulations we have; largely those imposed on us by the state government.
 Most councillors are aware of the impacts that the burgeoning tourism industry in rural areas is creating and we are trying to contain them. Also you could have mentioned in the article that Cr Lyon has been the driving force to get better regulation around tourist cabins.
The Echo should never allow its critics any grist to their mill that it is a biased publication. Independent media has to hold itself to the highest standard of fairness and accuracy.
Cr Cate Coorey
 Byron Bay

Council's trust deficit
 The mayor was quoted at the IAP2 conference (*Echo* editorial, 27 November) as saying 'individuals acting as agitators... insult council' and that the council, surprise, surprise, had a 'trust deficit'.
 Well, gee whizz, how inconvenient for the Mayor and his cohorts, that they have detractors or even, god forbid, critics! Strange, the last time I looked the word for that was 'community debate or discussion' or what is more commonly described as 'democracy'. Has someone forgotten?
 'Individuals, colourful and passionate' - What does he suggest? That we all just fade back into the paintwork and become silent and acquiescent, bland and anonymous? That no-one is to have a point of view other
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Please slow down for the snail

■ As the world spins around for another year, how is it possible that going into 2020, Byron Bay is constructing a bypass road through a wetland that is home to a critically endangered species? How was this allowed to happen? Especially when right next to the wetland is a railway corridor that can be partially appropriated for the road? The corridor is wide enough to take the road, the rail line, and a bike path.

Australia's national strategy for nature 2019-2030 states that the vision for our country's biodiversity strategy is that, 'Australia's nature, now and into the future, is healthy and resilient to threats, understood, and valued both in its own right and for its essential contribution to our health, wellbeing, prosperity and quality of life.'

The NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* outlined in Division 6 that the environment agency head establish a biodiversity conservation program with the specific objective to 'maximise the

long-term security of threatened species and threatened ecological communities in nature, and, to minimise the impacts of key threatening processes on biodiversity and ecological integrity' – threatening processes such as building a road through it. Where is this biodiversity conservation program? Where is NSW Minister for Energy and Environment Matthew Kean on this issue? Please stop trying to point political fingers and just fix this fiasco.

Tim Winton-Brown
Mullumbimby

■ I thought it was unusually silly of Councillor Michael Lyon to illustrate (last week) precisely what I meant by the Greens' intellectual dishonesty: casting around for arguments and evidence to support their foregone conclusion and poor decisions and using the permanent staff to help them do it. Surely the opinion piece about snails to which Michael put his name was not written by him; it could

only have originated from that multinational GHD and been handed to Michael by a nervous senior staffer! An acknowledgement of his sources might have arguably boosted Michael's credibility. As it is, he himself must bear all the blame for the article's shortcomings. Previously Council consultants pleaded that they looked high and low for signs of a certain endangered snail but found bugger all. Their argument now is that in fact there are thousands of them, as well as several alternative habitats. The unstated new conclusion is that it therefore won't hurt to knock a few on the head for the bypass. This is essentially what allegedly Green Michael Lyon has endorsed (apparently though, the Greens Councillors will be there on the day relocating individual snails and their microhabitats. After that they will presumably help guide the trucks, loaded with 30,000m³ of fill. Too bad for any creatures that don't happen to be a snail). However, the statement

that most galls me is towards the end where Michael says that, 'Council was aware of and relied upon' known ecological studies. What shameless rot. Yes I believe that senior staff knew, but they are not 'Council', are they? It is the elected Councillors together who constitute 'Council', and having closely observed these guys on this issue, for over three years, I can assure readers that no councillor knew about the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail until Jan Barham bought space in *The Echo* some months ago to publicise its existence. I myself knew that the courts had imposed strict environmental preconditions, but I didn't know about the snail. From my point of view though, the key point is this; snail or no snail, not everything on this planet exists to be trashed and reshaped for the passing convenience of Homo Sapiens. Wetlands are at the top of my 'don't touch' list.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

► Continued from page 13 than the one he decrees? Are you serious? A \$30,000 Solutions Panel? Once again, rate-payers' money just being so easily tossed into a bureaucratic waste bin. And what for? To protect a fragile ego? Are you kidding? What about you engage with the community!

What is clear and urgent, at a time when the situation, more than ever, requires leadership and vision, is that we have sparingly little or none. And it is particularly poignant at this hour, (when we have blood sunsets and our forests are being burnt black) that we see our so-called Greens council being anything but... and becoming indistinguishable from the developer and investment lobby that they seem to have become so embedded with. No, the ones who are being insulted here are us, the constituents, by the Council's sheer insularity and lack of real community action and engagement.

Ron Curran
Ocean Shores

Post sculpture
The best feature for that roundabout would be a large shady tree, that when mature, has a canopy as large as the circle, but keep the trunk clean so motorists'

visibility is not impeded by it. As seen at Casuarina. I believe it would be a lovely green welcome to Byron Bay with the long view to the real lighthouse beyond.

Serena Dolinska
Burringbar

Absent Greens
It was absolutely worth showing up for the screening of Bob Brown's documentary *Convoy* at the Brunswick Picture House recently. Bob Brown and his foundation are making political waves in our climate stricken country by making politicians who support coal use and the development of the Adani coalmine look very flaky.

It was incredible to see the number of locals who showed up to watch the film. There were also many people who participated in the convoy and showed support the Wangan and Jagalingou clan who have been involved in a legal battle with the Queensland government to halt the approval of the Carmichael coalmine. It was great to see Cr Cate Coorey and Duncan Dey there, both of whom participated in the convoy, showing their allegiance to the cause. But when someone asked if any Greens Councillors were present, the hall echoed with a pregnant silence. Where were the Greens Councillors

when faced with mass destruction of planet Earth? Oh yes, opening a new park. **Gabi Giacomini** Ocean Shores

Mesh no good
Well, I googled 2mm aperture gutter guard; it appears to be just a form of mesh from what I can see.

Mesh is not an efficient protective device, as all that happens is that the dangerous material gathers on top of the mesh rather in the gutters. There was also shown a sort of mini-roof over the guttering but this would only result in material accumulating along the gap between the roof and the covering.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

The New World
The global ego with its reliance on intelligence and logic has well and truly passed its use-by date. It is giving rise to the global self esteem with its reliance on ethics and unconditional love. You will need to have a flexible belief system to navigate the speed and depth of this change as you've left it so late. The song to accompany this little tale is *The Times They Are a-Changin'* by Bob Dylan with the words 'the loser now, will be later to win' and 'the order is rapidly

fading, and the first one now, will later be last.' Simple really! I strongly suspect The Garden of Eden awaits those on the other side of the Transition Journey. Good luck to everyone equally and Bon Voyage. **Paul Moore** Suffolk Park

Pell
Watching a Lewis rerun: one of the characters belonged to Oxford Catholic Alliance. I was intrigued, so I looked it up. Got on to the Newman Society. In 2009 Pell gave the inaugural Thomas More Lecture in the University's Divinity School. Makes good reading. Jones and company seem to be parroting the speech word for word. **Bernard Hinchcliffe** Mullumbimby

Bangalow footpath
How wonderful the bike tracks are being built in Suffolk and beyond. But please can the footpath from Bangalow roundabout to Artsyard or at least Riffle Range Road (1km) be next on the list? So many children walk and bike to town on the edge of this narrow 80km zone with no lighting. My friend was blown off the side of the road by ► Continued on page 20

CHES by Ian Rogers

The Australian Schools Teams Championship, held last week at Canberra Grammar School, confirmed once again Victoria's supremacy but indicated that the gap between the states may be narrowing. The top division, Secondary Open, saw a major upset when Queensland's Churchie school edged out Melbourne's Scotch College, ending an eight-year run of success for Victoria. Hopes for an upset were raised when Scotch beat Melbourne High, winner of the previous six national titles, for the Victorian position in the tournament. Yet Scotch, with star Luis Chan on board one, missed out on the title by a single point, beaten by Churchie's superior depth. The Queenslanders, who were led and coached to three consecutive titles by David Smerdon from 2000 to 2002, are also looking good for 2020, with preteen star Sravan Renjith due to join the team next year. Victoria won the other three divisions, but only in the Primary Open did Victoria show genuine dominance. Notably, all

five Waverley College players were members of the Box Hill Chess Club, the engine driving Victoria's conveyor belt of strong juniors, thanks to its innovative coaching program. In the Primary Girls section, Mount View Primary won their fourth title in a decade, in a close finish. (The school, coached by GM Darryl Johansen for many years, also picked up four Primary Open titles in that time.) In 2018 Melbourne's PLC Burwood had scored an incredible 20/20 to blitz the Secondary Girls division. This year, despite having the two highest rated players in the competition, they were trailing going into the final round, but managed to produce a 4-0 sweep to take the trophy.


Australian Schools Teams Championship leading final scores
Secondary Open: 1.Anglican Church Grammar (Q) 15.5/20; 2.Scotch College (V) 15; 3.Sydney Boys High (N) 11.5
Secondary Girls: 1.PLC Burwood (V) 15.5; 2.Sydney Girls High (N) 14.5; 3.Lyneham High (ACT) 13.5
Primary Open: 1.Waverley Christian College (V) 18; =2.Somerset College (Q), East Marden Primary (SA) 11.5
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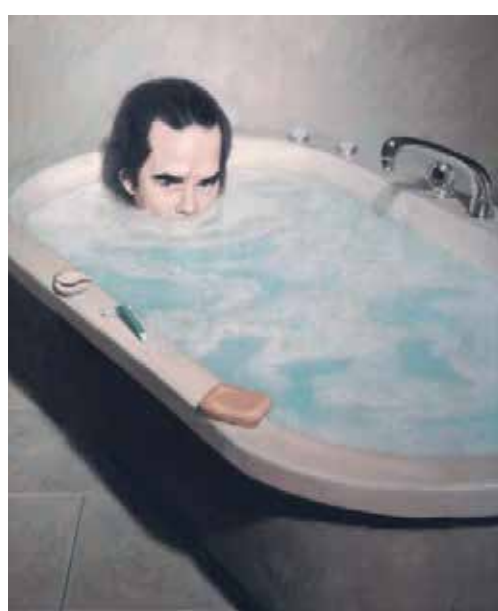
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Ecologists: Byron bypass not so good for Mitchell's Rainforest Snail

Dr David Newell & David Milledge

The opinion piece by Councillor Michael Lyon (4 December) on the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail population in the vicinity of the Byron bypass development demonstrates a lack of understanding of basic ecological principles and of the statutory provisions of State and Commonwealth legislation protecting biodiversity. It also contains a number of factual errors.

The estimated number of individual snails and the assumed area of habitat are not the important issues here. It is the quality of habitat and the capacity of snail populations to persist in these areas that is crucial.

Habitat inequality

Much of the area being identified as suitable snail habitat in the vicinity of the Bypass, encompassing the Cumbebin Swamp, is sub-optimum habitat as stated by Council's principal ecological consultants on a number of occasions. However, the area being impacted by the Bypass includes optimum snail habitat, as shown by recent surveys. Consequently, it is invalid to compare this with a larger area containing less suitable habitat.

It is the periphery of Cumbebin Swamp that is acknowledged as important habitat for the snail,



evinced by numerous records including those about dwellings in the Lilli Pilli area. The latter records indicate the species has some refugial persistence, but such areas are far from secure and with the accelerating impacts of droughts and heatwaves resulting from climate change, these areas will be under greatly increased pressure.

Mitchell's Rainforest Snail is classified as 'a species that cannot withstand further loss', again pointed out by Council's principal ecological consultants. This means that loss of habitat, particularly optimum habitat, would be contributing to its extinction.

The species is listed as Endangered under the *NSW Biodiversity*

Conservation Act 2016 and Critically Endangered under the *Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. These listings should not be treated lightly, as Councillor Lyon appears to have decided.

Councillor Lyon refers to Dr Stephanie Clark as Council's expert snail consultant in this matter, but Dr Clark does not appear to have conducted any field investigations in the Cumbebin Swamp area prior

to this project. It is also understood that she was only given minimal time to prepare her review. He also claims that Dr Jonathon Parkyn's PhD thesis was relied on 'throughout the bypass approvals for biobanking and the environmental impact statements' but Dr Parkyn's thesis is not referenced in the environmental impact study (EIS) or the Biobanking Biodiversity Assessment Report.

Councillor Lyon is incorrect to refer to a Broken Head population of 500 snails, as this threatened population is located at Suffolk Park and there are no known records from the Nightcap Range. Some of the other populations he refers to, such as in the Kingscliff/Cudgen area are also under major development pressures.

Vegetation removal

What Councillor Lyon did not mention is that Council has just resolved to 'prioritise the removal of vegetation and maintenance of vegetation within the rail corridor' and endorsed the 'unanimous support by the Northern River(s) Joint Organisation for the prioritisation of removing vegetation from within the rail corridor and the request to the state government for its immediate removal'. Unfortunately, this is likely to include much of the area and habitat that Councillor

Lyon describes as where the snails and snail micro-habitat will be relocated to. Further, relocation offers little benefit to conservation of the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail as it is an accepted scientific principle that most of such attempts fail, and any relocated 'micro-habitat' will quickly be subsumed into the existing habitat.

Councillor Lyon's concern over delays in constructing the bypass would probably have been alleviated if Byron Council had referred the potential impacts on Matters of National Significance (under the EPBC Act 1999), including the impact on the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail, as part of the original assessment for the bypass, and not have been forced to do this retrospectively.

■ Dr David Newell is a senior lecturer at Southern Cross University and has co-authored three publications regarding the conservation and ecology of Mitchell's Rainforest Snails and he also supervised Dr Parkyn's PhD thesis.

■ David Milledge is a local terrestrial ecologist who has been involved with surveys of the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail in Byron and Tweed Shires over the past 20 years. Both authors have worked as Byron Shire ecologists in past years.



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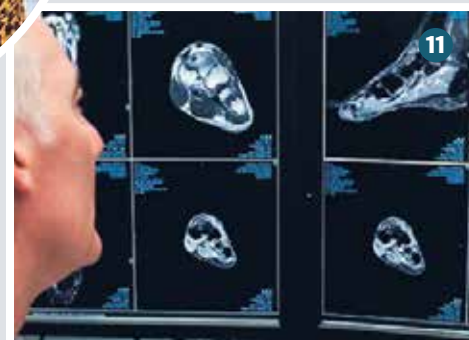
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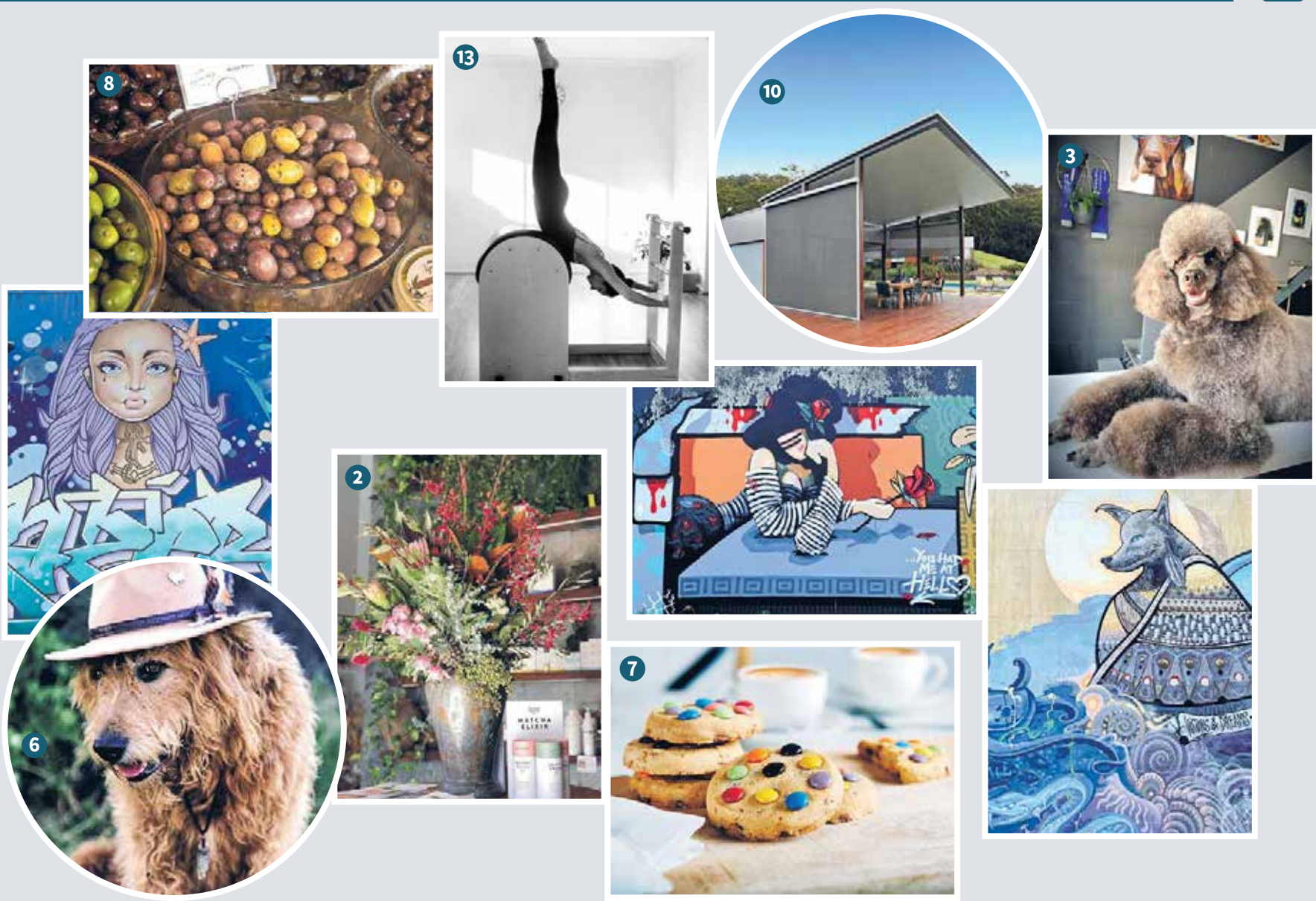
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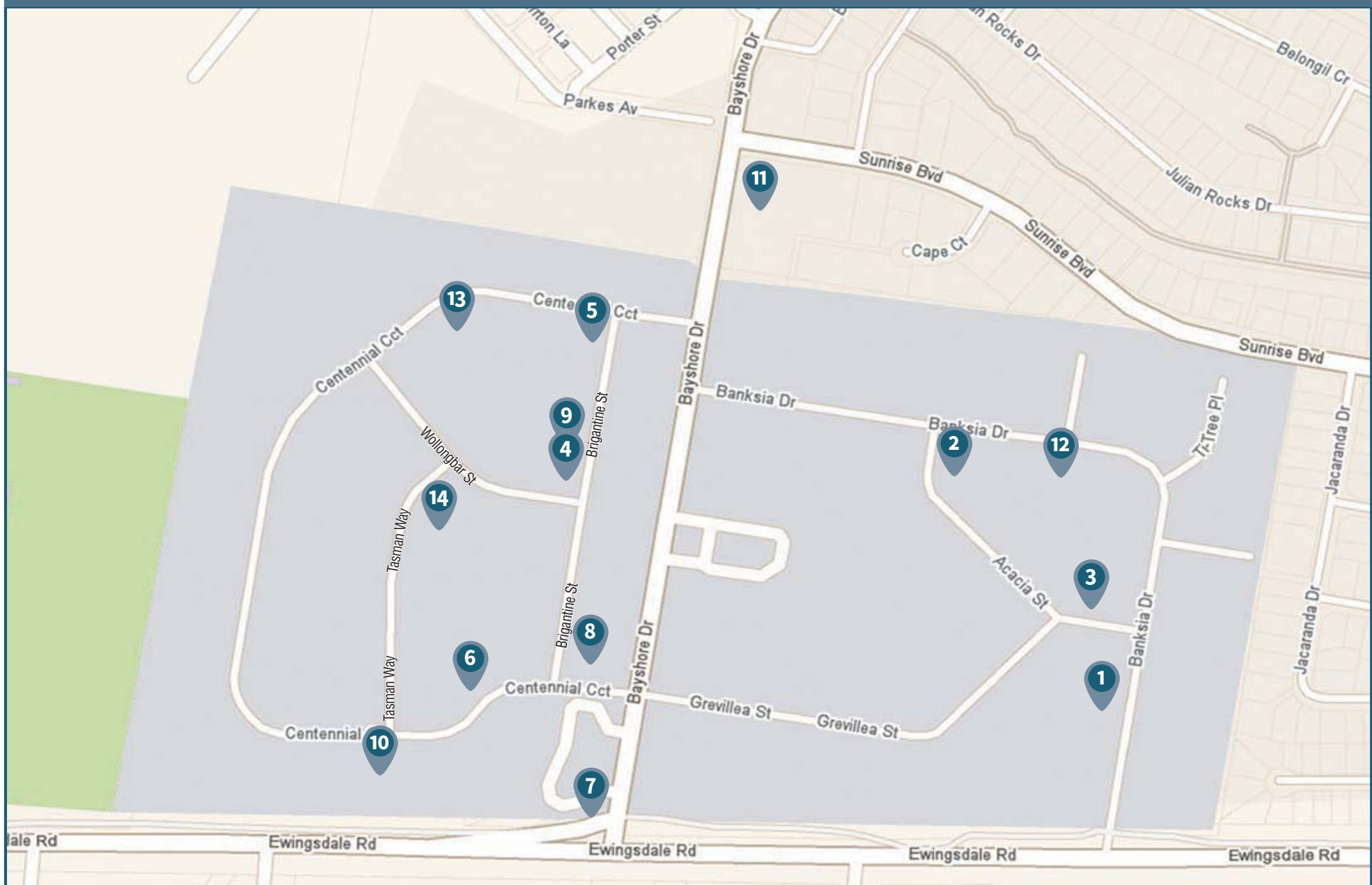
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a semitrailer recently and fell down the slope and twisted her ankle. It's very dangerous.

Gabriel Rosati
Bangalow

Beach Hotel

How on earth can the Beach Hotel kitchen justify a 10 per cent surcharge on credit card payments? The coffee wasn't that good!

Tony Duffy
Byron Bay

Echo-nacea

Echo-nacea is not a new therapy. It's been around since 1986 and is a subjective therapy. When taken weekly it can provide relief from modern Byron Shire life, inform the mind or occasionally, inflame the senses. It depends on what extract the user imbibes. One part has space for discussion, called, 'Echo letters'. It's at the newspaper's discretion as to what ingredients are used here. When a Fairfax editor has enough, they simply say, 'This is now closed.'

To acknowledge a writer from Byron Friends of Palestine's (BFoP) complaints about not having their letters published (December 4), is to me a generous act. I mean, if you banged on and on about potholes, sooner or later the editor will reject those letters because a different action is needed for change. The same goes for the Israel/Palestine conflict.

When I was concerned about the lack of grass-root issues published in a local right wing paper in Sydney, I started my own paper, ending up with 42,000 copies monthly. The BFoP could do this, take out more paid ads in *The Echo*, or continue using social media.

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Orthodoxy?

The Echo rightfully prides itself on being the independent voice of our community. So fiercely independent in fact, that its editors are unconstrained by such stifling norms as standard grammar or orthodox style.

Hans Lovejoy commenced last week's editorial with this neat little tautology: 'It's less than a year away to the September 2020 Council election...' Letters editor Aslan Shand's note regarding letters policy started with this zinger: 'Following complaints from two readers regarding the not printing of letters enough the Palestinian/Israeli conflict...' And if

that was not enough, Paul Bibby's piece about a local XR protestor included this memorable line: 'Once it was established that that the protest was in fact authorised...' Keep good the work up.

Dave Lisle
Goonengerry

Market hippy-crits

I am over the hypocrisy that is these community 'artisan' markets, and I'm not alone.

Every month on the fourth Sunday, the Bangalow community market is held. They say on their website: 'Permanent stall sites are only issued to Byron, Ballina, Tweed and Lismore shire residents, who make, grow, cook or refurbish the products they are offering for sale'.

While many do make their own goods, there are stall holders who source their readymade garments, jewellery, sheets and other stock wholesale from foreign lands and seem to hold many permanent stalls. At The Channon, after being bombarded for half an hour, during what's meant to be stall allocation time, and lectured on what 'craft' is you leave your stall and find that a lot of permanents aren't actually artisans.

What I'm saying is, that after attending the market for nearly 20 years as a custom jewellery maker it's not nice to be told by the market coordinators that you will never have a permanent stall 'never ever'.

No online booking system for Bangalow, and The Channon sees local stall holders waiting for up to two and-a-half hours, from time of arrival until stall allocation. When passion decides your fate and your artistic practice keeps you alive and others happy, this becomes very demoralising.

Israella Lumbroso
Ocean Shores

WTActualF

More comfortable chairs, bigger houses, faster devices, another pair of branded underpants with endangered species printed on them to 'raise awareness' while 50 other species are wiped out of existence.

Worldwide, over the last 10 years, an increasing amount of all the wealth created is going to a very small number of people. Since 2009 the wealth of the 400 richest Americans (0.00025 per cent of their population) more than doubled to almost \$3 trillion, while the total wealth of everyone else fell.

So why are we trashing

the planet? What is all the land clearing, the mining, the oil spills, the billions of sharks slaughtered for their fins, the fracking, the habitat destroying industrial agriculture, the militarisation, the urbanisation, the road building, the factory fishing, the deforestation, the rape and pillage of the last remaining natural ecosystems for? Our world has created 8,700,000 species over the course of 4,500,000,000 years and we are destroying it to make that small percentage of morbidly wealthy people even more wealthy. Well that makes sense!

In less than the span of four average human lifetimes or 1/15millionth of the time it took to create the abundant Eden we found ourself a part of we have polluted, trashed, and consumed the life out of enough of the planet to tip the balance that supports every species of life.

Now we are facing existence in the fractured, broken, trashed, oil slicked, plastic filled nightmare of what is left of the beautiful pristine cradle we evolved in; the only place in the entire infinite universe where we can be sure life has evolved.

It took 4,500,000,000 years to create it and only 300 years to bring it to its knees. Is anyone else thinking WTActualF is going on right now? Is it time for drastic immediate action yet? Or is it already too late? Are we too lazy, too psychologically broken? Or are we not sure that we even want a world where we or are not allowed to happily, endlessly consume as we have grown accustomed to?

Marcus O'Mullane
Byron Bay

The value of water

It has come to our attention that the Falls Festival, with 35,000 people on site (the population of Byron Shire) will be accessing water for the festival from Rous County Council (RCC), which supplies Byron and elsewhere.

Falls first went to Tweed Shire for needed (and convenient) water, but on 7 November 2019, Tweed Shire Council passed this resolution unanimously: 'RESOLVED that Council not grant an exemption from its policy, Drought Water Restrictions v3.2, to the North Byron Parklands for their Falls Festival from 30 December 2019 to 2 January 2020.'

Tweed Council decided to put their ratepayers first in this time of extreme drought. So what will Falls do? Well,

the plan is for them to tap into the bulk water main at Tyagarah. So if you depend on water from RCC, you will be in competition with Falls.

Mullum is on Level 3 water restrictions now. From 7 December, the rest of the Shire will go on Level 1 restrictions, and those restrictions will escalate if the dry continues.

As we comply with water restrictions, 35,000 people will be partying at Falls, drinking water to keep hydrated, relaxing in swimming pools that are refilled repeatedly, using toilets, taking showers, enjoying misting areas to keep cool, and water being sprayed on the roads to keep down the dust etc. Those 35,000 are on top of all the other visitors the Shire gets during the holidays – people who also depend on RCC water for their daily needs.

In this time of extreme drought, we have to start being realistic with water, as Tweed Shire Council has done. It is now a very precious commodity for our life and safety. We hope Council will put Shire residents first by helping Falls find a source for water other than RCC water.

Kathy Norley
President South Golden Beach Community Association

Is this Australia?

Had a paramedic come across that harmless young boy on the street in Byron he would have been assessed for psychiatric issues, alcohol poisoning, dehydration, admitted for observation or taken home. In no circumstances would the boy have been clubbed.

Had the boy been the offender, he would be demonised and incarcerated pronto. He would have received no transfers to another town.

Contrived justice is not based on truth, it is a distortion or corruption of truth. As in George Orwell's *Animal Farm* with the totalitarian pig Napoleon where 'some animals are more equal than others'.

There needs to be a public inquiry, with submissions from the public, to ascertain if this violence is the tip of the iceberg. It's quite obvious that this system of clubs, tasers, capsicum spray and guns for problem solving needs to be replaced with one that has a duty of care to humanity and the environment.

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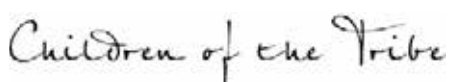


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Next Collective Drinks

5.30-6.30pm, Tuesday 11 February 2020 - Location: TBC.

\$10 members \$20 non members - RSVP closer to the date.

The following dates for drinks in 2020 fall on the second Tuesday of the month:
14 April, 9 June, 11 August, 13 October.

Next Chamber Meeting

7pm start, Tuesday 10 March 2020 - Mullum Ex-Services Club.

The following dates for 2020 meetings fall on the second Tuesday of the month:
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Shaking it

It's getting hot hot hot – but of course it's cool to be out on the newly opened rooftop terrace bar The Lawn, at Aquarius in Lawson St, packed with the young people who flock to Byron Bay, especially at this time of year, drinking cocktails under the shade of the umbrellas dotted around.

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Kristal behind the bar was shaking the cocktails with some style. Photo Jeff 'Devout Shaker' Dawson



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From 3.00pm to 6.00pm, the independent Northern Rivers brewery will host an afternoon of beers and nibbles, with all proceeds from beer sales between these hours directed to the NSWRFS via the brewery's national not-for-profit, the inGrained Foundation. Recently, to support the fire relief effort across NSW, Stone & Wood donated \$10,000 to the NSWRFS and, over the next couple of months, is donating \$1 from every Tasting Paddle sold in their Byron Bay Tasting Room, while \$1 from every Tasting Paddle sold in their Brisbane venue will go toward the Queensland Rural Fire Service. Stone & Wood will also run fundraiser raffles at the Friday 13 December event, including beer, merch and a Stone & Wood Brew Experience, as prizes.

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Special roast at The Branches

By S Haslam

I was lucky enough to be at The Branches Café (and Coffee Roasters) out in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate last week when a new batch of coffee beans were being roasted right there in front of me, in the middle of the café.

I was surprised by how high-tech the operation was, with owner Patrick fully engrossed in twiddling dials and following the graphs of the action on his laptop. After all, the café is otherwise pretty cruisy – there was a skateboard leaning up against the wall next to the roaster. According to his partner Tamara, the roasting process takes only 12 minutes, so it's important that everything is spot-on during every minute of the roast.

There's nothing like an espresso made with freshly ground beans, but seeing the beans gradually turn brown actually made my double espresso Ethiopian Yirgacheffe Gedebe taste that much better – I felt close enough to

the action without having to actually produce anything myself!

The café, in the new Byron Food Hub, makes 'industrial' look pretty stylish with lots of wood, black tiles and exposed concrete; even the centrepiece industrial roaster looks good. This isn't an iced-coffee and pie industrial estate café either, the food is healthy and delicious – maybe next time I'll have a barley and basil salad with a kombucha, but sticking safely within my comfort zone I had a simple banana bread that turned out to be next level; gluten free banana 'loaf' with fig and cinnamon.

Patrick and Tamara (Pat and Tam) came to this area with their roaster in tow five years ago, and they've really made something pretty special in Mullumbimby.

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My summer cocktail

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 <p>Byron Bay Deli 6/25–27 Lawson Street 6680 8700 Open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 5pm</p>	<p>Proudly serving the people of Byron and beyond with the finest gourmet food for over 20 years. Bringing a little bit of the middle east to the bay. We have everything you want for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Eat in or take home. Let us take the stress out of cooking. Picnic Hampers – coffee - catering</p>
 <p>Barrio Eatery & Bar Mon–Sat 7am–9pm 1 Porter Street, North Byron No reservations. Bookings over 8 email: gather@barriobyronbay.com.au</p>	<p>A 5-minute drive from Byron Bay, Barrio brings together the local community in a relaxed environment for all-day dining. Wood-fired oven, charcoal grill, veges, meat, fish, salads, natural wines, local beers, cocktails and St Ali coffee. Eat in or take-away www.barriobyronbay.com.au @barriobyronbay</p>
 <p>The Rocks @ Aquarius Breakfast/Lunch 7 days from 7am 16 Lawson St, Byron Bay 6685 7663 – Menus at therocksbyronbay.com.au</p>	<p>NEW SEASONAL MENU! Join us at the Rocks on Lawson for some delicious winter warmers! We have a range of fresh, locally sourced breakfast and lunch options at affordable prices. Why not try one of our scrumptious health bowls, house-made burgers or our signature brekkie salad. Warm yourself up with a Byron Bay coffee or a super smoothie! Cosy indoor seating and heating outdoor dining available.</p>
 <p>The Hideout Cafe Breakfast and Lunch 7 days a week from 7.30am Shop 6/13 Lawson Street 6680 9300 FB thehideoutbyronbay insta @thehideoutbyronbay</p>	<p>Hidden away in Byron's iconic 'Eat street' Bay Lane, The Hideout Cafe and Bar offers indoor, outdoor and deck dining With a fresh, funky, relaxed vibe, generous serves, cruisey staff and 10am licence, come and find us for 'Byron's BEST breakfast' all day... Takeaway available Vegetarian, Vegan and gluten free options available Kids menu</p>
 <p>Luscious Foods Mon-Fri 7.30am–3pm Open Friday nights 6–9pm Live music and BYO 1/6 Tasman Way, Byron Arts & Industry Estate BYO & RSVP 6680 8228</p>	<p>Contemporary and Middle Eastern flavours • Breakfast and lunch • Wood-fired pizzas • Fresh juices • Great coffee www.lusciousfoods.com.au</p>
 <p>Main Street Open 7 days 11.30am until late Call to make a reservation or for takeaway orders 18 Jonson Street 6680 8832</p>	<p>Gourmet burgers created by chefs Cocktails, wine and beers served all damn day. Group bookings available, please email mainstreetburgerbar@gmail.com for reservations.</p>
 <p>Our Table Byron Bay 18–20 Marvell Street, Byron Bay 6685 6202 0419 217 144 www.ourtablebyronbay.com.au</p>	<p>Modern Australian Cuisine with a heavy influence on local sustainable produce. Winter Hours: Tuesday–Friday Lunch 12–2pm; Dinner 5.30–8pm Sunday Lunch 12–2pm; Dinner 5.30–8pm Saturday - Open 12–8pm</p>
 <p>Treehouse on Belongil Full Cocktail & Wine Bar. Extensive Menu Includes Tapas, Mains, Desserts and Famous Woodfired Pizzas. 25 Childe St, Byron Bay 6680 9452</p>	<p>Share plates, mains, desserts and famous Treehouse wood-fired pizza. Our kitchen is open all day and night. Presenting incredible original music in Byron's most intimate atmosphere. Check our website or Facebook for the gig guide. facebook.com/treehouse.belongil treehouseonbelongil.com</p>

BYRON BAY continued

 <p>The Italian Byron Bay Open 7 days from 6pm Next to the Beach Hotel Bay Street 6680 7055 italianatthepacific.com.au</p>	<p>The Italian Byron Bay provides a bustling atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine and some of Byron's finest cocktails and wines.</p>
 <p>GREEN ROOM Bar & Dining in the BEACH HOTEL Tuesday – Sunday From 4pm till late 1 Bay Lane, Byron Bay 6685 6402</p>	<p>Proudly all local \$2 Oysters and \$12 Cocktails 4–6pm \$12 Late Night Macpresso Martini 9–11pm Book a table, up to 20 on the fork. For Functions & Events email events@beachhotel.com.au</p>
 <p>Success Thai Mon-Fri lunch & dinner closed Sundays Dinner from 5pm. 3/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469</p>	<p>All your favourites every lunch and dinner Experienced Thai chefs cooking fresh delicious Thai food for you. BYO only Welcome for lunch, dinner and takeaway. Menus available on Facebook</p>
 <p>St Elmo Dining Room & Bar Mon-Sat: 5pm till late. Sun: 5pm till 10pm. Cnr Fletcher St and Lawson Lane, Byron Bay 6680 7426 www.stelmodining.com</p>	<p>St Elmo is a place where you can enjoy great company, first-class food, sophisticated cocktails and an extensive wine list. St Elmo is plating up modern Spanish cuisine to be enjoyed amongst friends and family. Our menus change regularly and feature daily specials.</p>
 <p>Targa Modern European Cafe • Restaurant • Bar 11 Marvell Street Byron Bay 6680 9960 targabyronbay.com targabyronbay@gmail.com</p>	<p>OPEN - 7 days Breakfast & Lunch Dinner Tuesday to Saturday All day menus, licensed bar DINE AT DUSK 2 Course \$40, 3 Course \$50 – seated by 6pm only Happy hour AFTERNOONS 4–6pm daily \$12 Cocktails, \$7 beers, \$8 wines, \$12 Moet Live acoustic music – Fridays 6pm</p>

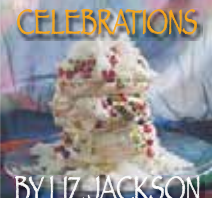
MULLUMBIMBY

 <p>Yaman Mullumbimby 62 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby 6684 3778 www.yamanmullumbimby.com.au Open 7 days. Mon–Wed: 9am–8pm Thu–Sun: 9am–8.30pm</p>	<p>Handcrafted Malawach, Falafel, Pita Pocket, Middle Eastern spices... blended with the tradition of Yemen and the vibe of Mullumbimby. Visit and experience authentic atmosphere and culture. Dine-in, Takeaway and BYO Vegan & Gluten-Free friendly Special Edition Humus Plate every Wednesday.</p>
 <p>The Empire Open 7 days: S,S 9am–3pm, Mon–Thurs 8.30am–4pm, Fri 8.30am–8.00pm Dine in, takeaway, licensed FB/Insta: EmpireMullum empiremullum.com.au 20 Burringbar St, Mullum 6684 2306</p>	<p>Now open later on Fridays for happy hour & burgers! We're Staying open Friday nights, serving up happy hour and bar snacks 4–6pm and burgers 6–8.00pm. The Empire is where it's at! Something for all tastes from epic burgers to vegan delights. Enjoy delectable treats and good vibes at this Mullum icon.</p>
 <p>Societa Bistro Located in Mullum Ex-Services Club 58 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby 6684 2533 www.societabistro.com</p>	<p>The place to go for a relaxed, delicious meal, with a varied menu offering quality dishes made from local ingredients, as well as creative Italian specials. Tuesday – 2 for 1 schnitzel night Thursday – kids eat free Saturday – pasta and salad buffet \$17 Sunday – Sunday roast \$17</p>

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 <p>Harvest 18-22 Old Pacific Highway Newrybar NSW 2479 02 6687 2644 www.harvestnewrybar.com.au @harvestnewrybar</p>	<p>Traditional weekend country breakfast Long lunches on the garden verandah Weekly changing Wild Harvest foraged dinner menu Lunch 12–3pm daily / Dinner 6–10pm Wednesday–Sunday / Weekend breakfast 8–11am Harvest Deli is open daily with take-away pastries, sandwiches and salads Harvest Deli: Mon–Sat 8am–5pm / Sun 8am–4pm Coffee cart 6.30am–2pm daily Harvest is available for events, weddings and catering</p>
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CATERING

 <p>Celebrations Catering By Liz Jackson Celebration cakes Personal catering services Event co-ordination and management</p>	<p>E: lizzijackson@gmail.com P: 0414 895 441</p>
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Festive Season

Amore

Amore thanks all of their wonderful customers for supporting small business!

They support local art and craftspeople, and stock a large variety of unique and ethical items including clothing and accessories, gifts & homewares, jewellery, collectables etc... including their own designs!

Some of their labels, Gypsy Rose and Ruby Street, have been going for over 25 years, with great fabrics and designs.

They offer quality pre-loved and upcycled popular labels as well as a wide range of other items, including organic skin care, teas, ceramics, organic incense, crystals, lamps and collectables and a variety of gift cards, mostly local.

During these times, being conscious is surely important, to balance caring for our planet and living on it, and Amore give back to various charities and take care to recycle any packaging appropriately.

Enjoy their positive vibes, have fun while you shop, and have a fantastic holiday season!

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Christmas at Bruns News

Celebrate Christmas with locally made products and Christmas cards from Bruns News in Brunswick Heads. They have a great range of Indigenous artwork, Boomerangs, Woomeras, Stones and Didgeridoos made locally and authenticated. Ranging from very modestly priced items, up to larger spectacular paintings, these items will make superb Christmas presents. Locally made jewellery from the Mermaid Collective and Merchants of Venus make meaningful gifts, which showcase some of the unique talents of the Shire. Christmas cards from Marion Liddle and Moonface Maddy offer gorgeous local views that you can share with friends and family.

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Festive Feasting

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The full pizza, pasta and salad menu is up and running and Earth 'n' Sea is fully licensed with beers from both local breweries and fine wines at great prices.

25% off until 25th December! Order as many times as you like until Christmas and receive 25% off your total order, when you order online from their website and collect from them in Marvell Street.

Denise and David thank everyone for the support of their small local business, which in turn supports many school and local fundraisers throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to everyone and all the very best for 2020.

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(Opposite Bay Leaf cafe and Vinnies)
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Christmas at Loft

Because it's a special day to be enjoyed with loved ones, Christmas Day in Byron Bay should be about relaxation, delicious food and beautiful scenery. Indulge in a Byron Christmas-styled feast at Loft over four lavish courses. Whether you're heading to Byron Bay for the festive season, or simply looking to relax for the day, let them look after you this Christmas. Ideal for large groups, families with children, or couples wanting to do something a little special. An incredible four-course menu awaits, starting with a decadent seafood platter – synonymous with an Australian Christmas. Celebrate in style with a premium beverage menu, including a celebratory festive spritz on arrival.

4 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
6680 9183
loftbyronbay.com.au

Paddock to Plate Christmas Fare!

Nothing beats a Christmas feast made from fresh locally grown produce. Not only does it taste much better, but it's also bursting with nutrients, hasn't travelled long distances and helps support your local farmers. And the best place to stock up on all your fruit and veggie needs – as well as a great range of meats, dairy, eggs, seafood, nuts, rice and more – is at your local farmer's market.

To make sure you have all your groceries ready for Christmas Eve and Day, Byron Farmers' Market will be held on MONDAY December 23 this year rather than the usual Thursday. Same time and place, 7 – 11am at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road. Then back to Thursdays as usual from January 2. See you there!

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Mullumbimby Farmers' Market

It's been a tough year for many of our local farmers. Show your support and buy local this Christmas!

It's easy to fill your Christmas table with local produce. Everything from your Christmas ham to the fruit for your pav can be picked up at the market, as well as a whole lot of great foodie presents for your friends and family.

This week at Mullum Farmers' Market you can even try before you buy, with free tasting plates of local fresh produce and food products on offer at the market's annual Customer Christmas Party.

Sample some of the delicious products the market's stallholders make, grow, bake and create, such as home-made dips, jams, sauces and relishes, fresh fruit and vegetables, pickles and ferments, sourdough breads, local cheeses, olives, honey, nuts and more. Tasting plates available throughout the morning.

*Mullumbimby Farmers' Market Customer Christmas Party, this Friday December 13.

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Monday 23rd December

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Festive Season



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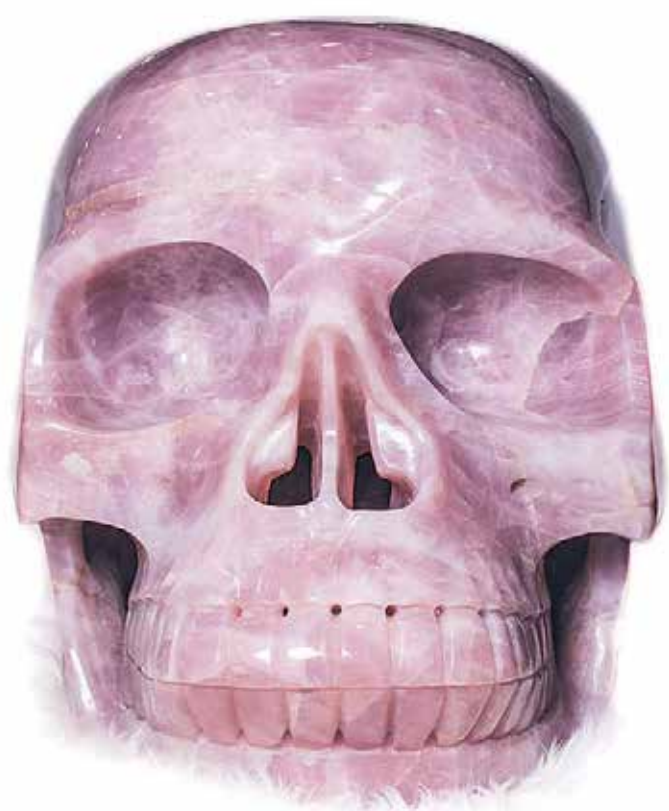
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Bookworms & Papermites

Our favourite Non-fiction for 2019:

The Gap (Benjamin Gilmour): This book reads like a novel because Ben has framed this short period of his life around some emotionally challenging events. But it is also about the working life of a paramedic and there are moments in this book where all you can do is laugh out loud – a highly recommended local author.

Dark Emu (Bruce Pascoe): Using journals from the original colonial settlers and his own extensive research, Pascoe effectively argues that the nation's original inhabitants were not hunters and gatherers but a sophisticated society with engineering skills, agricultural and aquaculture skills, tools, storage and home building skills. An eye-opening and paradigm shifting read.

The Hate Race (Maxine Beneba Clarke): A powerful memoir of growing up black and middle-class in western Sydney. Despite being confronting this is an extremely readable and illuminating book.

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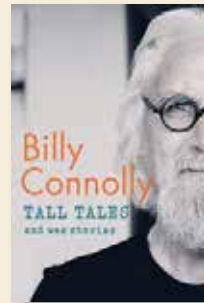
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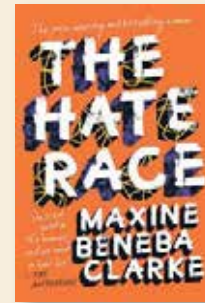
BOOKWORMS & PAPERMITES

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

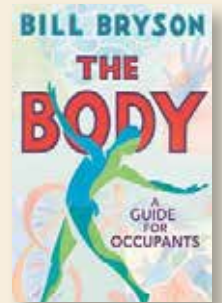
Here are some more recommendations from the Bookworms & Papermites team



TALL TALES AND WEE STORIES
Billy Connolly

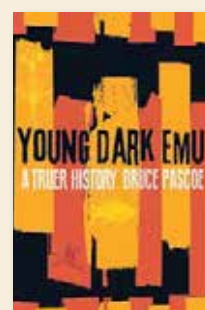


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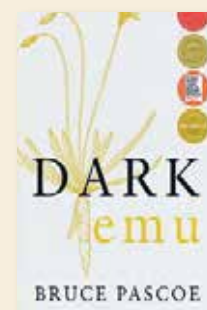


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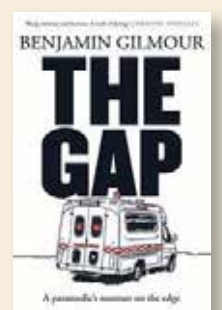
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Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre

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Interior designers, architects and home-owners are turning to The Collection for that feature piece to transform a space; whilst mineral collectors and crystal enthusiasts marvel at the rare items on display.

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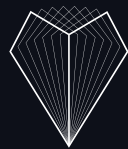
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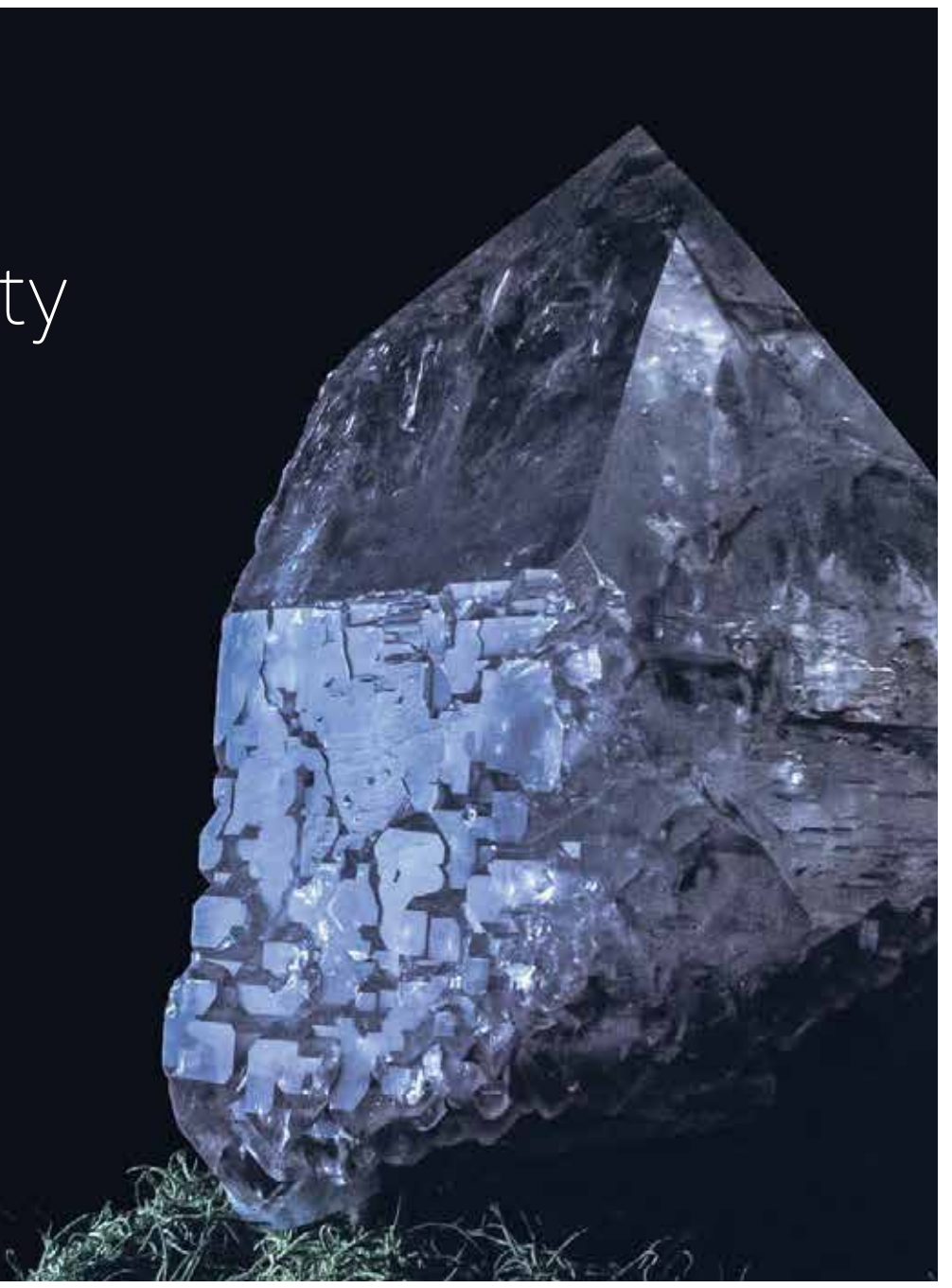
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A YEAR OF NORPA

It's the big reveal that theatre and dance lovers in the region look forward to every year – what's NORPA got in store for the year ahead? All was revealed at their 2020 launch last week.

Artistic Director, **Julian Louis** takes great care in assembling a program that challenges his audience. 'When I'm thinking about the stories we make, and the original theatre, and the privilege of bringing works here, I think about the audience in this region and how they love to be challenged. It is a privilege to create works that are often using symbolism and abstraction. Audiences here enjoy the sophistication of theatre. But the theatre is for everyone – it speaks to the entire community in all their diversity', he says. NORPA's program is always exceptionally robust.

'The works we present aren't always plays. A minority are literary texts. A lot of projects are from the collaborative process. For example *Backbone* with Nimbin-based director, Darcy Grant, is one of the most incredible contemporary circus acts you will see in your life. It's built out of collaboration and rebellion.'

NORPA 2020 will also welcome comedian Jonathan Biggins as Paul Keating with *The Gospel According to Paul*, celebrated Bell Shakespeare with *Comedy of Errors*, explosive physical theatre company Legs on the Wall with their award-winning work *The Man with the Iron Neck* (co-directed by Brunswick Heads-based creative, Josh Bond, with set design by Main Arm-based Joey Ruigrok.)

The Man with the Iron Neck is a powerful story inspired by the death of a sibling by suicide. But this is about the strength of a family and plays against a parallel story of a guy who used to jump off high points, with a noose around his neck, as a circus performance.

Among the twelve shows now on sale is new NORPA original work, *Flow*, created by Yaegl-Bundjalung man, Mitch King. *Flow* is a yarn about Yaegl country. It's an urban tale of finding identity in music and hip hop, a personal story of family pride and friendship, and it's an ancient

story about the water that flows through this country.

'This is Mitch's solo show about his relationship to water. He is reflecting on the stories he was told as a child, and telling them differently. Told through hip hop and dance – his main collaborator is big Teddy – and they are fantastic hip hop performers and music makers. If you have an interest in the region where you live and you want to connect to country more, this is the show to see; It tells ancient stories with hip hop,' says Julian.

There is also theatre on offer that Julian believes will be embraced by people across the community, like *The Gospel According to Paul*, performed by Jonathan Biggins. 'He does the best satire of Paul Keating. He will get your mind buzzing!' Says Julian.

Animal Farm by Shake & Stir from Brisbane is another show for people who like to see influential literature on stage.

With works by Bell Shakespeare, Brunswick Picture House's Cheeky Cabaret, and a collaboration between Michael Hennessy and Sprung!! dancers, the program offers something for everyone.

Self-produced work is what Julian is proudest of.

'Around half of these works are inspired by local artists – that makes us different from other regional theatres. We are one of five companies in regional Australia who make our own work in a venue like this [and who are] growing. We find the making of the work connects us to audiences that we wouldn't have [otherwise] met, [who come to] see a local work by an original artist.'

The expansion and innovations at the venue have also contributed to Julian's ability to book a diverse program.

'What we are delivering now, and how it's grown, is not just programming – it's about how we develop the venue. It's had \$7.5 million dollars spent, and people will notice the improvements – \$1.3 million was spent on lighting and sound upgrades alone!'

Growing and evolving the cultural life of Lismore is at the heart of the NORPA 2020 program. For more information, and to book tickets, go to norpa.org.au.

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TO WEE OR NOT TO WEE: THE TRICKY TOPIC OF GENDER FLUID

As we move towards a more gender inclusive, gender neutral world, what is the efficacy of toilets? Can we say oui oui to the wee wee of the greater we? If our language, our passport applications and our medical records allow us the fluidity to identify as whoever and whatever we want, then why are we still insisting on such binary definitions of gender for our public toilets? These are relics of a time-gone-by where we are asked to identify as a little armless man in trousers, or a paddle pop stick of a lady. According to the graphic, men are defined as wearing pants and girls wear dresses (or a cape, depending on your point of view). If we're trying to subvert restrictive gender identity that denotes only two genders, shouldn't we start here? When you start talking about toileting and safe places to take off your pants, the conversation gets really tricky. A toilet needs to be a safe place. You're never quite as vulnerable as you are with your pants around your ankles. That's why I only poo at home. Our home toilets have always been gender neutral. Sure we've complained about seat up or seat down. We've complained about wee on the floor. We've complained about the toilet paper replacement refusal of some genders. But these are minor issues around toilet hygiene. I've been a toilet cleaner; often women's toilets were the most disgusting. So if the issue isn't (perceptions of) gender cleanliness and toilet hygiene, why haven't we moved to 'unisex' toilets in public settings?

Is it because we've had to admit that some men aren't safe? Is that why there's such a public outcry about the move towards unisex toilets? A new \$80 million school project in Brisbane is building unisex toilets, and there's a sense of alarm. In fact it made headlines in the *Courier Mail* with many fearing that this was going to create huge problems and put some young people at risk. That is quite possibly true. Why? Because we accept that some men will cause harm to others. We accept the existence of this sort of potential violence, or threat to safety, as a given.

While on the one hand, unisex toilets feel like pragmatic realistic thinking – on the other, it's crazy to be exposing vulnerable people to a greater potential for harm. On a more philosophical level, it shows how accepted male violence is. No wonder we can't get our stats down. Violence against women (and children) is a cultural norm. We accept that it will exist. That some men will cause harm to others (including other men) and we adapt our behaviour accordingly. The whole of society acquiesces to men's violence. Individual women in DV situations get blamed for not leaving, but on a societal level we're doing the same. We adapt our behaviour rather than demand that their behaviour changes.

Male toilets are often perceived as 'unsafe' places. For years, as a mother of a small boy, I took him to the ladies toilet. I would never send him into the men's until I was certain he understood how to speak up for himself. The men's toilet is for men. The women's toilet has been for children, men who identify as women, women who identify as men and transgender people... basically the women's toilet has long been open to anyone who doesn't identify as strictly (cis) male. That's because 'women's space' is seen as safe space.

Of course in a school setting you have vulnerable young girls – they're vulnerable because a hostile masculine society makes them so. Some will be dealing with the onset of menstruation and the sensitivities around that, and this is when privacy and having a safe space is essential. Young people are at risk of having the door flung open, being spied on, being cornered and being bullied or assaulted in a setting where often 'no one' is watching.

Philosophically I say 'yes' to unisex toilets, but in reality I say 'no', because it puts too many people at risk. How can we ever make the issues around where we release our gender fluid more gender fluid? So, here's my idea for non-gender-binary loos: one for 'Violent Men and Sexual Predators' and another that says 'Everyone Else'.

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Take yourself centuries into the future this New Years Day with Techno, Trance and Psychedelic Electronica at 2020 Vision... featuring International DJs such as Tsuyoshi Suzuki from Japan, and Nick Taylor from the UK. Also featured is DJ Halo, aka Hayley Melhuish, daughter of the late Greg Magu Melhuish who was an integral part of the Byron dance scene. Hayley has developed her own sound, which is heavily driven by tech, progressive and deep house, with a strong lyrical, tribal influence.

Hayley has unmistakably inherited her father's talent for choosing killer tracks and seamlessly taking her audience on a journey.

How did you get into DJing?

I inherited the most epic collection of digital music when my father Magu died. I couldn't let all those years of curation go to waste, so I bought a controller and the rest is history.

What are you into at the moment?

Right into Progressive House at the moment.

If you could eternally be stuck in one year's music scene, which year would it be?

There's no time like the present!

What is your opinion regarding the difference between old school DJing, where everything was restricted to vinyl, and modern DJing where most tracks are MP3 files?

Let me come back to this question – in a few years when I've learnt vinyl!

What is one track that never gets old for you, no matter how many times you hear it?

Rafael Cerato & The White Shadow's *Distance*.

What makes the local dance scene in the Byron Shire different to other places?

The diversity. I love going to parties here and seeing people of all demographics and walks of life. You don't see it anywhere else in the world.

What's new and coming up for you?

Well, I'm currently studying production at SAE, so I'm hoping that's on the cards pretty soon!

DJ Halo plays 2020 Vision, 1 January at the Billinudgel Hotel. 1–11pm, Tix are \$38 at eventbrite.com.au



FALLS SET TIMES ARE GO!

You can start planning your Falls Fest strategy – the set times are up.

You can now view who, when and where each artist will be playing across the national fun-run of Falls shows this summer. Start setting your planners on the official Falls app for your days and nights on the tranquil banks of Lorne, Marion Bay, Byron Bay or Fremantle. Not long now – Falls kicks off in just under three weeks!

Some extra good news for Byron Falls Fest attendees... Peking Duk will bring in the New Year on the Valley Stage (main amphitheatre). Other big names playing on NYE include John Farnham, Tash Sultana, Pnau and Parcels.

Uncle Magpie Yerrubilgin will open the festival with a Welcome to Country at 1:10pm on the Forest Stage on 31 December.



DORIAN MODE'S UNFORGETTABLE IS A TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE.

To celebrate Nat King Cole's 100th Birthday, Paris Cat presents The Dorian Mode Trio. Since his early teens, Dorian Mode spent his pocket money on Nat King Cole records, imitating Nat's dazzling piano and vocal stylings. A lifelong fan, Dorian has meticulously researched Nat's catalogue to choose iconic original trio arrangements to transcribe and weave into his show about Nat Cole's fascinating life.

The Dorian Mode Trio play Saturday, 21 Dec at the Mullum Ex-Services at 7.30pm.

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Put simply, there isn't another band doing what they do. Having spent the last decade mixing influences that haven't been fused in the past, their penchant is for Middle Eastern scales, beats that get a floor moving and a general psychedelic approach in song structure and ethos. Not married to one genre or another, they happily change direction in search of new flavours and inspiration whenever the moment takes them there.

They play the Mullumbimby Ex-Services on Friday 20 December.



FROM RATTLESNAKES TO GUESSWORK

English singer-songwriter Lloyd Cole has been at top of his game for over 30 years. Perhaps best known for his work with the Commotions, with hits like *Rattlesnakes* Cole made his mark as the master of moody material. A seasoned pro, he's learnt to approach every gig with a fresh take. It's what makes his shows so engaging.

'We learnt that early on', he says, 'when the Commotions toured [our] first record we did a gig in Leeds – it was a famous little venue and we got an encore, and we got a second encore, and we always used to play *Glory* because we thought it was better than our songs... but the audience was crying for more, so we thought let's play *Bad Moon Rising* by Credence, and we nailed it. We had never played it before! Unfortunately, we tried to play it at the next gig and it was a disaster – so much about our career depends upon luck and chance. You can encounter an audience that is good but you may not be good enough to please them!'

The key for Cole is to create intimacy, no matter what the gig size.

'When you are playing solo, or duo, and it's not a band and it's more like cabaret, and it's more like theatre – you have to make the audience feel like it's an intimate show, even if the room is big. I tell jokes, but I don't call them jokes – I tell stories. I know they are funny, and I get [the audience] to know I am not as stern as I look. But I do take my music seriously. I like them to see me move between reflecting and laughing and then playing something serious and deep.'

Pathos often does underscore the best comedy.

Cole laughs. 'Samuel Beckett once said, "Nothing is funnier than human suffering"'

And no one quite articulates human suffering with the gravitas of Leonard Cohen. Lloyd recalls a concert that brought him to tears. 'How can you be in New York, and it's a fantastic concert, and he plays Chelsea Hotel... how can you not cry?'

Lloyd Cole's shows have been known to have that effect too. He recalls a friend at a solo show in Stockholm who came back stage to inform him 'There were a lot of men crying tonight'... that's my job. People love to cry from music.'

This tour takes in the breadth of Lloyd's work. Called *From Rattlesnakes to Guesswork* it stretches from his early career to some of the songs from his most recent album. *Guesswork* was released earlier this year and Lloyd is enjoying translating the largely keyboard composed songs to guitar. We talk about writing – it's an intense process for him, and it involves accessing those emotionally hard-to-reach places.

'I have to use my feelings when I write. I work like a method actor – you have to call on your own feelings. It's not that pleasant. I don't write that much these days – I don't put myself through the mill if I don't have to. I write intensely for no more than a month out of 12 months.'

Lloyd Cole is at Lismore City Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 14 December. Tickets \$50-55 from norpa.org.au

THERE'S ALWAYS MORCHEEBA

I remember watching Morcheeba at Bluesfest. Skye Edwards, the embodiment of chilled out groove, with this spectacular honey-smooth vocal and this vibrant red silk dress that seemed to move to the music. In fact every time she hit the stage across that festival, we wanted to see what she was wearing. Speaking to her in the UK the other day, I had to ask about that dress... and then was informed she had made it! In fact she makes all her stage outfits!

'I make a new collection for each tour – on one day it was a leather bodice, and another day it will be burgundy and chiffon – I sew them and design them myself. Over 25 years ago I went to fashion college – I didn't do too well then because there was a lot of writing, and all I wanted to do was pin fabric on the mannequin and make clothing, so I failed.'

Wow, hard to believe someone with that kind of talent could fail. Skye has no intention of ever making it a business. It's what she

does for the love of it, and it certainly adds something spectacular to Morcheeba's stage show.

Recently her love of fabric was met by the love of music of a man who sold fabric!

'I met this guy and he works as a buyer and seller of fabrics for Liberties in London – they

are known for their florals and silks and prints, and it turns out he's a big Morcheeba fan. He said, would you like to see the archives of the Liberty? It was hand drawings of prints and fabrics – he travelled all around the world bringing back samples of fabric, and the guy gave me several metres of fabric; he said I am just a fan of your music... you have given me the gift of music – I will give the gift of fabric.'

Those fabrics have been transformed into Skye's creations for her upcoming tour.

Morcheeba's band history reads like one of those relationships where it's passionate, it's over, it's back on, it's off. Starting out with the Godfrey brothers in 1995, today it's Skye and Ross Godfrey who harmoniously front Morcheeba, with Ross's brother Paul stepping out some years ago.

'It's like a marriage,' laughs Skye. 'We have been through a divorce, we have fought over the kids! We started out so young – Ross was 18 when he started out, and they had been doing music together before we started. We separated for seven years – they got a few singers – that's how Ross met his wife! She was a Morcheeba singer. It was important for us to have that breathing space, and when it was time to get back together, we had an appreciation of each other. That was 2009, but by 2013 Paul said he didn't want to be part of the band – there was a bit of drama about the name, but now the line up is Ross and I, and we are stronger than ever – we have a great band, and a great crew, and it feels amazing to be on stage.'

Morcheeba are in the process of recording their latest album – something Skye says 'Feels really good. Like it's going to be a healing record. Just real good and vibey, mellow and down tempo.'

Skye gained a fresh appreciation for the power of music recently when she was playing a concert in Santiago, the largest city in Chile.

'There was a peaceful protest in the streets about an increase in public transport fares, and then the government sent in the army with tear gas. We had to do our gig that night – it was a sold out show. It was the best show of our tour, even though the whole place had gone crazy and the city was in lockdown, there was that feeling of good energy for an hour and a half. It was so surreal. And so frightening. Here were soldiers firing rubber bullets at people banging on pots and pans. I am not under any illusions that our music will change the world, but sometimes you can put on your headphones and just forget about it!'

Skye Edwards brings her spectacular presence to Bluesfest this year with Morcheeba. Don't miss them. 9-13 April 2020. Bluesfest.com.au

What's On THIS WEEK

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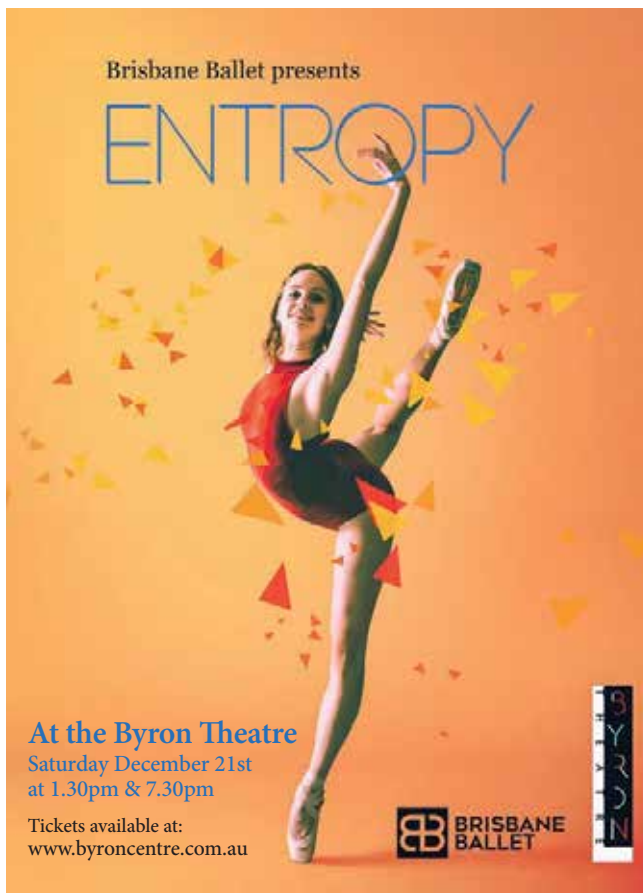
PARTNER SHIPS

The *Partnership Project's* extraordinary flotilla of art-boats has docked at **Lismore Regional Gallery** on its journey across regional Australia. The ambitious project spans two years and includes twenty new installations, twenty regional artists and connects four regional galleries.

Each artist on the journey is given a vintage dinghy, salvaged in Tasmania, to re-purpose as a work of art.

At Lismore Regional Gallery the exhibition will feature eight boats – four that have been re-imagined by local Northern Rivers artists **Penny Evans**, **Hiromi Tango**, **Karla Dickens** (with contributor **Leigh Arnold**) and **Aris Prabawa**, two boats that joined the armada in Townsville, QLD were created by **Gail Mabo** (the daughter of famous land rights campaigner, Eddie Mabo) and **Anthony Vanghoua Vue**, and two of the boats are by **Selena de Carvalho** and **David Mangenner Gough** (pictured) and have travelled from their original destination in Burnie, Tasmania. The exhibition will return to Tasmania next year having circumnavigated thousands of miles across regional Australia and gathered new works as it goes.

The ambitious project, conceived by curator **Pat Hoffie**, with associate curator **Rosemary Miller**, links regional artists and galleries and poses the question 'Does Place Matter?' The exhibition runs until 2 Feb.



OTTO AND ASTRID TAKE BRUNSWICK!

For those of you unlucky enough to not yet be familiar with Berlin's Prince and Princess of art rock and Europop, **Otto and Astrid** are *Die Roten Punkte* (The Red Dots). Recently having completed a Canadian tour, the teutonic twosome are coming down under to thunder through a night of their hits and misses, at the **Brunswick Picture House**.

The dysfunctional duo have also been performing with Australia's own Circus Oz in *Rock Bang*; a circus rock opera with acrobats, stunts, high falls and dancing lions. They've also had a run at Soho Theatre in London, at Darwin Festival, and made a web series chronicling their rehearsals, which so far have had close to half a million views. With a manic international touring schedule it is rare to have an opportunity to see such an act in a regional town!

Sunday at Brunswick Picture House at 4pm.



WOODFIRE CERAMICS

During the 1970s, the Northern Rivers became known as a hub for wood firing, a process of ceramic production that involves continuous firing, feeding timber into a handmade kiln – sometimes over days. *The Alchemists* brings together 10 master wood firers who came out of this flourishing. They have each spent 30 years in the area working with clay. They range from the fine, controlled work of **Geoff Crispin**, to the baroque eccentricity of **Dennis Monks**, to the geometry and esoteric symbolism of **Malina Monks**, and the sensitivity to colour and flux of **Tony Nankervis**. The exemplary works in the exhibition have been sourced from the collections of Lismore Regional Gallery, Grafton Regional Gallery, and private collections, including those of the artists themselves.

Lismore Regional Art Gallery until January, with a workshop by Suvira McDonald at 2pm, Saturday 11 January.

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AUSTEN TAYSHUS IN THE NEW YEAR!

The yin and yang of Aussie comedy come together with **Austen Tayshus** and **Mandy Nolan** presenting their 2020 *Vision* show to herald a brand new decade. The combination of these fearless feature acts offers a relentless ride that is both hard and soft, traverses the nasty and the kind, the dangerous and the gentle. Both Tayshus and Nolan are known for their incisive and often outrageous social comment, and for their shared bill. On 2020 *Vision* you can expect nothing less than satirical explosions of genius, outrage and narcissistic self interest!

Austen Tayshus, the infamous, great white shark of Australian comedy, cutting and dangerous. Mandy Nolan, mother of five, caring, warm, and insightful. Two of Australia's most respected and experienced comedians back to back, taking us on a journey through the highlights and the lowlights of the last 10 years.

At his most recent show at the Bondi Pavillion, this is what *Stage Whispers* had to say in their review: 'Pulverising the audience with gag after gag, whilst at the same time being able to humiliate audience members with ease, all combines for a night out of terror and uncontrollable laughter... Austen leaves you battered and bruised but dying for more.'

What better way to download the decade? Local shows at the Byron Services Club on Monday, 6 Jan, and Lennox Bowlo on Sunday, 12 Jan – all shows \$30 at the clubs or from mandynolan.com.au.

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STARS BY LILITH



Only fourteen more sleeps to the X event, with the celestial chemistry of Friday 13th definitely suggesting that doing less is more effective in lowering stress and escalating enjoyment...

- ♈ ARIES:** Humour, a light heart, and helping others before they ask are this week's three best early Xmas presents as seasonal tensions and climatic conditions intensify. Check communications regularly and carefully, because it's easy this week to overlook important news you wouldn't want to miss. And yes, do take that risk on something or someone...
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Very verbal Mercury entering the chattiest sign of the zodiac activates an avalanche of over sharing and TMI this week. Avoid energy drainers by stating honestly, courteously and directly what you need, and what you can offer. Speak from the heart – and remember to listen with the ears of the heart as well.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** With so much happening socially, globally and locally, information overload is a reality this week. Use midweek Gemini full moon as time-out to refresh your psychic settings, and if you're unclear on dates, deets or protocol, then double check. As your ruler Mercury brews up a slew of attractive distractions, you'll need to stay focused.
- ♋ **CANCER:** The quartet of planetary energy in your teamwork and partnering-up corner makes the power of numbers particularly potent this week. As your supportive Cancerian qualities of caring, sharing and volunteering peak during weekend Cancer moon, letting go of unmet expectations will move the mechanics of seasonal communication along more smoothly.
- ♌ **LEO:** The position of red planet Mars till the end of the year can drive up stress, with others on demanding schedules, so do your best to avoid tunnel vision, stay flexible and be available to spontaneously changing arrangements. With flirty Mercury in your house of fun, how hard can it be?
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Combined with a tricky alignment between Neptune and Gemini full moon, critical, analytical Mercury could drive up discord in the home zone or work base this week. If things get gnarly, rather than unleash a tsunami of irritations, try to focus on common aims and aspirations. Breathe, take a break, find the funny side.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** With quicksilver Mercury heading into your communication sector for the rest of the festive season, the Ministry Of Fun mantra is mandatory: *Don't do it unless it's fun*, and if you have to do it, make it fun... Meanwhile a Venus/Saturn connection rates kindness as this week's number one aphrodisiac.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** This week's make up or break up full moon plus short-fused, volatile Mars in your sign could morph conversations from mild to wild in nanoseconds. Since someone you meet this week could play an important role in your future, the phrase that pays could be: 'lose the phone and be totally present.'
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Mercury amping Sagittarian powers of persuasion asks what words are worth sharing this week, and which aren't? Haven't been feeling the love? It's all around you, clamoring to get in, so lower the armour. Those people you consider boring, tedious or not on your wavelength might surprise you with what they have to offer.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** Since you're this week's attraction magnet (sorry Sagittarians and Leos), if you need to smooth out any interpersonal wrinkles, now's your chance while the present alchemical alignment awards you the X factor. And yes, there's heaps to do, but no need to proceed at warp speed – let your creativity out to play.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** As versatile, eloquent, articulate Mercury's sign change encourages all the things you enjoy: friends, groups, technology, the list goes on, this week kicks off with full moon in your house of fun and attention, spotlighting you at your innovative Aquarian best. When you get an infusion of inspiration – and you will – just do it.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Home is always important, even more so this week, as extended family could expand your clan even further. Decisions you make this week will carry into next year, so don't rush, feel them through. Your vibe attracts your tribe, so keep conversations and aims on what you want, rather than what you don't.



DELVENE CHATS WITH MANDY NOLAN ON BYRON LIVE!

The brand new chat show hosted by **Mandy Nolan**, *Byron Live*, welcomes Aussie TV Royalty **Delvene Delaney**. One of the most iconic figures of Australian TV, Delvene made 'funny' sexy. An actress, TV personality and all round top chick, she has starred in *The Paul Hogan Show* and *Crocodile Dundee II*. She and her husband John Cornell, aka Strop, were trailblazers back in the day when they moved to Byron (before it was cool) buying the Beach Hotel and becoming engaged and supportive community members.

Someone else who decided to call Byron home is English Rock guitarist, **Rick Fenn**, who settled in for a *Dreadlock Holiday*.

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He's been a member of **10cc** since 1976 and still tours internationally with the band. He's collaborated with some of the greats of the music industry – including Mike Oldfield, Rick Wakeman, and Pink Floyd's drummer Nick Mason. In Byron he is best known for playing with the **Feramones**.

Medical Cannabis Compassionate Advocate, **Nick Morley** is a champion for legalisation. He is one of the key spokespeople for its medicinal use in the groundbreaking new documentary *Greenlight* that has just screened nationally. With a colourful career that includes hair and make up on porn shoots, to international fashion photography and the infamous Morley family business of *Puppetry of the Penis* – Nick is very much a man who likes a life on the edge.

Joel Salom calls himself an 'off colour juggler'. He's the better half of **Erik the Dog**, an international super star of the Spiegeltent scene. Joel makes one wonder – how does a normal guy manage to keep that many balls in the air, and what *is* he going to do when he grows up?

Featured musicians of this week's Byron Live are **Emily Lubitz** from **Tin Pan Orange** and singer/songwriter **Grace on Mute**. With the bendy antics of **Tumbian** of **Spaghetti circus** twining throughout the show like human tinsel, musical interludes from house band, **The Lovejoy Threesome**, and Mandy's opening number (this time choreographed by Marissa from the legendary 80s inspired Cassettes) – you'd be mad to miss it! And as if any further inducement were needed, *Byron Live* will also feature a special mystery guest that Ellen Briggs picked up hitch-hiking!

Food and Bar from 6pm (with tables and chairs outside). Show starts 7pm. Sunday, 29 December, at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby. Tix \$39 from mandynolan.com.au

Black Christmas is an upcoming American slasher film directed by Sophia Takal. It is the second loose remake of the 1974 Canadian film of the same name. Takal says even though it's very, very loosely based on *Black Christmas*, the plot is extremely different. 'It's more inspired by the feeling that *Black Christmas* made me feel watching it, this idea of misogyny always being out there and never totally eradicable. So that was the jumping-off point for how I came up with this plot. I'd compare it more to how Luca Guadagnino remade *Suspiria* than to a straight-ahead remake.'

The film stars Imogen Poots, Aleyse Shannon, Lily Donoghue, Brittany O'Grady Caleb Eberhardt, Simon Mead and Cary Elwes. Takal cowrote *Black Christmas* with April Wolfe. The plot is about a group of women who are sorority sisters, who start going missing, one by one. The remaining sisters have to figure out why these women are disappearing and who's responsible for it. The protagonists discover that the killer is part of an underground college conspiracy, and the killer discovers that this generation's young women aren't willing to become hapless victims as they mount a fight to the finish.



ATELIER BY DOMINIQUE SUTTON

Dominique Sutton is a multi-disciplined artist who has exhibited nationally and internationally and has extensive teaching experience, lecturing for universities, galleries and arts organisations across the country. She currently runs Atelier by Dominique Sutton, studio based mentoring classes, workshops and retreats for artists.

Her 2020 program includes weekly classes, two-day workshops and artist mentoring by private arrangement. Learn sculpture/plein air landscape/portrait (Tuesdays 10-1), painting for beginners (Thursdays 10-1) or intermediate level painting (Fridays 10-1). See website for full details of all classes, workshops and retreats.

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VAN GOGH & JAPAN – EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

Presented by Byron Theatre on Sunday 22 December, the film *Van Gogh & Japan* is based on the exhibition at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

Though Vincent van Gogh never visited Japan, Japanese art arrived in Paris in the middle of the 19th century and had a profound influence on him and his art. Van Gogh's encounter with Japanese artworks gave his work a new and exciting direction, and in this little-known story of Van Gogh's art it is evident just how important his study of Japan was. The film travels to France and the Netherlands and also to Japan to further explore the remarkable heritage that so affected Van Gogh and made him the artist we know of today.

Sunday, 22 December at 3pm.
Tickets available byroncentre.com.au

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Hurry in to take advantage of their massive Pre-Christmas Custom Framing Sale, ending 13 December! All other gallery items will be on sale till 20 December, when they close for Christmas. Drop in for a coffee, bring your art and get started on a custom designed frame. Last week to place orders that will get back in time to put under the tree!

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As a collective, the current 11 members share the running of the gallery and workshop. Customers can meet a different member each day of the week and browse work by all the members while watching the artists at work. Everything in the gallery is carefully handmade by one of the 11 artists – no mass-producing, no off-shore finishing. Being in a collective enables emerging artists to gain knowledge of the creative industry and of creative techniques from the more established members. The gallery and workshop are open seven days a week 10am–4pm. Off-street parking available.

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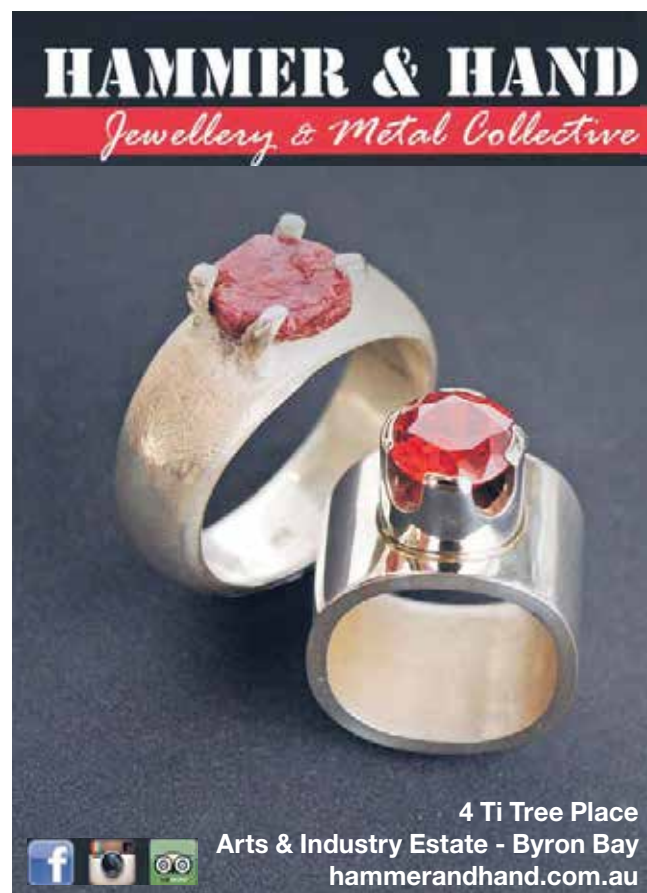
JOURNALING – YOUR KEY FOR SUCCESSFUL WRITING

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The workshop is for writers of all levels and genres as well as those interested in using journaling as a creative tool.

To book your place or to see more workshops on offer over summer. byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on



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NIAH JUELLA MCLEOD @ NINBELLA

Ngudjung Ngulla (Mother Tree)

'This artwork is titled after one of my father's books *Luella and the Ngudjung Ngulla*. It's about a young girl and her relationship with Mother Tree and her sense of belonging and connection – which has been a very big journey for me and my artwork and my path in becoming an artist' – Niah Juella Mcleod

Contemporary award-winning Aboriginal artist Niah Juella Mcleod is descendant from the Monero, Wandandian and Yuin people from south eastern Australia. As the daughter of artist Kathrin Sharp and Aboriginal activist, poet, healer, musician and Yuin Elder Bobby Mcleod, Niah's works tell of stories passed down and unique to her history.

Niah moved to Bangalow, where she currently resides, when she was a very young girl and attended both Bangalow Primary and Byron High School.

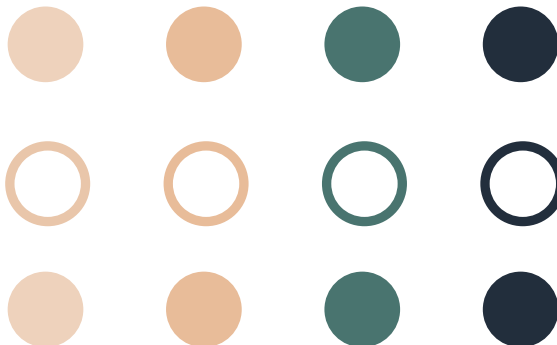
A fine dot artist, first exhibiting her works in public in 2015, Niah began painting as a form of meditation, to relieve anxiousness. This meditative process and exploration of her spiritual and physical connection with place and people is evident in her art.

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THURSDAY 12

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **THUNDER FOX**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **THE ANIMALS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **KEVIN JAMES FULL MOON CHANTING CIRCLE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SARAH GRANT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **ALISHA TODD**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET — SPECIAL XMAS EDITION!**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **JESSE PUMPRHREY**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6PM **BONES RIVER**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7PM **KINGY COMEDY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **LIME CORDIALE**

FRIDAY 13

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JESSE PUMPRHREY, BACKROOM – THE DELTA RIGGS, SEASIDE AND SOPHIE OZARD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE VELVET ROPE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JON J BRADLEY, 9PM PINK ZINC**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **DOS BOY, DOM CORK, L33ZE, DREDUB, KURT KING**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE BENNETT**

- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **153 EAST**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 8PM **FELIX – LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **MORNING MAXWELL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **BROADFOOT**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET — SPECIAL XMAS EDITION!**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **THE CALIFORNIA KINGS AUSTRALIAN CHILI PEPPERS TRIBUTE SHOW**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT – BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES, 7PM MARK FULCHER**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 7.30PM **CHECK 2**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **LEIGH & JJ**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **HIPSHOOTERS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **PUSH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ADAM BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE BEASTS WITH SPECIAL GUEST ADALITA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **QUEEN FOREVER**

SATURDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BRAVE GULF, CHRISTIAN PATEY + FRIENDS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FLASKAS**

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME, 9PM RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **DROP LEGS**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **THIS IS US 2019 PRESENTED BY INSPIRE DANCE STUDIO**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 8PM **OOZ + LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ SIMBA & DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET — SPECIAL XMAS EDITION!**
- FEDERAL HALL 8PM **MOVIE – THOR: RAGNAROK**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **YOYO TUKI**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **BONES RIVER**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **DORIAN MODE TRIO PRESENTS UNFORGETTABLE – A TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 2PM **FESTIVAL DA BEATZ – YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM FUNDRAISER**

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6PM **ROD MURRAY, 9PM SOREN CARLBERGG QUARTET**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 3PM **MIRUSIA CHRISTMAS MEMORIES, 7.30PM WALLY & THE GATORS**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **THE BUTTON COLLECTIVE**
- NORPA AT CITY HALL, LISMORE, 7.30PM **LLOYD COLE**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **LED LOADERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **JORGE & ELLIE**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **CONVOY – THE FILM**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **THE JACKS BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **CASS EAGER & THE VELVET ROPE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **TENNYSON KING**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE ANIMALS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8.30PM **ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **LIME SPIDERS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 12PM **KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6.30PM GREGG PETERSON**

SUNDAY 15

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **NICKY BOMBA, 7.30PM LIVE DJS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY **BEN WALSH AND SWANNY**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **THIS IS US 2019 PRESENTED BY INSPIRE DANCE STUDIO**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS – JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE LYRICAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **OTTO & ASTRID'S ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPLOSION (DIE ROTEN PUNKTE)**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 1PM **JAM SESSION**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 12PM **MULLUMBIMBY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB – CLELIA ADAMS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- MULLUM SHOW GROUNDS, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **MULLUMBIMBY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 2PM **SUNDAY KICKS FEAT. DJS HOMEGIRL, CURLY SI, AL ROYALE, LESHE & POB**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **CARLY M**
- WARDELL SPORT AND REC CLUB 2PM **OPEN MIC AND JAM SESSION**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 6.30PM **KAREN IRELAND 2019 GALA**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **GUY KACHEL**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **JASON KAFOA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 1PM **B.O.K. SCHOOL OF DANCE**

MONDAY 16

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BENNY WHISKEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **REGGAE AFTER PARTY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**

TUESDAY 17

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **GUY KACHEL**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **HIP HIP HOORAY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS – OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE VALLIES**

WEDNESDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DOS LOONA**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **THE BLUESKILLET ROVERS**

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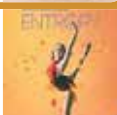
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‘It was the house that brought us to Lismore’

For renowned Australian artist Christine James and her husband Geoff James, the move from Canberra was about family. ‘Our first grandchild was on the way, and we thought “life is too short”’

But why Lismore?

‘We were considering Bangalow and Mullumbimby, but it was this house, at 39 James Street, that brought us to Lismore. When I saw this home online I was really drawn to it, and it didn’t disappoint when we came to see it in person. Since then we have done a lot of work to it, opening it up to create even more light and space. It is such a wonderful home with a tremendous sense of space. Every room looks out onto the gardens. The home is set back, high off the street. The setting and the gardens work together to create a private sanctuary. We have space and privacy, which normally only come with a home on acreage, but without that extra work. I love spending time in my studio, and the kitchen is another of my favourite places. It looks out onto the paved terrace and I really enjoy that view. When we first moved to Lismore, Geoff continued to work in Canberra, so the fact that we were close to an



39 James Street, Lismore

airport was an added bonus.’ says Christine. When asked about what they will miss when they make their move to the south coast (to

be near their son and his family), Christine said there would be many things. ‘The beauty of the architectural features for a start. Never before had I seen Silver Ash floorboards. They are a honey-gold colour, which brings warmth to the large rooms, and the high pressed-metal ceilings give a sense of elegance and grace. The garden is planted with many natives and with that comes diverse birdlife. We constantly hear delightful birdsong. There is a koala corridor just beyond the house behind ours. All this is within 10 minutes drive of the university, two hospitals and the CBD. I can’t imagine where else you could have all this. There is a lot that we are going to miss.’ Why, with a home in Lismore, did Christine



Xanthorrhoea oil on linen - Christine James

choose to list with Raine and Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah? ‘I had received Julie-Ann’s newsletters, and then when I met Brett McDonald from the agency, he reinforced my belief that as an agency their marketing and attention to detail are second to none, and both Geoff and I really value that.’ Brett is known for his friendly enthusiasm and his professional attention to detail. Over the past five years, as a licensed estate agent he has successfully handled the sale of many Lismore properties. ‘I think Lismore and its surrounds have so much to offer, I really enjoy working in this market’ says Brett.

Christine’s paintings are in the public collections of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlement, and in Parliament House, Canberra. She grew up in this area and her late parents, Cress and Neryl Chalmers, took their children on long walks in nature, and many of her paintings are inspired by the Bundjalung National Park and the Broadwater National Park. Neryl was even made an Honorary Ranger by the NSW Parks and Wildlife Service for her appreciation and interest in the heathland of this coastal country. When they move south, Christine is looking forward to painting the coastal habitat of Montague Island.

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NEW



15A Weeronga Way, **Ocean Shores**

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Brilliant coastal design on 3 levels with ocean and hinterland views in elevated location close to Brunswick Heads. There are polished timber floors, high ceilings, lots of natural light and full length timber decks on two levels. Upper level includes master bedroom with ensuite & study.

Inspect
Saturday 14th Dec 11-11.30am
Price
\$785,000

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2B Booyun Street, **Brunswick Heads**

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There are so many reasons to love this beautiful Brunswick Heads charmer. With location being top of the list, it's so close to the village, you can hear the surf and smell the coffee brewing. It has gorgeous Edwardian street appeal, high ceilings, timber floors and elegant ambience.

Inspect
Saturday 14th Dec 10-10.30am
Price
\$1,450,000

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134A Mafeking Road, **Goonengerry**

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'Jugglersfoot' is a certified organically 60-acre farm growing flowers, potatoes, garlic, ginger and turmeric which are sold at the farmers' markets. The relocated church, studio, valley views, machinery shed, rainforest, creek and dams make this a fab business or private family farm.

Inspect
By Appointment
Price
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33 Warramboul Road, **Ocean Shores**

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Elevated 2 storey home with northerly aspect and views. Modern open plan with north facing decks. The floor plan allows for multiple living arrangements. Mature gardens bring privacy, plus there is potential for a secondary dwelling on the 1150m² lot (STCA).

Inspect
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Price
\$895,000

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- 16 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry
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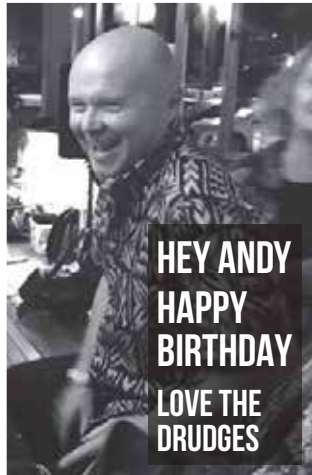
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DEATH NOTICES

MARSHALL, GEORGE

Passed away peacefully at Caroon
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George was privately cremated as
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FUNERAL NOTICES

GIBSON, ALLAN CAMERON

Passed away suddenly at home
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partner of Marie. Loved brother
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will be sadly missed by all family
and friends.

Relatives and friends are
invited to attend a funeral
service to be held at the
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Heads on THURSDAY (12th
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On The Horizon

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Join Byron RFS

Byron Bay Rural Fire Brigade is running two information sessions about how to join the Rural Fire Service (RFS) for anyone thinking about joining up. The sessions will run on Friday 13 at 4pm and Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm at the BB fire station, Gaggin Park, Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. For more information call Byron Bay Fire Brigade Captain Doug Rowley on 01418 253 302.

Library of stuff

The library of stuff is having an open day at the Scout Hall in Mullumbimby, corner of Burringbar Street and River Terrace this Saturday, December 14 from 9–2pm.

RFS Xmas market

Newrybar Hall are holding a twilight market, to raise funds for their local rural fire service, on December 13 from 4 till 8pm. There will be lots of stalls, woodfired pizza from Peppes, a wine bar and live music. Proceeds will go towards the helmets, head torches and new breathing masks that will cost approximately \$7,000.

Estate planning

Byron Bay Library will be hosting a free seminar on estate planning by Sandra Dowling from the Department of Human services. The session will be held on Friday December 13, 10.30am at Byron Bay Library. Please book on 6685 8540.

Kids library fun

Free kids Christmas craft workshop to make decorations will be held at Byron Bay Library on Thursday December 12 at 4pm. Suitable for children aged four and up. Please book on 6685 8540. Baby Bounce will be on Tuesdays at 11.30am and Story Time on Mondays at 10am at the Mullumbimby Library. All branches close between Christmas and New year.

Giving tree

Habitat have launched a Giving Tree to support the homeless in Byron. People can drop off donations, in particular vouchers for groceries, shoes, socks, undies, torches and batteries and bags to Habitat in Byron Arts and Industry Estate.

Film lovers

Come and join us for complimentary celebratory bubbly and Christmas fare on Sunday December 15 at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm), and have fun watching a festive Australian film, *Crackers*. *Crackers* will be introduced by Daniel Kellie who played Joey in the film, with a Q&A after the screening. Please book with Sonia 6684 2112 and feel free to bring a friend or two.

New dementia meetup

We’d love to see you at our new monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the 2nd Monday of every month. Our December meeting will take place at 10.30am–12noon, Monday 9 December at a café in Brunswick Heads. Please call or text Karen on 0412 911 613 or email Karen at: dementiafriendly@byronrespite.com.au for the location. We like to hold meetings close to carers. It’s your club and we are open to your suggestions. Bring your questions, bring your concerns, let other carers know what works for you, meet new friends and expect to get great support!

Byron Flea Market

The next Byron Flea Market is on December 14 at 1 Gilmore Crescent Byron Bay, 8am till 2pm. There will be great vintage and second hand stalls, free kids face painting, coffee, food, music, and a special performance by Aloha Hula. To book a stall please head to: bys.org.au/byronflea.

GCAT

The Green and Clean Awareness Team’s monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, December 15 from 9am till 12 noon. Meet in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enjoy a delicious, free BBQ and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes afterwards. Inquiries to Udo 0413 173 786, or Veda 6685 7991, or Miles 0403 206 190.

Bruns twilight market

Brunswick Heads Twilight Markets will be held at Banner Park on Wednesday December 18, from 3 till 10pm. Father Christmas will be there from 6 till 7pm, and fireworks display will take place at 9pm. You can also enjoy a ride at the carnival or a game of Housie.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby branch of the Country Women’s Association (CWA) meets Wednesday, December 11 at 10am at the CWA Rooms. The Christmas break-up lunch will follow at noon at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. For more information: secretary Jenny Barlow 0427 847 282 or email: johnandjen6@gmail.com.

Connecting generations

Bringing together people of all generations to share in the joys of each generation, offering support and enriching each others lives. Due to the wonderful response to this initiative, we are having our last gathering for the

year at Bangalow Weir park on Sunday, December 5 from 10 till 12 noon. Bring morning tea and a musical instrument to join in the fun and games.

Xmas lunch

Liberation Larder’s traditional Christmas lunch will be on December 23. If you are home alone, homeless, sole parent with a handful of kids, or financially disadvantage please come and have a healthy lunch and great company. Food and gift donations welcome too. Please call 0435 879 778 for more details.

Mullum clayworkers

Experienced potters and those new to the medium are welcome to apply for Membership of Mullum Clayworkers Studio. Please email: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au for an application form. Membership is \$130 pa for use of studio space, plus \$50 advance kiln fee. More information available on www.mullumclayworkers.com.au.

VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold their Christmas Luncheon Meeting at Mullumbimby Ex-services Club on Thursday 12 December at 10.30am. There will be entertainment, so wear something Christmassy and join in the fun. Apologies, or confirmation you are coming if casual to Maureen on 0408 294 973 or email: mlightfoot@internode.on.net by 9 December.

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.

Zero herbicide

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare is delivering the final free workshop on how to convert a camphor forest back into rainforest without synthetic herbicides. It will be delivered at Salt Water Creek, located beside the Mullumbimby Community Gardens. on Saturday December 14. Booking is essential, email: byronshirechemicalfreelandcare@gmail.com.

AGM: BPA

The next Bangalow Progress Association general meeting is on Tuesday December 17 at 7pm at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. Updates 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 will be discussed.

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.

Volunteer for Falls fest

Would you like a three day ticket to Falls this year? The Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre will again partner with the Falls Music & Arts Festival 2019/20 to keep Bruns clean and mitigate the impact of the festival. They are looking for 15 volunteers to help keep Brunswick Heads clean and cheerful during the Festival period in exchange for tickets. Contact Kevin Fitzgerald on 0408 694 655 to apply.

Mungo’s Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Urgent message for rope (lightweight) (9)

6. Circle quarter and pause (5)

9, 10. T for temperature control (7,7)

11. Piaf censored it heavily, in parts (5)

12. Bumptious trainee to find his place (9)

13. Request target, for a starter (8)

14. Was moved by soft material (4)

17. Silver – turn back in anticipation (4)

18. Broadcast: queue right. We'll need a big flyer! (8)

21. Cheer, toot – go mad in every way! (2,3,4)

22. Find space for religion – or the cardinal! (5)

24, 25. Worry about the support – popular journalist, but he’s really scatty! (7-7)

26. Ration American flower (5)

27. Manipulates plan to rein genes (9)

DOWN

1. Hiding place for cold pain (5)

2. Firm agreement for bondage : make it less (7,8)

3. Wyatt, sharpen the hearing aid! (8)

4. Both hands keep ring for sweetheart – transfer the debt without penalty! (8)

5. Fuzz on the upper lip, they say – it comes for a goat! (6)

6. 12 across makes money and gets an education (6)

7. Humble soldier to cast a spell – it’s a way in, but not for everybody! (7,8)

8. Urge the huntsman’s servant to get a tool! (3-6)

13. A fuel tub – I make it very fair (9)

15. Gab – an unorganised collection (5,3)

16. Undecorated around the worker – but some say it’s a big banana! (8)

19. I object – that woman’s becoming engaged! (6)

20. Firm bum, but unrefined (6)

23. Conceals pelts (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Urgent air letter (9)

6. Pause, error (5)

9, 10. Method of indoor temperature control (7,7)

11. Singer Piaf (4)

12. Find bearings (9)

13. Starter, tyro (8)

14. Touched, sensed (4)

17. Amazed, apprehensive (4)

18. Large passenger plane (8)

21. In the essence of your being (2,3,4)

22. Cardinal point (5)

24, 25. Weak minded, irresponsible (7-7)

26. Sacred flower of India (5)

27. Those who fabricate and drive machines (9)

DOWN

1. Stash, hidey hole (5)

2. Unbreakable agreement (7,8)

3. Hearing aid (8)

4. Concede, give up (4,4)

5. Fibre from a goat (6)

6. Becomes educated (6)

7. Way in restricted to owners (7,8)

8. Kitchen appliance (3-6)

13. Attractive, very pretty (9)

15. Random assortment (5,3)

16. Large South American fruit, related to banana (8)

12. Webs, nets (6)

20. Rough, unrefined (6)

23. Conceals (5)

Last week’s solution N312

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Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

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

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.

ACA

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

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.

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

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.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8.30am–12 noon and first Thursday of the month 9am–11am: food bank. Last Wednesday each month 10-11am: playtime. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Prue Harrington 0420 316 610. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.15pm, Saturday 9am–12.15pm. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day**

Adventist Op Shop opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

Support after suicide

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

Breast Cancer Support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay gets together from November onward at the Byron Community Cabin on Carlyle Street, next to the tennis courts, from 12.30pm–2.30pm, every 3rd Wednesday of the month. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay, or call 0431 207 453.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit members. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Elaine 07 5580 8215 or 0421 796 713.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum & Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday 10am till 3pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 1st Monday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow 6687 2183.

Muslim prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu’ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 12:30 pm. Come to the remembrance of Allah.

Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby – Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads – Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Wednesday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby – Momday, 10am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

Volunteer Hub

The Byron Community Centre Volunteer Hub is open weekdays at the Byron Community Centre. If you would like to volunteer in the local area fill out a volunteer application form on our website www.byroncentre.com.au or, contact us by phone 66856807 or email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au

Up your skills

Come to Upskill in Mullumbimby, a free introductory building and carpentry workshop. Workshops are held every Friday, 10am to 1pm at Shedding Community Workshop. Bookings Essential. Contact Sophie Wilksch via email at shedding.communityworkshop@gmail.com.

Grief support

The Good Grief Group meets every Monday 6–7.30pm upstairs at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. This is a safe place for people to share their grief and bereavement.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@gmail.com.

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

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Mullum High's girls cricket team ready for North Coast T20 final

Words and pic Lachlan Belleville

A stellar year for female sport at Mullumbimby High School has been capped off by the advancement of the U/14 girls cricket team to the final of the Lyn Larson Shield.

The twenty over competition is run under a knock-out format, so one loss will remove a team from the tournament.

This has created a 'must-win atmosphere' that the Mullum High girl cricketers have seemed to flourish in.

The team eased their way through their first couple of games with victories at home against Wollumbin High School and away, playing at Ballina Coast High School.

It was their semi-final game that posed the greatest difficulty.

In a very close game Kingscliff collected 86 runs on home turf, but it wasn't enough to deny Mullumbimby High a triumph after posting a tally of 93.



Mullumbimby High School's U/14 girls cricket XI are preparing for the Lyn Larson Shield final.

Team member Zara Morris described this as their best moment.

'When we played Kingscliff, how Ella (Britain) caught the final ball to win the game for us. That was really intense. It was good,' Zara said.

Their win against Kingscliff saw Mullumbimby High School crowned as the best U/14s girls cricket side in the northern half of the North Coast.

They will travel to Grafton to play in the final against

the winner of the southern half of the North Coast where the recipient of the 2019 Lyn Larson Shield will be decided. The date of the final has yet to be confirmed.

The side's achievement caps off an outstanding year for female sport at Mullumbimby High School. In the past twelve months female students from the school have been selected for the state and national teams playing netball, AFL, softball and futsal.

Byron Bay FC take SYL crown three years in a row



The undefeated 2019 Summer Youth League championship winners: The Byron Bay Rams.

Chris Layland

Byron Bay FC have sealed their third-consecutive Summer Youth League (SYL) title with a 5-0 win over Tintenbar.

With South Lismore defeating Goonellabah earlier in the day, the Rams knew all they needed was a two-goal victory to take the title.

A hat-trick to Zahi Addis and a double from Harry Barlow ensured the Rams kept their status as the leading youth development club on the Far North Coast.

Byron's record now stands at six SYL Premierships with 2019 one of the tightest in the competition's 12-year history. Byron Bay, South Lismore and Alstonville all finished the season undefeated with the Rams' superior goal difference earning them the trophy.

It's also the third year of a successful captain-coach relationship between myself (Chris Layland) and Alex Kempnich, the on-field general.

The SYL is an U/20 competition that exists to bridge the gap between youth and

senior football. Up to three overage players can be selected to raise the standard, and pass on lessons during training and matches.

Byron generally only played one overage player each match.

This season, Byron had a particularly young team with 10 players between the ages of 14-16 years (including golden boot winner Zahi Addis).

Winning the SYL capped off a successful year for Byron's High Performance Program (HPP).

'Morning of the Mo' surfers raise money for men's health



'Morning of the Mo' surfers can only compete using their retro single-fin boards. Photo supplied

Crystal Cylinders

Morning of the Mo is now in its 14th year and raises money and awareness for men's mental health with all funds raised going to the Movember Foundation.

It was established in 2006 by Ballina's Nat Johnson and his work colleague Travis Garone and is based on the iconic surf film 'Morning of the Earth'.

'Why don't we do a Morning of the Mo themed contest? We wanted to be super respectful to all the Morning of the Earth guys, so we got in contact with Alby Falzon (film director) and ran past what we wanted to do, and he gave the event his blessing. We wanted to pay homage to those guys and bring it to the modern world,' Johnsen said.

Local tennis players ready for Queensland's biggest tournament



Onyx Cheong, Marielou Baudoin and Amadeus O'Connor will compete in the U/13 North Coast team going to the Queensland Junior Carnival. Photo supplied

Mullumbimby Tennis club members Onyx Cheong, Marielou Baudoin and Amadeus O'Connor will travel to Brisbane to represent the North Coast in the Queensland Junior Carnival.

The week-long event is the largest on the Queensland junior calendar and begins next week.

The carnival features singles, doubles and mixed doubles, plus a separate Silver Junior Tour singles event.

The criteria to win the Morning Of The Mo sees competitors battling it out under the guise of an alter ego in one part surf contest, one part dance off.

'We break it into two categories, there's the surfing event and then there's the night event, which is the dance off. To win the overall event you have to come in character at 7am and hold that character right through

by surfing in costume, and head to the after party at the Byron Brewery and dance off.'

The top four in the surfing category were James Wood, Marcus Aboody, Tom Steele and Trent Carn. The overall style master award went to Nathan Meredith who came as 'Randy Savage' and won the amazing single fin surfboard shaped by Gunther Rohn.

Byron Bay triathletes score early win in interclub series



Byron triathletes at Kingscliff. Photo supplied

After a successful debut at the recent Kingscliff Triathlon the Byron Breakers are now leading the competition in the North Coast Interclub Triathlon series.

Byron Bay got home, ahead of the Clarence Stingrays and the Ballina Seahorses.

In all, seven clubs, including those based in the Tweed Valley, Coffs Harbour, Hat Head and Port Macquarie compete in the series.

President of the Byron Bay Triathlon Club, Deb Fuller, told Triathlon NSW that she hopes the team has plenty more wins.

'The team is extremely committed to the series, and super keen to show we can punch above our weight and

knock off some of the bigger clubs in the region'.

There is strong team camaraderie amongst the 30-odd members in the club.

'Our team are travelling together to these beautiful coastal locations, with our families to enjoy an active holiday. The social side is very attractive to members. Plus the series is fun, they love the camaraderie of it!'

Deb puts a lot of that down to the North Coast Interclub Series, and their third place in ICS01. This just left them hungry for more, and with the shift of Club Champs to Forster on 23 May 2020, the Byron Breakers could make their debut in this Interclub Grand Final race.



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It's full steam ahead with a massive pro-development agenda at Council this Thursday – Councillors will deliberate and vote on major planning strategies that, if adopted, could change the place forever. Shoved in at the last minute by staff, are lands surrounding the Byron Hospital and a spot rezoning proposal, where staff would decide approvals (page 1). Is this what we voted for in 2016? The controversial Mullum masterplan and large scale DAs that don't adhere to policy or community expectations are also tabled.

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African percussionist Gabriel Otu is running a music festival fundraiser – including drum therapy workshops – on December 14 at Durumbul Hall, raising funds for a Youth Empowerment Program. The DA BEATZ event kicks off at 2pm and runs till 11pm. It's just \$15 entry and children are free.

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Kerry O'Brien will be in conversation with Thomas Mayor on Wednesday evening (tonight) at the Marvell Hall in Byron. Mayor was elected from the Darwin Dialogue on Constitutional reform to participate in the Uluru Convention, and has been travelling the nation with the Uluru Statement From The Heart.

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Upon being elected PM this year, Scott in Marketing said he would 'burn for you.' How little did Australians know that he was being literal. His inaction on addressing bushfires and climate change definitely keeps us all burning. See David Lowe's wrap of the nation's horrendous week on page 12. Oh – and Mungo says he will be back next week!

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Following the death by arrow of family pet Bucket (page 3), a Justice for Bucket Facebook page has been created. It asks for support on the day in Byron Bay court, which is on January 13. *The Echo* understands a senior counsel (SC), barrister and solicitor will be supporting the police in prosecuting the man allegedly responsible. He is very well known in the community – stay tuned.

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Any one else seen the UFOs that dart around Byron Shire?

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The Byron bypass debacle continues, with a rebuttal to Greens councillor Michael Lyon's article last week on page 17. Two well respected local ecologists – Dr David Newell and Dr David Milledge suggest Cr Lyon's methodologies and assumptions are flawed, and mention the high failure rate of relocating a highly vulnerable species such as the endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail.

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Plans to merge Canberra's public service into mega-departments raises the question of whether it will actually result in more efficiencies. *Crikey's* Bernard Keane points to Peter 'Spud' Dutton's massive Office of Home Affairs, as 'the most incompetent in the entire public service.'

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While the *BBC* reports that Russia has been banned from the Olympics for four years over a doping scandal, *The Shovel* reports Russia has been cleared to compete in the 2020 US elections.

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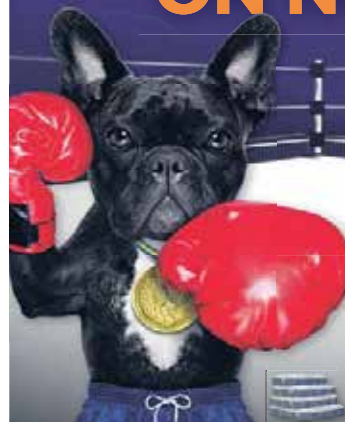
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